

5 March 2021

Women leading the way for change – Free International Women’s Day Events in Palmerston

City of Palmerston, along with partners, will mark International Women’s Day (IWD) with a week-long program of free events to empower, inspire and recognise women.

International Women’s Day is held globally on 8 March in celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and to raise awareness of gender equality and foster positive change.

Council has worked with the Palmerston International Women’s Day Collective, which includes contributions from STEPS AMEP, Rydges Palmerston, APM, Wendy Burns Consulting, Australia Day Council NT, PARBA, Palmerston Child and Family Services, Careflight and the NTG. The Collective has developed events to celebrate and embrace women in the community. All events are free and are aimed at recognising and strengthening connections within our community.

A program of diverse events is on offer for the whole community to enjoy, including:

- A Community art exhibition
- Aboriginal weaving class
- Storytime in the sky
- IWD Cultural Fusion of Fashion and Food, featuring dance performances, cultural fashion, guest speakers and a lunch of multicultural dishes
- IWD Community Gaming Day
- A new mural on the City of Palmerston Library wall and
- A Forum with guest speakers including:
 - Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM - 2021 Senior Australian of the Year
 - Judith O’Hearn OAM - Paralympian
 - Wendy Burns - Founder and Director of Wendy Burns Consulting
 - Dr Bo Remenyi - Paediatric Cardiologist and 2018 NT Australian of the Year
 - Reanna Sanders - Founder of Auntys Free Feeds and 2021 NT Local Hero nominee

To kick off the celebrations City of Palmerston has partnered with APM, to host an IWD Community Art exhibition bringing together artists of all abilities to share their diverse range of artwork. The launch will be held at 10am on Monday 8 March at the Palmerston Recreation Centre and will be officially opened by City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell.

“International Women’s Day provides a platform of support and inspiration for our Palmerston community.”

“As part of our Community Plan City of Palmerston place an importance on fostering a diverse and united community,” she said.

For more information on Palmerston’s International Women’s Week celebrations, visit palmerston.nt.gov.au/IWD

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