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UPGRADED ALBRECHT OVAL CARPARK OPENS

Alice Springs Town Council is pleased to announce the completion of the upgraded carpark at Albrecht Oval. The project commenced in May 2016, following consultation between the schools in the area, the Northern Territory Government, and residents of Alice Springs. The project was completed by Alice Springs Town Council with a grant of \$2,244,013.19 from the Department of Transport, as part of the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund.

To coincide with the new school year, Alice Springs Town Council invites all residents to an official opening of this car park at 7:30am, Tuesday 31 January 2017. Mayor Damien Ryan and Dale Wakefield MLA will be in attendance, among many other stakeholders. The opening will include a BBQ breakfast, speeches, a ribbon cutting and photo opportunities.

Built on a previously underutilised dirt area, the upgraded section of the carpark improves the safety of children and parents from both Larapinta Primary School and Living Waters Primary School. The numerous sporting clubs that use Albrecht Oval on a regular basis will also enjoy a safer experience.

“The design of the new carpark focused on reducing the existing traffic congestion. A dangerous situation had been identified at the existing entry and exit roads” said Mr Rex Mooney, Chief Executive Officer. “The carpark now provides safe pedestrian access throughout the carpark, linking into the existing school access corridors”.

A new shade structure at the drop-off area will provide shelter for students in the after-school sun. The carpark also includes lighting for night time safety.

“We were aware that the construction process caused some inconvenience to the community. We appreciate their patience, and we believe everyone will agree that this improvement was worth the wait”, said Mr Mooney.

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