

Everyone belongs in sport

Alice Springs is a sporting town. Whether it's junior, senior, social or competitive sport, it is part of the fabric of life in Central Australia.

Alice Springs is also a diverse town - something that we take great pride in. We are a melting pot where people from all backgrounds, cultures, religions, genders and ethnicities live together in a welcoming environment.

Alice Springs Town Council firmly believe these two sentiments go together. Diversity and inclusion belong in sport.

Council is of the belief that everyone living in Alice Springs should be able to participate in sport and physical activity in a welcoming and inclusive way – regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ability, cultural background, ethnicity, location or life stage.

Sport has significant health and wellbeing outcomes, both physical and mental. It is a place that offers a sense of belonging and family, often to those that need a safe space. No one should miss out on that opportunity.

Transphobia has no place in our community or sporting organisations. Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges that members of the transgender community face discrimination or exclusion in a sporting context, whether that is conscious or subconscious.

When this happens, these members of our community miss out on the significant health and wellbeing benefits of sport that everyone has the right to access. This exclusion can also lead to people feeling as though they are not welcome or safe in our community. That is not acceptable.

Alice Springs Town Council supports inclusion in all sports and we urge sporting organisations across Central Australia to ensure they create a safe and welcoming environment for all Centralians.

There is no question: sport is for everyone. Alice Springs Town Council is proud to represent a diverse town and pursue best practice inclusivity.

Alice Springs Town Council is committed to increasing inclusivity by undertaking a review of policies and attending workshops to become better informed as an organisation. We look forward to working alongside the LGBTIQAP+ community to ensure everyone feels welcome in Central Australia.