

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2022 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

13. RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN OPEN

14. Opening of the Open Meeting by the Mayor (Chair) and Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **11:15am** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Mayor Matt Paterson acknowledged the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

Mayor Matt Paterson reminded that this meeting is being recorded and will be placed on Council's website. By speaking at a Council meeting, you agree to being recorded. Alice Springs Town Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council meeting.

Media present – ABC Alice Springs

PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson (Chair)

Deputy Mayor E. Melky

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor A. Bitar

Councillor S. Brown

Councillor J Cocking

Councillor M. Coffey

Councillor K. Hopper

Councillor M. Liddle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr J. van Riel – Acting Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development

Mr M. Goode – Acting Director Technical Services

Mr A. Geppa – Media Officer

Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

15. PRAYER

Pastor Gavin Brown, Alice Springs Baptist Church

16. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

17. WELCOME

18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

18.1 Russell North – Resident

Mr North asked what is being done with Bath Street and the stalled construction. The CEO responded that he believes that the Northern Territory Government are waiting for trees to be planted but that he will check and respond accordingly.

Mr North went on to ask about the maintenance works on Anzac Hill.

The Acting Director Technical Services responded that these are works for additional flag poles. The design has been altered since but the works are due to be completed in the next 6 weeks and they will be protected for the Anzac Day service.

Mr North asked about the barricade outside Red Rooster on the corner of the Stuart Highway and Parson Street and who is responsible for this as he believes it's been like that for two years.

The Mayor responded that he will check as to what kind of infrastructure it is and respond.

Mr North asked about Todd Mall and the area outside the old Gem Cave store and the steps that have been constructed – it's a tripping hazard, the steps haven't been completed and there is a barricade still around it.

The Mayor took the question on notice.

Mr North asked about the Seniors Co-ordinating Committee – the last two meetings have been cancelled following the lack of a quorum and asked if Council could assist in gathering people to the meetings. An update needs to be made on the membership list and contact made with the senior groups in town.

The Mayor responded that there is currently a review being made on all the committee's and this will form part of that review.

Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 11.26am

Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 11.31am

18.2 Sandy Taylor – Resident (Former Alderman)

Ms Taylor asked about Anzac Hill and the flag installation.

The Acting Director Technical Services responded that even though the flags won't have been installed by then, the area will be tidied up before Anzac Day.

Ms Taylor went on to ask about the mowing of the verges as there are areas that are making it hard to see other vehicles at intersections with the grass being so long. How will Council be tackling the problem? What is the program around mowing?

The Mayor responded that there have been 36 applicants for the Vergecare program who have been successful. Six casual staff have been hired to assist with the mowing and discussions with Corrections are ongoing around the policy change on insurance.

The Acting Director Technical Services reiterated that response.

19. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

19.1 Deputy Mayor Melky – Item 27.3.3 – Community Grants Program

19.2 Councillor Coffey – Anzac Oval

19.3 Councillor Bitar – Anzac Oval

20. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

20.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 22 February, 2022

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 22 February, 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22098)

20.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

20.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Item 7.2.12 – Albrecht Oval update

Councillor Hopper asked for an update following the letter being sent to the Minister.

The Mayor responded that there hasn't been an update yet from Minister Worden.

20.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Item 8.2.1 – Youth Apprenticeships Program

Councillor Hopper asked for the information to be circulated to the Elected Members on this program.

Discussion ensued.

The Mayor gave a verbal update and will send the information to the Elected Members following this meeting.

20.2.3 Councillor Hopper - Item 14.4.2.7 – Tree Works Program

Councillor Hopper asked about the program being shared with Elected Members.

The CEO responded that he will check but that he was advised that the information is located in the Elected Member Queries. He will also send a copy of the program to the Elected Members.

20.2.4 Councillor Bitar – Item 14.4.2.6 – Amendment to the Minutes

Councillor Bitar asked for an amendment to be made with the words "for road and infrastructure projects" be added.

21. MAYORAL REPORT

21.1 Mayor's Report
Report No. 38 / 22 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED (22099)

21.2 Business Arising from the Report

21.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Correspondence included in the report

Councillor Hopper asked why it took so long for some of the correspondence to be circulated to the Elected Members.

The Mayor responded that they were missed in previous months' reports

Councillor Hopper asked that if correspondence is received with important information that it be shared with the Elected Members.

21.2.2 Councillor Brown – Item 1.20 - Meeting with Robyn Lambley

Councillor Brown asked if the ablution block issues at Jim McConville oval were discussed

The Mayor responded that the issues around Jim McConville oval have been passed onto the CEO. Also discussed was Newland Park.

The CEO responded that a response has been sent back to Robyn on both these matters and will also be circulated to the Elected Member's

21.2.3 Councillor Cocking – Attachment I – HMAS Arunta correspondence.

Councillor Cocking asked that they be invited to Anzac Day and also involve the Arrernte community.

The Mayor responded that this will be taken on board within the response.

21.2.4 Deputy Mayor Melky – Elected Member Support

Deputy Mayor Melky asked the Mayor if from all the meetings attended, was there anything specific that he needed to receive support for by the Elected Members.

The Mayor responded that this has already been addressed in the above discussions.

21.2.5 Deputy Mayor Melky – CEO Review Policy

Deputy Mayor Melky asked if this is part of the Mayoral report or will it appear later in the meeting.

The Mayor responded that it will form part of this report.

21.2.6 Councillor Coffey – Attachment L – Dog Obedience Club

Councillor Coffey asked if this request has been resolved.

The Mayor responded that Council are assisting with the in-kind request and liaising with RWMF.

21.2.7 Councillor Cocking – Item 1.19 – AFLNT

Councillor Cocking asked if there has been a framework established around reporting back.

The Mayor responded that AFLNT have been invited back to early in the season to provide an update and provide an outline on any instances that have occurred. Sam Gibson has asked that his thanks be passed on around AFLNT having the opportunity to work together.

21.2.8 Councillor Banks – Correspondence from Member for Barkly

Councillor Banks asked if the Mayor met with Steve Edgington personally?

The Mayor responded that this was a letter that was forwarded on by Mr Edgington following the crime crisis letter.

Discussion ensued.

21.2.9 Deputy Mayor Melky – Attendance at the Chamber of Commerce

Deputy Mayor Melky asked that the business that was discussed be taken from that meeting and acted upon.

The Mayor elaborated on this correspondence following his meetings before the one that was attended by him along with the Elected Members.

The Mayor has been asked to join the Committee as an ex-officio member.

21.2.10 CEO Performance Review Outline

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That Council adopt the Draft CEO Performance Review Outline and seek legal oversight of the document before final approval.

CARRIED (22100)

The Mayor gave an overview of the process. The document presented is used elsewhere within the Territory and has been prepared with the assistance of the Northern Territory Government.

Discussion ensued.

22. ORDERS OF THE DAY

22.1 That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

- 22.1.1 Deputy Mayor Melky - Chamber of Commerce Correspondence
- 22.1.2 Deputy Mayor Melky – NTG funding announcements
- 22.1.3 Deputy Mayor Melky – Anzac Oval acquisition
- 22.1.4 Councillor Hopper – High-Flow Water Repair
- 22.1.5 Councillor Liddle – Central Land Council Ranger Group and verge maintenance
- 22.1.6 Councillor Cocking – Buffel and African Lovegrass management
- 22.1.7 Councillor Bitar – Kilgariff announcement forward planning
- 22.1.8 Councillor Banks – Violence in schools
- 22.1.9 Deputy Mayor Melky – Central Australia Football League use of ovals

*Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 12noon
Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 12.03pm*

23. MEMORIALS

23.1 Mr Paul Hassett

Paul Cameron Hassett born on the 2nd July 1950 and passed away on the 28th February 2022.

Paul was born in Melbourne and relocated to Alice Springs as a child. He hit the ground running, by holding the small gate open for HM the Queen Elizabeth during her visit to Central Australia. His parents, Valerie and Don, dining with the Queen and Prince Philip at the Todd Tavern.

He went to boarding school at All Souls, Charters Towers, but decided at the very last minute that it wasn't for him and left before completing his year 12 exams.

His mother and brother were working at Ansett so Paul joined the ground crew where it became one of his favourite jobs, perhaps even his very favourite. Hiding behind a tree during the plane hijacking in 1972, he did wonder how a skinny tree would have saved him from any gunfire!

Paul could turn his hand to anything and he did. From having his own pest control business and getting the nickname of Hassett the Cocky Cruncher, running Kay Rent a Car, to managing Katherine Lodge, real estate, an ice cream shop, being a publican, selling second-hand wares and running a very busy tyre business, and also an auctioneer extraordinaire, his career was extremely varied.

His real estate career lasted decades with him working for Asreal, Terry Weeks and then having his own agency.

He managed to fit in an extraordinary amount of charity work and there are too many organisations to mention. He helped all of those and then individuals that needed funds to get back on their feet after an accident or illness.

In the year 2000, he was a torch bearer during the Sydney Olympics. Number 38. He ran around a section of Uluru with his grandchildren running behind him. He absolutely loved that, was immensely proud of being nominated and being included.

He had great success in sport as well, across the Territory, winning many championships at golf, lawn bowls and had a passion for horse racing, over the years owning many race horses.

Survived by his only child, Wendy and grandchildren Billy and Sophie - Dad, Paul, Hassett, will be sorely missed by a great many that loved and knew him.

Thank you to Wendy O'Neill for providing the memorial.

Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 12.04pm

Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 12.06pm

24. PETITIONS

Nil

25. NOTICES OF MOTION

25.1 Councillor Bitar – Cloth Nappy Rebate Trial Proposal

It is estimated that each child uses between 5,000 and 6,000 nappies by the time the child is toilet trained. This is a huge cost for families and a lot of nappies destined for our landfill. Alice Springs had 1800 children under four at the last census. A cloth nappy rebate is one small step in reducing waste.

Community benefits from a cloth nappy rebate include:

- Reduction in waste at landfill
- Flow on effect for local business. A number of local businesses sell modern cloth nappies.
- Financial savings for families. While the initial cost is quite high, between \$200 and \$800 per family, the cost of disposables is much higher, estimated at \$5,000 per child. Families are able to reuse the cloth nappies for siblings.
- Protection from stock shortages

To be eligible for the rebate families are encouraged to register with Birth and Beyond for their cloth nappy workshop. This workshop is run 4 times a year with and the presenter is an Alice Springs resident. By attending the workshop families are supported to be successful with cloth nappies. All previous workshops run by Birth and Beyond have had full attendance.

To claim the rebate families, take a photo of their receipt along with proof of residency and complete a form emailed to Council. Council will provide a maximum rebate of up to \$100 per family.

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That Alice Springs Town Council encourage waste reduction by providing:

- 1. A Cloth Nappy Rebate trial from July 2022 for total expense of \$4,000.**
- 2. Provide for a workshop presenter to a total contribution of \$800 for four workshops**

CARRIED (22101)

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 12.09pm

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 12.12pm

25.2 Councillor Banks – Advocacy Statement

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That Item 25.2 – Councillor Banks Advocacy Statement be moved to following the CEO Report

CARRIED (22102)

26. FINANCE

26.1 Finance Report
Report No. 29 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22103)

26.2 Business Arising from the Report

26.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Term Deposit Re-invested

Councillor Hopper asked when the investments review will take place.

The CEO responded that the policy is currently under review but the budget has taken precedence. Information around timing will be provided to the Elected Members.

*Councillor Coffey left the Chamber at 12.15pm
Councillor Coffey returned to the Chamber at 12.17pm*

27. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

27.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

27.1.1 CEO Report
Report No. 35 / 22 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That the CEO report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22104)

27.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

27.1.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Item 16.2 – Safety Summit Update

Councillor Hopper asked for an update on the Summit.

The Mayor responded that a response hasn't been received on the Safety Summit but that he's received a response on the Crime Crisis correspondence.

27.1.3 Delegations – Policy for Members
Report No. 46 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council adopt the Delegations Policy for Members and the Register of Delegations

CARRIED (22105)

Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 12.23pm

Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 12.27pm

27.1.4 Business Arising from the Report

27.1.4.1 Councillor Cocking – Authorise Appointment of External Consultants (DA37)

Councillor Cocking asked for clarification around this item and the limit that comes to Council for approval (from \$100k previously, to \$150k) and that the Directors can approve without it going to the CEO.

The CEO responded that the limit has been changed within the Local Government Department of the Northern Territory Government but that he agreed with this observation and that the change can be addressed as part of the review process.

27.1.4.2 Councillor Cocking – Approve tenders and contracts with suppliers of goods and services (DA39)

Councillor Cocking asked for “within budget” to be included.

The CEO responded that this could be added to new projects and tenders but because it’s a new project the original budget isn’t contained so it will be an amended budget – this is why the wording “within budget” hasn’t been included.

27.1.4.3 Deputy Mayor Melky – Deferral of Document

Deputy Mayor Melky requested a review of the document and that it be deferred to allow for this.

The Mayor responded that the document will need to be passed today due to the regulation timing but that it can be reviewed more than once.

Discussion ensued.

27.1.4.4 Councillor Coffey – Approval for Leave

Councillor Coffey asked that if the CEO wants to take bereavement leave that the way it reads, it would need to come to Council for approval under the Enterprise Agreement.

The CEO responded that all staff but himself are covered by the Enterprise Agreement. If something occurs that needs leave quickly, he will take it to the Mayor.

Change to be made to DA26 – that approve other leave in accordance with CEO contract.

27.1.4.5 Councillor Cocking – Authority to Purchase Legal Advice and/or Expertise (DA52)

Councillor Cocking asked for clarity on this item.

The CEO responded that it has been based on what was in place before and have reviewed other Councils delegations to ensure its workable. When getting legal advice for contracts, a lawyer has been engaged to set up the original tender document and process and the contracts come from that.

Discussion ensued.

Council broke for lunch at 12.40pm and resumed at 1.05pm

27.1.5 Endorsement of Central Australia Regeneration Deal Report No. 36 / 22 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That Council endorse the Central Australian Regeneration Deal (CARD) overall proposal and its iterative development in preparation for a presentation to Australian Federal Government representatives and other key stakeholders and that Council review the proposal post 2022 Federal Election.

CARRIED (22106)

27.1.6 Business Arising from the Report

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

Move out of standing orders

CARRIED (22107)

The Mayor gave an overview of the Central Australian Regeneration Deal and the support that's been received by Territory and Federal politicians. The Mayor congratulated the Elected Member group for their assistance in getting this far.

Discussion ensued.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

Move into standing orders

CARRIED (22108)

The CEO left the Chamber at 2.11pm

The CEO returned to the Chamber at 2.13pm

25.2 Councillor Banks – Advocacy Statement

It is intention of this motion to consolidate through resolution a formalised long-term direction of Council, beyond the business - as - usual needs that will allow for advocacy to occur with relevant stakeholders moving forward. The objective of formalising is to create a transformative document that captures current and future planning needs through place-based solutions.

Capturing the strategic direction of Council, the document would set out clearly the objectives measured against outcomes, enabling “investors” (Government or otherwise) to clearly identify funding opportunities from community identified projects. This will allow longer term and broader approach for sustained improvements, reform, and investments for sustained progressive improvement.

Examples of Advocacy Statements;

<https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Advocacy-Statement-2022.pdf>

<https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/council/news-and-publications/strategies- policies-plans/federal-election-advocacy-document-compressed.pdf>

<https://cdn.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/general-downloads/Advocacy/20201026-MS-Advocacy-Policy-adopted-Aug-2020-FINAL.pdf>

A snap shot of history to date:

April Ordinary Meeting 2018

Motion:

That the Alice Springs Town engage. with the NT Government to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the development of a long term, integrated Master Plan for the sustainable development of Alice Springs that includes a National Aboriginal Art Gallery and a National Indigenous Cultural Centre.

CARRIED (19657)

July Ordinary Meeting 2018

Motion:

That Council approach the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Government to financially invest in the preparation of a Master Plan for Alice Springs.

CARRIED (19805)

November 2018

Briefing Document from the above motion;

<https://assets-astc.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/files/files/181204%20Alice%20Springs%20Master%20Plan%20Report.pdf>

January Ordinary Meeting 2022

Agenda Item 16.1.1.4

Councillor Banks - City Deals Project

Councillor Banks requested that Council meet to discuss around setting a framework for a Regional Deal and putting forward a proposal.

\$150K of NTG funding towards strategic projects such as the NAAG and Kwatja Play Space is now linked to this idea, and they are calling on the Federal Government to match this.

Forum 22nd February 2022

Mayor and CEO presented Central Australian Regeneration Deal (CARD).

February Ordinary Meeting 2022

Councillor Banks asked for an update on how this process would be made available to all Elected Members to contribute to fairly.

CEO committed to providing updates to Elected Members along the way. The Mayor advised that the notes from the Forum prior would guide the discussion when presenting to Labor Federal Shadow Ministers in coming weeks

Emailed 6th March for motions relating to Master Planning and CARGO.

I have not received a response.

6th March 2022

Mayor Patterson and CEO, given the current of discussion surround Master planning and Major Capital Projects perhaps it would be timely to construct a picture of how we have got to this position for all Elected Members information.

Through the Mayor I request the following information be made available and in one location for all Elected Members.

1. The Master Planning Motion from 2018 and subsequent relating business.
2. CARGO Presentations, history and any relating motions that resolve business relating.

If the Strategic discussions centre around former resolved business then it will be necessary to include this information as per the Act.

With thanks, Marli

October 2021 Master Planning CARGO Presentation

<https://prezi.com/view/wk3496OppHQX9gP3QLO6/>

Regional Deals

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/regional-australia/regional-deals>

City Deals

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/cities/city-deals>

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the Alice Springs Town Council develop a best practice advocacy document that can be utilised to present on behalf of Council that is in line with any long-term, community or strategic plan.

CARRIED (22109)

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 2.24pm

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 2.27pm

27.1.7 Deferred Election Member Policy – Obligations of Council Members
Report No. 33 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That Council adopt the following Elected Member policy:

1. Obligations of Council Members Policy

LOST

Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 2.58pm

Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 3.00pm

27.1.8 Business Arising from the Report

Discussion ensued.

27.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

27.2.1 CEO Code of Conduct Policy
Report No. 41 / 22 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

That Council adopt the Council Policy:

1. CEO Code of Conduct

CARRIED (22110)

27.2.2 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Coffey asked for changes to the wording in Section 1.2 (d) – remove “are” and replace with “must”. Also, with Section 1.3 (b) remove “and” at the end of the line so that it doesn’t read that (b) and (c) are combined.

Councillor Hopper left the meeting at 3.17pm

Councillor Hopper returned to the meeting at 3.42pm

27.2.3 Liquor Licence Application for Material Alteration – Club Eastside Inc
Report No. 45 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That Council resolve to:

A. Not object to the liquor licence application

CARRIED (22111)

27.2.4 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

27.2.5 Grievance Policy
Report No. 47 / 22 cncI

Moved –

Seconded –

That Council adopt the Grievance Policy

DEFERRED

27.2.6 Business Arising from the Report

Deputy Mayor Melky asked if this policy covered everyone, including staff.

The CEO responded that yes, it does.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Coffey raised concerns around the length and detail of the document especially around the ICAC guidelines, legislation and processes. It needs to be simplified.

The CEO responded that legal advice was sought hence the lengthy document and a further review will be undertaken to reduce the length of the document.

Discussion ensued.

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That the Grievance Policy be deferred.

CARRIED (22112)

27.2.7 Unsolicited Proposals Policy and Alice Plaza Proposal – Executive Committee Terms of Reference

Report No. 299 / 21 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 7.2.1 from the meeting held on 01/02/2021)

Moved - Councillor de Brenni

Seconded - Councillor Auricht

That Council:

- A. Adopt the proposed Unsolicited Proposals Policy provided at Attachment A to this report; and**
- B. Adopt the Alice Plaza Proposal Executive Committee Terms of Reference provided at Attachment B to this report.**

CARRIED (21419)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

That Elected Members be made aware of all proposals and the Financial Delegations be listed in the Terms of Reference.

CARRIED (21420)

27.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

27.3.1 Community Development Report to Council
Report No. 30 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the Community Development Report to Council be received and noted.

CARRIED (22113)

27.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

27.3.3 Community Grants Program
Report No. 31 / 22 cncl

Moved –
Seconded –

That Council endorse the recommendations outlined and approve \$80,058.06 in funding for the 2022 Community Grants recipients.

DEFERRED

27.3.4 Business Arising from the Report

Deputy Mayor Melky asked have the Elected Members been excluded from the process of choosing recipients.

The Mayor responded that yes, this was part of the policy being accepted at the February meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 3.31pm

Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 3.35pm

Moved – Councillor Brown
Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the Motion be moved from Open into Confidential for further discussion

CARRIED (22114)

27.3.5 Protect Alice Update
Report No. 32 / 22 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22115)

27.3.6 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Cocking asked around the data presented in the report.

The Mayor responded that the program hasn't been widely advertised but this will change.

The Acting Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development responded that this report was missed in the February meeting, therefore the actions presented in the quarterly report have already taken place. Further applications have been received and another update will be given from December 2021 to March 2022 with a report to be presented in April.

Deputy Mayor Melky asked if Neighbourhood Watch could work with real estate agents in town and reach out to both the owners and tenants, the approximately 3,000 investment properties to promote this program.

The CEO will action this request.

27.3.7 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – 24 February 2022

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the minutes from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee held on the 24th February, 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22116)

27.3.8 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.3.9 Recommendations of Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – 24 February 2022

27.3.9 (1) Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Budget (Standing Item) (Agenda Item 4.1)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

- A. That Council rescind Council Resolution 21709 resolved at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 June 2021, which reads as follows:**

That the \$12,263.20 for the Tourism, Events and Promotions Advisory Committee for the purpose of the Bannerconda flags be reserved until authorised by Council.

- B. That Council allocates \$12,263.20 to the Tourism, Events and Promotions Advisory Committee budget line.**

CARRIED (22117)

27.3.9 (2) Sponsorship Application – Bush Bands Bash (Agenda Item 6.1)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Council support the application from Music NT to the value of \$10,000 (incl. GST) for the Bush Bands Bash event to be held from 14 to 18 September 2022.

CARRIED (22118)

27.3.9 (3) Sponsorship Application – Finke Desert Race Incorporated (Agenda Item 6.2)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Council support the application from Finke Desert Race Inc to the value of \$16,500 (incl. GST) for the 2022 Tatts Finke Desert Race Street Party and Night Markets to be held on 9 June 2022.

CARRIED (22119)

Discussion ensued.

- 27.3.9 (4) Sponsorship Application – NT Veteran Golfers Championship (Agenda Item 6.3)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That the application from NT Veteran Golfers Championship not be supported as it did not meet the sponsorship criteria.

CARRIED (22120)

- 27.3.9 (5) Sponsorship Application – Desert Song Festival 2022 (Agenda Item 6.4)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Council support the application from Central Australian Singing Inc to the value of \$10,000 (incl. GST) for the Desert Song Festival 2022 to be held from 9 to 18 September 2022.

CARRIED (22121)

- 27.3.9 (6) Sponsorship Application – Alice’s Longest Desert Lunch (Agenda Item 6.5)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Council support the application from Hamilton Down Youth Camp to the value of \$5,000 (incl. GST) for the Alice’s Longest Desert Lunch to be held on 21 May 2022 at Olive Pink Botanic Gardens.

CARRIED (22122)

27.3.9 (7) Sponsorship Application – Amazing Alice Brochure / Map (Agenda Item 6.6)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Council support the application from Amazing Alice to the value of \$2,530 (incl. GST) towards the printing of Amazing Alice brochure/map for the upcoming shows in April 2022.

CARRIED (22123)

27.3.10 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.3.11 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Access Advisory Committee – 23 February, 2022

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That the minutes from the Access Advisory Committee meeting held on the 23rd February, 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22124)

27.3.12 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.3.13 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Public Art Advisory Committee – 9 March 2022

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That the minutes from the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on the 9th March, 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22125)

27.3.14 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.3.15 Recommendations of Public Arts Advisory Committee – 9 March 2022

27.3.15 (1) Art in Parks – Final Concept Presentation – Elliot Rich (Agenda Item 5.1)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That Council approves the final design concept from Elliot Rich for the Art in Parks public art project in Lyndavale Park.

CARRIED (22126)

Councillor Cocking asked why Lyndavale Park was chosen as there is a large amount of work already happening there.

The Mayor responded that that was the reason why and that the artist is also from that area

Councillor Banks responded that it also came down to the EOI and Lyndavale Park being in synergy with the landscape. It was coincidental rather than planned.

27.3.15 (2) Membership EOI – Pat Ansell Dodds (Agenda Item 6.1)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That Council accepts the Expression of Interest from Pat Ansell Dodds to be a member of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

CARRIED (22127)

27.3.16 Community Grants ProgramReport No. 31 / 22 cncI*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 10.6)*

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That Council endorse the recommendations outlined and approve \$75,058.06 in funding for the 2022 Community Grants recipients.

CARRIED (22136)

Organisation	Purpose	Funding Requested	Funding Granted
Community Assistance Grant			
Birth and Beyond Parent Resource Centre	To expand the range of books, CD's, DVD's for hire and update some of the most-borrowed books for new editions. It is important to keep up with the latest best-practice recommendations and medical research and to make it available to our members.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Alice Springs Netball Association	ASNA is seeking funding to assist the development and growth of a Sports Fundamentals program. This program is a multi-sport program for children aged 18 months - 5 years.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Prison Fellowship Australia	The aim of Prison Fellowship is to provide support to prisoners as well as the families of prisoners through the provision of a safe and reliable bus service.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Central Australian Community Toy Library Inc	The aim of the project is to provide a range of children's car seats for hire that are high quality, safe, affordable and accessible to the community.	\$1,309.04	\$1,309.04
Neighbourhood Watch NT	To hold a series of four scheduled 'community connection' events, including a picnic in the Park in June, Zumba/Congain August, Community movie in October, Christmas -Cake, Coffee & Community Chat in December. *Council is partnered with Neighbourhood Watch NT and Victims of Crime NT with a contribution of \$200,000.00 for the Protect Alice initiative.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Alice Springs Malayee Association (AMA)	To support the Vishu & Easter Night 2022 event put on by the Alice Springs Malayalee Association (AMA).	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Community Development Grant			
Women's Museum of Australia	'Cellblock Studio' will provide an accessible and affordable co-working space for local artists, writers, musicians, designers, creative thinkers, entrepreneurs, and freelancers. The project we are proposing is the initial set up of one co-working studio space within a large cell in the Old Gaol at the Women's Museum of Australia. The studio will be suitable for "hot desking" with 8-10 chairs around a long table in the largest cell in the old Men's Block of cells.	\$4,965.00	\$4,965.00

Community Development Grant			
Tangentyere Artists	The Town Camps Ceramics Workshops will assist in the expansion of Tangentyere Artists operations from painting and drawing to include ceramics practice.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Central Australian Rough Riders	To purchase high quality brush cutters for trail crew to ensure that trails can be whipper snipped prior to the EITA 2022 event. This will clear and repair the MTB Trail Network following the heavy rains and large scale buffel growth during recent months.	\$2,988.02	\$2,988.02
Friends of Araluen Inc	To support the Celebrating & Recording Living Histories of Alice Springs' project and contract a film/audio technician who will be responsible for filming all the Living History speakers, editing the films and preparing them for viewing. As the events will be filmed, a sound technician will be employed to ensure sound quality is maximum.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Centralian Senior College	To purchase an extra wing curtain for the school theatre to prevent light from coming through the back stage. This project aims to create a facility that is more accessible to community groups as well as increasing capacity of the school to promote excellence in the arts.	\$4,316.00	\$4,316.00
Central Craft	To hold a 'Come and Try Ceramics!' school holiday program this June-July break. We aim to provide a safe and fun learning environment in which young people who are interested in learning about the process of creating ceramics through a hands-on learning approach.	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
Alice Springs World Chamber Orchestra	To create a national-level Arts event and quality educational opportunity for Alice Springs audiences and artisans. This will involve a week with one of Australia's leading contemporary composers, Elena Kats-Chernin and the Alice Springs World Chamber Orchestra, culminating in an inclusive concert at Araluen Arts precinct to showcase commissioned works for ASWCO	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Incite Arts	Strong Feelings 2022 (SF) will comprise the rehearsal, production and presentation of an original new work by learning-disabled artists from the stArts with D Performance Ensemble (SWD). It will provide a platform to showcase and share the unique cultural voice of Central Australia's only disability-led performance ensemble.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Olive Pink Botanic Garden	The Olive Pink Botanic Garden is staging an opera on the life of the extraordinary Olive Pink to be performed in October 2022. The grant will support the marketing of the opera within Alice Springs through the use of light pole banners and other street banners.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Foodbank SA - Central Australia	To provide Healthy Meal Packs to those experiencing food insecurity in language; reduce food insecurity/hunger and provide nutritious, healthy food options. Improving the soft entry to food education of socially disadvantaged and vulnerable in our community will improve their food security and provide life-long skills. *Foodbank SA-Central Australia received \$20,000.00 from Council November 2021 for operational costs	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Araluen Access Grant			
Central Australian Art Society	To help run the Advocate Art Award, this is exhibited in the Araluen Galleries, and is open to Central Australian artists, both amateurs and professional	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Sadadeen Primary School	Running of the 10-year anniversary of Alice Can Dance held at the Araluen Arts Centre. ACD brings together over 250 kids from Alice Springs' 9 public schools to perform over a seven-week period. In collaboration with GUTS Dance. A photographic exhibition of project highlights over the past 10 years that brings together past members of the Alice Can Dance team and student alumni will also be produced.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Australian Dance Academy	To run the 39th Annual 'Magic of Dance' for 2022 performed by young dancers on stage at the Araluan Arts Centre.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Alice Springs Quilting Club Inc	To hold an exhibition 'Territory Quilts 2022' and showcase quilts by Alice Springs Quilting Club at Witchetty's in early/mid-October which provides a showcase for the work of the Club members and highlights the variety of works produced.	\$680.00	\$680.00
Youth Development Grant			
Alice Springs Clay Target Club	To purchase equipment (2 x 12-gauge shotguns) in order to provide community members, the opportunity to try the sport of clay target shooting. This will allow the club to offer one on one coaching and an introduction for women and juniors (also suits smaller framed men) and wheelchair bound people to try the sport.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Guts Dance // Central Australia (GUTS)	GUTS is seeking support for its Brave Bodies program, which targets female identifying young people between the ages of 12 - 18 who otherwise may not have access to opportunities to engage with dance programs or training within our community. The program has a particular focus on First Nations and culturally diverse participants.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Sustainability Initiatives			
Alice Springs Aero modellers	The project's aim is to install solar panels, charge control board, batteries and a large capacity pure sine wave (DC/AC) converter to provide power for hot water in the club's toilet, shower and kitchen. The system will also boost the current club's power capacity which at the moment provides limited power for LED lights only.	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

27.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

27.4.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Parks Advisory Committee – 17 February, 2022

Moved – Councillor Cocking
Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That the minutes from the Parks Advisory Committee meeting held on the 17th February, 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22128)

27.4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.4.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Sports Facilities Advisory Committee – 3 March, 2022

Moved – Councillor Coffey
Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the minutes from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee meeting held on the 3rd March, 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22129)

27.4.4 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.4.5 Anzac Hill Flagpole
Report No. 43/22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper
Seconded – Councillor Brown

That Council note this report

CARRIED (22130)

27.4.6 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

27.4.7 Bloomfield Street
Report No. 42/22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That Council note this report

CARRIED (22131)

27.4.8 Business Arising from the Report

Discussion ensued.

The Mayor suggested that temporary speed measures be installed to determine the speeds of drivers. This will assist in establishing next steps.

Councillor Hopper requested further advice be sought by those with the expertise.

Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 4.04pm
Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 4.12pm

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that there was an error in the report around the recessed bus stop, rather its painted yellow bus parking zones on the road.

Mayor advised that there is already a recessed bus stop 100m up the road.

Discussion ensued.

The cause of the problem needs to be identified before determining a solution that may not work.

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council engage a consultant to investigate Bloomfield Street matter and identify actions to mitigate any findings. That Council immediately undertake interim measures of temporary signage and road tapes.

CARRIED (22132)

27.4.9 Mayor Paterson – Bar Brothers and Sisters
(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 10.2)

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Alice Springs Town Council at this point in time does not proceed with the Bar Brothers and Sisters proposal.

CARRIED (22137)

28. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

28.1 Councillor Cocking – Road Safety Report

Councillor Cocking asked for an update on the Road Safety Report following on from the correspondence from local cyclists.

The CEO responded that Council have spoken to some of the group and were waiting on DIPL.

The Acting Director Technical Services responded that this has been added to a tracked project list within Technical Services and at this stage, Council have been in contact with NT Police, DIPL and the cycling club. The project is being monitored.

Discussion ensued around reducing the town speed limited to 50/kmh.

28.2 Councillor Banks – Mayor and Elected Member photos

Councillor Banks asked when the official Mayor and Elected Members pictures will be displayed.

The Executive Assistant responded that she will confer with the Marketing team.

29. GENERAL BUSINESS

29.1 Deputy Mayor Melky - Chamber of Commerce Correspondence

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Mayor Matt Paterson be nominated as an ex-officio member of the Central Australian Chamber of Commerce on behalf of Alice Springs Town Council.

CARRIED (22133)

29.2 Deputy Mayor Melky – Northern Territory Government Funding Announcements

Deputy Mayor Melky congratulated the Mayor on the work he's been doing with developing a strong relationship with the Northern Territory Government and Federal Government.

Discussion ensued.

29.3 Deputy Mayor Melky – Anzac Oval Acquisition

Deputy Mayor Melky raised following the acquiring of Lot 678, Anzac Oval that Council can appeal if the compensation offered by the Northern Territory Government is insufficient. He will be encouraging Council and the Elected Members to appeal if that's the case.

Discussion ensued.

29.4 Councillor Hopper – High-Flow Water Repair

Councillor Hopper asked what the damage was and when will the remaining jobs be repaired.

The Acting Director Technical Services responded that the damage has been largely dealt with and asked Councillor Hopper to send a list of the damage that she and other Elected Members have been made aware of.

29.5 Councillor Liddle – Central Land Council (CLC) Ranger Group and Verge Maintenance

Councillor Liddle has spoken with the CLC CEO around the use of the CLC Rangers to clear the backlog of mowing following the rain over Summer.

Discussion ensued.

The CEO responded that he will follow up with the CLC CEO and work with the Acting Director Technical Services towards a solution.

Councillor Cocking suggested that sporting and community groups could use it as a fundraising drive.

29.6 Councillor Cocking – Buffel and African Lovegrass Management

Councillor Cocking raised concerns around the fire risk from the large amount of the buffel grass. He asked that Council write a letter to the Northern Territory Government around the potential bushfire emergency.

The African Lovegrass is also causing environmental damage and needs to be addressed. Council needs to work with the Weed Management Branch around weed hygiene to minimise the risk of weed spread.

Discussion ensued.

The CEO responded that there has been training with Council staff but there is still more that can be done.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Hopper asked about the sand harvesting from the river and is this usual practice?

The Mayor responded that yes, it is.

29.7 Councillor Bitar – Kilgariff Announcement Forward Planning

Councillor Bitar advised that the land release will be earlier than scheduled. Can Council operations be also scaled up to allow for the support of this new housing.

The Mayor requested that the Land Development Corporation / DIPL to provide an update to the 14th Council.

The CEO has asked for a plan of everything south of the Gap.

Councillor Brown left the Chamber at 4.45pm

Councillor Brown returned to the Chamber at 4.47pm

29.8 Councillor Banks – Violence in Schools

Councillor Banks raised concerns over footage that she's received on violence carried out in schools.

Councillor Banks asked if Council could write to the senior schools in town and ask if they require assistance and/or for Council to advocate on their behalf.

The CEO responded that he will contact the Northern Territory Police and also senior members of the Education Department raising Council's concerns.

Discussion ensued.

The CEO responded that the Manager Youth has been doing a large amount of work with the schools already and also youth within the juvenile justice system.

The CEO will invite Jay to attend a future Council meeting to provide an update.

Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 5.00pm

Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 5.01pm

29.9 Deputy Mayor Melky – Central Australian Football League Oval Use

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. **That Council review the agreement terms for the use of sports facilities for all users to include terms that address anti-social behaviour. Then bring any recommendations to Council for adoption.**
2. **That Council work proactively with AFLNT, CAFL, football playing communities to communicate expected standards of behaviour when in Alice Springs.**

CARRIED (22134)

30. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

Media matters will be covered via the media attendance at this meeting.

31. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 26 April, 2022 at 8.30am

32. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting adjourned to return to the Confidential meeting at **5.23pm**

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

CARRIED (22135)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____