



2026/27
ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL PLAN





Acknowledgement of Country

Alengke areme Apmere

Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges the Central Arrernte People, the traditional owners and custodians of Mparntwe/Alice Springs, and pays respect to their Elders: past, present and future.

Mparntwe Town Council-le alengke areme tyerrtye Mpwepe Arrernte mape, apmere Mparntweke atweye mape itne alengke areme arrkwelenge, lyeyenge ante Ingwethe apetye apetyame mape.

Central Arrernte Translation provided by Sabella Kngwarreye Turner ntre

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Introduction

Developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, this Municipal Plan outlines Council's strategic actions and the indicators to be used in measuring our success in the year ahead.

The focus areas of the Municipal Plan are:

A great place to live, every day: Through planning for upgraded and new facilities, Council will bring Alice Springs' unique character and landscape to life while activating key spaces across the municipality.

A safe, supported and strong community: Alice Springs is a town where people feel safe in their homes and public spaces, supported during times of vulnerability or crisis, and confident that safety is approached through prevention, partnership and community wellbeing.

A healthy & resilient natural environment: Council cares for its natural environment and builds resilience to climate change by protecting local ecosystems, reducing environmental impacts, and leading by example in sustainability and renewable energy.

A thriving and sustainable local economy: Council will proactively pursue opportunities to support businesses in Alice Springs and encourage the creativity and ingenuity that makes our region unique.

Community-led governance and civic participation: Council commits to demonstrating our rigorous and thoughtful decision-making process at every available opportunity. We commit to true and genuine consultation with the residents of Alice Springs to create a vibrant and liveable town.

This Municipal Plan also contains the Annual Budget and the rates, fees and charges.



Councillors Swearing In Ceremony, September 2025

Mayor's Message

It is a privilege to present the 2026/27 Alice Springs Town Council Municipal Plan and Budget, the first one for the 15th Council.

This past year has been a whirlwind, and one of change for our town. A new group of Elected Members have been entrusted by the community to lead our town into the future, and that is not a responsibility that we hold lightly.

What has quickly become clear as we have settled into life as Elected Members is the commitment and passion that Council crews have for our community. This dedication cannot be understated. From the teams who keep our parks and streets looking their best, to the staff supporting community programs, maintaining infrastructure, and delivering the many services residents rely on each day - there is a deep sense of pride in the work being done for Alice Springs. That commitment gives us confidence as Elected Members to set an ambitious direction for the years ahead.

This Municipal Plan sets out our priorities for the coming year and outlines how we will continue working together to strengthen our town. At its heart is a simple goal: to ensure Alice Springs remains a place where people feel proud to live, work and raise their families.

Over the coming year, Council will continue investing in the spaces and services that help our



community thrive. That includes improving public spaces, supporting local events and activities, maintaining essential infrastructure, and planning for the future needs of our growing and evolving community. These projects are about more than physical improvements - they are about creating places where people can gather, connect and enjoy the unique lifestyle Alice Springs offers.

We also recognise that strong communities are built through listening and partnership. Throughout the year ahead, Council will continue engaging with residents, businesses, community organisations and Traditional Owners to ensure the decisions we make reflect the needs and aspirations of the people who call Alice Springs home.

There will always be challenges in a town as dynamic as ours, but there are also enormous opportunities. By working together - Council, community and partners - we can continue building a vibrant, inclusive and forward-looking Alice Springs.

I look forward to the year ahead as we deliver on the priorities outlined in this plan and continue working together, for our town and for our future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Asta Hill'.

Asta Hill
Mayor



Depot team members cleaning up after severe weather



Halloween Pop-Up Park 2025

CEO's Message

The 2026/27 Municipal Plan and Budget marks the first for the 15th Alice Springs Town Council, and it is an exciting time for our organisation. Over recent months we have welcomed a new group of Elected Members who bring fresh ideas, strong enthusiasm and a clear commitment to the future of our town. Their energy has been evident from the outset, and our team look forward to working closely with them as we continue delivering for the Alice Springs community.

At the operational level, this Municipal Plan reflects the day-to-day work that keeps our town running and the ongoing effort of Council staff across every part of the organisation. From maintaining roads, parks and public spaces, to operating community facilities, supporting local events and providing essential services, our teams work hard to ensure Alice Springs remains a safe, welcoming and liveable place for residents and visitors alike.

One of the strengths of local government is the close connection between the community, its elected representatives and the Council team who deliver services on the ground. Over the past year our community has seen firsthand the professionalism, dedication and pride our team bring to their work. Whether responding to unexpected challenges, supporting community initiatives or simply delivering the everyday services people rely on, their commitment to Alice Springs is something we can all be proud of.



This Municipal Plan sets out the practical actions that will guide our work over the coming year. It provides a clear framework for how Council will allocate resources, maintain and renew important infrastructure, and continue improving the services and facilities our community uses every day. Importantly, it ensures that the strategic direction set by the Mayor and Councillors is translated into real outcomes for the town.

I would like to thank our team for the professionalism and dedication they bring to their roles each day. Together, we are well placed to continue delivering positive outcomes for Alice Springs and to build on the strong foundations already in place.

Andrew Wilsmore
Chief Executive Officer

Legislative Compliance

Local governments in the Northern Territory are required to undertake planning and reporting activities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) and the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Each council must have a plan for its area and this is the Municipal Plan for Alice Springs Town Council, as per section 33 (1) of the Act:

- released the draft Municipal Plan 2026/2027 after approval was given at the Special Council Meeting on 12 May 2026.
- made available for public consultation from 14 May 2026 until 5 June 2026.
- reviewed submissions incorporated appropriate changes into the final plan; and
- adopted its 2026/27 Municipal Plan at the 16 June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Relevant Plans

Section 34 of the Act states that the Municipal Plan must include a reference to any long term, community or strategic plan adopted by the Council that is relevant to the period to which the plan relates:

- [Alice Springs Strategic Plan 2026-2030](#)
- [Alice Springs Climate and Environment Implementation Plan](#)
- [Alice Springs Town Council Public Art Masterplan 2020-2030](#)
- [Alice Springs Town Council Sports Facilities Master Plan 2020](#)
- [Alice Springs Town Council Long Term Financial Plan](#)
- [Alice Springs Greening Strategy](#)
- [Regional Waste Management Facility Masterplan](#)

Availability of the Municipal Plan

Alice Springs Town Council's Municipal Plan 2026/27 is available, as per section 33 of the Act:

- online at www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au
- by emailing astc@astc.nt.gov.au
- for inspection or in print, on request, at the Civic Centre at 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs



Learn to Swim Lesson at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre



All Abilities Ice Skating - Summer School Holidays Program 2026



Library Team Member Re-shelving



Our Elected Representatives

Council Representatives

There are nine Elected Members who represent the community of Alice Springs. They have specific powers, responsibilities and duties as set out in the *Local Government Act 2019*. The Mayor and Councillors are elected during the local government general elections held every four years; the Deputy Mayor is appointed by the Council every 12 months as per Council policy.



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Elected Member Allowances

Further details are outlined in the Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy. The below amounts indicate the maximum allowances payable under legislation and are accounted for in Council’s 2026/2027 budget:

| Principal Member (Mayor) | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Type of allowance | Principal Member Allowance from 1 July 2026 |
| Principal Member allowance | 94,560 |
| Councillor allowance | 24,156 |
| Motor vehicle allowance | 25,000 |
| Professional development allowance | 7,500 |
| Total Maximum Claimable | \$151,216 |

| Deputy Principal Member (Deputy Mayor) | |
|---|--|
| Type of allowance | Deputy Principal Member Allowance from 1 July 2026 |
| Deputy Principal Member allowance | 16,500 |
| Councillor allowance | 24,156 |
| Extra meeting allowance | Up to 2 hours \$200 |
| | Between 2 and 4 hours \$300 |
| | More than 4 hours \$500 (maximum payable for one day) |
| | Capped at \$12,000 per financial year |
| Vehicle allowance | Capped at \$10,000 per financial year |
| | Travel exceeds 50km from home base Vehicle allowance will be in the form of kilometre allowance at rates set by the Australian Taxation Office each year and is currently 88 cents per kilometre. |
| Professional development allowance | 7,500 |
| Total Maximum Claimable | \$70,156 |

| Councillor | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Type of allowance | Councillor ordinary base allowance from 1 July 2026 |
| Councillor allowance | 24,156 |
| Extra meeting allowance | Up to 2 hours \$200 |
| | Between 2 and 4 hours \$300 |
| | More than 4 hours \$500 (maximum payable for one day) |
| Vehicle allowance | Capped at \$12,000 per financial year |
| | Capped at \$10,000 per financial year |
| | Travel exceeds 50km from home base |
| Professional development allowance | 7,500 |
| Total Maximum Claimable | \$53,656 |



15th Council of Alice Springs

History of Alice Springs Town Council

On 1 July 1971, Alice Springs formally became a municipality, marking a significant milestone in the town's history. For the first time, residents had their own elected local government responsible for representing the community and overseeing many of the services and facilities that help shape daily life in Alice Springs.

The creation of the Alice Springs Town Council followed years of discussion about whether the town should establish its own local government. While there was some opposition from prominent identities in the community, the idea ultimately gained strong public interest. When the first election was held on 25 June 1971, a large percentage of eligible voters turned out to cast their ballots – a clear sign that residents were eager to have a greater say in how their town was run.

Jock Nelson, a well-known pastoralist and former Federal Member for the Northern Territory, was elected as the town's first Mayor in a decisive victory over five other candidates. Nelson was already a respected public figure across the Territory, and his leadership helped guide the establishment of the new Council during its formative years.

The inaugural Council held its first meeting in early July 1971, beginning the practical work of setting up local government for Alice Springs. Like councils across Australia, its responsibilities focused on the everyday services that support a growing community – including roads, parks and reserves, waste management, town planning and community facilities. These early meetings laid the foundation for how Council would operate, establishing committees, governance processes and priorities for the town.





Alice Springs Township aerial photo

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Alice Springs experienced steady growth as the regional centre of Central Australia. The Town Council played a key role in supporting that growth by planning new neighbourhoods, maintaining local infrastructure and developing community facilities that residents rely on today. During this period, Council also began investing in the public spaces that contribute to Alice Springs' character, including parks, community venues and recreational facilities.

Over the decades that followed, the role of Council continued to evolve as the town itself changed. New community services were introduced, the Alice Springs Public Library expanded its role as a community hub, and Council increased its involvement in events, arts and cultural activities that celebrate the town's unique identity. Public art, sporting facilities, festivals and community programs all became part of the broader work of Council to help make Alice Springs a vibrant and connected place to live.

Today, Alice Springs Town Council remains the closest level of government to the community. Guided by elected Councillors and led by the Mayor, Council continues to deliver essential services, manage local infrastructure and support the programs and spaces that bring people together.

More than fifty years on from its establishment, the purpose of the Alice Springs Town Council remains much the same as it was in 1971: to represent the community, care for the town, and help shape a strong future for Alice Springs — together with the people who call it home.



Fun at Newland Skate & Play Precinct



Recycling Station at the ReDiscovery Centre - Commonage Road

Vision, Mission and Values



ASTC Diwali Night Markets

Vision

(the town we'll create if we succeed)

Alice Springs is a thriving, connected and resilient town where people belong, there is opportunity for everyone and the community shapes what comes next.

Purpose

(what we intend to do)

To support and strengthen the Alice Springs community by delivering essential infrastructure and services, making everyday life better and championing a strong future for the town.

Mission

(how we intend to do it)

To listen to the community, engage openly and act with purpose by planning, delivering and advocating for services, infrastructure and outcomes that reflect community priorities.

Strategic Framework

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Alice Springs Town Council’s Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework guides Council’s planning process to deliver accountable and measurable links between community aspirations, financial and resource sustainability including effective asset management, and practical service delivery.

The strategic and planning documents provide transparency to the community on how Council intends to achieve the strategic goals and operational objectives and supports accountability by reporting Council’s performance on a regular basis.

The Municipal Plan details the intended delivery of services, programs, projects and activities on a yearly basis and includes the Annual Budget. The outcomes of operational activities will be used to track and measure Council’s performance against the deliverables of the Strategic Plan and are mapped to the strategic pillars. These measures of success are set out in this plan and will be reported quarterly in Council meetings and to our community. The successful delivery of the objectives of this plan is reported in the Annual Report as per legislative requirements.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is outlined below.



Diagram 1. Alice Springs Town Council Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework



Planning Newland Skate & Play Precinct

Major Highlights

Budget Highlights

Regenerate the Alice Town Centre

Regenerating the Alice Town Centre is a \$20 million project revitalising the CBD, improving public spaces, accessibility and conditions for local businesses. Delivered with Australian Government support, it will enhance safety, amenity and vibrancy, and is set for completion this financial year.

Greening Strategy

Work continues to deliver Council's Greening Strategy, a document that sets a path to growing our tree canopy from 15% to 25%. This year Council will focus on practical actions, including community tree planting initiatives and maintaining Council's nursery to support a cooler, greener Alice Springs.

TODD MALL UPGRADE - DESIGN PLAN



Concept Design: Community Space (Lot 73), Draft CBD Revitalisation, Regenerating Alice Town Centre Community Consultation



New Library Project

Following extensive community consultation, Council is progressing the new library project, with a focus this year on planning and design. This will help shape a modern, accessible space that reflects community needs.

Road and Footpath Infrastructure

This year, Council will develop a three-year road reseal program (2026–2028) and begin year one works, alongside completing a CBD footpath survey to inform an accessibility-focused Footpath Upgrade Strategy.

Playing Field Upgrades

This year, Council will deliver key park upgrades across Alice Springs, including the completion of the Paul Fitzsimmons Oval upgrades to support local sport and community use.



School Holidays Craft at the Alice Springs Public Library



Walk Against Gender-Based Violence & Breakfast



Basketball at Newland Skate & Play Precinct



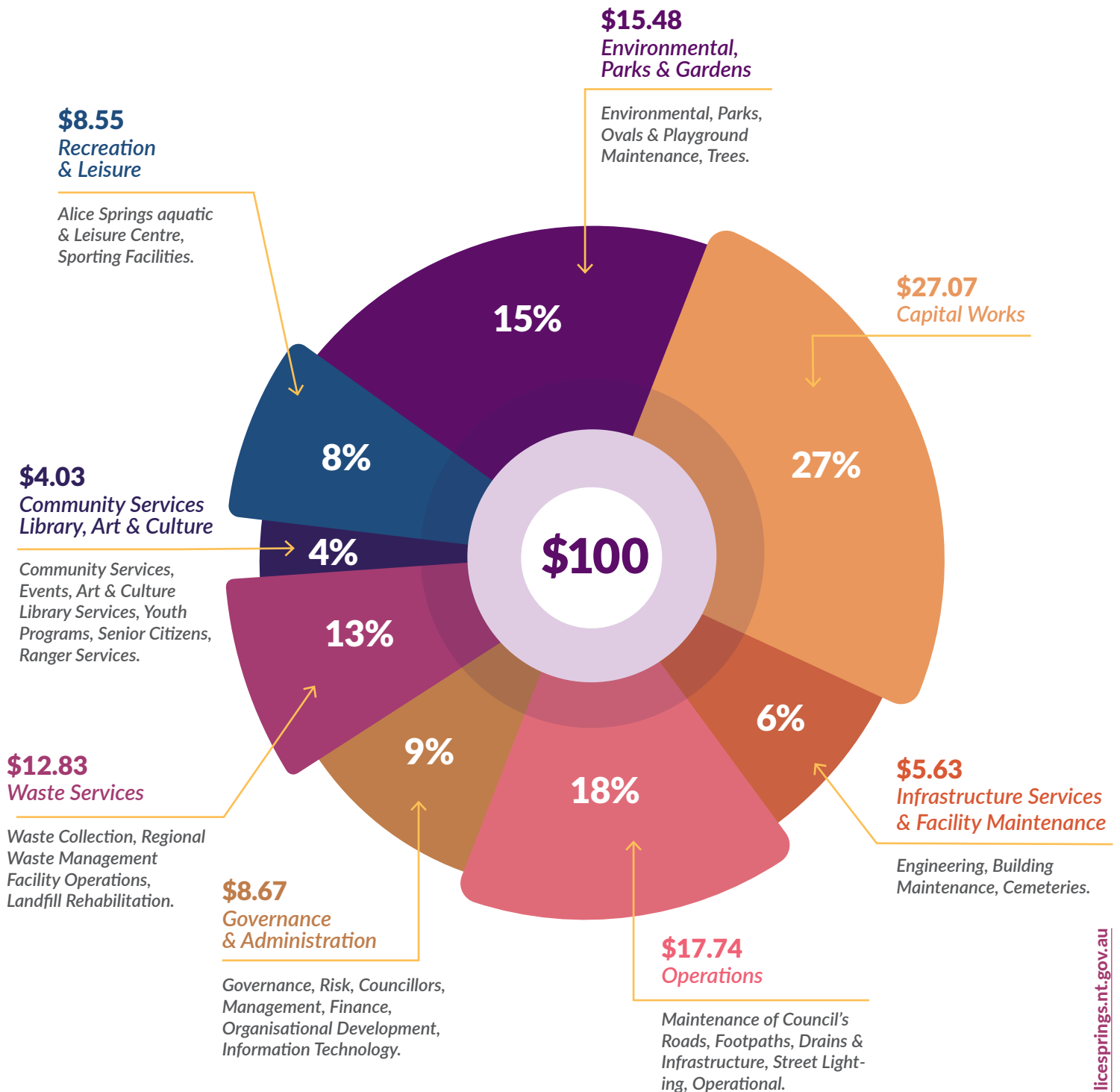
Learn to Swim at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre



Caring for the four legged residents at the Alice Springs Town Council Animal Shelter

Where your money is to be spent

The indicative spend for every \$100



Council Manages

70

Parks and gardens

6

Sporting grounds and ovals

221+km

of roads

120km

of stormwater drains

143km

of footpaths

298km

of kerbs

3

Cemeteries

8

Netball courts

4

Swimming pools

33km

of cycle paths

15km

of laneways

2,735+

Solar panels

10+

Public toilets

50+

Water bubblers

Preparing turf for the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery





Alice Springs Town Council staff working together to make the Night Markets fabALICE!

Our Service Delivery

Service delivery is a core function of Alice Springs Town Council and we are committed to providing value to the community. We care about our town.

A significant proportion of Council's resources are dedicated to delivering services, programs and events. The activities maintain and renew the amenity of community facilities to enhance the safety, health and comfort for the users, and combined with programs and activities, enliven public spaces and activate our infrastructure and facilities that are impressive for a remote town.

| Function | Service, Program or Activity |
|---|---|
| Community Development | |
| <i>Community and Cultural Development</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community events and programs • Community art collection • Cultural development activities • Public art • Event sponsorship • Grants for community initiatives • Reconciliation Action Plan |
| <i>Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre management • Learn to Swim lessons • Sport and recreation activities, programs and services |
| <i>Rangers</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger services including animal control • Animal shelter • By-law compliance |
| <i>Alice Springs Public Library</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library collections and borrowing services • Online services and digital inclusion • Welcoming and inclusive spaces • Programs, events and activities • History, language and culture |
| <i>Executive Support</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive and Elected Member support • Customer service |
| <i>Governance</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance and compliance • Policies • Audit and risk management • Council meeting governance |

| Function | Service, Program or Activity |
|------------------------------|--|
| Office of the CEO | |
| Office of the CEO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate planning • Advocacy initiatives and support |
| Finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial management and procurement • Rates • Payroll |
| Legal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-house legal service |
| Corporate Services | |
| People and Culture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee experience and support • Recruitment • Employee wellbeing initiatives |
| Marketing and Communications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement and participation • Brand management • Marketing of Council functions, programs and events • Media enquiries and management |
| ICT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records management • ICT infrastructure • User support • Digital support and transformation |
| Work Health and Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHS policies and procedures • Safety training and initiatives • Monitoring and reporting on safety performance • Workplace health and safety compliance |

Pool party at Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre



| Function | Service, Program or Activity |
|--|---|
| Infrastructure Services | |
| <i>Capital and Infrastructure Projects</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital projects • Infrastructure development • Construction projects • Tender processes and contractor management |
| <i>Facilities, Developments and Asset Management</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council-owned facilities • Security management for Council properties • Asset management plans • Condition assessments and facility upgrades • Council's assessment of developments and development planning applications |
| <i>Works Depot</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of Depot staff and resources • Fleet and equipment • Council's sporting venues and parks • Council's cemeteries • Assist with Council events • Council's green spaces and trees • Maintain Council's roads and pathways • Litter collection |
| <i>Regional Waste Management Facility</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional waste facilities • Waste management strategies • Recycling and waste disposal services • Community education on waste reduction |
| <i>Environment</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Climate and Environment Policy and Implementation Plan • Investigation and advocacy of circular economy initiatives • Coordination, support and advocacy of environmental initiatives and events |



Depot staff manage post-storm cleanup



Baby Rhyme Time at the Alice Springs Public Library



Pillar One: A great place to live, every day

Alice Springs is a town that is well presented, comfortable, connected and inclusive – where people enjoy their surroundings, feel proud of their town, and are supported to live well in a remote desert environment.

Community Investment

- School holiday programs \$360,000
- Youth projects \$80,000
- Animal Shelter \$672,000
- Night markets \$41,000
- Supporting community events and activities \$125,000
- Greening strategy initiatives \$150,000
- Paul Fitzsimmons Oval \$918,000
- Capital improvements and plant upgrades at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre \$1M
- Develop a master plan and phased landscaping schedule for Alice Springs cemeterys \$120,000
- Construction of a new Alice Springs Public Library \$4.5M
- Todd Mall upgrades \$8.9M
- Ranger activities \$1.2M
- Litter management \$1.2M



Australia Day Fun Run event



New skills being learned at the School Holiday Ceramics Workshop at Central Craft

Measures of success

| 2026/27 Objectives | Actions |
|---|--|
| <p>Maintain a clean, well-presented town that strengthens community pride, improves perceptions of Alice Springs, and encourages people to use and care for shared spaces</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactively seek advice from Weeds Branch on managing Buffel on Council land • Establish a pilot buffel-free zone along Lhere Mparntwe in collaboration with Landcare • Continue to work with the Northern Territory Government and other key stakeholders to address the issue of illegal dumping within the municipality • Support community clean-up events by providing equipment and promotional support • Improve visual amenity by maintaining litter enforcement (fines) and removing abandoned vehicles and trolleys • Improve access to the CBD by maintaining parking enforcements (fines) • Develop a town presentation score card to track, measure and report on town presentation |
| <p>Improve the accessibility of roads, footpaths and cycleways</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build community awareness of the Snap, Send Solve App • Ensure accessibility of key infrastructures including path are considered as part of the cemetery master plan |
| <p>Enhance the look and feel of Alice Springs through improved streetscapes and greening that reflects local character and climate</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and grow the Council’s nursery at Albrecht Oval • Conduct a National Tree Day planting event |

| 2026/27 Objectives | Actions |
|--|---|
| <p>Support the development of a relevant, diverse and exciting collection of public art to enhance community wellbeing, strengthen sense of place and contribute to a more vibrant and liveable town</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver the Public Art Masterplan within agreed timeframes • Manage public art installations as part of the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre project |
| <p>Upskill and support local artists and provide professional pathways so that they can contribute to the development of public art in Alice Springs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for local artists in public art professional development workshops or training opportunities |
| <p>Ensure Council-owned assets and infrastructure are well-planned, well-maintained and aligned with current and future community needs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Strategic Asset Management Plan • Complete Todd Mall upgrades as part of the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre Project • Finalise detailed design and commence procurement for construction of a new Alice Springs Public Library • Integrate one accessibility upgrade to a Council facility • Develop a master plan and phased landscaping schedule for Alice Springs cemeteries' long-term development |
| <p>Provide welcoming, accessible recreational spaces and facilities that support healthy, active lifestyles for people of all ages and abilities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a parks and playground management and improvements strategy • Complete a Masterplan and 4-Year Strategic Plan to review and determine the long-term future of the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre • Refurbish essential operational infrastructure at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre • Progress construction of the Paul Fitzsimons Oval through to completion • Complete light installation at Jim McConville Oval in partnership with the Northern Territory Government • Complete upgrade of lighting at Flynn Drive Oval in partnership with NTG • Deliver upgrades to Teague Park |
| <p>Reduce the impacts of extreme heat and climate change to make Alice Springs safer, cooler and more comfortable all year-round</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the third year of the Alice Springs Greening Strategy and Action Plan |

| 2026/27 Objectives | Actions |
|--|--|
| <p>Strengthen social ties by creating inclusive opportunities for people to come together, participate and feel a sense of connection</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver and support a range of events and activities that include and celebrate Alice Springs’ diverse community • Strengthen community inclusion and belonging through Council communications • Provide in-kind support to organisations and community groups to assist in the delivery of community events • Deliver five night markets • Deliver four pop up events |
| <p>Support the physical, mental and social wellbeing of the community by enabling active lifestyles, access to recreation and learning, and programs that help people of all ages live healthy, fulfilling lives</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to encourage community use of the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre, including investigating and delivering innovative aquatic and land-based wellness and engagement programs for all ages and demographics • Increase Alice Springs Public Library outreach activities, while maintaining current programs and events for all ages • Increase awareness and access to digital library content for the Alice Springs community, including the introduction of global access to the Alice Springs Digital Collection • Continue to support animal adoptions through the Animal Shelter • Support the development of the Alice Springs Sports, Learning & Leadership Centre |
| <p>Foster a welcoming and inclusive community where people of all backgrounds, abilities, identities and ages feel a sense of belonging and are supported to participate fully in civic and community life</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a Community Inclusion Plan. • Improve employment outcomes by increasing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander recruitment and retention • Establish an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan to further Council’s commitment to meaningful reconciliation • Develop a business case for specialist providers to deliver Aboriginal cultural awareness training for Council employees • Celebrate NAIDOC Week through participation in external events and delivery of internal activities • Build on key elements of Council’s Multicultural Action Plan 2023-2026 within Council’s new Community Inclusion Plan • Support multicultural events and celebrations • Support community-led events and initiatives that improve visibility, inclusion and safety for vulnerable groups • Increase community awareness of Council and community facilities, programs, events and services • Consider options to integrate feedback from community groups, such as young people, local business, sporting groups, multicultural community, LGBTQIA+ communities, people with a disability, senior groups, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities to support Council’s decision making processes • Continue to develop and deliver term and school holiday programs for children and young people in partnership with local service providers |



Pillar Two: A safe, supported & strong community

Alice Springs is a town where people feel safe in their homes and public spaces, supported during times of vulnerability or crisis, and confident that safety is approached through prevention, partnership and community wellbeing.

Community Investment

- Road and footpath program \$2.85M
- Gap Road Strategic Upgrade \$1.85M



^ Paul Fitzsimmons Sod Turning Ceremony

▼ Lunar New Year Pop Up Party



Measures of success

| 2026/27 Objectives | Actions |
|--|---|
| <p>Improve everyday safety and fulfill positive duty obligations by reducing risks, supporting vulnerable community members, and promoting safer behaviours across public and private spaces</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support implementation of the <i>A Better, Safer Future</i> for Central Australia plan • Acceptable behaviour and conditions of entry standards established and implemented for Council sites |
| <p>Improve road and footpath safety</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to advocate for the Heavitree Gap Planning Project to bring about the upgrade and duplication of the Stuart Highway through Heavitree Gap to improve future traffic flow, safety, and flood mitigation • Develop a three year road reseal program FY (2026-2028) and commence year 1 works • Complete a CBD footpath survey and develop a CBD Footpath Upgrade Strategy with a focus on accessibility for all users |
| <p>Reduce preventable harm by improving safety around water</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver targeted water safety programs for identified cohorts, including children, parents, people with lived disability, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities and culturally diverse groups |
| <p>Promote the safety and wellbeing of animals and the community by supporting responsible pet ownership, effective animal management and safe shared use of public spaces</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support responsible pet ownership, including providing education through the Animal Shelter • Create a plan to replace the current pound area at the Animal Shelter to improve outcomes for impounded animals • Support community safety by efficiently responding to calls for service from the community regarding animal management • Deliver education and compliance activities that improve animal welfare and public safety |
| <p>Ensure public spaces are safe, welcoming and well-used through practical design, lighting, activation and collaboration</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver the Road Safety Project for Gap Road • Develop an audit strategy to evaluate the inclusion of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design at Council assets |

| 2026/27 Objectives | Actions |
|---|---|
| <p>Strengthen Council and community preparedness for emergencies and natural disasters to reduce risk, minimise impacts and support recovery</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participate in emergency management planning, response and recovery activities • Support timely and clear communication to the community during service disruptions, emergencies and safety-related incidents. • Construct an Emergency Coordination Centre for Council to support its preparedness and response to emergencies • Hold regular emergency planning committee meetings to coordinate Council’s emergency preparedness planning and resources • Implement and test Council’s emergency and business continuity plans • Develop a three year Stormwater cleaning programme FY(2026-2028) and commence year 1 works • Collaborate with Weeds Branch, landowners and stakeholders to manage Buffel grass and mitigate fire risks • Advocate for additional investment for improved flood mitigation measures in Alice Springs, while maintaining safe and effective management of Council-controlled causeways and Lhere Mparntwe |
| <p>Improve access to food and essential supports for people experiencing vulnerability</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver food security workshops in collaboration with Community Gardens • Establish “Grow It Local” within the community to support the community to grow, share and eat more locally grown food • Investigate the establishment of/or support for a community kitchen providing free meals to those in need |
| <p>Mitigate food insecurity risks arising from road and other freight corridor closures</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for freight connectivity to ensure greater food security, through the Outback Highway Development Council and/or other channels. |
| <p>Improve safety, inclusion and wellbeing for community members who may experience heightened vulnerability, ensuring they feel respected, supported and safe in public and community spaces</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster a culturally diverse workforce that reflects and serves the Alice Springs community. • Ensure Council communications and promotional materials reflect the diversity of the Alice Springs community |
| <p>Contribute to long-term reductions in harm by addressing the underlying causes of violence and unsafe behaviour</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve gender equity and decrease gender-based violence through advocacy and by participating in and supporting relevant events and other key community initiatives |



School holiday fun at the Dust Bowl



Pillar Three: A healthy & resilient natural environment

Alice Springs Town Council cares for its natural environment and builds resilience to climate change by protecting local ecosystems, reducing environmental impacts, and leading by example in sustainability and renewable energy.

Community Investment

- Regional Waste Management Facility compactor \$750,000
- Solar battery and heat pump installation at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre \$1.75M



Measures of success

| 2026/27 Objectives | Actions |
|---|--|
| <p>Protect and strengthen local ecosystems and biodiversity through responsible environmental management and partnerships</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate and work with the Northern Territory Government on key issues and opportunities that support the protection and enhancement of Alice Springs’ natural environment and biodiversity, including the Ilparpa Claypans • Review Council’s regulatory response to domestic cat containment, with a focus on identifying opportunities for improved community outcomes and responsible pet ownership • Continue to investigate and trial programs to reduce the impact of feral animals within the Alice Springs municipality |
| <p>Provide reliable, efficient and sustainable rubbish and recycling services that meet community expectations and support responsible waste management</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a pilot and feasibility options for expanding recycling in Alice Springs • Complete the Regional Waste Management Facility civil design • Continue to deliver Council’s free Regional Waste Management Facility voucher program |
| <p>Improve the sustainability of waste, water and resource management systems to reduce environmental impact and support a circular economy</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate options for additional water recycling programs • Expand the use of recycled water use across Council assets and services to improve sustainability and reduce potable water consumption • Implement and continue to scope cloud-based systems to reduce Council’s reliance on paper • Encourage and support recycling uptake and awareness in the Alice Springs community • Increase community awareness of the Council’s Green Living Subsidies |
| <p>Reduce emissions and support the transition to renewable energy by leading by example and advocating for sustainable infrastructure across Alice Springs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Australian environmental design standards to support compliance and innovation related to energy efficiency, environmental impacts, and the use of sustainable materials for new Council buildings, projects and assets • Install a solar battery and heat pumps at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre • Increase Council’s renewable energy rate by upgrading existing solar systems across the network |

Mowing Paul Fitzsimmons Oval





Pillar Four: **A thriving and sustainable local economy**

Alice Springs has a resilient, diverse and sustainable local economy that supports business and employment, attracts people to live and invest locally, and strengthens the town's long-term prosperity.

Community Investment

- Sports Masterplan \$100,000
- Community Inclusion Plan \$75,000
- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Masterplan \$50,000
- Reframing the Alice Campaign \$50,000



Food vendor at the Alice Springs Town Council Night Markets



School Holidays Ceramics Workshop at Central Craft

Measures of success

| 2026/27 Objectives | Actions |
|---|--|
| Provide clear leadership and coordination to support sustainable economic development and long-term economic resilience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the scope of the Northern Territory Government Regional Economic Development strategy • Aim to secure Council representation on the Northern Territory Government Economic Development Committee or equivalent |
| Support the growth and sustainability of local businesses and industries that underpin employment and economic activity in Alice Springs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and help drive regional economic growth through participation and advocacy on relevant committees and inquiries • Develop a procurement framework for Council and improve local participation, including by Aboriginal owned businesses, in future tender opportunities |
| Strengthen the vitality of the town centre and commercial areas by supporting activation, visitation and a strong local trading environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support new opportunities to develop the CBD • Implement initiatives with the Todd Mall Traders and other stakeholders to help regenerate the Alice Springs CBD • Investigate ways to enliven the Todd Mall through strategic activations |
| Improve how Alice Springs is experienced and perceived by residents, visitors and potential new arrivals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively promote a positive and authentic narrative of Alice Springs through Council communications • Continue involvement in Outback Highway Development Council (OHDC) and champion and advocate delivery of the 'Outback Way' • Continue to develop and implementation of the 'Reframing the Alice' campaign to promote a positive narrative of Alice Springs |
| Support local employment pathways and workforce participation to strengthen economic inclusion and resilience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and promote Council employment pathway opportunities, including traineeships and early-career roles • Partner with local agencies and organisations to identify and build pathways to employment |
| Ensure Council's financial settings support long-term sustainability while remaining fair and proportionate for the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve community awareness of long-term financial sustainability challenges of Council |

A stall at the Lunar New Year Pop Up Party



Pillar Five:



Community-led governance & civic participation

Alice Springs Town Council works openly, inclusively and collaboratively with the community, enabling people to shape decisions, access services easily, and have confidence in how Council listens, communicates and acts.

Community Investment

- Council Community Grants Program \$210,000



Measures of success

| 2026/27 Objectives | Actions |
|---|--|
| <p>Enable the community to meaningfully shape Council priorities, decisions and outcomes through accessible, inclusive and ongoing engagement</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct community consultation in alignment with the Community Engagement Framework • Undertake a community survey in 2027 to inform Council planning |
| <p>Improve how Council communicates so the community understands Council's role, decisions and activities and can engage with confidence</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve awareness of Council's Community Grants Program, including application support and training, particularly for culturally and linguistically diverse individuals and groups • Deliver transparent and strategic Council communications through clear communication frameworks • Review how Council communicates its decisions to the community and implement a strategy to improve this |
| <p>Ensure Council engagement is inclusive, culturally appropriate and accessible so all community members can participate</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Council's consultation processes are accessible and culturally appropriate • Develop and embed cultural awareness and unconscious bias training modules Council's leaning and development platform • Promote and support the use of Council's Language Aides, both telephone and face-to-face |
| <p>Make it easy for the community to access Council services and receive consistent, respectful and responsive support</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a Customer Service Improvement Plan • Review and improve Council systems for handling complaints, ensuring issues are resolved fairly and transparently |
| <p>Uphold strong internal governance, financial and workforce management frameworks to foster community trust and organisational sustainability</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve budget accountability and forecast accuracy across the organisation through regular variance analysis and earlier corrective action • Improve fiscal performance by better aligning service fees to actual costs, reducing supplier and service delivery costs, and strengthening debt collection processes • Automate financial processes thereby enhancing efficiency, accuracy and strategic decision-making • Develop and conduct culture surveys and identify areas for improvement • Conduct two internal audits in response to identified organisational risks • Implement an effective integrated training framework to build organisational capability and performance |

Long-Term Financial Planning

Section 200 of the *Local Government Act 2019* requires Councils to prepare and keep up-to-date a Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) for a period of at least four financial years. An LTFP is a financial model and a key planning document for driving financial sustainability. It expresses in financial terms the activities the Council proposes to undertake in order to achieve its goals and objectives in a financially sustainable manner, and informs significant decisions about resource allocation.

Being financially sustainable means that Council has the ability to fund the following over the short, medium and long-term:

- Consistent delivery of services to an acceptable standard
- New infrastructure to meet reasonable community needs and expectations, and also cater for current and future growth of the town
- Renew and maintain infrastructure such as roads, buildings, stormwater and playgrounds in order to maintain current levels of service

Key benefits arising from having an LTFP in place include:

- Improves understanding of financial sustainability;
- Steers financial management and decision making;
- Increases commitment to maintaining asset base and plan pro-actively for major projects;
- Manages expectations of what can be achieved, within context and financial limits; and
- Improves commitment to aligning resources in delivering the goals and objectives set out in Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan and other strategies and plans.

The Long-Term Financial Plan highlights how Council is budgeting and planning for a financially sustainable future.

It is proposed that in the lead up to the review of the Long-term Financial Plan as part of the 2026/27 budget process, Council determine the Sustainability Measures that best provide an assessment of Council's financial sustainability.

This determination will take into account any advice from Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) and financial sustainability measures set for local government in other states, such as the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024 developed by the Queensland Government. The key focus should be on operating performance, liquidity and asset management.



Moments shared across generations at Ten Pin Bowling



At the grand opening of Newland Skate & Play Precinct

Four-Year Long-Term Financial Plan Assumptions

Key assumptions included in the Long-Term Financial Plan 2026/27 to 2029/30 are as follows:

1. CPI of 3% per annum.
2. Rate rise of 4.7% per annum.
3. Waste charge rise of 5.92%
4. Fees & Charges increase by 5% per annum, with exceptions to be approved by Council.
5. Investment earnings of 3% per annum.
6. Superannuation of 12% as per legislation.
7. General labour increase of 3% as per Enterprise Agreement, offset by efficiency saving of \$150,000 annually. These savings are based on technology improvements, which are applied cumulatively over forward budget estimates.
8. Projected rate revenue increase as a result of Residential Growth of 1%, reviewed annually.
9. Efficiency savings to be delivered of \$250,000 annually, applied cumulatively over

the forward budget estimates.

Capital Expenditure Program across the four-year horizon is as follows:

- 2026/27 - \$22.6 million
- 2027/28 - \$27.8 million
- 2028/29 - \$10.4 million
- 2029/30 - \$12.6 million

The program is funded by Council revenue, grants and transfers from reserve.



Alice Springs Town Council worker - keeping things spotless

Annual Budget & Four-Year Long-Term Financial Plan

Income and Expenditure Statement

| | Annual Budget 2026/27 \$ | Forecast 2027/28 \$ | Forecast 2028/29 \$ | Forecast 2029/30 \$ |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | |
| Interest/Investment Revenue | 3,163,063 | 3,257,955 | 3,355,694 | 3,456,364 |
| Rates | 31,780,423 | 33,274,103 | 34,837,986 | 36,475,371 |
| Rates & Waste Management Charges | 5,319,544 | 5,505,438 | 5,764,194 | 6,035,111 |
| Fees & Charges | 7,016,004 | 7,238,704 | 7,600,639 | 7,980,671 |
| Other Operating Revenue | 1,005,750 | 1,161,037 | 1,219,090 | 1,280,045 |
| Grants & Contributions Excluding Capital Grants | 3,750,920 | 3,957,742 | 4,191,445 | 4,982,537 |
| Total Operating Income | 52,035,704 | 54,394,978 | 56,969,048 | 60,210,099 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Elected Member Allowances | 567,899 | 584,936 | 602,484 | 620,559 |
| Elected Member Expenses | 61,000 | 62,830 | 64,715 | 66,656 |
| Council Committee & LA Allowances | 5,000 | 5,150 | 5,305 | 5,464 |
| Council Committee & LA Expenses | 7,000 | 7,210 | 7,426 | 7,649 |
| Employee Benefits & Costs | 24,267,347 | 24,871,117 | 25,467,251 | 26,081,268 |
| Material and Contracts | 13,632,895 | 13,595,793 | 13,803,667 | 14,017,777 |
| Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment | 13,059,316 | 13,451,480 | 13,903,188 | 14,186,204 |
| Other Expenses | 6,174,476 | 6,345,761 | 6,486,132 | 6,630,717 |
| Total Operating Expenditure | 57,774,933 | 58,924,278 | 60,340,169 | 61,616,295 |
| Operating Profit (Loss) For The Year After Depreciation | (5,739,228) | (4,529,299) | (3,371,122) | (1,406,196) |
| Add Back Depreciation | 13,059,316 | 13,451,480 | 13,903,188 | 14,186,204 |



Wedge-Tailed Eagle (Irrretye)
Public Art Installation

| | Annual Budget 2026/27 \$ | Forecast 2027/28 \$ | Forecast 2028/29 \$ | Forecast 2029/30 \$ |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Profit (Loss) For The Year Before Depreciation | 7,320,088 | 8,922,181 | 10,532,067 | 12,780,008 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | 22,622,163 | 27,872,181 | 10,422,067 | 12,670,008 |
| Transfer to Reserves | 966,000 | 1,060,000 | 1,060,000 | 1,060,000 |
| Total Additional Outflows | 23,588,163 | 28,932,181 | 11,482,067 | 13,730,008 |
| Capital Grants Income | 17,541,000 | 15,010,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 |
| Sales of Assets | 100,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers from Reserves | 0 | 5,000,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Additional Inflows | 17,641,000 | 20,010,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 |
| NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION | 1,372,925 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



Paul Fitzsimmons Soil Turning Ceremony

Social & Economic Assessment of Rating Strategy

Rates are an important part of Council's ability to fund and deliver essential community infrastructure and services, with an estimated 71% of Council's income coming from rates and statutory charges.

When setting the annual budget, Council balances the current needs and expectations of the community with future requirements. Council is focusing on the immediate affordability and quality of life for the residents within the municipality of Alice Springs, and for this to continue for the many years that follow.

To help set rates each year, Council considers the amount of revenue needed to fund services, programs and infrastructure projects to be delivered to activate the local environment and boost the liveability levels. External pressures and increased costs affected by inflation, the amount of income available from rates and the ability of its rate base to pay rates are also considered.

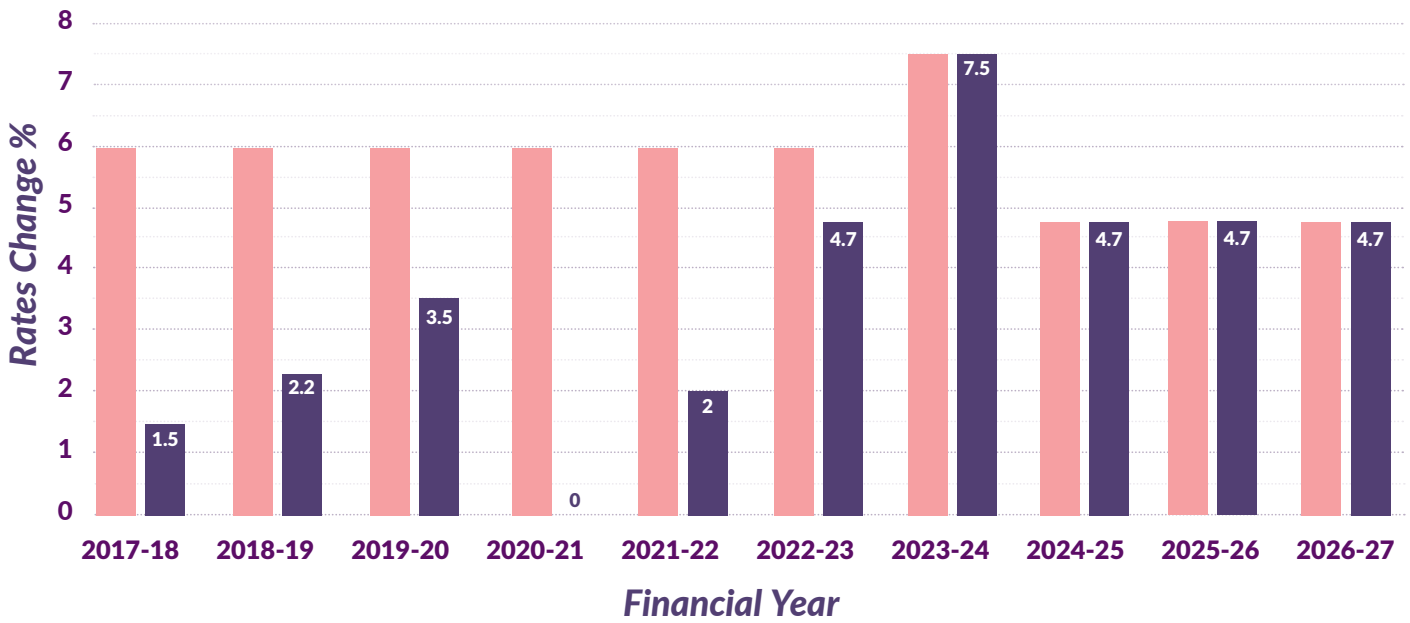
Annual rating strategies are derived from the Alice Springs Town Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) which includes the conditions proposed to achieve a financial sustainable future. In last financial year's budget, Council made the prudent decision to generally align the rating strategy of 7.5% with CPI at the time. Since then, CPI continues in a downward trend, albeit at a slower rate than expected, with the annual CPI for the Northern Territory sitting at 3.9% (4.1% for all capital cities) to December 2023. The rating strategy of 4.7% for this financial year aligns to the LTFP and contributes to an ongoing improvement in the operating position.

By setting this rate, Council is continuing to take a financially responsible position, building on the work from last year to future proof its ability to meet cash flow demands over the longer term and bring high quality services and infrastructure to the town. This rating strategy is complementary to optimising investment, realising operational efficiencies and embedding innovative practices as a broader financial policy position.

Council aims to lower the social and economic impact of its rating policy through:

- providing a subsidy to eligible pensioners of \$180 in addition to the rebate provided to them by the Northern Territory Government.
- considering the issues experienced by ratepayers suffering from financial hardship;
- allowing the payment of rates by four instalments;
- Interest charged on overdue levies at 18%; and
- An early bird draw where ratepayers may receive a refund on their rates

Rates compared to Long-Term Financial Plan



Long-Term Financial Plan Rates Change %

Fun at the Diwali Night Market 2026



Rates & Waste Charges

For the 2026/2027 financial year, Council will increase total revenue from general rates and related minimum charges, by 4.7%. The impact on individual ratepayers will vary depending on property valuations and the applicable multiplier for each rating category. Waste charges have increased by 5.92%, 1.22% higher than the 4.7% rates increase, due to rising fuel costs driven by current global economic conditions, which are directly impacting waste collection and disposal expenses.

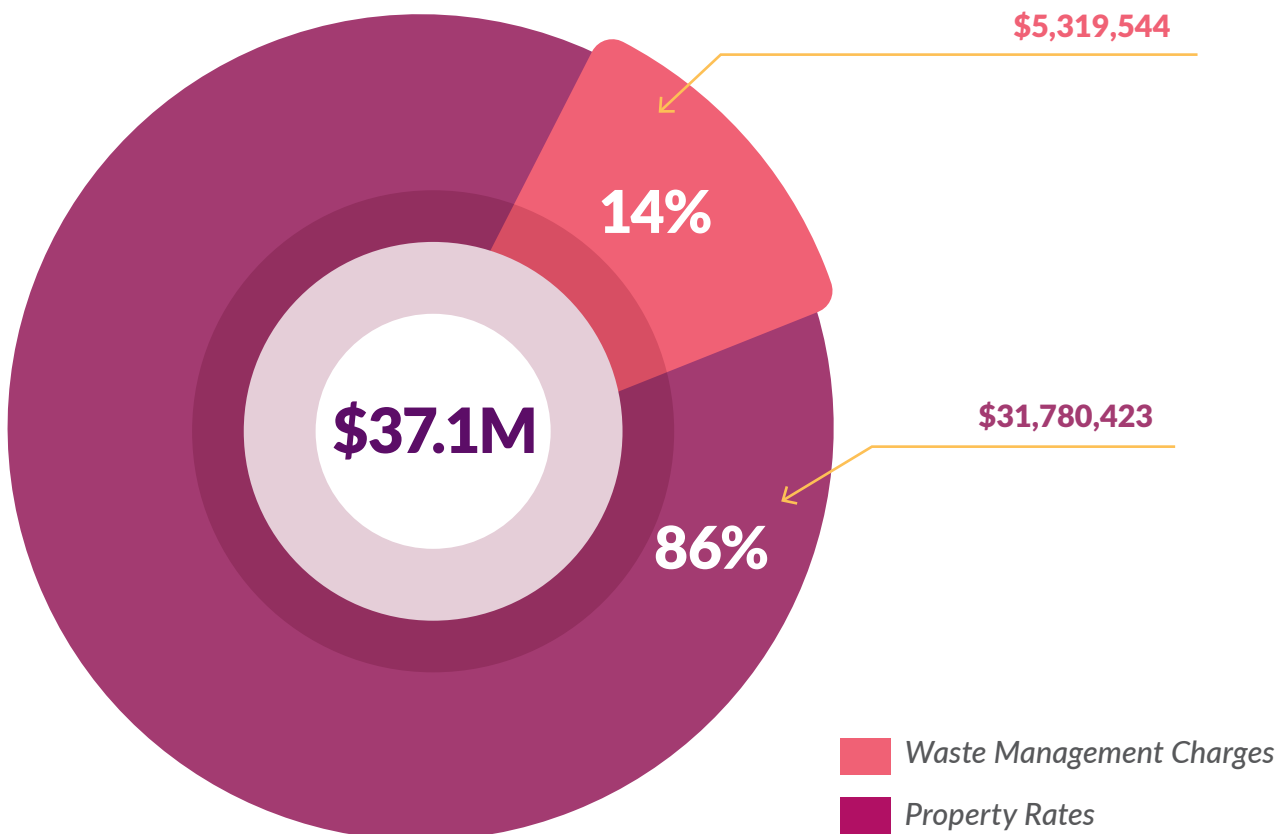
The total budgeted general rates and waste management charges income of \$37.1 million is summarised below.

A differential General Rate is levied on all rateable properties based on the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) of the land falling within the town planning zones under the NT Planning Scheme as referred to in the *Planning Act 1999*.

Council now has 17 rating groups and applies differential rates to each group in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*. These groups are structured to support a fair and equitable contribution to rates across the community.

Two new categories have been introduced for Caravan Parks in Rural zoning and Large Retail Outlets in Light Industry zoning. In addition, the General Industry, Light Industry, Railway and Utilities categories have been combined into a single category, with the applicable multiplier aligned to the residential rate.

Property (land only) valuations are determined by the Valuer-General and performed every three years. 2026/27 rates are calculated on the Valuer-General's revaluation assessment which was made in the second quarter of 2024.



M:Million



Council Staff getting revved up for the Red Centre NATS Night Market 2025



The team at the ReDiscovery Centre

Rates

Rates by zones

| Indicative Multiplier | Zone | Indicative Minimum Rate \$ | Estimated Revenue 2026/27 \$ |
|---|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 0.00339294 | R (Rural), RL (Rural Living), RR (Rural Residential), SA2 (Specific Use, NT Portions Lots 4097 to 4101), SA9 (Specific Use, NT Portion Lot 6811) | 1,792.80 | 828,226 |
| 0.04665553 | CB (Central Business) other than allotments identified below which are differently classed as allotments which are both heritage-listed and used solely as places of residence (for as long as this is actually the case) | 1,890.74 | 4,708,950 |
| 0.03350933 | C (Commercial) | 1,890.74 | 335,356 |
| 0.01202497 | SC (Service Commercial) | 1,890.74 | 122,102 |
| 0.02054691 | TC (Tourist Commercial) | 1,890.74 | 2,349,668 |
| 0.01053231 | LR (Low Density Residential), LMR (Low-Medium Residential) , CL (Community Living), PS (Public Open Space), OR (Organised Recreation), CP (Community Purpose), CN (Conservation), FD (Future Development), SA5 (Specific Use, Lot 8132 Town of Alice Springs) | 1,754 .03 | 17,553,460 |
| 0.00921421 | MR (Medium Density Residential) | 1,623.74 | 2,109,123 |
| 0.01053311 | HR (High Density Residential) | 1,754.03 | 7,689 |
| 0.01473310 | The allotments included in SU (Specific Use) and referred to as SA1, SA3, SA4 and SA6 in Schedule 4 of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme. | 1,890.74 | 436,910 |
| 0.02486157 | Town of Alice Springs Lots 7733, 7734, 7735 & 9308 being the abovementioned allotments differently classed within Zone CB (Central Business) for the purpose of Section 226 (3)(b) of the Act as allotments which are both heritage listed and used solely as places of residence (for as long as this is actually the case) | 1,890.74 | 21,630 |
| 0.02320035 | All units in Unit Plan No. 94/87 situated on Lot 7499 being the abovementioned allotments differently classed within Zone LI (Light Industry) for the purpose of Section 226 (3)(b) of the Act as small allotments. | 435.38 | 11,499 |
| | Conditionally rateable land including mining tenements | | 9,620 |
| 0.00922089 | All other rateable land within the Municipality not otherwise described above. | 1,754.03 | 27,413 |
| 0.01054249 | GI (General Industry), LI (Light Industry), RW (Railway), U (Utilities) | 1,890.74 | 3,111,768 |
| 0.01054249 | Town of Alice Springs Lot 10540 differently classed within Zone LI (Light Industry) for the purpose of Section 226 (3)(b) of the Act as large retail outlet. | 1,843.60 | 33,209 |
| 0.00339294 | Town of Alice Springs Lot 1840 & 4451 differently classed within Zone R (Rural) for the purpose of Section 226 (3)(b) of the Act as caravan parks. | 1,890.74 | 5,538 |
| | Airport Rates | | 108,262 |
| Total Estimated Rates Income 2026/27 | | | 31,780,423 |

Waste Collection and Management Charges

For the 2026/27 financial year, Council will increase the revenue from annual waste collection and management charges by 5.92% across all categories of ratepayers.

Waste collection and management charges are based upon the type of service provided. Council charges a fixed amount for waste management and/or collection. Where an allotment of land consists of separate parts, or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use, the fee is multiplied by the number of separate parts or units on each allotment.

Waste collection and management charges, together with commercial waste disposal income, is used to meet the reasonable costs associated with the collection, disposal and recycling of waste, and funding for landfill restoration and replacement.

The annual waste collection and management charges for 2026/27 are listed below

| Type and Description | Charge Per Annum / \$ | Estimated Demand | Estimated Revenue 2026/27 \$ |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Waste Management Charges where no kerbside service is provided by Council. | 90.23 | 451 | 40,693 |
| Weekly Waste Collection Service (receptacle supplied by Council). | 486.48 | 9,811 | 4,772,855 |
| Additional Waste Collection Service (receptacle supplied by Council). | 408.93 | 1,039 | 424,878 |
| Waste Management Charge where alternative waste arrangements have been made. | 90.23 | 899 | 81,118 |
| TOTAL | | | 5,319,544 |

Thumbs up to recycling at the Regional Waste Management Facility - Commonage Road



Planned Major Capital Works

with projected costing

| Class of Asset | By Major Capital Project | 2025/2026 Budget Revision 2, Forecast Actuals \$ | 2026/27 Budget \$ | 2027/28 Budget \$ | 2028/29 Budget \$ | 2029/30 Budget \$ | 2030/31 Budget \$ | Total Planned Budget \$ | Expected Project Finish |
|----------------|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Roads | Road program (includes roads to recovery projects) | 1,446,943 | 2,750,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | 7,996,943 | Ongoing |
| | Footpath Program | \$350,000 | \$100,000 | \$137,071 | \$137,071 | \$137,071 | 137,071 | 998,284 | Ongoing |
| | Road Reserves Development | 95,000 | | | | | | 95,000 | 2025/2026 |
| Stormwater | Storm Drains Renewal | | | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | 100,000 | 400,000 | Ongoing |
| Waste Facility | Regional Waste Management Facility Capital Improvements | | | \$450,599 | \$450,599 | \$450,599 | 450,599 | 1,802,396 | Ongoing |
| | Shredder/ Crusher | 850,000 | | | | | | 850,000 | 2025/2026 |
| | Compactor | | 750,000 | 750,000 | | | | 1,500,000 | 2027/2028 |
| | Plant RWMF | 672,000 | | | | | | 672,000 | 2025/2026 |
| Libraries | New Library and Renewal | 250,000 | 4,488,000 | 15,222,000 | \$96,102 | \$96,102 | 96,102 | 20,248,306 | Ongoing |
| | Tourism & Visitor Info Fitout | 1,000,000 | 200,000 | 3,600,000 | | | | 4,800,000 | 2027/2028 |
| Cemetery | Cemetery Renewal | | | 108,656 | 108,656 | 108,656 | 108,656 | 434,624 | Ongoing |

Adventures await at Newland Skate & Play Precinct



| Class of Asset | By Major Capital Project | 2025/2026 Budget Revision 2, Forecast Actuals \$ | 2026/27 Budget \$ | 2027/28 Budget \$ | 2028/29 Budget \$ | 2029/30 Budget \$ | 2030/31 Budget \$ | Total Planned Budget \$ | Expected Project Finish |
|---|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Community and Cultural Development | Public Art (incl Aboriginal Monument & Roundabouts) | 184,448 | | | | | | 184,448 | 2025/2026 |
| Sports Facilities | Jim McConville Lights | 2,200,000 | | | | | | 2,200,000 | 2025/2026 |
| | Flynn Drive Lights | 508,308 | | | | | | 508,308 | 2025/2026 |
| | Basketball Flooring | 65,000 | | | | | | 65,000 | 2025/2026 |
| | Sporting Facility Upgrades | | | 4,288,295 | 4,424,875 | 4,424,875 | 4,424,875 | 17,562,920 | Ongoing |
| | CDU Oval Upgrades | 4,082,000 | 918,000 | | | | | 5,000,000 | 2026/2025 |
| Events | Replacement of Equipment-Community Events | | 15,000 | | | | | 15,000 | 2026/2027 |
| CBD | Central Business District Upgrade | 9,948,410 | 8,950,000 | | | | | 18,898,410 | 2026/2027 |
| Parks / Recreation | Regional Skate Park | 6,090,399 | | | | | | 6,090,399 | 2025/2026 |
| | Shade Structures for Parks | 200,000 | | | | | | 200,000 | 2025/2026 |
| | Frances Smith Park Upgrade | 473,716 | 75,000 | | | | | 548,716 | 2026/2027 |
| | Park Upgrades | 983,129 | | | | | | 983,129 | 2025/2026 |
| | Parks Consolidation | 60,000 | 30,000 | | | | | 90,000 | 2026/2027 |
| | Parks and Reserves | 30,000 | | | | | | 30,000 | 2025/2026 |
| Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre | Capital Improvements | | 300,000 | 755,459 | 755,459 | 1,714,921 | 1,714,921 | 5,240,760 | Ongoing |
| | New Kiosk/ Reception Area | 64,000 | | | | | | 64,000 | 2025/2026 |
| | ASALC Solar | | 1,750,000 | | | | | 1,750,000 | 2026/2027 |
| | Plant Upgrades | 36,150 | 750,000 | | | | | 786,150 | 2026/2027 |

| Class of Asset | By Major Capital Project | 2025/2026 Budget Revision 2, Forecast Actuals \$ | 2026/27 Budget \$ | 2027/28 Budget \$ | 2028/29 Budget \$ | 2029/30 Budget \$ | 2030/31 Budget \$ | Total Planned Budget \$ | Expected Project Finish |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Assets | Renewals based on LTFP sustainability | 313,280 | | | 1,906,844 | 3,184,832 | 3,744,113 | 9,149,069 | Ongoing |
| | Hartley St Carpark & Public Toilets | | | 20,272 | 20,272 | 20,272 | 20,272 | 81,088 | Ongoing |
| | Depot Amenities Renewal | 370,421 | 345,403 | 193,043 | 193,043 | 193,043 | 193,043 | 1,487,996 | Ongoing |
| | Childcare Centre | | | 227,275 | 227,275 | \$227,275 | \$227,275 | 909,100 | Ongoing |
| Civic Centre | Civic Centre Renewals | | 140,000 | 369,509 | 369,509 | 369,509 | 369,509 | 1,618,036 | Ongoing |
| | Operational Plant & Vehicles | 810,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 3,810,000 | Ongoing |
| | Security | 40,000 | | | | | | 40,000 | 2025/2026 |
| Corporate Governance | ICT Capital | 200,000 | 460,760 | 100,001 | 82,362 | 92,852 | 92,852 | 1,028,827 | Ongoing |
| | Total | 31,323,204 | 22,622,163 | 27,872,180 | 10,422,067 | 12,670,007 | 13,229,288 | 118,138,911 | |

Serving up at feast at the Newland Skate & Play Precinct





The team working at the 2026 Lunar New Year Pop Up Park

Capital Expenditure

By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

| Capital Expenditure | 2026/27 Budget \$ | 2027/28 Budget \$ | 2028/29 Budget \$ | 2029/30 Budget \$ | 2030/31 Budget \$ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Land and Buildings | 5,173,403 | 19,632,099 | 2,813,045 | 4,091,033 | 4,650,314 |
| Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture) | 13,138,000 | 6,790,080 | 6,926,600 | 7,886,122 | 7,886,122 |
| Plant and Machinery | 3,850,000 | 1,350,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| Other Assets (including furniture and office equipment) | 460,760 | 100,001 | 82,362 | 92,852 | 92,852 |
| Total Capital Expenditure* | 22,622,163 | 27,872,181 | 10,422,067 | 12,670,008 | 13,229,288 |

* Total must equal Capital Expenses amount in the Income and Expenditure Statement

| Total capital expenditure funded by: | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Income (amount allocated to fund capital items) | 4,981,163 | 7,862,181 | 9,472,067 | 11,720,008 | 12,279,288 |
| Capital Grants | 17,541,000 | 15,010,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 |
| Sale of Assets (including trade-ins) | 100,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers from Cash Reserves | 0 | 5,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Capital Expenditure Funding | 22,622,163 | 27,872,181 | 10,422,067 | 12,670,008 | 13,229,288 |

Teams come together at the Jobs Expo 2026



Schedule of Fees & Charges

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
|---|-----------|-----|
| AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE | | |
| <i>*Subject to GST</i> | | |
| Admission Fees | | |
| Adult - Hours: Mon - Fri 8.30am - 7pm, Sat, Sun & Public Holiday 9am - 7pm | 9.00 | * |
| Concession - Pensioner / Veterans / Students | 6.00 | * |
| Children (6 - 16 years old) | 6.00 | * |
| Children (0 - 5 years old) | No charge | |
| Family (2 Adults and Two Children (6-16 years old)) | 22.50 | * |
| Spectator | No charge | |
| Early Morning / Group Fees - Minimum 20 people | | |
| Adult - Early Morning (Mon - Fri 6am - 8.30am) / Group Fees (minimum 20 people) | 6.50 | * |
| Concession - Pensioner / Veterans / Students | 4.50 | * |
| Children (6 - 16 years old) | 4.50 | * |
| Children (0 - 5 years old) | No charge | |
| School Swimming | | |
| ASALC Provided school swimming - Per student, including instructor and lane hire | 9.50 | |
| Independent school swimming - Per student, not including instructor and lane hire | 4.50 | * |
| Spectator | No charge | |
| Full Year Membership | | |
| Adult | 673.00 | * |
| Concession - Pensioner / Veterans / Students | 364.00 | * |
| Children (6 - 16 years old) | 364.00 | * |
| Family (2 Adults and Two Children (6 - 16 years old)) | 1,170.00 | * |
| 3 Months Membership | | |
| Adult | 192.00 | * |
| Concession - Pensioner / Veterans / Students | 108.00 | * |
| Children (6 - 16 years old) | 108.00 | * |
| Family (2 Adults and Two Children (6-16 years old)) | 360.00 | * |
| Swim Cards 10 Entry | | |
| Adult | 72.00 | * |
| Concession - Pensioner / Veterans / Students | 48.00 | * |
| Children - (5 - 16 years old) | 48.00 | * |
| Family (2 Adults and Two Children (5-16 years old)) | 180.00 | * |

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
|---|-----------------|-----|
| Centre Based Programs | | |
| Adult - Including admission fee | 17.50 | * |
| Concession - Pensioner / Veterans / Students - Including admission fee | 12.50 | * |
| Learn to Swim - Per session, paid by term - Including admission fee | 24.00 | |
| Learn to Swim - Private Lesson | 50.00 | |
| Hire - Lane / Pool Space (Per hour) | | |
| Non-Commercial users | 10.00 | * |
| Commercial users | 31.00 | * |
| Hire of entire Pool - 50m / 25m / Indoor LTS / Outdoor LTS (Per hour) | | |
| Non-Commercial users - Not Including lifeguard costs | 72.00 | * |
| Swimming Carnival | 156.50 | * |
| Commercial users - Not including lifeguard costs | 280.00 | * |
| Hire of half Pool - 50m / 25m / Indoor LTS / Outdoor LTS (Per hour) | | |
| Non-Commercial users - Not Including lifeguard costs | 30.00 | * |
| Commercial users - Not including lifeguard costs | 102.00 | * |
| Special Events Hire per hour (whole facility closed to public) | | |
| Monday to Friday - Not including lifeguard costs - Price on application to the CEO until an estimated value of operating costs established | Price on asking | * |
| Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday - Not including lifeguard costs - Price on application to the CEO until an estimated value of operating costs established | Price on asking | * |
| Equipment Hire (Per hour) | | |
| Slides (Minimum 2 hour) – not including minimum 1 lifeguard per hour | 64.00 | * |
| Inflatable Obstacle Course Hire (Minimum 2 hour) – not including minimum 2 lifeguards per hour | 127.00 | * |
| Hire of ASALC BBQ (booking/reservation fee) | 30.00 | * |
| Hire of ASALC Double BBQ (booking/reservation fee) | 50.00 | * |
| Staff Hire | | |
| Lifeguard Fee | Price on asking | * |
| Learn to Swim Instructor | Price on asking | * |
| Training Room Hire | | |
| Short Term (Per hour) | 30.50 | * |
| Full Day (Monday to Sunday per 8 hours) | 144.50 | * |
| Full Weekend (Saturday and Sunday per 16 hours) | 289.00 | * |
| Cleaning Fee (if required) | 60.50 | * |
| Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships | | |
| Adult Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships | 32.00 | * |
| Concession Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships | 18.00 | * |
| Child Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships | 18.00 | * |
| Family Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships | 60.00 | * |

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
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| Direct Debit Dishonour Fee | No charge | |
| Direct Debit Administration Fee | No charge | |
| Mini-Golf Entry (Inclusive of Entry Price) | | |
| Adult | 16.00 | * |
| Child/Concession | 10.00 | * |
| Family (2 Adults and Two Children (6-16 years old)) | 45.00 | * |
| Adult 10-visit pass | 128.00 | * |
| Concession 10-visit pass | 80.00 | * |
| Family 10-visit pass | 405.00 | * |
| Adventure Park Bookings | | |
| Exclusive 2-hr Mini-Golf Course booking | 432.00 | * |
| Mini-Golf Party (12 people max) | 60.00 | * |
| Basketball Court Hire | 54.00 | * |
| Volleyball Court Hire | 54.00 | * |
| ABANDONED VEHICLES | | |
| Release Fees - Vehicles <4.5 GVM and <7.5 metres in length | 439.50 | * |
| Towing Fee - Vehicles <4.5 GVM and <7.5 metres in length. For delivery of unregistered and/or unroadworthy vehicle to address in the jurisdiction of the Alice Springs Town Council. | 155.50 | * |
| Storage Fees - All Vehicles <4.5 GVM and <7.5 metres in length. Fee per day. Charges from date of notification | 9.00 | * |
| Release Fees - Vehicles >4.5 GVM and >7.5 metres in length | 714.50 | * |
| Vehicles < 4.5 GVM & <7.5 metres in length. Difficult or extended removal | 572.00 | * |
| Storage Fees per day - All Vehicles >4.5 GVM and >7.5 metres in length | 43.50 | * |
| <i>Above fees applied under provisions of Australian Road Rules and NT Traffic Regulations</i> | | |
| ANIMALS | | |
| Lifetime Registration Fee - Sterilised dog/cat registered with microchip | 171.50 | |
| Lifetime Registration Fee - Entire dog/cat registered with microchip | 384.00 | |
| Lifetime Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Sterilised dog/cat registered with microchip | 80.50 | |
| Lifetime Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Entire dog /cat registered with microchip | 178.50 | |
| Lifetime Registration Fee - Aged sterilised dog/cat with microchip | 86.50 | |
| Lifetime Registration Fee - Aged entire dog/cat with microchip | 192.00 | |
| Renewal Annual Registration Fee - Sterilised dog/cat | 65.00 | |
| Renewal Annual Registration Fee - Entire dog/cat | 178.50 | |
| Renewal Annual Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Sterilised dog/cat | 29.50 | |
| Renewal Annual Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Entire dog/cat | 85.50 | |
| New Annual Registration Fee - Sterilised dog/cat per month from date of application to 30 June | 6.50 | |
| New Annual Registration Fee - Entire dog/cat per month from date of application to 30 June | 16.00 | |
| New Annual Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Sterilised dog/cat per month from date of application to 30 June | 4.00 | |
| New Annual Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Entire dog/cat per month from date of application to 30 June | 8.00 | |
| Annual Declaration Fee - Declared dog | 176.50 | |
| Transfer of Lifetime Registration from another Council of a dog/cat fitted with an implant. | 63.00 | |

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
|---|--|-----|
| Dogs registered as a Guide dogs, Hearing Dogs & Therapy Dog with an implant - Lifetime Registration at no charge as per Council decision #14873. | No Charge | |
| Registration Transfer Fee for dog/cat previously registered as a Lifetime Registration with the Alice Springs Town Council. Conditions of previous registration will be carried over. | 25.00 | |
| Microchip Implant Service - Only if trained staff available. | 35.00 | |
| Renewal Annual Kennel Licence - Standard fee | 227.00 | |
| Renewal Annual Kennel Licence - Pensioner fee | 85.00 | |
| New Kennel Licence - Standard fee per month from date of application to 30 June | 19.50 | |
| New Kennel Licence - Pensioner fee from date of application to 30 June | 8.00 | |
| Alice Springs Town Council Animal Shelter | | |
| Adoption (already sterilised): Cat | 140.00 | * |
| Adoption (already sterilised): Dog | 170.00 | * |
| Adoption (includes sterilisation): Cat | 320.00 | * |
| Adoption (includes sterilisation): Female dog over 50kg | 650.00 | * |
| Adoption (includes sterilisation): Female dog under 50kg | 500.00 | * |
| Adoption (includes sterilisation): Male dog over 50kg | 550.00 | * |
| Adoption (includes sterilisation): Male dog under 50kg | 430.00 | * |
| Adoption: Other animal | 300.00 | * |
| Animal carrier deposit | \$200 – <i>refundable upon return</i> | |
| Boarding for animals with special needs/medication | \$3 extra per day | * |
| Boarding per day (with owner provided food): Cat | 25.00 | * |
| Boarding per day (with owner provided food): Dog (15-29kg) | 41.00 | * |
| Boarding per day (with owner provided food): Dog (2-14kg) | 36.00 | * |
| Boarding per day (with owner provided food): Dog (30-49kg) | 47.00 | * |
| Boarding per day (with owner provided food): Dog (50+kg) | 52.00 | * |
| Boarding per day: Cat | 28.00 | * |
| Boarding per day: Dog (15-29kg) | 44.50 | * |
| Boarding per day: Dog (2-14kg) | 39.00 | * |
| Boarding per day: Dog (30-49kg) | 50.00 | * |
| Boarding per day: Dog (50+kg) | 55.50 | * |
| Handover of seized animals to the ASTC | 276.00 | |
| Holding fee per day: Seized dog or cat | \$25 per animal | |
| Holding fee per day: Seized other animal – over 50kg | \$75 per animal | |
| Holding fee per day: Seized other animal – under 50kg | \$50 per animal | |
| Pound Release Fee - Dogs/Cats - Registered animal on impoundment. Includes sustenance for first 48 hours. | 171.00 | |
| Pound Release Fee - Dogs/Cats - Unregistered animal on impoundment. Includes sustenance for first 48 hours. | 345.00 | |
| Pound Release Fee - Other animals on impoundment | 204.50 | |
| Reimbursement for services rendered - Rangers | At Cost | * |

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
|---|------------------------------|-----|
| Sustenance for dogs & cats - Incurred after 48 hours - per day | 28.00 | * |
| Sustenance for other animals (inc live stock) - Incurred after 48 hours - per day | 46.00 | * |
| Veterinary assessment and/or treatment of impounded animals | At cost - payable on release | * |
| Veterinary assessment and/or treatment of seized animals | At cost | * |
| BURIAL SERVICES | | |
| Burial Fees | | |
| Adult -1st Interment | 2,245.00 | |
| Adult - 2nd Interment (upon Council Approval) | 2,875.00 | |
| Child - (burial in children's section) | 1,095.00 | |
| Hand fill rate (additional, prior booking required) | 500.00 | |
| Interment of Ashes (Plaques Not Included) | | |
| Rose Garden Ashes Interment | 1,306.50 | |
| Niche Wall Ashes Interment | 1,525.00 | |
| Family Plot Ashes Internment (Maximum 2 per plot) | 630.00 | |
| Exclusive Right of Burial | | |
| Adult - Plot (Includes admin fee and certificate, payment is required on application. To be held for 20 years only. Non-transferable.) | 2,540.00 | |
| Adult Ashes - Niche (Includes admin fee and certificate, payment is required on application. To be held for 20 years only. Non-transferable.) | 1,165.00 | |
| Adult Ashes - Rose Garden (Includes admin fee and certificate, payment is required on application. To be held for 20 years only. Non-transferable.) | 945.00 | |
| Replacement of an Exclusive Right of Burial Certificate | 25.00 | |
| <i>Above certificate required to reserve grave (single or double). Must be paid for on application.</i> | | |
| Fees for the purchase of plaques. Allows for 2 changes on proof sheet only | | |
| Standard Bronze Plaque - 145mm x 115mm (Only includes 8 Lines of Text) & Includes installation | 332.00 | * |
| Medium Bronze Plaque - 305mm x 230mm (Only includes 8 Lines of Text) | 503.50 | * |
| Large Bronze Plaque - 280mm x 380mm (Only includes 8 Lines of Text) | 751.50 | * |
| Extra lines of text - Per Line | 19.50 | * |
| Other Charges | | |
| Cleaning and security deposits all facilities. GST applies to forfeiture of deposit. | 431.50 | * |
| Hire of Chapel - (Up to four hours) | 510.00 | * |
| After hours fee (hourly rate for 3 staff). After 2:00pm weekdays and all day Saturday | 280.00/hr | * |
| Headstone Application Fee including permit | 134.00 | * |
| Cancellation of burial (after plot preparation) | 720.00 | |
| Rescheduling a burial - per week after plot preparation, or part thereof | 595.00 | |
| Council Exhumation Fee - Ashes from Niche Wall / Rose Gardens - CEO approval required | 237.50 | * |
| Council Exhumation Fee - CEO approval required | At Cost plus GST | |
| Council research services - per hour - minimum of 1 hour | 70.00 | * |

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
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| CIVIC CENTRE PUBLIC TOILETS | | |
| Shower | 8.00 | * |
| Shower - including towel and soap | 16.00 | * |
| DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT | | |
| <i>Development Permit - Includes plan assessments and plan approval - per application</i> | | |
| Extensions and sheds/carports to existing structures (SD, MD, RR, CP) - includes 1 site visit | 150.00 | * |
| Extensions and sheds/carports - for small additions to existing Commercial / Industrial structures (MR, C, CB, HR, LI, GI, CV, DV - Development all other zones) - includes 1 site visit | 250.00 | * |
| Single Dwelling (SD, RR, CP) - includes up to 2 site visits | 421.50 | * |
| Multiple Dwelling Fee (1 to 4 units - per application) - Includes up to 2 site visits | 1,120.00 | * |
| Multiple Dwelling Fee - (5 or more units - per application) - Includes up to 2 site visits | 1,399.50 | * |
| Commercial / Industrial (MR, C, CB, HR, LI, GI, CV, DV - Development all other zones) - Includes up to 2 site visits | 1,679.00 | * |
| Unit Titles / Consolidation / subdivision application accompanying a Multiple Dwelling application (requesting clearance) or within 12 months post Part 5 clearance for recent development | 280.50 | * |
| Unit Titles / Consolidation / Subdivision application for Multiple Dwelling application (requesting clearance) after 12 months post Part 5 clearance for recent development | 560.00 | * |
| Development Assessment Fee – Permit Variations, Alteration Permits, Change of Use, Assessment of Amended Design Drawings, Community Facilities (Fee per hour) | 280.50 | * |
| Subdivision / Consolidation without construction and handover of infrastructure | 280.50 | * |
| Commercial / Industrial Development Fee - Additional fee if infrastructure is to be handed over to Council | 1.85% of value of infrastructure being handed to Council | |
| Additional site visits (Fee per hour) | 280.50 | |
| <i>Assessment of Development Permit Conditions, Clearances and other related development works (in addition to Development Permit Assessment)</i> | | |
| Assessment and approval of a Traffic Impact Assessment | 400.00 | * |
| Assessment of dilapidation report (provided by applicant) | 350.00 | * |
| Clearance letter - includes 1 final inspection | 130.00 | * |
| Additional inspection | 100.00 | * |
| External Technical Assessment & Peer Review Fee: Stormwater management Plans and Traffic Impact Assessment | Cost+15% | * |
| In addition to the standard Application and Inspection fees, the applicant is responsible for the reimbursement of all costs incurred by Council for external peer reviews or specialist technical advice necessary to process the application. These costs are charged at the actual invoiced rate to Council (GST inclusive) | Cost+15% | * |
| Headworks and Infrastructure being handed over to Council | | |
| Subdivision Plan Approval Fee | 1.85% of value of infrastructure being handed to Council | |
| Subdivision Handover and Final Inspection Fee | 1.85% of value of infrastructure being handed to Council | |



Fun at the Australia Day Splash Party

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
|---|-----------|-----|
| ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS | | |
| Payments made by credit card | 0.7% | |
| Payments made by debit card - No surcharge/no fee | No charge | |
| Fee for the tracing of a bank transaction | At cost | * |
| HIRE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES | | |
| Council Lawns - Hire per day (Public Places Permit) | 120.50 | * |
| Hire of Ovals & Grounds | | |
| Cleaning and security deposits (Refundable) all facilities. GST applies to forfeiture of deposit. | 453.50 | * |
| Key deposits - All facilities (Refundable). GST applies to forfeiture of deposit | 255.50 | * |
| Albrecht Oval. Oval hire - all users - per day | 224.50 | * |
| Albrecht Oval. Oval hire - 2 hours only | 50.00 | * |
| Albrecht Oval. Bill Waudby Pavilion - all users - per day | 268.50 | * |
| Flynn Drive Oval - Oval hire. Per day | 224.50 | * |
| Flynn Drive Oval - Oval hire - 2 hours only | 50.00 | * |
| Flynn Drive Oval hire lighting. (Recover actual fees incurred) | At cost | * |
| Jim McConville Oval (AFL) - Oval hire. Per day | 224.50 | * |
| Jim McConville Oval (AFL) - Oval hire - 2 hours only | 50.00 | * |
| Jim McConville Oval - Cricket nets hire. Per day | 164.50 | * |
| Jim McConville Oval - Softball / Baseball Diamonds hire. Per day | 188.50 | * |
| Rhonda Diano Oval - Oval hire. Per day | 224.50 | * |
| Rhonda Diano Oval - Oval hire - 2 hours only | 50.00 | * |
| Ross Park - Main Oval - hire. Per day (Lighting not included) | 449.00 | * |
| Ross Park - Soccer Oval hire. Per day | 224.50 | * |
| Ross Park - Soccer Oval hire - 2 hours only | 100.00 | * |
| Ross Park - Cricket nets hire. Per day | 164.50 | * |
| Ross Park hire lighting. (Recover actual fees incurred) | At cost | * |
| Sadadeen Oval - Oval hire. Per day | 178.00 | * |
| Sadadeen Oval - Oval hire - 2 hours only | 50.00 | * |
| Sadadeen Oval - Cricket nets hire. Per day | 164.50 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Oval hire. Per day | 555.50 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Oval hire - 2 hours only | 130.00 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Cricket nets hire. Per day | 191.50 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grassed Hockey field hire. Per day | 178.00 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grassed Hockey field hire - 2 hours only | 50.00 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - All playing fields hire lighting. (Recover actual fees incurred) | At cost | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grandstand hire. Per day ground floor only | 335.00 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grandstand hire. Per day 1st or 2nd floor only | 224.00 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grandstand hire. Per day full grandstand | 555.50 | * |
| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Lyle Kempster Baseball Diamond. Per day | 241.50 | * |

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
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| TIO Traeger Park Oval - Mona's Lounge. Per day | 736.50 | * |
| <i>Hire of Plant & Equipment</i> | | |
| Reimbursement for services rendered - Plant & Equipment - For any Depot works performed | At cost | * |
| Reimbursement for services rendered - Plant & Equipment - For any CCS works performed | At cost | * |
| Mobile Toilet Small - Hire fee. Dual Cubicle Portales | 402.50 | * |
| Mobile Toilet - Refundable Deposit. GST payable if forfeited | 764.50 | * |
| <i>ALICE SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY</i> | | |
| Photocopying and printing - Single sided A4 (B&W) | 0.20 | * |
| Photocopying and printing - Single sided A4 (Colour) | 1.00 | * |
| Photocopying and printing - Double sided A4 (B&W) | 0.40 | * |
| Photocopying and printing - Double sided A4 (Colour) | 2.00 | * |
| Photocopying and printing - Single sided A3 (B&W) | 0.40 | * |
| Photocopying and printing - Single sided A3 (Colour) | 2.00 | * |
| Photocopying and printing - Double sided A3 (B&W) | 0.80 | * |
| Photocopying and printing - Double sided A3 (Colour) | 4.00 | * |
| <i>(Photocopying services provided at other Council sites will be charged at the same rates as above)</i> | | |
| Wi-Fi service within Library - 2-hour limit | No charge | |
| Inter - Library loan request from a public library | At cost | * |
| Inter - Library loan request from a non-public library | At cost | * |
| Programs & events | At cost | * |
| Lost or damaged items | At cost | * |
| Library replacement member card | 1.00 | * |
| <i>Fees for the hire of the Library Multi-Purpose Room</i> | | |
| Commercial users. Per hour. | 51.50 | * |
| Commercial users. Half day rate (Four hours). | 192.00 | * |
| Commercial users. Full day rate. (8 hours or more) | 319.00 | * |
| Non-Commercial users. Per hour. | 27.00 | * |
| Non-Commercial users. Half day rate (Four hours). | 77.00 | * |
| Non-Commercial users. Full day rate. (Eight hours or more) | 128.00 | * |
| Extra cleaning following hire of room | 131.00 | * |
| Lost or damaged equipment/property | Cost of replacement | * |
| <i>Other Charges</i> | | |
| Dishonour Fee - Cheques / Direct Debits | No charge | |
| Town Crier - Fee per hour. On application and subject to approval. | 91.50 | * |
| <i>PERMITS - PUBLIC PLACES</i> | | |
| <i>Permit required by Part 1 By-law 8 of the Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-laws 2009</i> | | |
| Public Places - to conduct a public meeting, entertainment activity, and organised recreation, fee per day. | 186.50 | |

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
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| Public Places - a community organisation to conduct a public meeting, entertainment activity, and organised recreation. The fee amount is determined by the type and class of permit, and the period required by the permit. | 120.50 | |
| Public Places - A Frame - One per business. Permit required by Part 2.4 By-law 25 of the Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-laws 2009. | No charge | |
| Public Places - any other permit referred to by the By-law, permit fee. Any other permit required by the Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) 2009 By-law. | 120.50 | |
| Alfresco Cafes, fee per sq. m per week. | No charge | |
| Public Places - stallholders includes food vans. Applies to stallholders for permit required by Part 2.3 of the Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-law 2009. | 418.00 | |
| Permits - Todd Mall | | |
| Sunday Markets, fee per market day. Permit required by Part 2.3 By-Law 18 of Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-law 2009. | 157.50 | |
| Night Markets | | |
| Stall - 3m x 3m (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | No charge | |
| Stall - 3m x 3m. Powered (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | No charge | |
| Stall - 6m x 3m. Powered (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | No charge | |
| Christmas Markets | | |
| Stall - 3m x 3m (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | No charge | |
| Stall - 3m x 3m. Powered (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | No charge | |
| Stall - 6m x 3m. Powered (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) | No charge | |
| Painting Seller's Permit for Flynn Church Lawns. Fee per 3 months. | 65.00 | |
| Publications & Freedom of Information | | |
| Municipal Plan and/or Annual Report. Free upon request. Limit to one per ratepayer | No charge | |
| Information Act - Photocopying - Per Black & White A4 size | As prescribed | |
| Information Act - Photocopying - Other than above | As prescribed | |
| Information Act - Photocopying - Per hour | As prescribed | |
| Information Act - Fee per Application | As prescribed | |
| Information Act - Dealing with Application per hour | As prescribed | |
| Information Act - Supervision Access per Hour | As prescribed | |
| Information Act - Delivery, Package & Post | As prescribed | |
| Information Act - Advance Deposit - 25% of Estimated Costs | As prescribed | |
| Rates and Debtors | | |
| Rates Search Fees includes Search Certificate. For each property with the written request in the required format. Same Day. (Must be received prior to 2pm) | 143.50 | * |
| Rates Search Fees includes Search Certificate. For each property with the written request in the required format. 24hr prior notice | 72.50 | * |
| Reprint of Rate notice - Current Year - Per copy | 20.00 | * |
| Reprint of Rate notice - Prior Year - Per copy | 27.00 | * |
| Provision of Written Confirmation (Owners details) | 15.50 | * |
| Cost of collecting outstanding debts | At cost | * |
| Interest charged on outstanding debt balances. If instalments are not received by the due dates, a penalty will apply on the outstanding amount from the due date until the due payment is received. This penalty is per annum and calculated on a daily basis. All remaining instalments are due on the dates specified in the rates declaration notice and will not incur a penalty unless overdue. | 18% | |



Heating up the BBQ the Australia Day Splash Party

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
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| REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (RWMF) | | |
| Burial | | |
| Confidential information/asbestos. 24 hours' notice is required at the RWMF. A minimum charge of \$500.00 applies. Fee per tonne. | 517.50 | * |
| Domestic animal by burial. 4 hours' notice is required at the RWMF. Fee per animal. | 62.00 | * |
| Food surrender. Fee per tonne. 4 hours' notice is required at the RWMF for burial. | 401.50 | |
| Cardboard Disposal | | |
| Cardboard - Residential. | No charge | |
| Cardboard - Commercial. Fee per tonne | 109.50 | * |
| Cardboard - Commercial. Contaminated / un-sorted. Handling Fee in addition to fee per tonne | 72.50 | * |
| Hazardous Waste | | |
| Chemicals disposal. Fee per 20L or part thereof. Residential chemical disposal up to 20L (includes motor oil, coolant, any household chemicals, shed chemicals) | 13.00 | * |
| Gas Bottles disposal. Fee per empty gas cylinder | 77.50 | * |
| Liquid Waste (Commercial Car Wash and Grease Trap only) . Fee per tonne | 258.50 | * |
| Car batteries disposal - Residential/Commercial | No charge | |
| Domestic Lithium Batteries (excludes residential power bank batteries) | No charge | |
| Construction/ Demolition / Concrete / Metals / Timber / Rocks > 10cm Disposals | | |
| Bitumen disposal. Fee per tonne | 176.50 | * |
| Separated/Clean. Fee per tonne. | 176.50 | * |
| Mixed. Fee per tonne. | 258.50 | * |
| Clean Fill disposal - Excavated / Muddy Water / Rocks < 10 cm | No charge | |
| E Waste Disposals | | |
| Mobile phones/Digital Cameras & iPods | No charge | |
| E Waste - Commercial - handling fee \$25 per item | 26.00 | * |
| General Waste Disposal | | |
| General waste disposal - Commercial. Fee per tonne. (Rounded down to nearest whole dollar). Commercial vehicles including flatbed and dual axle vehicles, vans and caged trailers will be weighed & charged. | 176.00 | * |
| General waste disposal - Residential. Domestic Vehicle. *Commercial fee will apply if building materials are present or if in a commercial vehicle. | 6.50 | * |
| General waste disposal - Fee per 1.8m by 1.2m single axle box trailer with no caged sides, small domestic vehicle - Non-Commercial. (Rounded up to the nearest whole dollar) | 17.50 | * |
| General waste disposal for rural residents. Fee per bin. | 3.50 | * |
| Green Waste | | |
| Green Waste disposal- Residential. | No charge | |
| Green Waste - Commercial. Fee per tonne. | 93.00 | * |
| Green Waste - Commercial Mixed/Unsorted where mixed/rubbish is present. Cost per tonne. | 170.50 | * |
| Handling Fee in addition to weight. | 46.50 | |

| Fee Description | 2026/27 | GST |
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| Light bulbs disposal | | |
| Fluorescent light bulbs, HID lamps (unbroken) - Residential | No charge | |
| Fluorescent light bulbs (unbroken) - Commercial. Fee per item | No charge | |
| HID lamp (unbroken) - Commercial. Fee per item | 2.50 | * |
| Mattress / Couch Disposals | | |
| All mattresses and couches (up to 3 seater). Fee per item | 41.50 | * |
| Tyre Disposals | | |
| Tyres disposal - all types (not mining/industrial truck tyres). Fee per tonne. | 1,346.00 | * |
| Tyres disposal - Domestic car and motor cycle. Fee per tyre. | 46.50 | * |
| Tyres disposal - all other vehicles (not mining/industrial truck tyres). Fee per tyre. | 111.50 | * |
| Tyres disposal - shredded | 176.50 | * |
| Whitegoods | | |
| Free Drop-off for Whitegoods at the RWMF - 1st Saturday of every month. 1 per adult person. | No Charge | |
| Whitegoods disposal - No Refridgerant - Fee per item. Must come with the certificate of degassing | 17.50 | * |
| Whitegoods disposal - No Refridgerant - Fee per tonne. Must come with the certificate of degassing | 176.50 | * |
| Whitegoods disposal - With Refridgerant - Fee per item | 93.00 | * |
| White goods must be clean and free of food waste, otherwise \$400 burial fee will occur due to biohazards of rotting food. | | |
| Items for Sale | | |
| Firewood. Cost per tonne. | 150.00 | * |
| Firewood. Cost per ute load. | 50.00 | * |
| Glass, processed. Cost per kilogram (Rounded down to the whole nearest dollar) | 3.00 | * |
| Glass, processed. Cost per tonne | 90.00 | * |
| Mulch. Cost per 1m3 | 40.00 | * |
| Mulch. Cost per 6m3 (includes delivery within municipal area) | 250.00 | * |
| Rocks. Cost per tonne | 100.00 | * |



Australia Day Fun Run, Walk or Roll 2026



A cool moment - helping choose the right skates for the Summer School Holidays Ice Skating Program

| ROADS, VERGES AND PARKING | | |
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| Central Area Parking Contribution - CBD Area - per bay | 7530.50 | |
| Road Closure - Permit fee (Once off charge to cover costs) | 250.00 | |
| Road Closure - All work within or adjacent to Council controlled road requiring traffic management plan Permit fee CAT 2 | 470.00 | |
| Road Closure - All work within or adjacent to Council controlled road requiring traffic management plan Permit fee CAT 3 | 1,410.00 | |
| Erection of a Sign - advertising hoardings / erection of a sign, permit fee. All signs visible from a public place with or without impact to traffic or pedestrians (Weekly rate) - Validity maximum period 1 week | 235.00 | |
| Planned Works within road reserve for Public Utility and Government Agencies services - Validity maximum period 1 week | 250.00 | |
| Verge Landscaping. All landscaping within or upon the verge on a Council controlled road - Validity maximum period 3 years | No charge | |
| Stormwater Discharge - New/ or Alterations to existing. All stormwater related trenching and pipe work within a Council controlled road reserve and reinstatement of Council Infrastructure (Weekly rate) - Validity maximum period 1 week | 235.00 | |
| Residential, Rural Residential, Commercial, Industrial and other classification works within road reserve. Fencing works, new/ or alterations to driveway crossover including placement of temporary skip bins and shipping containers on the verge - Validity maximum period 1 week | 125.00 | |
| Placement of skip bins or shipping containers on road reserve within the CBD Zone. Validity maximum period 1 week | 175.00 | |
| Planned Road Works for Road Opening/Closure/change of traffic conditions - works which require Traffic Management Plan review and approval (Weekly rate) - Validity maximum 7 days | 345.00 | |
| Annual Fee for Emergency Works by utility and essential service providers (works related to street lights, water and sewerage) provided by Public Utility and Government Utility Providers includes reviewing of TMP and approval. | 320.00 | |
| Annual Fee for Maintenance of Assets for works within road reserve (works related to CCTV, stormwater, network infrastructure and roads) - Public Utility and Government Providers includes reviewing of TMP and approval. | 320.00 | |
| Hartley Street Car Park Permit, fee per year. Limited number of permits available. | 554.00 | |
| Disability Parking Permits - Individuals | 11.50 | |
| Disability Parking Permits-Organisations | 20.00 | |
| Laneway closure application fee | 1,600.00 | |
| SHOPPING TROLLEY | | |
| Release fee per Impounded Shopping Trolley | 217.00 | |
| <i>Above fees applied as per Shopping Trolley By-Laws</i> | | <i>*Subject to GST</i> |

Handing out yearly calenders and School Holiday Programs to the community





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*Front Cover: Preschool Storytime at the Alice Springs Public Library
Back Cover: All smiles during the flood clean up*