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More Hands On Shopping Trolleys

Darwin City Council will increase the number of patrols of Regulatory Officers in a bid to rid the city of abandoned shopping trolleys.

According to Lord Mayor, Graeme Sawyer, Council will continue its strategy of impounding shopping trolleys and contacting the owners to arrange collection.

“We see this problem occur from time to time and we continue to communicate with shopping centres to encourage a solution,” he said.

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer said that Council was responding to an increase in request from residents to improve the trolley collection practices of shopping centres.

“Importantly, when residents contact us to notify us of a problem we respond quickly and in this case, that’s just what we are doing. We’ve added extra patrols and we will increase the level of communication with shopping centres.”

Under Council By-Laws Regulatory Officers may remove and impound shopping trolleys left unattended in a public place.

Businesses wishing to collect impounded trolleys will be subject to release fees. Abandoned trolleys that are not collected within a specified period of time may be sold and the proceeds going toward costs incurred by Council.

Council Regulatory Officers will commence impounding abandoned trolleys as of Wednesday 21 January.

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