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November Council Meeting wrap up

The Alice Springs Mayor and Councillors met on Tuesday 24 November 2026 for their monthly Ordinary Council Meeting. The following is a summary of some of the matters discussed. To see full Council reports and minutes visit the ASTC website. A full video of the meeting is available on Council's website.

Council backs additional support for Todd Mall traders

Alice Springs Town Council has set aside $30,000 from its elected member reserve for a Todd Mall Small Business Hardship Grant and extended the My Todd Mall Voucher Program to share additional funding across participating businesses.

The voucher extension will bring an extra $30,000 to the program, encouraging people to shop locally and helping Todd Mall traders make the most of the busy lead-up to Christmas. Next week's soft opening of the mall and public art unveiling, along with the upcoming Christmas Carnival, will give residents and visitors more reasons to come into the town centre, spend time in the mall and visit local businesses. The CEO will present proposed eligibility criteria for the hardship grant at the December Ordinary Council Meeting.

Council Christmas and New Year closures

Alice Springs Town Council advises residents of the following facility closures over the 2026–27 Christmas and New Year period:

Civic Centre and Depot: both close at noon on Thursday 24 December and reopen on Monday 4 January.

Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre is closed on Christmas Day (Friday 25 December) and Boxing Day (Saturday 26 December).

Animal Shelter is closed from Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 December inclusive, and from Thursday 31 December to Friday 1 January inclusive.

Regional Waste Management Facility is closed on Christmas Day (Friday 25 December) and New Year's Day (Friday 1 January).

Rediscovery Centre closes from Monday 21 December and reopens on Saturday 2 January.

Alice Springs Public Library closes at 1 pm on Saturday 19 December and reopens on Monday 4 January.

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Focusing on good governance

A review of Council's policies is continuing to ensure they remain current and give council members and staff clear guidance. At the November meeting, Council rescinded four policies as part of its work to keep its policy framework current and aligned with how Council operates today.

Council also endorsed an internal audit plan. The plan sets out how Council will assess whether its internal processes and controls are working as intended and identify where they can be improved. Together, the policy review and audit plan support consistent decision-making and accountability across Council.

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