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What’s in the Budget for Brennan

The Northern Territory Government is investing in Palmerston as it grows and provides an appealing lifestyle to many Territory families.

“Budget 2013 is investing in land for new homes, improved bus services, more public housing and major spending to add lanes to Tiger Brennan Drive,” the Member for Brennan Peter Chandler said.

“As the Territory economy grows there will be increasing demand for homes, so the Government is supporting the development of land in and around Palmerston.”

Mr Chandler, said an audit of government land throughout the Territory had identified numerous housing sites, which should ensure a regular supply of new housing on the market.

“This is an essential measure because land supply lagged under Delia Lawrie’s former Labor government,” he said.

“The audit identified 22 sites with the potential for 500 dwellings in Palmerston. Territory-wide 70 sites with the potential for more than 2700 homes have been earmarked.

“The Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment is working towards 20 lots of varying sizes being ready for development by the end of the year.

“Budget 2013 is also accelerating land release for the Zuccoli development by putting additional funds into head-works - roads, sewerage works and power and water.

“The funds will advance the construction of more than 900 homes for Zuccoli.

“The Territory Government is acting responsibly to ease the pressure on the housing market, both for rentals and new homes, by making more land available and increasing supply.

“This will stabilise prices and make homes more affordable for Territory workers who have been moving interstate because of an over-priced housing market.”

The Territory Government will also be contributing towards the building of public housing in Bellamack and Zuccoli for people on lower incomes. Funding allocated to the project in Budget 2013 is $9.44 million. This is a combined Territory and Commonwealth government project.

Peter Chandler and David Tollner discuss the implications of the 2013 NT Budget on the residents of Brennan

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The Government will assist in operational funding for the Palmerston Water Park with $2.3 million in Budget 2013.

There will also be assistance with providing additional shade, part of a $260,000 allocation of spending at the Palmerston Water Park and Larrakia Football Stadium.

Health and well-being is absolutely one of the most important issues. The Budget includes $1.36 billion to address the Territory’s health needs; $173 million to improve health infrastructure; and $169 million to safeguard children and provide family services.

Mr Chandler said seniors and carers across the NT are one of the most important assets of our community. The government has an extra $7.9 million in support for seniors, carers and pensioners through additional funding for the NT Pensioners and Carers Concession Scheme to partially offset the increase in tariffs for utilities.

Mr Chandler said $43.2 million has been allocated in the 2013 budget for repairs and maintenance of schools across the NT, including repair of ageing assets needing major mechanical, plumbing and roofing works; urgent tree maintenance and disaster management; improving energy efficiency of older buildings and funding retrospective building certification and compliance issues.

Peter discusses education initiatives with students in Alice Springs, along with Member for Stuart Bess Price MLA

Palmerston Community Grants

The City of Palmerston actively supports initiatives which benefit your local community. Council provides support by way of grants, donations, scholarships and sponsorships.

Applications can be made to Council at anytime throughout the financial year.

Applying for a grant can be a great way to help a small community organization carry out a project or activity to benefit the community.

Council provides financial or in-kind support to a community activity or event, and where Council is identified as a sponsor of the event. Acquittal of funds is dependent on the amount of funds provided.

Palmerston city Council can help provide reoccurring financial support for education. For help with educational activity, apply for a scholarship.

For further information please contact a Community Development Officer on 8935 9922, or visit www.palmerston.nt.gov.au
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