



Alice Springs Town Council

Quarterly Community Report

Quarter 4 2026

The Quarterly Community Report provides Council's progress delivering the 25/26 Municipal Plan, as well as key achievements, and updates on capital works programs and Council's plans.





Introduction

The Quarterly Community Report provides an open and accessible update on how Alice Springs Town Council is progressing against the goals and priorities set by Elected Members on behalf of the community. It's a snapshot of the work happening right across Council – the achievements, challenges, and ongoing efforts that keep our town running and moving forward.

Council's Municipal Plan sets the direction for what we want to achieve together, and this report shows how those commitments are being brought to life. Each section connects directly to the objectives endorsed by Council, demonstrating how decisions made by Council are creating real outcomes for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Throughout this reporting period, Council teams have focused on delivering essential services our community relies on – while also advancing major projects that will strengthen Alice Springs for years to come. From infrastructure upgrades and community facilities to environmental initiatives and programs that build liveability, the results reflect a shared commitment to pride, connection, and opportunity.

This report isn't just about statistics - it's about transparency, accountability, and storytelling. It highlights how Council's resources are being used wisely, how performance is measured, and how we continue to adapt to meet community needs. Most importantly, it celebrates the collective effort of our team, partners, and community members who work together to make Alice Springs a great place to live, work and visit.

Council in numbers



\$16,367

Value of in-kind support Council offered the community through Q4.



21,997

Library patrons visiting the library to read, connect, participate in a weekly program or workshop.



8,000

Number of people that attended the Finke Night Markets.



45

Council delivered two food security workshops attended by 45 community members.



\$97k

Total endorsed as Round 2 of Council's Community Support Program.



200+

People learned more about food security in an arid environment through workshops held by ASTC, Arid Lands Environment Centre and Alice Springs Community Garden.

Council Highlights



CBD Revitalisation Project: support for traders

Council continued to support Todd Mall businesses throughout the CBD revitalisation works by implementing a range of initiatives under its Business Continuity Plan. Following a dedicated trader engagement meeting in May, Council introduced weekly construction updates, expanded promotional activities through boosted social media advertising, and provided financial support for the development of a trader promotional website and business platform. Preparations were also completed for an updated myToddMall Voucher scheme, tailored to support businesses impacted by the works and scheduled for rollout in early August. These initiatives aim to strengthen communication, encourage visitation, and minimise disruption while the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre Project progresses.



Finke Night Market

Council successfully delivered the Finke Night Market in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Finke Desert Race, transforming the Alice Springs CBD into a vibrant community event ahead of race weekend. Spanning the Council Lawns, Todd Mall and Hartley Street Car Park, the event featured local market stalls, food vendors, family activities, live freestyle motocross demonstrations, display vehicles, outdoor cinema screenings and opportunities to meet Finke legends. The Night Market supported local businesses, encouraged community participation and enhanced the visitor experience, while also collecting community stories and memories to commemorate the race's 50-year history.



Winter School Holidays

Council delivered a fun and inclusive Winter School Holiday Program, offering free activities for young people across Alice Springs. The program featured creative, educational and recreational activities including art workshops, bike sessions, library activities, LEGO Club, drone workshops, free movie screenings and NAIDOC Week celebrations. A full-colour school holiday calendar was developed and distributed in partnership with the Northern Territory Government, with copies shared through schools, town camps, the Alice Springs Public Library and Council facilities. The program provided accessible opportunities for families to connect, create and enjoy the holidays together.

Animal Shelter News

The Alice Springs Town Council Animal Shelter continued to support animal welfare and responsible pet ownership through successful pet adoption initiatives. During the quarter, the Shelter continued volunteer registrations, inviting community members to assist staff by providing care, enrichment and comfort to animals awaiting adoption, strengthening community involvement while enhancing the wellbeing of animals in the Shelter's care. Volunteer recruitment complements the Shelter's ongoing adoption program, which has seen 76 animals adopted this quarter and **258 cats and dogs rehomed** throughout the financial year, helping more animals find safe, caring and



TIO Traeger Park AFL Preparation

In preparation for the AFL Premiership match between Melbourne Football Club and GWS Giants in May, Council's Depot team worked tirelessly to prepare TIO Traeger Park to a national AFL standard. The oval was presented in outstanding condition, showcasing the team's dedication to maintaining high-quality facilities for the community. The professional presentation of the ground provided a fantastic showcase for Alice Springs, highlighting the pride Council takes in its facilities and the ongoing commitment of the Depot crew to delivering exceptional outcomes.



Key Capital Works Updates



Regenerating the Alice Town Centre

\$20,000,000

Designed to revitalise Todd Mall and surrounding streets into a safer, greener, and more welcoming destination for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Construction is progressing well, with demolition works, installation of underground services, and reshaping of the subgrade currently underway while pedestrian access through the Mall is being maintained.

Paul Fitzsimons Oval Redevelopment

\$5,000,000

Redeveloping a well-used space for our community to improve accessibility.

Construction continues to progress with over 60% of work now complete. Oval fencing, footing for the shade structures and lighting towers, and the clubhouse frame are all finished.

ASTC Emergency Coordination Centre

\$593,653

Strengthening Council's capacity and capability in disaster preparedness and response.

The project scope and documentation have been finalised. Council is currently developing tender documentation.

New Alice Springs Public Library

\$19,960,000

Providing a new library for the Alice Springs community.

An initial concept design for the new Alice Springs Public Library was developed, informed by community feedback gathered during the first phase of consultation in Quarter 3. The concept design stage, informed by community consultation, is now complete. The project will now progress to detailed design and further cost planning.



Council Plan Updates

Alice Springs Public Art Masterplan

- The revised Public Art Policy and new Public Art Framework were adopted by Council in March and April 2026, providing a strengthened strategic foundation for the delivery of future public art initiatives.
- Council's Artist Register has been updated to include an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identifier, enabling local First Nations artists and creatives to be notified directly of relevant art and performance opportunities.
- The online Public Art Map continues to be updated, with future enhancements to include interactive and multi-sensory content. Design of the new printed Public Art Map is nearing completion, with an official launch planned for later in 2026.
- Council Officers presented to Visual Arts VET in Schools students at Batchelor Institute in May, providing an overview of Council's public art program, project delivery and opportunities for local artists.
- Fabrication is underway for *Resilience*, the major public artwork for the Town Centre Regeneration Project by Edge Atelier, with installation anticipated in September 2026. Planning also continues for the Town Centre Design Elements, Gobo Silhouettes by Children's Ground, and the Alice Springs Cultural Trail.
- Local First Nations artist Keoini Lander (Mulla Mulla Arts) has been commissioned to deliver the Newlandia Youth Mural project in partnership with Tangentyere Council. Through a series of Winter School Holiday workshops, young people are collaborating on the mural's design ahead of its unveiling at Newlandia in July.
- Three First Nations artists have progressed to Stage 2 of Council's Reconciliation Artwork commission, with the successful design to feature across Council's upcoming Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan and future reconciliation initiatives.
- Expressions of Interest have opened for Council's new Public Art Advisory Panel, inviting local artists, creatives and subject matter experts to help shape future public art projects.

Annual Objectives Dashboard



Tracking Progress

Pillar One: Liveability

Name	Status	Responsible Directorate	Status Update
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Create and support meaningful opportunities for the community to come together

Deliver five night markets		Community Development	The second night market of the calendar year and final of the 2025/26 financial year was held on Thursday, 4 June being Council’s Night Market featuring Finke Desert Race. With the current Regenerating the Alice Town Centre Project works, this event was strategically extended across six key locations, including Council, and Chamber Lawns, Todd Street, Gregory Terrace, Hartley Street Carpark, and down through Todd Mall. This contributed to a vibrant and well-connected event experience and the mapping of such ensured inclusion of the broader CBD. A total of 60 stallholders operated during the event, all of whom benefited from high visitor numbers and strong customer engagement. Surrounding local businesses experienced increased foot traffic as a result of Todd Mall activation and the broader precinct connectivity. Event presented a good opportunity for local contractors providing larger than usual infrastructure hire. Crowds drawn in were estimated at 8,000 with a diverse attendance from both tourists and residents over the course of the evening with overwhelming positive community feedback received during and post event.
Deliver four pop up events		Community Development	The second Pop Up Park of 2026 and final of the current financial year was delivered over three days from Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 April, in partnership with Olive Pink Botanic Garden. The program featured guided activities and workshops focused on Central Australian gardening, a community seed swap delivered with Alice Springs Public Library, and culminated in the flagship Earth Day Gathering by the Fire event, attracting approximately 400 attendees. The gathering offered live acoustic music, native plant sales and environmentally focused market stalls, children’s activities, and Council’s tea, coffee and chai stall. This pop-up park theme was inaugural for Council tailored to International Earth Day celebrations and strengthened commitments in achieving, platforming and celebrating sustainability and furthered goals of broadening events within the suburbs of our community.

Administer Council's community grants and sponsorship program, including bi-annual information sessions		Community Development	Round 2 of Council's Community Support Program was completed with \$97,360.64 endorsed as funding with \$46,360.64 allocated to twelve Community Grants projects and \$51,000.00 allocated to four Event Sponsorship projects. These programs were endorsed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026. Organisations and projects successful included; "Central Australian Art Society Inc", "Central Australia Aviation Museum", "Integrated Disability Action Inc", "Yirara College of the Finke River Mission", "Central Australian Show Society", "Itjja Ntjarra Many Hands Art Centre", "Alice Springs Uniting Church", "Alice Springs Christian Ministers Assoc", "No One Left Behind", "Studio B School of Dance", "Central Australian Territory Craft Inc", "Fiji Multicultural Community Alice Springs INC", "Music NT Incorporated Bush Bands Bash", "Alice Springs Rotary Henley on Todd Incorporated", "Tourism NT Masters Games", and "Olive Pink Botanic Garden Alice Film Noir".
Provide in-kind support to organisations and community groups to assist in the delivery of community events		Community Development	Council delivered a total of \$16,367.60 in in-kind support during this quarter. This support was provided to a wide range of community events, organisations, and Council-led initiatives. Key events supported during the quarter included the Top Half Folk Festival, Alice Alive, Finke Desert Race, Big Day Out in Harmony, Dusty Streets and Parrtjima Festival. Council's in-kind contributions also included the provision of Public Places Permit Fee Waivers for community events held on Council-managed grounds, helping to reduce costs for event organisers and encourage community participation. Through these contributions, Council continues to support local organisations, strengthen community engagement, and assist in the delivery of events that enhance the vibrancy and wellbeing of the Alice Springs community.
Deliver the Multicultural Action Plan within agreed timelines		Community Development	Council continues to meet actions from the Multicultural Action Plan (MAP) which remains 78% complete, with outstanding actions being ongoing throughout the life of the plan. This quarter Council partnered with Multicultural Services of Central Australia for the 2026 Big Day Out in Harmony which marked the twelfth partnered event since 2015. The event was delivered on Saturday 30 May 2026 and drew in an anticipated crowd of up to 2,000 throughout the day and hosted an array of cross-cultural celebrations including performances from 24 cultural groups with over 233 performers, traditional dress showcases, an array of cuisines and many interactive activities. Following endorsement at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026, Officers proceeded with request for quotation to specialised consultancies to provide proposals for Council's inaugural Community Inclusion Plan (CIP) which is intended to continue action planning as per the former MAP with additional representation of other diverse community groups and intersectionality.
Support the Alice Springs Art Foundation in the development and promotion of the 2026 Alice Prize		Community Development	Council officers met with the Alice Springs Art Foundation twice this quarter and determined that while Council will still support promotion of the 2026 Alice Prize, additional infrastructure builds such as website upgrades are required prior to increasing the size of the Prize. The Mayor, Acting CEO, and two Councillors were in attendance for the official launch and winner announcement of the 2026 Alice Prize on Friday, 27 March.

Improve awareness and use of Council's Community Calendar		Corporate Services	A more functional community calendar has been invested in as part of a broader Council website upgrade. It continues to be advertised to community groups.
Maintain an appropriate level of library services for the community during the Alice Springs Public Library's temporary relocation		Community Development	In the reduced library floor space, the Library team continue to make available all previous library services. Attendance this quarter was 21,997, slightly down on the same period during the previous three years.
Deliver a range of events and activities that include and celebrate Alice Springs' diverse community		Community Development	Council celebrated the commencement of National Reconciliation Week on Wednesday, 27 May 2026 with a free community barbeque hosted on the Chamber Lawns. The event drew in over 100 attendees with at least 80% participation from individuals identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. This free community event featured a smoking ceremony and welcome to country, free sausage sizzle, tea and coffee, a live broadcast by CAAMA Radio, story time reading, and kids activities.

Build community engagement and improve perceptions of Council

Increase community awareness of Council's functions and activities		Corporate Services	Council has continued to strengthen communication with the community by delivering timely, accessible and consistent information across its digital platforms, print publications, local media and community networks. This quarter, communications have focused on promoting major events, highlighting Council projects and keeping residents informed of key initiatives. Coverage included the Newlandia Skate & Music Festival, the new Library, the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre Project, school holiday programs, and other ad hoc community updates.
Publish a monthly events calendar of Council events and programs		Corporate Services	Council continues to produce and distribute a monthly community calendar, with the team currently trialling a full-page newspaper edition as the primary distribution method each month. The team continues to evaluate and explore the most efficient and impactful distribution options moving forward. A comprehensive School Holidays calendar was developed and distributed this quarter in collaboration with the NT Government. A full-colour printed booklet was produced and distributed to schools, town camps, the Library and other Council facilities, helping ensure families across the community had easy access to information about local school holiday activities and programs.
Improve the awareness of and access to digital library content for the Alice Springs community		Community Development	Members of Alice Springs Public Library have access to BorrowBox, an app providing e-resources. This is promoted by staff to new and current members and users of the library. Newspapers are now accessible digitally via Press Reader through arrangement by Libraries and Archives NT. Alice Springs residents can create an online membership with City of Darwin should they wish to access the digital resources on Libby. The Alice Springs Digital Collection will be made available via PCs in the library. Patrons can ask for

			assistance with the likes of BorrowBox at any time, or come to a drop-in Tech Help session which is run weekly.
Showcase 'What's unique about Alice'			
Deliver the Public Art Masterplan within agreed timeframes		Community Development	Officers submitted an updated funding proposal to Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation in May 2026 for funding of the Cultural Multi-Directional Pointer and Final CBD Roundabout following consultation with Lhere Artepe and Desart Member Art Centres to ensure cultural appropriateness and feasibility. The Youth Arts Prize opened on 13 May, with a public exhibition scheduled for 22 to 25 July 2026 at Yubu Napa across three categories. Council unveiled the 'Garden Guru' (Geoff Miers Commemorative Roundabout) on 26 April, the fourth in its public art roundabout series delivering Masterplan storytelling outcomes. Officers also delivered a public art workshop to Batchelor VET students, updated the Artist Register to better identify First Nations artists, and commenced two new commissions: a digital design project under the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan which currently is in assessment and a NAIDOC Week youth-led mural to be unveiled at Newlandia which was awarded to Keioni Lander of Mulla Mulla Art.
Continue to investigate the delivery of an Aboriginal statue/monument recognising Arrernte culture		Community Development	Investigation completed, in consultation with Lhere Artepe, the Strehlow Research Centre and the family of King Charlie. A report from Strehlow Research Centre was presented to former Councillor however was deemed not culturally appropriate to be shared with Council officers. To date we have had no response from Lhere Artepe requesting to meet around this topic and Strehlow Research Centre has declined to meet on this topic despite multiple attempts over the year.
Manage public art installations as part of the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre project		Community Development	All public art installations for design elements, Cultural Trail and the major public artwork 'Resilience' have commenced fabrication as part of Regenerating the Alice Town Centre project work.
Support quality, accessible recreational spaces and infrastructure			
Complete the Regional Skate Park and Play Precinct construction		Infrastructure Services	The Alice Springs Regional Skate Park and Play Precinct project was completed in Quarter 2.
Consult on the Parks and Playgrounds Implementation Plan		Infrastructure Services	A consultation plan is being developed with consultation on the subdivision and development of Madigan Park underway. The Parks and Playgrounds implementation plan is currently under review with a community engagement framework being developed.

Upgrade three parks		Infrastructure Services	Upgrades at Ashwin Park and Teague Park were complete in Quarter 4, marking the end of all works associated with the year 3 park upgrades
Upgrade shade to three parks		Infrastructure Services	The installation of shade sails at Kunoth Park was completed in Quarter 2 as part of the Year 2 park upgrades. Playgrounds were reviewed for shade availability as part of the Parks Upgrade program.
Continue to partner with the Northern Territory Government to install lights at Jim McConville Oval		Infrastructure Services	Partnership continues as Jim McConville Oval Sports Lighting Upgrade enters its final stages of the project, with all major construction works complete. The project is currently awaiting final electrical connection works by Power and Water before testing, commissioning and handover can be finalised.
Complete one accessibility upgrade to a Council owned facility		Infrastructure Services	Works commenced in Quarter 2 to update crossing tactiles throughout the CBD with works along Parsons Street completed in Quarter 3.
Commence construction for the upgrades of Paul Fitzsimons Oval		Infrastructure Services	Construction commenced in Quarter 2, and over 60% of work is now complete. Oval fencing, footing for the shade structures and lighting towers for training, and the clubhouse frame are all finished.
Undertake plant refurbishment at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre		Infrastructure Services	The tender for re-lining the 25m pool was awarded in Quarter 2 with completion anticipated for November 2026.

Implement programs that help support rich, fulfilling and healthy lives

Continue to develop and deliver regular term and school holiday programs for children and young people in partnership with local service providers		Community Development	Council received notification on 1 April 2026 of a two-year funding extension from the National Indigenous Australians Agency under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy for Council's continued Alice Springs School Holiday Program. Council's April 2026 School Holiday Program delivered 10 participation opportunities across five activities, engaging 1,072 young people and family members which recorded an almost 76 per cent increase on 2025 attendance. Highlights included an inaugural Youth Week Celebration event and an AFLW player signing session, supported by strong in-kind interagency collaboration that enhanced youth engagement, safety and community connection, with continued strategic coordination underway with key local partners. Planning is completed for the 2026 Winter School Holiday Program with delivery of a combined calendar underway. Council's After School Programs continued strong in Term 2 with Week 1 attendance reaching 104 participants which comparably averages between 30 - 60.
Continue to encourage strong 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		Community Development	22,620 people attended ASALC this quarter. This was well supported by free entry to the facility for school holidays and weekends. 11 schools (both local and remote) visited the centre for school swimming lessons with over 670 students participating. 178 children were enrolled in the afterschool learn to swim program in Term 2. 1,562 people attended aqua aerobics classes this quarter with classes including water pilates and deep-water exercise.
Increase Alice Springs Public Library outreach activities		Community Development	The Alice Springs Public Library actively engaged with the community through a range of outreach programs and partnerships. Key highlights this quarter include: • Author talks • Books on Wheels & Old Timers Delivery - targeted outreach services for seniors, delivering library resources directly to those unable to visit the library. • Library staff appeared on CAAMA and ABC radio to promote Library programs and services • Weekly early literacy programs - Preschool Storytime, Music and Movement, and Baby Rhyme Time. • Hosted community Stalls: NDIS, NT Consumer Affairs • Community consultation on the new Alice Springs Public Library • School holiday programs : Virtual Reality, Crafty Storytime, Lego Legends, Robotics, Drones, Badge making, screen printing

			• Diverse programs cater to a range of ages and interests: Multilingual Storytime, Chess Club, VR-fternoons, Drop-In Tech Help. • National Simultaneous Storytime and craft • Sydney Writers Festival • Braitling school visit • Seed library launch • "Read, Write, Chat" continuously brings in new volunteers and participants as they connect to improve social and literacy skills. Some volunteers this quarter were able to assist patrons with IELTS prep.
Continue to deliver a range of recreational activities and events that encourage a healthy, active community		Community Development	The 2025/26 Health and Wellness Program consisted of ten weekly exercise classes including yoga, Qi Gong and seniors classes held at ASALC, with a new chair yoga class launched in March. Over 1,200 people attended these classes in this quarter. A refreshed Health and Wellness program is to be launched in July 2026 which includes a free weekly pram party from GUTS dance. This is a high-energy, no judgement dance class for new parents and their children.

Pillar Two: Safety

Support community wellbeing and safety

Support responsible pet ownership, including providing education through the Animal Shelter		Community Development	Both the Rangers and Animal Shelter teams have continued to actively promote responsible pet ownership within the community. Advice and education have been provided on the importance of pet de-sexing, registration, containment, and vaccinations, helping residents to better care for their animals and comply with local requirements. To support these ongoing efforts, resources are now available throughout the community providing accessible and consistent guidance on responsible pet ownership.
Continue to support animal adoptions through the Animal Shelter		Community Development	Throughout the financial year, the Animal Shelter continued to actively support pet adoptions, helping cats and dogs find safe and caring permanent homes. Through ongoing animal care, promotion of available pets, and engagement with prospective adopters, a total of 76 animals were successfully adopted this quarter with a total of 258 adoptions this financial year. This strong adoption outcome reflects the Shelter's continued commitment to animal welfare and responsible pet ownership within the community. As adoption support remains a core function of the Shelter, this action has been successfully delivered and will continue as part of ongoing operations.
Improve access to the CBD by maintaining parking enforcements (fines)		Community Development	Rangers provided a strong and regular presence to improve access to the Alice Springs CBD through the consistent enforcement of parking regulations. Regular patrols were undertaken across the municipality, with a particular focus on the CBD to encourage compliance, promote turnover of parking spaces, and support access for residents, businesses, and visitors. As a result of these ongoing enforcement activities, 2,200 parking infringement notices were issued during the year with 396 during this quarter. This proactive approach has helped maintain the effective use of available parking and contributed to improved accessibility within the town centre.
Improve visual amenity by maintaining trolley enforcement (collections and fines)		Community Development	Throughout the quarter, Rangers have maintained active engagement with trolley stakeholders, supporting ongoing awareness, communication, and collaborative management of abandoned shopping trolleys within the community. As a result of these proactive efforts and improved stakeholder coordination, no trolley collection activities were required during the reporting period. The continued monitoring and engagement approach has proven effective in addressing trolley-related issues.

Improve visual amenity by maintaining litter enforcement (fines) and removing abandoned vehicles		Community Development	Rangers continued to improve visual amenity across the municipality through the ongoing removal of abandoned vehicles and regular litter enforcement patrols. A total of 154 abandoned vehicles were identified and removed during the year, with 34 in this quarter, contributing to a cleaner, safer, and more attractive community environment. Rangers also undertook routine patrols to monitor and address littering issues, promoting compliance and community awareness. This proactive approach has supported the maintenance of public spaces and enhanced overall visual amenity throughout the year.
Improve water safety by offering targeted programs for identified cohorts including parents, migrants and people with lived disability		Community Development	This Quarter ASALC delivered a weekly all-abilities swim program throughout term 2, in partnership with Northern Territory Sports Academy called swim ability. This program gives people living with a disability the chance to feel safe in the water and hopefully identify participants who may be able to progress in para-swimming events. ASALC are also offering a learn to snorkel program in the upcoming winter school holidays alongside free teen and adult swimming lessons with the support of the Northern Territory Government.
Continue to advocate for and participate in Northern Territory Government strategies and reforms that aim to improve community safety in Alice Springs		Office of the CEO	In addition to its ongoing participation on the Interagency Tasking Coordination Group and other relevant forums, Council continues to undertake and be involved in a range of preventative measures designed to improve community safety. Throughout the current quarter, this most notably included the delivery of free school holiday and after school activities, as well as the timely removal of graffiti and abandoned vehicles in order to improve perceptions of community safety across the municipality.
Support community safety by efficiently responding to calls for service from the community regarding animal management and public amenity		Community Development	This quarter Rangers continued to support community safety and public amenity through the timely response and management of animal-related and public amenity requests received via phone, email, and Snap Send Solve. Operating six days a week, Rangers maintained a proactive presence in the community, enabling prompt assessment and action of reported issues. All requests were reviewed and responded to within appropriate timeframes, ensuring community concerns were effectively addressed and contributing to a safe, clean, and well-managed environment.
Investigate an animal management outreach program with Town Camps		Community Development	The Ranger Unit worked to investigate opportunities for an animal management outreach program in Town Camps, working collaboratively with key stakeholders to identify sustainable and effective delivery options. A report was presented to Council in June outlining a potential pathway forward for the program, including considerations for service delivery, community engagement, and animal welfare outcomes. The report also identified that external funding will likely be required to support implementation. This action has progressed to the planning stage, with a clear direction established should funding opportunities become available

Continue to implement a Work Health and Safety Management System and gain ISO 4501 accreditation		Infrastructure Services	Following an audit in February 2026 Council has successfully obtained ISO45001 certification.
<i>Improve Council and the community's disaster preparedness</i>			
Hold regular emergency planning committee meetings to coordinate Council's emergency preparedness planning and resources		Office of the CEO	In addition to Council's regular internal Emergency Management Committee meetings, staff recently participated in a half-day desktop simulation of an unexpected weather emergency, designed to test the practical application of ASTC's updated draft Emergency Plan.
Review and update Council's Emergency Plans		Office of the CEO	ASTC's Emergency Plan is close to being finalised, pending feedback from both an external review that was undertaken during May, as well as the recent desktop simulation of a flood emergency involving ASTC staff.
Undertake flood mitigation works including removing sand from river and clearing storm water drains		Infrastructure Services	A three-year stormwater pipes and culvert cleaning program commenced in 2024 and was completed in Quarter 1 2026. In addition sand removal from the river was completed in Quarter 2 2025.
Provide disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation messaging to residents and businesses to support local disaster resilience		Corporate Services	As part of Council's Territory Day communications, the Mayor featured in a public service announcement shared across Council's social media channels, promoting responsible fireworks use and raising awareness of fire safety.
<i>Improve Council owned roads and cycleways</i>			
Complete road reseal program		Infrastructure Services	A three-year road reseal program commenced in 2023/24 and was completed in Quarter 2 2025/26. Council is now developing the next Road Reseal program.
Commence the CBD footpath program		Infrastructure Services	The project remains in the planning and design phase. Survey and detailed design works are expected to commence in late 2026.

Continue to support and undertake initiatives that seek to decrease gender-based violence and improve gender equality

Participate in 16 days of activism against gender-based violence		Community Development	In Quarter 2, Council hosted a 'Walk Against Gender Based Violence' followed by a BBQ breakfast on Chamber Lawns. Over 45 people attended to show their support for a safer future. Council officers also regularly attend the Central Australian Family Violence and Sexual Assault Network (CAFVSAN) meetings.
Review sporting clubs' licencing and signage arrangements to include respectful relationships and violence aggression standards		Community Development	Sporting clubs licencing agreements include terms around managing behaviour in Council facilities. Council is currently drafting a license with AFL NT and Alice Springs Netball Association's license is still in negotiation. The Sporting licence for Alice Springs Tennis Association is currently in the process of being renewed and Alice Springs Basketball Association's licence is due for renewal on 1 September 2026. All other sporting licenses are still in effect.

Pillar Three: Environment

Improve land, air, water quality and reduce emissions

Deliver efficient and sustainable rubbish collection		Infrastructure Services	A new kerbside waste collection contract commenced in Quarter 4, supporting the continued delivery of efficient and reliable rubbish collection services across the municipality. Rubbish collection remains a core operational service and continues to be delivered on an ongoing basis.
Continue to support Alice Springs Landcare and community gardens		Infrastructure Services	Council continues to collaborate with Alice Springs Landcare and community garden groups regarding weed management, regeneration and food security. Council also continues to provide ongoing support to regeneration activities in Davidson Park and along both eastern and western banks of Lhere Mparntwe. In Quarter 4, Council delivered 2 food security workshops with the community garden groups.
Conduct a National Tree Day giveaway		Infrastructure Services	300 tree seedlings were given away to the community at the Todd Mall Markets in Q1, Sunday 3 August 2025, for National Tree Day.
Deliver Climate and Environment Implementation Plan actions to agreed timelines		Infrastructure Services	Council continues to deliver a range of operational projects under the Sustainability and Environment Management Plan, including the implementation of solar asset management initiatives, water-use efficiency measures, and actions to reduce reliance on grid-supplied electricity. During Q4, Council's grid electricity consumption was 9% lower than the corresponding period in 2024/25, demonstrating continued progress towards energy efficiency objectives. Council also continues to support local volunteer Landcare groups through the provision of labour, plant and equipment resources. This support contributes directly to actions within the Plan and assists in enhancing biodiversity corridors and ecological connectivity across the municipality. In collaboration with community groups and Landcare volunteers, ongoing works at locations including Davidson Park, Prickle Park and the Totem Theatre precinct have focused on the eradication of established buffel grass, prevention of further infestation, and the enhancement and protection of native vegetation and biodiversity values.
Complete the second year of the Alice Springs Greening Strategy & Action Plan 2024		Infrastructure Services	In Quarter 4, Council completed the final actions scheduled for Year 2 of the Alice Springs Greening Strategy & Action Plan 2024. Key achievements included the completion of the first Cool Schools Project, with greening and cooling initiatives delivered within a 200-metre radius of Bradshaw Primary School and Gillen Primary School.

			Council also successfully launched the Adopt-a-Tree Program, with all planned tree plantings completed during the quarter, supporting increased urban canopy coverage and community participation in greening initiatives. In addition, Council adopted Forestree tree asset management software, providing an enhanced platform for managing Council's tree assets and long-term management outcomes.
Deliver Green Living Subsidies		Infrastructure Services	Council continues to offer the Green Living Subsidy Program to encourage sustainable living and reduce household waste. During FY2025/26, 62 rebates were provided to residents, including 30 rebates in Quarter 4.
Deliver food security workshops		Infrastructure Services	During Quarter 4, Council delivered two food security workshops attended by 45 community members. Across FY2025/26, a total of seven food security workshops were delivered, attracting more than 200 participants and supporting improved community knowledge and skills in sustainable food production and food security.
Work to achieve outcomes of the Lhere Mparntwe Management Strategy		Infrastructure Services	Council continues to progress outcomes identified in the strategy and collaborate with key stakeholders through the Lhere Mparntwe Management Strategy Implementation Advisory Group meetings.
Consult with the community on verge maintenance		Corporate Services	Verge maintenance will be consulted on as part of the broader By-Law review. Progress on this action will be reported to council separately and no longer tracked in the quarterly report.
Re-establish Council's nursery at Albrecht Oval		Infrastructure Services	The Tree Farm was re-established and became operational in Quarter 3. During Quarter 4, additional plants were sourced to maintain adequate stock levels and support ongoing nursery operations.

Reduce the damage caused by pests and feral animals

Investigate and trial new programs to decrease the number of feral animals within Alice Springs		Community Development	The Ranger Unit investigated potential programs and initiatives to reduce the number of feral animals within Alice Springs. This work included reviewing available management options, engaging with relevant stakeholders, and assessing opportunities for future program delivery. In June, a report was presented to Council outlining a proposed pathway forward and identifying potential approaches to feral animal management. The report noted that securing funding will be a key requirement to progress implementation. This action has successfully advanced to the planning stage, with a clear framework established to support future program development when funding becomes available.
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Minimise the need for additional landfill space and improve recycling

Continue to work with partners to progress circular economy initiatives		Infrastructure Services	Collaboration with industry partners continues through the Regional Waste Management Facility, with a focus on the collection and recycling of metal, paint, e-waste, cardboard and HDPE products. Council's partnership with Envirobank also remains active, supporting the Container Deposit Scheme through the operation of Drop'n'Go pods and a reverse vending machine. During Quarter 4, the first reverse vending machine became operational in Alice Springs. Two Drop'n'Go pods were also relocated to suburban locations to improve community access and encourage greater participation in container recycling.
Encourage and support recycling uptakes and awareness in the Alice Springs community		Infrastructure Services	During Q4, Council promoted educational videos on the use of the reverse vending machine through its social media channels. Council continues to distribute fridge magnets with information about recycling options available at the Regional Waste Management Facility, while waste reduction tips remain available on Council's website and are promoted through posters.
Support community clean up events		Infrastructure Services	Council continues to provide in-kind support for community clean-up events and promotes upcoming events through its social media platforms.
Continue to work with the Northern Territory Government and other key stakeholders to address the issue of illegal dumping within the municipality		Infrastructure Services	Council continues to participate in the Illegal Dumping Working Group as part of the NT Government's Don't Be A Dumper campaign. During Quarter 4, Council supported an NT Government-led clean-up event at Undoolya by providing a compactor truck, bins, disposal equipment, team members and in-kind support. As a result, more than six tonnes of waste were removed from the area, including 23 tyres, seven whitegoods, one mattress, one couch and other mixed waste. Council has also continued to promote free waste disposal options through its social media channels, including residential garden waste, free whitegoods disposal days, e-waste and other recyclable materials.

Pillar Four: Economy

Support the regeneration of the Alice Springs CBD

Support new opportunities to develop the CBD		Office of the CEO	During the current quarter, Council resolved to engage Renew Australia with a view to activating a number of empty shop fronts within the Alice Springs CBD over the next twelve months. A presentation regarding the development of a nighttime experience for Alice Springs was also held with identified stakeholders during April, and works have continued in relation to the redevelopment of both the Todd Mall and Alice Springs Public Library.
Commence Regenerating the Alice Town Centre construction		Infrastructure Services	Construction of the Regenerating Alice Town Centre Project commenced in Quarter 3 and continued throughout Quarter 4, with works focused on stormwater drainage, underground infrastructure, subgrade preparation, vine arbour footings, and preparations for paving, public art and landscape elements. The project was planned as a 12-month construction program commencing in January 2026; however, progress has been impacted by more than four months of wet weather and other project delays. Despite these challenges, works continue to advance, with Todd Mall businesses remaining open and accessible throughout construction.

Support the development and growth of Alice Springs

Targeted procurement training for Council's responsible officers, focusing on supporting local businesses		Office of the CEO	Continuing work with regards to the review and development of procurement and purchase order policies and procedures.
Support and help drive regional economic growth through participation and advocacy on relevant committees and inquiries		Office of the CEO	Participation on relevant committees continued throughout the quarter, including meetings with Regional Development Australia NT, Chamber of Commerce NT, Department of Trade, Business & Asian Relations NT, Outback Highway and AFLNT.
Explore options to support Todd Mall traders during potential disruptions from the		Office of the CEO	A range of options continued to be explored and implemented during the current quarter, including the introduction of new wayfinding signage and flags. Traders were also consulted in relation to the early introduction of a voucher scheme, the Terms & Conditions of which are currently being finalised for

Regenerating the Alice Town Centre project			implementation in July 2026. It is expected that these vouchers will significantly help to boost local foot traffic to the Todd Mall over the coming months.
Contribute to the Approvals Fast Track Taskforce through the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory		Office of the CEO	Council provided examples and evidence to support LGANTs submission and representations to the Taskforce. The Government has responded noting that while it is important that the different levels of governments work together to streamline their regulatory frameworks where possible, the Taskforce has not spent time investigating improvements to Federal and Local Government regulatory frameworks. To this, there are the following recommendations relevant to Local Government sector: Recommendation 16 (longer-term whole of government reform): Strengthen accountability around approval timeframes (16A. Introduce mandatory approval timeframes across approvals, including for local governments and statutory authorities). Recommendation 21 (medium term): Conduct a major review of the Local Government Act 2019 to identify further reform opportunities to reduce timeframes for local government approvals. Benefits: A review will identify further areas of reform relating to delays associated with industry engagement with Local Government approvals, including where these interact with Territory approval processes. This review may be in the same vein as the recently announced 'local government red tape reduction taskforce' in Queensland.
Support the development of the Alice Springs Sports, Learning & Leadership Centre		Community Development	Update provided to Elected Members in April, with negotiations continuing with Redtails Pinktails Right Tracks Foundation to confirm a preferred location for the development.
Maintain and increase awareness of the 'Live Work Alice' website		Corporate Services	Plans for the site to be migrated into Council's existing site are underway with a goal of raising exposure and accessibility. This item will be incorporated into "Continue to develop and implementation of the 'Reframing the Alice' campaign to promote a positive narrative of Alice Springs" action in the 26/27 Municipal plan.
Improve employment outcomes by increasing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander recruitment, retention and professional development		Corporate Services	A guide to best practice recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is included in the draft Work Force Plan.
<i>Improve accessibility to Alice Springs</i>			

Continue involvement in and advocacy for delivery of the 'Outback Highway'		Office of the CEO	ASTC has continued its support of the Outback Way during the current quarter, including representation at a recent face-to-face meeting in Canberra.
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Pillar Five: Governance & Civic

Effectively communicate with the community

Implement a Community Engagement Framework for Alice Springs Town Council, including guidelines for undertaking community consultation		Corporate Services	A new Community Engagement Framework has been adopted to guide how Council communicates and consults with residents, businesses, and stakeholders. The framework provides clear and consistent principles, processes, and tools for meaningful engagement, ensuring community voices are heard and considered in decision-making across future projects, programs, and policy development.
Undertake an annual community sentiment survey to inform Council planning		Corporate Services	A community survey was conducted with more than 500 responses from community members. Data has been provided to Executive for consideration.

Develop a sustainable financial model

Undertake a commercial review of property owned or controlled by Alice Springs Town Council and consider other revenue options		Office of the CEO	A lease agreement for the Andy McNeill Room and part of the Library Building commenced on the 7th May 2026. Monthly rental payments are now payable under the terms of the lease agreement. The one-year lease agreement for the Hartley Street School premises is due to expire on 6 July 2026. Discussions are currently underway regarding the renewal of the lease agreements. The lease agreement for the Traeger Park Telecommunications Tower is due to expire FY 2027/28. Discussions are currently being undertaken regarding the renewal of the lease upon its expiry.
Undertake an analysis of fees and charges based on cost of providing relevant services		Office of the CEO	Review of fees and charges for 2026/2027 continued into the fourth quarter with an analysis done by Finance to determine the effects that fuel prices will have on the Council budget. Different scenarios were presented to Council at the fourth budget forum. A combined approach was adopted by Council, with additional revenue generated from increased waste charges expected to full offset RWMF cost increases.
Reduce supplier costs by reviewing supplier contracts, ensuring cost recovery with grant funded projects. Investigate shared services with other councils		Office of the CEO	Finance worked with Managers on reporting, acquittal and audit of the following projects - After School Activities for Term 1 and Term 4, acquittal of Underground Stormwater Cleaning phase 4, Staff Amenities Upgrade, Skate Park, Roads to Recovery audit, Town Camp grant audit. Finance continues to assist Infrastructure with contract renewal and tender applications, with the electricity tender occurring in the next financial year. A procurement group has been established, with internal stakeholders meeting

			regularly to improve the procurement process. Forms are being updated and automated applications are currently being investigated.
Reduce financial losses from unpaid debts by strengthening debt collection processes		Office of the CEO	Aged rates (1+years) continued to be 10% of annual charge. During the COVID-19 period in 2020/21, Council reduced the interest rate on overdue rates from 19% to 9% per annum to ease pressure on ratepayers. For 2026/27, Council has returned the rate to 18% per annum, fixed under section 245 of the Local Government Act 2019 and calculated daily. This is consistent with the City of Darwin and returns Council to its pre-COVID setting, with the aim of encouraging prompt payment and reducing the level of overdue rates. Rates 4th instalment was due on 10/04/2026. 4th Instalment Overdue Notices were sent out on 01/05/2026 and 90 overriding statutory charges were prepared and lodged. Council is investigating alternative solutions for debt recovery with a service provider utilised by councils nationwide. Finance has attended workshops and are waiting on a Discovery Report which is a consultative presentation which highlights key finds from the workshops, recommendations, commercial proposal, ROI and business case.
Automate financial processes thereby enhancing efficiency, accuracy and strategic decision-making		Office of the CEO	Finance automation of processes continues with the Accounts Receivable going live on the 15 May. A Purchasing Card module have been procured with a view to go live on the 26 August. Bank accounts have been updated to incorporate the change. The new credit card facility will streamline the process with internal users. A transition of our ERP to cloud has been approved. Planning has commenced with a project schedule due once implementation timeslot has been identified.

Plan effectively for asset acquisition, operation, maintenance, renewal and disposal

Complete stage two of Council's Asset Management Plan		Infrastructure Services	Development of the Strategic Asset Management Plan has been rephased to prioritise the creation of a comprehensive Asset Management Framework. This framework will serve as the foundational guide for Council's long-term asset management maturity, ensuring the final strategic plan is supported by robust, consistent processes.
Complete a new Alice Springs Public Library concept design, public consultation and costing		Infrastructure Services	An initial concept design for the new Alice Springs Public Library was developed, informed by community feedback gathered during the first phase of consultation in Quarter 3. The concept was released for further public engagement, including a community feedback session held on 31 May, providing residents with an opportunity to review the design and share additional input. The concept design and consultation stage is now complete, and the project will progress to detailed design and further cost planning.
Purchase new plant at the Regional Waste Management Facility - New Shredder		Infrastructure Services	The TDS820 Shredder was successfully delivered to the facility in early October 2025 (Quarter 2) and has been seamlessly integrated into operations. This machinery is now actively reducing waste volume and

			increasing compaction density, which directly contributes to extending the operational lifespan of the landfill.
Complete new kiosk and reception design for Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre		Community Development	Entry and exit gates have been repaired and are now operational. Any further renovations to the kiosk and reception area to be considered as part of the new ASALC Masterplan that is currently in development.

Make Council more relatable, memorable and engaging to the community

Provide a defined high level of customer service focusing on effective communication, responsiveness and consistency		Office of the CEO	Progressed foundational work this quarter to support the Customer Service Improvement Plan and strengthen the consistency and accessibility of customer service. Initial work began on a business case for an omnichannel contact centre solution; however, through development of the Improvement Plan, it became clear that essential building blocks such as service standards, knowledge management, process mapping and workforce capability must be established first. The focus therefore shifted to defining the phased approach and sequencing required to ensure Council is ready before implementing advanced technology. A review of existing complaints handling processes has commenced, with early analysis identifying opportunities to improve transparency and consistency and across departments. This work will continue into the next quarter alongside the implementation of Phase 1 of the Customer Service Improvement Plan.
Create communication frameworks to more strategically promote Council		Corporate Services	Communications framework and roadmap are currently in development. This will continue to be tracked in the action “Deliver transparent and strategic Council communications through clear communication frameworks” in the 26/27 Municipal plan.

Establish systems to achieve good governance and improve operational efficiency

Deliver ICT networking and computer infrastructure program upgrades		Corporate Services	The Windows 11 rollout to staff computers is complete, with work continuing to modernise Council's server infrastructure and move systems to secure cloud hosting.
Improve ICT infrastructure, workflow improvements and user experience at the Works Depot		Corporate Services	Depot Wifi Project completed.

Update the Electronic Document and Records Management System		Corporate Services	Work continued to move Council's electronic records management system to a secure cloud platform, now approximately 60 per cent complete, supporting Council's obligations under the Northern Territory Information Act 2002. This item will continue to be tracked in the action "Implement and continue to scope cloud-based systems to reduce Council's reliance on paper" in the 26/27 Municipal plan.
Reduce Council's reliance on paper		Corporate Services	Council continued initiatives to reduce paper use, including digital finance workflows, renewal of the multifunction printer fleet, and digital work health and safety inspections replacing paper forms.
Review and update Council's business continuity plans		Corporate Services	A draft of the updated Business continuity plan has been distributed internally for consultation and update. It is expected to be rolled out in the first half of the 26/27 financial year. This will continue to be tracked in the action "Implement and test council's emergency and business continuity plans" in the 26/27 Municipal Plan.
Establish a two-year phase Reconciliation Action Plan to further Council's commitment to meaningful reconciliation		Community Development	SpeakWrite and Council's Reconciliation Working Group have furthered the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) with the Plan's first draft in review by the Reconciliation Working Group as of May 2026.
Develop and embed a Governance Framework		Community Development	Governance Framework has been finalised, after going to the May Risk Management and Audit Committee, and is going to the July Ordinary Council Meeting for adoption by Council.

Support employment pathways, and delivery effective training and support that leads to quality outcomes

Develop a training framework and calendar to ensure staff are appropriately trained, including receiving all relevant mandatory training		Corporate Services	100% Framework is priority based using Mandatory, Required Skill Development, Optional Skill Development and Personal Development. Training Calendar for first half of 2026 developed and distributed.
Investigate and support trainee and apprentice opportunities		Corporate Services	A guide to traineeships and recommendations are included in the draft Work Force Plan

Empower team members to understand how they contribute to Council's vision

Develop a Workplace Wellbeing Strategy for Council team members		Corporate Services	Workplace Wellbeing strategy developed with three EAP providers all providing wellbeing workshops on building resilience and coping with life challenges. All EAP providers have committed to providing reports (no identification) with recommendations on focus activities where common themes have emerged.
Conduct scoping for a Council Workforce Plan		Corporate Services	Workforce risk assessment tool developed for executive approval and workforce analytics being taken from ELMO to assess critical roles, risk of vacancy in next three years, market trends on skills required and ABS statistics.
Implement a staff performance framework		Corporate Services	Performance framework now completed, planning rollout.
Continue the culture survey to track progress		Corporate Services	Culture surveys conducted every six months.



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