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Alice Springs Collection finds temporary home at CDU

The Alice Springs Public Library's Special Collection has found a temporary home at Charles Darwin University (CDU), ensuring the important local collection remains accessible while Alice Springs prepares for its new library.

The collection is now housed at the CDU Alice Springs campus Library in Sadadeen, where community members can continue to explore material relating to the history, stories and people of Alice Springs and Central Australia.

Alice Springs Town Council Director Community Development Nicole Battle said the partnership with CDU was a great outcome while Council progresses the new Alice Springs Library.

"We know how much this collection means to people who love the history and stories of Alice Springs, so it was really important to us that it remained accessible while we work towards our new library," Ms Battle said.

"We're really grateful to CDU for giving the collection a temporary home and helping us keep this fantastic local resource available to the community. There's so much to discover in the collection. Whether you're doing some serious research, chasing a piece of family history or you've just fallen down a local-history rabbit hole, it's absolutely worth a look."

CDU Associate Vice-Chancellor Central Australia and Barkly Jodie Summers said CDU was pleased to provide a temporary home for the collection.

"The team is really excited to be able to offer this important collection a temporary home. We believed it was an important partnership that helps support our local community by ensuring this collection remained accessible," Ms Summers said.

"The CDU Alice Springs Library staff are excited to be able to offer this additional service and are grateful for the time and training they have received from the Alice Springs Town Council team and are looking forward to welcoming you onto our campus."

The Alice Springs Collection can be accessed at the Charles Darwin University Alice Springs campus Library, 10 Grevillea Drive, Sadadeen, from 8.30am to 7pm Monday to Friday.

Some Special Collection resources remain at the Alice Springs Public Library and are available with staff assistance, including the Special Collections computers containing the *Centralian Advocate* archive, Yirara Yearbooks and Central Australian Historical Images collection, as well as the Sensitive Items cabinet and DVD collection. For more information, contact the Alice Springs Public Library on 8950 0555.

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