



## Community Services

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Council's Community Services support organisations that develop and provide recreational services, cultural development, services for children, youth, and families. Staff resource Advisory Committees including the Disability Advisory Committee, the Arts & Cultural Development Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Group, and the Community Safety and Security Advisory Committee.

Staff are also available to put residents in touch with community based services, and can act as facilitators in the development of new programs designed to meet the needs of the community. For further information contact the Community Services Department PH: 8930 0560.

### Child Care Centres

Council owns and maintains seven child care centre facilities which are all managed by community based management committees. Each Centre offers full-time, part-time limited occasional and emergency care with some Centres open between 7:15am and 5:45pm and others between 7:30am and 5:30pm.

Contact Council's Children and Community Projects Officer on 8930 0561 for any general inquiries or Centre Directors on the following numbers:

Casuarina Childcare Centre	08 8927 4180
Karama Childcare Centre	08 8927 5850
Malak Family Centre	08 8927 2443
Mitchell Street Childcare Centre	08 8981 3408
Nightcliff Childcare Centre	08 8985 4535
Parap Family Centre	08 8981 4283
Stuart Park Child Care Centre	08 8981 8968

### School Civic Visits

Darwin City Council offers the opportunity for all Darwin primary school students to visit the Civic Centre to learn more about Local government in the Northern Territory and in particular Darwin City Council. Students learn from first hand experience what it is like to be an elected member and the Council's decision making process. They will learn about the three levels of government and sit in the 'hot chairs' of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, CEO and Department Directors in the Council Chambers. For more information or to make a booking schools can contact the Children and Community Project Officer on ph:8930 0561.

### Fun in the Parks

Fun in the Parks is a free school holiday program for primary school aged children and is held at various ovals and parks around Darwin. Activities include water play including a slide,

ball games, large gym shapes, face painting and lots of other fun activities. Fun in the Parks operates between 10:00am and 12:30pm each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during school holidays except public holidays and the 2 weeks over Christmas and the New Year. Venues are advertised prior to each school holidays in the NT News and on Council's website calendar ([www.darwin.nt.gov.au](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au)). Programs are also available from Council's four public libraries and the Civic Centre or by calling 8930 0622. Council encourages participants to 'slip, slop, slap' so remember your hat and appropriate clothing. Sunscreen and cold drinking water are provided.

### Fun Bus

The Fun Bus is a mobile playground service for children 0 to 5 years to attend with their parents and carers between 9:30am and 11:30am Monday to Friday except public holidays and six weeks over December and January. The Fun Bus commences each year in the first week of February with a six week 'wet season' program operating from the Malak Community Centre, on Malak Crescent, Malak. The 'dry season' outdoor program commences in Mid March at the following venues:

Monday	Bagot Community, Bagot Road, Ludmilla
Tuesday	Old McMillans Park, Old McMillans Road, Coconut Grove
Wednesday	Water Gardens, Trower Road, Rapid Creek
Thursday	Malak Caravan Park, McMillans Road, Malak
Friday	Civic Park, Smith Street, Darwin

### Free Recreation and Entertainment for Everyone In The Parks

FREEPS provides free family entertainment during the dry season. FREEPS is usually conducted on a Sunday between 3:00pm and 6:00pm, and venues are advertised in the local paper and on television a week or so prior to the event.

Flyers are also distributed to local schools, public pools, council libraries and community centres.

Council acknowledges the support of the Office of Sport and Recreation which assists with this Council recreation project.

### Tennis Courts

Public tennis courts are situated in Ross Smith Avenue, Parap; Aralia Street, Nightcliff and Chrisp Street, Rapid Creek. The courts are available for daytime use only.

They may be used free of charge and bookings for their use are

not required.

## Sports Ovals

Sporting grounds and ovals are available for sporting organisations or private groups on a seasonal or casual basis. For further information and bookings PH: 8930 0622.

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Darwin City Council provides two community centres that cater to a variety of community requirements. Nightcliff Community Centre has meeting areas for hire and offices for rent to community organisations. Malak has two halls for gatherings or to take part in community based activities. For further information or to make a booking ph: 8930 0561.

## Swimming Pools

Council's Parap, Nightcliff and Casuarina public swimming pools are available for hire – for further details contact the appropriate pool.

Casuarina Pool	8927 9091
Parap Pool	8981 2662
Nightcliff Pool	8985 1682

## Council Grants

Darwin City Council has established a grants program that is advertised in two rounds each year. The program operates on a financial year basis.

The Community Grants Program (CGP) aims to support and assist eligible community based organisations for projects that benefit the wider Darwin community.

### Program Objectives

- Provide limited financial assistance to carry our projects activities or events of benefit to the Darwin community
- Initiate or develop services and resources to address the needs of particular community groups
- Encourage community participation in local community and cultural activities and build a greater sense of community
- Enrich the diversity of recreational, cultural and social opportunity to Darwin residents and
- Contribute to Darwin as a dynamic different and diverse tropical city

Three funding streams are available within the program. The program provides funding for one-off, short-term projects to the maximum of \$5,000. It may also offer a forward commitment of funding for up to 3 years to allow the opportunity to develop specific services. The program also confers in-kind assistance

to the organisations through the provision and access to Council equipment or services at no charge.

## Watergardens skate park

Officially opened in July 1999, the Skatepark was built in consultation with the skating community to provide Darwin's young people with a much needed local skating facility. Situated in Trower Road, Jingili, the Skate Park is open during the day time. Use of the area is free of charge. It is well suited to those learning.

## Community Services Publications

### Darwin for the Over 60s

'Darwin for the Over 60s' is a community information directory listing services, facilities and recreation opportunities for older residents.

Copies of the booklet are readily available at Council's four public libraries, the Civic Centre and through community organisations providing services to aged people in Darwin.

### Youth Information Card

A handy wallet card detailing key contacts and services for young people in Darwin is produced annually as a quick reference for young people. The info card is distributed to all schools, youth services providers and groups.

### Youth Services Directory

Provided as a resource for youth sector workers, Council coordinates the Darwin Youth Services Directory which details local youth service providers, their programs and key contact information. The directory is updated regularly and can be down loaded from our website [www.darwin.nt.gov.au](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au) or for hard copies ph the Community Services Department on 89300 633

### GRIND

GRIND is Darwin's only youth exclusive newspaper and is created by young people for young people and coordinated by Council. GRIND is published quarterly and is distributed to all schools, youth service providers, libraries, cinemas and many businesses.

Youth journalists, cartoonists, poets, photographers, artists or those wishing to help behind the scenes are welcome to join this 50 strong team. Team meetings are held every three weeks at Council's Civic Centre and any young people aged between 12 and 20 years are very welcome to be part of this exciting project. For more information or to subscribe ph 89300 635.