

Palmerston Pool Goes Green

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Swimmers can save water and be sun smart with the Territory's first retractable pool shade at the Palmerston Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre, Mayor Robert Macleod said.

Mayor Macleod said Council had received an Australian Government Community Water Grant of \$45,000 to reduce water evaporation at the pool by installing a new shade structure.

"Council contributed another \$65,000 to the project, which has the additional benefits of providing sun protection and cooling the water in the hotter months," Mayor Macleod said.

"By reducing evaporation, we are not only saving water, but also saving on the cost of pool chemicals.

"The shade also cools the water temperature, making it much more comfortable for swimmers during the warmer weather, and provides protection from the sun.

"Previously the pool was one-third shaded, but the new retractable shade covers the whole pool and neatly slides away when it's not needed at night or during the cooler months and can slide out when it's warm," the Mayor said.

"This new shade system is a Territory first."

The Australian Government's Community Water Grants are part of the \$2 billion Australian Government Water Fund. It provides grants of up to \$50,000 for community organisations to put in place practical on-the-ground solutions to either help save, reuse or improve the health of the local water sources.

The Palmerston Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre is managed for Council by the YMCA.