**CDU’s strategic vision highlighted in new Plan**

Charles Darwin University (CDU) Vice-Chancellor Professor Scott Bowman has today welcomed the launch of the University’s Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and emphasised the strength of the Northern Territory’s regions in prioritising what matters most to these communities.

Representatives from Territory and local governments, businesses, industry and the community will gather at CDU’s Waterfront campus today to officially launch the five-year plan.

The plan has been developed by Charles Darwin University’s Leadership Group, which sets out the long-term strategic vision for CDU into the future and aims to address the emerging challenges facing the whole of the Territory.

The plan is the result of significant consultation, not only with the partners of the CDU’s Leadership Group, but also with the community, First Nations people and business.

The plan will bring together all layers of government and the community to agree on a way forward for CDU, supported with strategic actions to realise the goals over the next five years.

CDU is committed to delivering a road map which supports CDU and the community in post-pandemic recovery, to increase enrolments for NT residents, to support the financial sustainability of CDU to reach a net surplus and to harness the University’s strategic location in Northern Australia.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Bowman said the Strategic Plan would take CDU forward for the next five years in helping the University achieve its goals and aspirations.

“CDU recognises the unique and special makeup of the Territory, and through our new Strategic Plan, we will ensure decisions and investments reflect the priorities of our students, staff and our community into the future,” Professor Bowman said.

“We have fantastic opportunities ahead to secure a future that will lead us to be Australia’s most connected university through making courageous decisions and delivering training, education and research that matters to the people of the Northern Territory.

“It’s been a challenging year for the international education sector. The plan will help us to address the impacts of the pandemic on our communities and guide us in supporting a post-pandemic recovery.”

“The plan is an example of how by collaboratively working together across all levels of government, industry and community, we can realise our new five-year vision.”

The strategic themes of the plan are education, connectivity, the success of our First Nations people, research, economic prosperity, and community wellbeing, and we will deliver this through our values of courage, kindness, openness, leadership and innovation.

CDU’s Strategic Plan will be a key strategic document that will support CDU in its priorities in this decision-making process for years to come. View the plan [here](https://editorial.cdu.edu.au/charles-darwin-universitystrategic-plan/).