



## Darwin Living Lab newsletter – April 2020

Despite the difficulties facing Darwin and the world, the Darwin Living Lab continues to work behind the scenes, helping create a cooler tropical city.

The recent pandemic has no doubt increased people's focus on how our cities are designed. Around the world, we're reminded of the importance of public spaces, and of the home as a place of comfort and security.

The Darwin Living Lab team continues to work towards the vision of Darwin as the thriving cool capital of the north. The DLL **Symposium films are now online!** You can find films of the Symposium speakers, photos and PowerPoint presentations on our website. The films and photos should jog your memory on some of the fun, crazy and clever ideas that came up for our city. Keep an eye out for a symposium summary report, available soon. We're now calling for EOIs for second year projects.

Now that we're wrapping up the first phase projects, **we're also calling for Expressions of Interest** for project ideas for 2020/21 year, by 1 June 2020. See <https://research.csiro.au/darwinlivinglab/call-for-expressions-of-interest-proposals-for-the-darwin-living-lab/>.



## Got an idea? Expressions of Interest Open

We are after your ideas for the next stage of the Darwin Living Lab. We hope that project concepts can be co-developed with you, so we welcome your ideas, contacts and collaboration in developing project concepts. Due to COVID-19, the approach for 2020-21 projects is truncated. But the opportunity to engage and collaborate remains open to researchers, government agencies, private sector and the community in the following key areas:

- **Heat mitigation trials and demonstration projects:** Innovative approaches to help create a cooler Darwin.
- **Develop knowledge products (e.g. benchmarking, evaluation tools):** Darwin-specific information and tools that can be used to assess opportunities for heat mitigation for healthy living and energy efficient tropical design
- **Community engagement:** Approaches that enable an improved dialogue between Lab partners and the Darwin community around heat mitigation and tropical design, which is inclusive of a diversity of viewpoints.

**How do you submit an EOI? 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Expressions of interest open. Potential EOI leads discuss ideas with Coordinator and other potential Darwin collaborators. **1<sup>st</sup> June:** EOIs close. **15<sup>th</sup> June:** Advisory Group provides feedback on EOIs. **July:** Full Project proposals are developed by project leads, ready for approval by Management Committee. **July (or as soon as practicable):** Projects commence.

## Darwin Living Lab progress

### Reflecting on last year's Symposium

The DLL Symposium films are now online! You can see them at [research.csiro.au/darwinlivinglab/inaugural-science-symposium/](https://research.csiro.au/darwinlivinglab/inaugural-science-symposium/). A summary report will soon be available.

### Darwin Heat Mitigation Strategy

We're developing a strategy to improve liveability and cool the city. It aims. After further input from partners and key stakeholders, and a community consultation period, the final strategy is expected to be released in before June 2020. Partners are currently evaluating options of how the consultation phase can proceed in a socially-distanced city.



### Your Tropical City

The Your Tropical City project will create an accessible online resource and knowledge hub for best practice tropical design that combines science and local knowledge. The website will include case studies, building and design regulations and codes, community strategies for beating the heat, and new scientific knowledge. We're currently incorporating feedback from local experts identified at Symposium. We will keep you informed of the new launch date.

### Tracking Darwin

We've created a monitoring, evaluation and learning framework to track the effectiveness of the urban experiments delivered by the Lab. This framework will be released mid-2020 and will inform future 'Tracking Darwin' reports.

**Stay tuned for more in our next quarterly update. To register, visit:** <https://research.csiro.au/darwinlivinglab/>



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