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Developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, this Municipal Plan outlines Council's strategic actions and the indicators to be used in measuring our success in the year ahead.

The Municipal Plan 2024/25 (Municipal Plan) aligns to Council's strategic direction, guided by the Alice Springs Town Council's strategic plan, Alice Springs Liveability & Sustainability 2030.

The focus areas of the Municipal Plan are:

Liveability: Through planning for upgraded and new facilities, Council will bring Alice Springs' unique character and landscape to life while activating key spaces across the municipality.

Safety: Council is committed to working with all levels of government as well as the community and individuals, to ensure Alice Springs becomes a safer place to live.

Environment: Council recognises its role in Climate Action and preserving the liveability of the town. We remain dedicated to reducing Council's environmental footprint and contributing to a sustainable future for generations to come.

Economy: Council will proactively pursue opportunities to support businesses in Alice Springs and encourage the creativity and ingenuity that makes our region unique.

Governance & Civic: Council commits to demonstrating our rigorous and thoughtful decision-making process at every available opportunity. We commit to true and genuine consultation with the residents of Alice Springs to create a vibrant and liveable town.

This municipal plan also contains the Annual Budget and the rates, fees and charges.



Australia Day Citizenship Ceremonies, January 2024

Mayor's Message

I am thrilled to present to you the Alice Springs Town Council Municipal Plan and Budget for the year 2024/25. This document reflects our commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community while ensuring responsible fiscal management.

Our town continues to evolve, and this year, our focus remains on enhancing liveability for all residents. One of the highlights of this year's plan is the development of the Regional Skate and Play Precinct at Newland Park. This ambitious project will provide a dynamic space where our community can gather, play, and connect. With updated skate facilities, modern play structures, and ample green spaces, the precinct will be a centrepiece of recreational activity for generations to come. We believe investing in such initiatives not only improves the quality of life for our residents but also strengthens the fabric of our community.

In addition to the Regional Skate and Play Precinct, this budget highlights our commitment to maintaining essential services and infrastructure. From road maintenance to waste management, we have allocated resources prudently to ensure that our town continues to function smoothly and efficiently. We understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, and every dollar spent has been carefully considered to maximise its impact.



Community engagement remains a cornerstone of our governance approach. We value your input and aim to reflect the diverse needs and aspirations of our residents in our plans and policies. Your feedback has been instrumental in shaping this year's budget, and we will continue to seek your input as we work together to build a better Alice Springs.

I am immensely proud of the progress we have made thus far, but I am also mindful of the challenges that lie ahead. With your support and collaboration, I am confident that we can overcome these challenges and create a brighter future for all who call Alice Springs home.

Matt Paterson Mayor



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CEO's Message

The 2024/25 Alice Springs Town Council Municipal Plan and Budget is one that is forward thinking, showing our ambitious ideas to help our community live up to its potential.

It is highlighted by exciting projects in the infrastructure space that improve amenity and robust programs that increase liveability and enhance our core services to improve the everyday lives of residents.

Of course, none of these advances would be possible without a dedicated and talented team sitting behind them. With more than 200 team members across our facilities, these are the people that make a positive impact across the community each and every day.

Our Elected Members have set an exciting strategic direction for our organisation, and it is the hard work of our team members that puts that plan into action. Whether that's our highly visible Community Development, Aquatic Centre and Library teams putting on programs and events, or our Ranger Unit upholding our by-laws and looking after the town's amenity.

Or our outstanding Technical Services team planning and delivering new or improved infrastructure, our Depot Crew upgrading parks, maintaining roads and setting up events, and our Regional Waste Management Facility team putting in a mountain of work to improve our sustainability targets.



Everyone plays an important role, including our support teams who keep the wheels in motion and on track. They manage our governance and risk, set and monitor our financial performance, recruit and onboard new team members, look after our wellbeing and drive cultural improvement initiatives, or enable us to work smarter and more productively through leveraging technology and ensuring our organisation runs efficiently.

Each arm of Council has a unique role to play in connecting our community.

This budget is transformational and is truly exciting for our entire town. I want to thank each and every Council team member for their ongoing dedication to the community. I would also like to thank Mayor Matt Paterson and the 14th Council for their strong stewardship of our town.

Andrew Wilsmore
Chief Executive Officer

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Legislative Compliance

Local governments in the Northern Territory are required to undertake planning and reporting activities in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act) and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Each council must have a plan for its area and this is the Municipal Plan for the Alice Springs Town Council, as per section 33 (1) of the Act.

As per section 35 of the Act, Council:

- released the draft Municipal Plan 2024/25 after approval was given at the Special Meeting on 21 May 2024;
- made available for public consultation from 23 May 2024 until 12 June 2024;
- reviewed submissions incorporated appropriate changes into the final plan; and
- adopted its 2024/25 Municipal Plan at the 25 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Relevant Plans

Section 34 of the Act states that the municipal

plan must include a reference to any long term, community or strategic plan adopted by the Council that is relevant to the period to which the plan relates. These can be found on our website by following the links below:

- Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030
- Alice Springs Town Council Climate and Environment Policy
- Alice Springs Town Council Public Art Masterplan 2020-2030
- Alice Springs Town Council Sports Facilities
 Master Plan 2020
- Alice Springs Town Council Long Term
 Financial Plan 2024/25 2027/28
- Alice Springs Town Council Multicultural Action Plan 2023-2026

Availability of the Municipal Plan

Alice Springs Town Council's Municipal Plan 2024/25 is available, as per section 33 of the Act:

- online at www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au
- by emailing astc@astc.nt.gov.au
- for inspection or in print, on request, at the Civic Centre at 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs







Our Elected Representatives

Council Structure

The Council sets the strategic and policy direction for the organisation, monitors the performance of its functions, and has the responsibility of financial allocation and resourcing. Their role is to represent the people of Alice Springs providing leadership and guidance to the community. The monthly Ordinary Council Meetings are open to the public who may sit in the public gallery or watch the meeting streamed live.

Council Representatives

There are nine Elected Members who are directly elected to represent the community of Alice Springs. They have specific powers, responsibilities and duties as set out in the *Local Government Act 2019*. The Mayor is elected during the local government elections held every four years and the Deputy Mayor is elected by the Council every 12 months as per Council policy.



Role of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor is elected directly to the office. As the principal member of the Alice Springs Town Council, their role:

- Chairs the meetings of Council
- Speaks on behalf of Council and as Council's principal representative
- Liaises with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) about the performance of the Council's and CEO's functions, and leads the Council to undertake regular review of the performance of the CEO
- Promotes behaviour among the members of the Council that meets the standards set out in the code of conduct
- Carries out the civic and ceremonial functions required of this position.

The Deputy Mayor is the deputy principal member of Council whose role is to carry out the Mayor's functions when the Mayor delegates the functions to the Deputy Mayor, is absent from official duties because of illness or another pressing reason, or is on leave.

The Deputy Mayor is elected each year to the office by the Councillors.



Role of Councillors

The Local Government Act 2019 states that the role of a member of a council is:

- to represent the interests of all residents and ratepayers of the council area
- to provide leadership and guidance
- to facilitate communication between the members of the council's constituency and the council
- to be properly informed to enable participation in the deliberations of the council and its community activities
- to ensure, as far as practicable, that the council acts honestly, efficiently and appropriately in carrying out its statutory responsibilities
- to ensure that council resources are used prudently and solely in the public interest
- to actively monitor the financial affairs of the council.
- The Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Council's Code of Conduct.

Committees, Advisory Groups and Representation of External Bodies

To assist with risk management and decisionmaking, the Council has two advisory committees that make recommendations about any matters the committee believes require the Council's consideration as a result of the committee's functions.

Risk Management and Audit Committee

The Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) is an advisory committee with an objective to provide independent assurance and advice regarding the integrity of Council's financial management and risk, internal control and compliance frameworks. RMAC continues to be independently chaired by Mr Bryan Whitefield, and supported by the Chief Executive Officer and senior ASTC officers. A second external independent member will bring diversity, improving quality assurance.

The committee meets four times per year and provides oversight of the following:

- Annual financial statements
- Compliance review
- External audit reporting
- Internal audit assurance
- Risk management.

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

The Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC) provides advice on the provision, appropriate development and management of ASTC's sporting facilities within our community.

The Elected Members



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Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee

Risk Management and Audit Committee Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

External Committee Representation

50+ Community Centre Committee
Development Consent Authority
Local Government Association of Northern Territory
(LGANT)

Outback Highway Development Council Inc (Outback Way)

Tourism Central Australia (ex-officio)



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Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee

External Committee Representation

Development Consent Authority Alice Springs Art Foundation



Councillor

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Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee

External Committee Representation

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External Committee Representation

Development Consent Authority

Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT)

Outback Highway Development Council Inc (Outback Way)

Red Hot Arts Committee

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Risk Management and Audit Committee

External Committee Representation

Red Hot Arts Committee



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Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

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External Committee Representation

NT Heritage Council

National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) Aboriginal Leadership Group



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Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee



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Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee



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Elected Members Allowances

Changes in legislation have affected the allowances paid to Elected Members. The Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 1 of 2024: Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Government Councils (the Determination) was made on 29 January 2024 and tabled in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 14 February 2024.

As per the Determination, Elected Members are entitled to a range of allowances to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities which differ from previous years. The new determined values of the allowances come into effect for the 2024/25 financial year and set out the claimable allowance of the Councillors' Allowance, the Deputy Principal Members Additional Allowance, the Principal Members Additional Allowance, the maximum claimable value of the Extra Meeting/ Activity Allowance, the Professional Development Allowance, Vehicle Allowance, Provision of Motor Vehicle or the Motor Vehicle Allowance, and Travel Allowance.

The Deputy Mayor and Councillors are entitled to claim an Extra Meeting Allowance of up to a maximum of \$10,000 per financial year. The claimable allowance is \$200 for meetings up to 2 hours, \$300 for meetings between 2 and 4 hours, and \$500 (maximum payable for any one day) for meetings more than 4 hours in duration.

Councillors are eligible to claim reimbursement of childcare expenses in relation to expenses paid.

Details of further entitlements are outlined in council policy Elected Member Allowances and Expenses and Credit Card Policy (Mayor and CEO).

The below amounts indicate the maximum allowances payable under legislation and are accounted for in Council's 2024/25 budget:

Allowance Type	Amount \$	Amount \$		
	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor	
Councillors' Allowance	22,550	22,550	22,550	
Additional Allowance	89,000	16,500	-	
Professional Development Allowance	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Maximum Extra Meeting Allowance	-	10,000	10,000	
Motor Vehicle Allowance	25,000			



14th Council of Alice Springs

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Our Town, Our History

Apmere Mparntwe has a history which was born in the Altyerre (dreamtime). Athereyurre (Telegraph Station) was where the Central Arrernte people survived for 1000's of years because of the source of water reliability. Athereyurre provided this necessity to the Central Arrernte people.

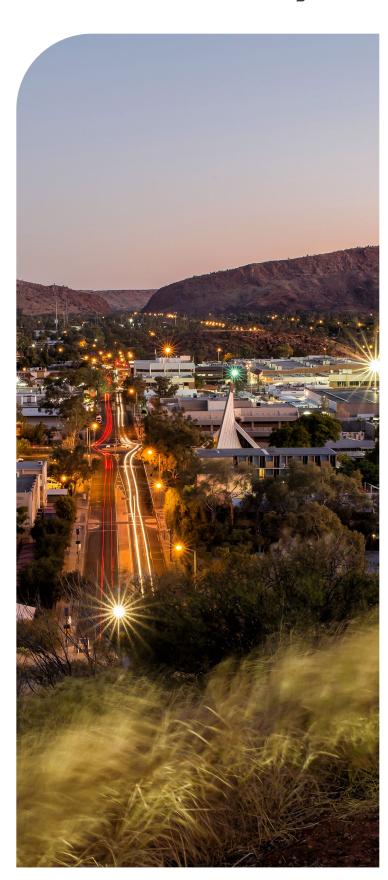
The Mparntwe people of the Central Arrernte tribe lived in this area because of the availability of water and all types of foods this particular area offered, including amerne (vegetables) and akure (meat).

Landmarks such as Ntaripe (Heavitree Gap), Akeyelerre (Billy Goat Hill), Untyeyetwelye (Anzac Hill), Athereyurre (Telegraph Station) and surrounding hill lines all have an Aboriginal presence when looking through Central Arrernte Mparntwe eyes.

They are hidden but not invisible and are very present in the moment about a past history from the Altyerre (dreamtime) of beetles, caterpillars and dogs fighting all travelling in all directions leaving these monumental landmarks in the wake for all to view.

The original town of Stuart, which is also known as the Telegraph Station, was the original location of Alice Springs. The location for the Overlander Telegraph Station was perfect when making a Telegraph Line through the centre of Australia that connected the South to North to "get a message!"

The township started under the name of Stuart; between 1871 and 1933 Alice Springs was simply the name of a waterhole adjacent to the Telegraph Station. It was named after Alice Todd, the wife of Sir Charles Todd, who was the driving force for constructing the Overland Telegraph Line.





Library Archives NT. (1982). Camels. Boerner Collection

The purpose of the telegraph was to assist communication from the north to the south of Australia. Without it, messages could only be delivered by the Afghan cameleers and would take months to be received.

As the town became more connected, fossicking miners looking for gold, mica and tungsten, as well as pastoralists, were drawn to the vast land and great opportunity that was available.

With the harsh and arid environment at the time, the journey from Alice Springs to Arltunga was accessible only by camel. Afghan cameleers forged a vital place in the town's history, driving their camel trains through the unforgiving desert climate. Their legacy is proudly evident in the town today with many local families being direct descendants of those early pioneers.

In 1933 the town took on the name of Alice Springs, and less than ten years later, during World War II, it became a very active base for military personnel. It's estimated around 8,000 soldiers were stationed here and about 200,000 visited. During the 1960s Alice Springs again became an important defence location with the development of the US and Australian Pine Gap joint defence satellite monitoring base, home to about 700 workers from both countries.

In more modern times, life in Alice Springs has boomed with an increase in tourism and the introduction of large events such as the Camel Cup, the Henley on Todd, the Desert Song Festival, Red CentreNATS, Desert Mob and Parrtjima.

Today, Alice Springs is a home to people from many countries and cultures, with an Aboriginal population of 20.6% and 26.2% of residents speaking a language other than English at home.

This plan for Alice Springs was developed for the benefit of all residents, to ensure a better future for everyone in our town.

Alice Springs Today



Our People

Population: 29,213 (2023 ABS ERP) **Target Population Growth: 3.5%**

Median Age: 34

Population density: 88.97 persons per square km

Number of dwellings: 11,686 Average household size: 2.51 Aboriginal population: 20.6% Australian citizens: 78.4%

Population born overseas: 26.2%

Language at home other than English: 24.5%

University Qualification: 27.2%

Trade Qualification: 19.5%

Eligible voters: 14,941

Our Environment

Land area: 328.3 km2

Mean maximum temperature (since 1941): 35.76 °C

Mean minimum temperature (since 1941): 4.93 °C

Our Economy

Alice Springs Gross Regional Product: \$2.4 billion

(in the year ending June 2022)

Median weekly household income: \$2,142

Registered businesses: 2,155

Employed population: 13,727 (96.5%) Top industry sector of employment:

1. Healthcare & Social Assistance (3,095)

2. Public Administration and Safety (2,394)

3. Education and Training (1,295)







Vision for the Town of Alice Springs

A brighter future, a prosperous and cohesive community. We aspire to be modern, inclusive and innovative, bridging divides and forging new paths.

We want to bring our community together, to celebrate this unique place of gathering where the world meets the oldest living culture on Earth.

Our Mission

We will be a smart and efficient Council. We will deliver our services to the Community whilst constantly improving our practices and procedures to achieve our vision.

We will always be accountable to the Community whom we serve.



Our Values

Leadership: Our culture, values and accountability are present throughout the organisation.

Collaboration: We work in partnership and are better together.

Trust: Nothing is more important than the trust between the community and ourselves.

Respect: We respect people and genuinely care.

Authenticity: What we do rings true and we do what we say.

Inclusion: We value all people to create a more equal world.

Commitment: We consistently strive towards our mission.

Determination: We endeavour to continuously improve.

Strategic Framework

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Alice Springs Town Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework guides the planning process to deliver accountable and measurable links between community aspirations, financial and resource sustainability including effective asset management and practical service delivery.

The strategic and planning documents provide transparency to the community on how Council

intends to achieve the strategic goals and supports accountability by reporting Council's performance on a regular basis.

The Municipal Plan details the intended operational delivery of services, programs, projects and activities on a yearly basis and includes the Annual Budget. The outcomes of operational activities will be used to track and measure Council's performance against the deliverables of the Strategic Plan and are mapped to the strategic Pillars. These measures of success are set out in this plan and will be regularly reported on in Council meetings as quarterly progress reports. The successful delivery of the objectives of this plan is reported in the Annual Report as per legislative requirements.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is outlined below.



Diagram 1. Alice Springs Town Council Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework



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Major Infrastructure Highlights

CBD Regeneration

Council are delivering the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre project, developing plans to improve the liveability of our CBD. As part of this project, we have allocated \$2 million in 2024/25 as part of a \$20 million investment over the next three years.*

Regional Skate and Play Precinct

Council has allocated \$5.65 million over two years to deliver a destination-worthy precinct for families and young people to enjoy the same amenities found in capital cities.*

Charles Darwin University (CDU) Paul Fitzsimons Oval

To help improve facilities and deliver a much-needed additional cricket and football field, \$600,000 in 2024/25 has been allocated to improving facilities at Paul Fitzsimons Oval with a further \$4.4 million to come in the following years.*

*Subject to grant funding



Concept Design: Community Space (Lot 73), Draft CBD Revitalisation, Regenerating Alice Town Centre Community Consultation



Jim McConville Oval - Lighting

To allow sports to play and train during the cool of night and escape the daytime heat, \$2.2 million has been allocated to lights at Jim McConville Oval.*



Regional Waste Management Facility – Capital Improvements & Plant

Improving sustainability and extending the lifespan of our Regional Waste Management Facility is vital for our future generations. To that end, we have allocated \$1.09 million to the renewal of the waste facility and for plant and machinery.*



Araluen Park Upgrades

Council have significantly invested in creating brand new parks, but we're also giving our existing parks a face lift. Frank McEllister Community Park is in line for a \$908,000 refresh, with new and fun play equipment for kids to learn and play.*

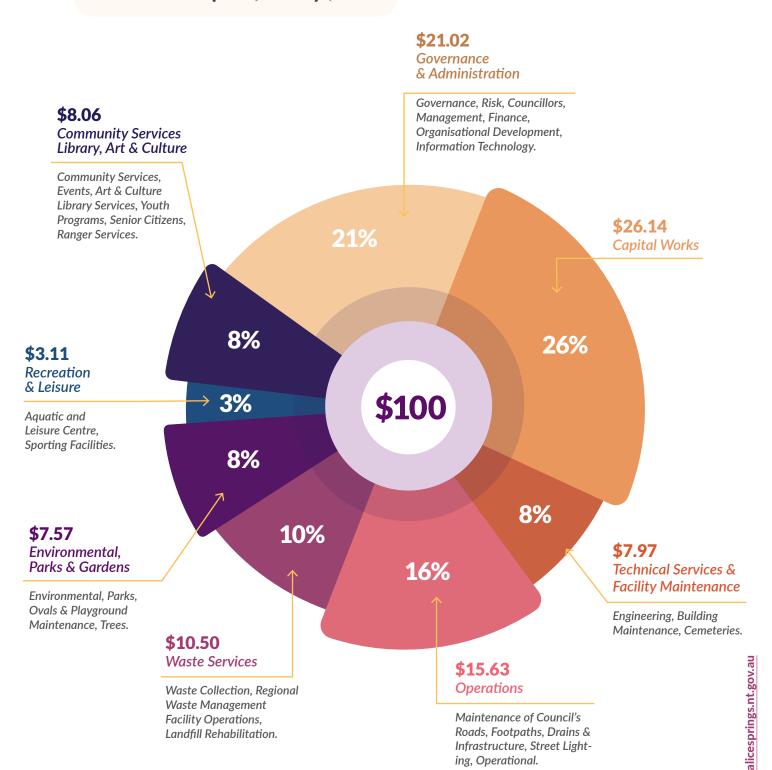




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Where your money is to be spent

The indicative spend for every \$100



Council Manages

221+km Parks and gardens Sporting grounds and ovals of roads **120km** 220km 400km of stormwater of footpaths of verges Cemeteries **Netball courts Swimming pools** Whirlpool Indoor spa 2,735 10+ Water bubblers Solar panels **Public toilets**



Health & Safety

Organisational Structure

Alice Springs Town Council is building a constructive culture that encourages and supports its diverse and talented workforce, upskilling with a generous training provision and supported by excellent employment terms and conditions in our Enterprise Agreement 2022.

As per the Local Government Act 2019, Council delegates the responsibility of the day-to-day operations of Council to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who works closely with the Elected Members to ensure Council strategic actions are achieved.

The CEO is supported in the overall administration of Council functions by the Office of the CEO and three Directors.

The three Directorates are: Community Development, Finance & Governance and Technical Services.

Council structures its workforce to be productive, enhance the delivery of services to the community and to gain efficiencies within internal collaborations.



Our Service Delivery

Service delivery is a core function of Alice Springs Town Council and we are committed to providing value to the community. We care about our town. A significant proportion of Council's resources are dedicated to delivering services, programs and events. Council maintains and renews the amenity of community facilities to enhance the safety, health and comfort for the users, and combined with programs and activities, enliven public spaces and activate our infrastructure and facilities that are impressive for a remote town.

Function	Service, Program or Activity
Community Events and Programs	Community Events and Programs Cultural Development and Activities Healthy Communities
Sponsorship and Grants	Sponsorships for Events Grants for community initiatives Public Arts
Recreational Services	Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre maintenance, renewal program and management Recreational programs and activities Sport and Recreation services
Social Amenity	Ranger services including animal control By-law compliance
Library Services	Library Management Library collections and borrowing services E-resources, print and wi-fi services Events and Activities
Leadership and Innovation	Office of the CEO Executive Management
Governance and Civic	Governance and Electoral administration Council administration
Planning & Economic Development	Economic Development, workshops and stimulus initiatives

Function	Service, Program or Activity
Corporate Support	Audit and Risk Management Corporate Planning and Communications Financial Management and Procurement ICT and Records Management People & Culture Management Employee Wellbeing Initiatives Incoming Grants Funding Management In-house Legal Service Provision
Workplace Health and Safety	Workplace Health & Safety Management systems, processes and reporting
Technical Services and Developments	Development assessments Technical Services management
Infrastructure Management	Asset performance management Maintenance of roads, paths, drainage and street furniture assets Maintenance and renewal of council buildings and facilities
Community Amenity and Facilities	Public Art collection and maintenance Parks and Gardens maintenance and renewal Sports facilities maintenance and renewal Cemetery maintenance
Environmental Services	Solar Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO)
Waste Services	Landfill management Residential, Commercial and Recreational Spaces Rubbish Collection Recycling services





Alice Springs as a region has a great deal of opportunity and potential. Council is committed to collaborating with key stakeholders to ensure our town fulfils this potential. Council wants our town to be an example of remote living success, creating a thriving and accessible town to live, work, study and play. Through planning for upgraded and new facilities, Council will bring Alice Springs' unique character and landscape to life while activating key spaces across the municipality. This will ultimately enrich the quality of life for Central Australian residents and visitors.



Capital Investment

- Regional Skate Play Precinct \$5.8 million
- Jim McConville Oval Lighting \$2.2 million
- Refresh of Aquatic & Leisure Centre Capital including the Air Handling Unit, Heat Pump, Kiosk/Reception area and retiling of Leisure Pool \$1.505 million
- Araluen Park Upgrade Masterplan \$908,000
- CDU Paul Fitzsimons Oval Upgrade (Phase 1) design \$600,000
- Park Upgrades including continued renewal of shade structures \$600,000
- Public Art installations (including Aboriginal art and roundabouts) \$449,610
- Flynn Drive Lights \$130,000
- Replacement of community events equipment \$50,000
- Parks and Reserves Grandstands \$30,000

Measures of success

Through connecting as a community, we are able to bring Alice Springs' unique character to life for our residents and visitors. We work to protect, strengthen and improve upon our services and amenities and help the people of Alice Springs lead rich, fulfilling and healthy lives.

2024/25 Objectives	Actions
Create and support meaningful opportunities for the community to come together	 Deliver five night markets Deliver five pop up events Develop and publish a monthly events calendar Increase activation of the CBD through continued collaboration with Activate Alice Continue to administer a community grants/sponsorship program, including bi-annual information sessions Assist in the setup and implementation of community events
Build community engagement and improve perceptions of Council activities	 Improve the design and functionality of the Events and Community Calendar Develop a proactive communications program to support the events calendar and Council activities Expand communications to highlight Council activities and events
Connect minority and marginalised groups to the community	 Deliver all actions in the Multicultural Action Plan within agreed timeframes Via the Sports Inclusion Officer, work with sporting facilities and clubs to increase accessibility for people with lived experience of disability and their carers
Showcase 'What's unique about Alice'	 Review communication materials and engagement programs to celebrate indigenous culture, history, multiculturalism, and natural aspects of Alice Springs Continue to deliver the Public Art Masterplan within agreed timeframes Investigate the delivery of an Aboriginal statue/monument to Arrente culture Oversee delivery of decorative roller-shutters within the CBD Develop a concept of supporting informative plaques, showcasing key locations related to the multiculturalism, indigenous culture, history and natural aspects of Alice Spring and create maps people can follow to see them Leverage and coordinate content with Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government that can collectively be used across communication and marketing channels Review signage to natural wonders in and around Alice Springs and improve or create as needed

2024/25 Objectives	Actions
Provide for community physical development needs and recreational activities	 Complete resurfacing of the Tennis Courts Complete Regional Skate & Play Precinct Design and Tender, and commence construction Consult on Alice Springs Parks Plan Complete design and tender for Araluen Park upgrade Upgrade three parks Upgrade shade to three parks Partner with the Northern Territory Government to install lights at Jim McConville Oval Complete one accessibility upgrade to a Council owned facility Complete design for upgrades on the Paul Fitzimons Oval Complete Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Adventure Playground Undertake plant refurbishment at Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
Implement programs that help deliver rich, fulfilling and healthy lives	 Implement regular term and school holiday programs for children and young people Further investigate and implement new programs at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre, including the operationalisation of the new Outdoor Playground Undertake a review of programs offered within the Alice Springs Public Library, including targeted community engagement with residents and other interested stakeholders







Alice Springs is a unique and prosperous place to live and work. This relies heavily on ongoing considerations and support around community safety. Council understands the need for residents and visitors to feel safe and secure in the town while experiencing all that Alice Springs has to offer. We are committed to working with all levels of government, as well as the community and individuals, to ensure Alice Springs becomes a safer place to live.

Capital Investment

- Footpath program \$1.1 million
- Road reseal program \$681,000





Measures of success

As part of our role as a Council, we are committed to helping businesses operate safely and confidently, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, protecting property, mitigating the factors that lead to domestic violence and ensure public spaces, including travel routes, are safe for our community and visitors to use.

2024/25 Objectives	Actions
Help repair relationships between young people, people who have been impacted by crime and the community	 Continue and strengthen existing advocacy Continue input and participation in relevant networks and committees to lead and support partners' diversion programs
Support businesses to take a more active role in their security	Continue to support traders within the CBD through the provision of brokerage funding
Protect the wellbeing of the local community	 Advocate to provide incentives for operators to target harden their infrastructure Advocate for ride-sharing to supplement transport options Advocate for a review and trial of a Canberra-style "Nightrider" service Undertake Community education in relation to responsible pet ownership, including free microchipping event for residents Improve access to the CBD by maintaining parking enforcement Improve visual ammenity by maintaining trolley enforcement (collections and fines) Improve visual ammenity by maintaining litter enforcement (fines) Complete CCTV, sports carpark lighting and fencing improvements
Prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks	 Stand up disaster response committee to coordinate resources and determine ways response can be improved Update Council's Disaster Recovery Plan Undertake flood mitigation works including removing sand from river and clearing storm water drains
Improve roads and cycleways	 Complete road reseal program Review adequacy of cycle signage

2024/25 Objectives	Actions
Improve swim safety in the community	 Improve water safety by offering targeted programs for identified cohorts including parents, migrants and people with lived disability
Continue to support and undertake initiatives that seek to decrease gender-based violence and improve gender equality	 Participate in 16 days of activism Review sporting clubs' licencing and signage arrangements to include respectful relationships and violence and aggression standards





Pillar Three: Environment

Alice Springs Town Council recognises its role in Climate Action and preserving the liveability of the town. We remain dedicated to reducing Council's environmental footprint and contributing to a sustainable future for generations to come. Alice Springs is a destination made by our unique composition of people and place. The Alice Springs' community is one that cares deeply about the environment and its response to Climate Change. Council shares this commitment to change and will develop ways to help Alice Springs become a more sustainable town, including heat mitigation, water and greening strategies.

Capital Investment

 Greening Strategy (including Parks and Trees) \$83,350



Youth recycled art workshop @ Central Craft, March 2024



Measures of success

From an environmental standpoint, we are able to help mitigate the effects of climate change, reduce waste, and protect Alice Springs' natural habitat and resources by working meaningfully in all action areas.

2024/25 Objectives	Actions
Improve land, air, water quality and reduce emissions	 Deliver efficient and sustainable rubbish collection Review waste charges at the Regional Waste Management Facility to incentivise against illegal dumping Continue to support Alice Springs Landcare and community gardens Undertake National Tree day giveaway Continue to implement Climate and Environment Implementation Plan Develop ASTC Water Strategy Implement Greening Strategy Plan Deliver Green living subsidies Commence a program to accept solar panels for recycling at Regional Waste Management Facility Deliver food security workshops Work to achieve outcomes of the Lhere Mparntwe Management Strategy
Reduce the damage caused by pests and feral animals	 Investigate and trial new programs to decrease the number of feral animals within Alice Springs Advocate for funding and partnership for the management of Buffel within Alice Springs
Maintain council assets and support the community to reduce the impact of disasters and emergency events	Amplify messages to residents and businesses to help them prepare and prevent incidents
Minimise the need for additional landfill space and improve recycling	 Develop kerbside recycling business case Continue to work with partners on circular economy

Pillar Four: Economy

Alice Springs at its best is a vibrant place that is a space for economic and social excellence. Council will proactively pursue opportunities to support local business owners in Alice Springs and encourage the creativity and ingenuity that makes our region unique.

There will also be a strong focus on collaborating with all forums of government as well as industry bodies wherever possible to achieve positive outcomes for all business owners and potential business owners in our community.

Investment in Development

- CBD regenerating detailed design \$2 million
- \$200,000 for an Economic Development Plan





Measures of success

We are committed to helping grow and diversify Alice Springs' economy by continuing to support local business to help them thrive and by working to boost and sustain tourism by partnering with more local businesses and tourism operators.

2024/25 Objectives	Actions
Regenerate the CBD	 Develop regional partnerships precincts application Commence the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre detailed design
Support existing businesses to be successful	 Review and update procurement policy to strengthen focus on 'buy local' Undertake a locally targeted procurement engagement program based on upcoming projects to prepare local businesses for upcoming opportunities Support and help drive the Central Australia Regional Economic Growth Plan
Improve Alice Springs brand and narrative	 Advocate for development of an Alice Springs brand / tourist brand Investigate economic development opportunities of Council Assets
Increase accommodation numbers, variety and quality	 Advocate to reduce red tape and barriers so accommodation providers are incentivised to invest in the town Review and advocate for the development of a tourism investment prospectus Encourage providers to create and promote tours and more holistic experiences.
Improve accessibility to town	 Understand barriers to international flights from Alice Springs airport Continue involvement in and advocacy for delivering of 'Outback Way' and sealing of the Mereenie Loop Explore social media opportunities with "drive tourism" influencers
Support and encourage "Indigenous Tourism"	 Investigate opportunities in the Council Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to support and encourage "Indigenous Tourism" Investigate opportunities in the Council Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) that encourage Indigenous businesses to participate in business accelerators and pop ups

Pillar Five:



Governance Govern & Civic

Alice Springs Town Council commits to demonstrating our rigorous and thoughtful decision making process at every available opportunity. Council recognises the absolute need of operating in an ethical and transparent manner at all times. Alice Springs residents expect a local government they trust and Council will strive to meet those expectations with every decision. Council commits to true and genuine consultation with residents of Alice Springs to create a vibrant and liveable town

Capital Investment

- Regional Waste Management Facility capital and plant renewals \$1.09 million
- ICT networking and computer infrastructure \$511,300
- Replacement of operational plant and vehicles \$250,000
- ICT Works Depot program \$105,000
- Demolition of ASTA Tennis House \$70,000
- Upgrades to Works Depot fire alarms \$50,000
- Refresh for Civic Centre \$11,275

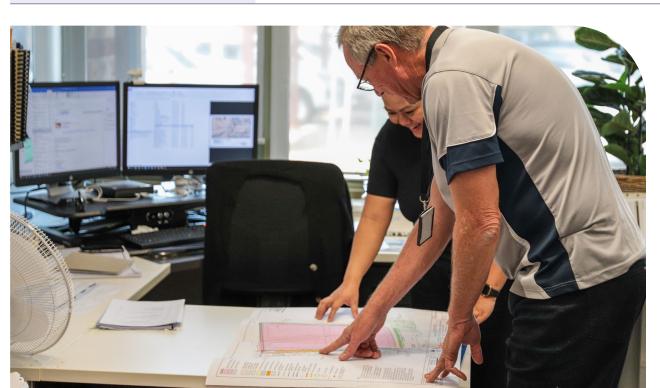


Measures of success

One of our objectives as a Council is to ensure we are delivering high quality outcomes based on what our community needs, using the Council budget and resources effectively and sustainably, focus on working within a strong 'one team' culture, and being a trusted leader within the Alice Springs community.

2024/25 Objectives	Actions
Undertake effective two- way communications with the community	 Establish consistent consultation processes and standards within projects Develop a community engagement strategy that advertises Council wins and value to the community Develop a framework for Council Projects Undertake an annual community survey that is instructive and can be used as a pulse check over time Regularly inform the community on Council initiatives and value provided
Develop a sustainable financial model	 Develop critical assessment criteria for grant submissions based on ROI, whole life costs, or other appropriate measures Undertake a commercial review of property owned or controlled by Alice Springs Town Council and consider other revenue opportunities Undertake an analysis of fees and charges based on cost of providing relevant services Develop the Four-Year Long-term Financial Plan into a Ten-Year Financial Outlook
Plan effectively for asset acquisition, operation and maintenance, renewal and disposal	 Complete fire alarm upgrades to Council Depot Complete stage one of Council's Asset Management Plan Complete a new Library concept design and costing Demolish dilapidated house at the Tennis Courts Purchase new plant at Regional Waste Management Facility Complete new kiosk and reception design for Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Complete new facilities upgrades at Council Depot Complete fire alarm upgrades to Council Depot
Make Council more relatable, memorable, and engaging to the community	 Provide a defined high level of customer service focussing on effective communication, responsiveness and consistency Review and complete brand positioning, assets and narrative strategy Develop and begin to use key messages Develop proactive communications program

2024/25 Objectives	Actions
Establish systems to achieve good governance and improve operational efficiency	 Review and update Council and Administrative Policies prioritised by risk profile Deliver solutions to improve Council processes Deliver ICT networking and computer infrastructure program upgrades Improve ICT infrastructure, workflow improvements and user experience at Works Depot Improve connectivity and mobility of team members Update the Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS) Better utilisation of technology to remove paperwork and duplication
Support employment pathways and deliver effective training and support that leads to quality outcomes	 Develop a training framework by position and against strategic objectives and cultural expectations Develop a structured mentoring framework and performance expectations Develop a team member brand/narrative Improve materials and processes for onboarding new team members Implement Wellbeing initiatives Implement Work Health and Safety Management System Investigate and support trainee and apprentice oppportunities
Improve team member job Significance	 Develop an internal communications strategy Continually improve the employee rewards and recognition program Include team members within strategic decision-making processes Develop a Workforce Plan Develop and implement a staff performance framework Continue the culture survey to track progress





Australia Day Citizenship Ceremonies, 2024

Long-Term Financial Planning

Section 200 of the *Local Government Act 2019* requires Councils to prepare and keep up-to-date a Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) for a period of at least four financial years. An LTFP is a financial model and a key planning document for driving financial sustainability. It expresses in financial terms the activities the Council proposes to undertake in order to achieve its goals and objectives in a financially sustainable manner, and informs significant decisions about resource allocation.

Being financially sustainable means that Council has the ability to fund the following over the short, medium and long-term:

- Consistent delivery of services to an acceptable standard
- New infrastructure to meet reasonable community needs and expectations, and also cater for current and future growth of the town
- Renew and maintain infrastructure such as roads, buildings, stormwater and playgrounds in order to maintain current levels of service

Key benefits arising from having an LTFP in place include:

- Improves understanding of financial sustainability;
- Steers financial management and decision making;
- Increases commitment to maintaining asset base and plan pro-actively for major projects;
- Manages expectations of what can be achieved, within context and financial limits; and
- Improves commitment to aligning resources in delivering the goals and objectives set out in Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030, and other strategies and plans.

The Long-Term Financial Plan highlights how Council is budgeting and planning for a financially sustainable future. The key focus should be on operating performance, liquidity and asset management.



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Art Workhop at the Mparntwe Street Art Fest Party Pop-Up Park, April 2024

Four-Year Long-**Term Financial Plan Assumptions**

Key assumptions included in the Long-**Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28** are as follows:

- 1. CPI of 4% in 2024/25 and 3% in 2025/26 and thereafter
- 2. Rate rise of 4.7% per annum
- 3. Fees & Charges increase by 5% per annum generally, with exceptions to be approved by Council
- 4. Investment earnings of 4% in 2024/25, 3% in 2025/26 and thereafter
- 5. Superannuation to increase by 0.5% each year to maximum of 12% as per legislation
- 6. General labour increase of 3% as per Enterprise Agreement, plus a further 0.5% due to cost of meeting the market
- 7. Projected rate revenue increase as a result of Residential Growth is 0.5% in 2025/26 and 1% in 2026/27 and thereafter. The assumptions acknowledge Council's target population growth of 3.5% and this projected rate revenue growth should be reviewed on an annual basis
- 8. Efficiency savings to be delivered of \$500,000 in 2025/26, \$750,000 in 2026/27, \$1million in 2027/28 and thereafter (cumulative)

Capital Expenditure Program across the four-year horizon is as follows:

- 2024/25 \$19.18 million
- 2025/26 \$21.27 million
- 2026/27 \$15.83 million
- 2027/28 \$8.86 million

The program is funded by Council revenue, grants and transfers from reserve.



Annual Budget & Four-Year Long-Term Financial Plan

Income and Expenditure Statement

	Annual Budget 2024/25 \$	Forecast 2025/26 \$	Forecast 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$
Operating Income				
Rates	28,703,518	30,050,720	31,463,104	32,941,869
Charges	4,764,314	4,988,237	5,222,684	5,468,150
Fees & Charges	6,137,505	6,444,380	6,766,599	7,104,929
Operating Grants and Subsidies	3,231,903	3,231,903	3,231,903	3,231,903
Interest/Investment Income	1,888,325	1,844,975	1,783,599	1,843,469
Other Income	777,665	816,548	857,376	900,244
Total Operating Income	45,503,230	47,376,763	49,325,265	51,490,564
Operating Expenses				
Employee Expenses	20,966,163	21,698,136	22,457,571	23,243,586
Material and Contracts	13,244,384	13,141,716	13,285,967	13,434,546
Elected Member Allowances	455,450	469,114	483,187	497,683
Elected Member Expenses	48,490	49,945	51,443	52,986
Council Committee Allowances	6,800	7,004	7,214	7,430
Council Committee Expenses	20,000	20,600	21,218	21,855
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	10,582,435	10,947,301	11,114,191	11,037,297
Other Expenses	5,757,599	5,670,094	5,732,790	5,920,694
Total Operating Expenditure	51,081,321	52,003,910	53,153,581	54,216,077
Budgeted Operating Surplus /(Deficit)	-5,578,091	-4,627,147	-3,828,316	-2,725,513
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	10,582,435	10,947,301	11,114,191	11,037,297
Total Non-Cash Items	10,582,435	10,947,301	11,114,191	11,037,297



	Annual Budget 2024/25 \$	Forecast 2025/26 \$	Forecast 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$
Capital Expenses	-19,183,209	-21,270,154	-15,835,875	-8,861,784
Transfer to Reserves	-660,000	0	0	0
Total Additional Outflows	-19,843,209	-21,270,154	-15,835,875	-8,861,784
Capital Grants Income	8,400,000	14,400,000	8,000,000	0
Transfers from Reserves	6,438,865	550,000	550,000	550,000
Total Additional Inflows	14,838,865	14,950,000	8,550,000	550,000
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	0	0	0	0



Social & Economic Assessment of Rating Strategy

Rates are an important part of Council's ability to fund and deliver essential community infrastructure and services, with an estimated 74% of Council's income coming from rates and statutory charges.

When setting the annual budget, Council balances the current needs and expectations of the community with future requirements. Council is focusing on the immediate affordability and quality of life for the residents within the municipality of Alice Springs, and for this to continue for the many years that follow.

To help set rates each year, Council considers the amount of revenue needed to fund services, programs and infrastructure projects to be delivered to activate the local environment and boost the liveability levels. External pressures and increased costs affected by inflation, the amount of income available from rates and the ability of its rate base to pay rates are also considered.

Annual rating strategies are derived from the Alice Springs Town Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) which includes the conditions proposed to achieve a financial sustainable future. In last financial year's budget, Council made the prudent decision to generally align the rating strategy of 7.5% with CPI at the time. Since then, CPI continues in a downward trend, albeit at a slower rate than expected, with the annual CPI for the Northern Territory sitting at 3.9% (4.1% for all capital cities) to December 2023. The rating strategy of 4.7% for this financial year aligns to the LTFP and contributes to an ongoing improvement in the operating position.

By setting this rate, Council is continuing to take a financially responsible position, building on the work from last year to future proof its ability to meet cash flow demands over the longer term and bring high quality services and infrastructure to the town. This rating strategy is complementary to optimising investment, realising operational efficiencies and embedding innovative practices as a broader financial policy position.

Council aims to lower the social and economic impact of its rating policy through:

- providing a subsidy to eligible pensioners of \$180 in addition to the rebate provided to them by the Northern Territory Government.
- considering the issues experienced by ratepayers suffering from financial hardship;
- allowing the payment of rates by four instalments;
- maintaining interest charged on overdue levies at 9%; and
- an early bird draw where ratepayers may receive a refund on their rates

Rates compared to Long-Term Financial Plan



Performances at the Diwali Night Market, November 2023



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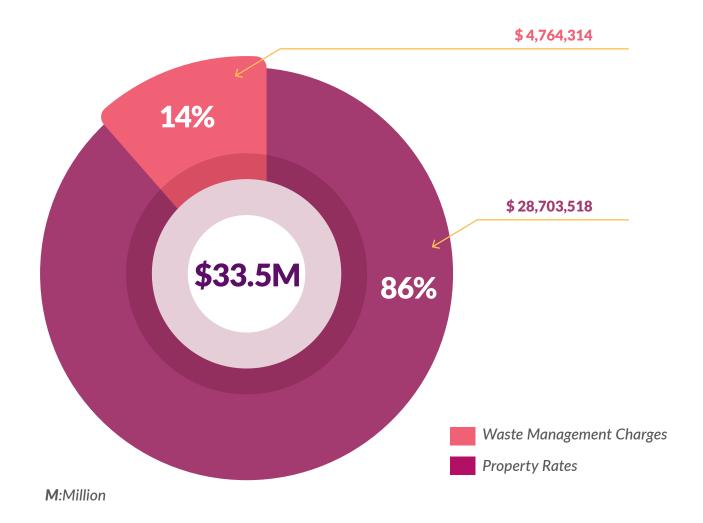
Rates & Waste Charges

For the 2024/25 financial year, Council will increase, the revenue from general rates and related minimum charges by 4.7% across all categories of ratepayers.

The total budgeted general rates and waste management charges income of \$33.5 million is summarised below.

A differential General Rate is levied on all rateable properties based on the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) of the land falling within the town planning zones under the NT Planning Scheme as referred to in the *Planning Act 1999*.

Council has 15 rating groups, applying differential rates to each of these groups in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*. The purpose of the various rating groups is to ensure that each group makes a fair and equitable contribution to rates.





Lunar New Year Pop-Up Park, February 2024



Rates

Rates by zones

Indicative Multiplier	Zone	Indicative Minimum Rate \$	Estimated Revenue 2024/25 \$	
0.00302082	R (Rural), RL (Rural Living), RR (Rural Residential), SA2 (Specific Use, NT Portions Lots 4097 to 4101), SA9 (Specific Use, NT Portion Lot 6811)	1,617.28	751,268	
0.04285695	CB (Central Business) other than allotments identified below which are differently classed as allotments which are both heritage-listed and used solely as places of residence (for as long as this is actually the case)	1,689.68	4,293,990	
0.03146153	C (Commercial)	1,689.68	306,826	
0.01104592	SC (Service Commercial)	1,689.68	110,765	
0.02026937	TC (Tourist Commercial)	1,689.68	2,000,996	
0.01152675	LI (Light Industry)	1,689.68	1,659,966	
0.01152675	GI (General Industry)	1,689.68	1,019,880	
0.00965622	SD (Single Dwelling Residential), MD (Multiple Dwelling Residential), CL (Community Living), PS (Public Open Space), OR (Organised Recreation), CP (Community Purpose), CN(Conservation), FD (Future Development), U (Utilities), RW(Railways), SA5 (Specific Use, Town of Alice Springs Lot 8132), SA 8 (Specific Use, Town of Alice Springs Part of Lot 7593)	1,601.98	16,075,172	
0.00821113	MR (Medium Density Residential)	1,463.39	2,014,529	
0.00977899	HR (High Density Residential)	1,601.98	7,139	
0.01372238	The allotments included in SU (Specific Use) and referred to as SA1, SA3, SA4 and SA6 in Schedule 1 of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme.	1,689.68	393,764	
0.03146152			27,370	
0.02131143	All units in Unit Plan No. 94/87 situated on Lot 7499 being the abovementioned allotments differently classed within Zone LI (Light Industry) for the purpose of Section 226 (3)(b) of the Act as small allotments.	391.64	10,239	
0.008741	Conditionally rateable land including mining tenements	2,241.18	6,724	
0.00813002	All other rateable land within the Municipality not otherwise described above.	1,601.98	24,890	
	Total Estimated Rates	Income 2024/25	\$28,703,518	

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Waste Collection and Management Charges

For the 2024/25 financial year, Council will increase the revenue from annual waste collection and management charges by 4.7% across all categories of ratepayers.

Waste collection and management charges are based upon the type of service provided. Council charges a fixed amount for waste management and/or collection. Where an allotment of land consists of separate parts, or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use, the fee is multiplied by the number of separate parts or units on each allotment.

Waste collection and management charges, together with commercial waste disposal income, is used to meet the reasonable costs associated with the collection, disposal and recycling of waste, and funding for landfill restoration and replacement.

The annual waste collection and management charges for 2024/25 are listed below

Type and Description	Charge Per Annum / \$	Estimated Demand	Estimated Revenue 2024/25 \$
Waste Management Charges where no kerbside service is provided by Council.	81.37	451	36,698
Weekly Waste Collection Service (receptacle supplied by Council).	438.67	9,794	4,296,334
Additional Waste Collection Service (receptacle supplied by Council).	368.736	973	358,780
Waste Management Charge where alternative waste arrangements have been made.	81.37	891	72,501
	TOTAL		4,764,314

Planned Major Capital Works

with projected costing

Class of Asset	By Major Capital Project		А	B 2024/25 Budget \$	С	D	E Total Planned Budget \$	Expected Project Finish
		Prior Year Actuals	2023/24 Budget \$		2025/26 Budget \$	2026/27 Budget \$		
	Road Reseal Program	506,940	650,000	681,000	920,000	950,000	3,201,000	Ongoing
Roads	Footpath Program	28,550		1,100,000	1,210,000	400,000	2,710,000	Ongoing
	Wills Tce Traffic Light				145,000		145,000	2025/26
	Road Reserves Development		54,000				54,000	2023/24
Stormwater	Storm Drains Replace Grates		35,000				35,000	2023/24
	Regional Waste Management Facility Capital Improvements		440,000	440,000	300,000	300,000	1,480,000	Ongoing
Waste	Greening Strategy			83,350	80,784	404,675	568,809	Ongoing
Facility	Granulator	50,740						2023/24
	Plant RWMF	44,884	250,000	650,000	1,100,000	150,000	2,150,000	Ongoing
	Drainage				450,000		450,000	2025/26
Libraries	Library Plan	17,090	50,000				50,000	2023/24
Community and Cultural	Public Art Installations		300,000	449,610			749,610	2024/25
Development	Roundabout Art		66,000				66,000	2023/24

Class of Asset			А	В	С	D	E	Expected Project Finish
	By Major Capital Project	Prior Year Actuals	2023/24 Budget \$	2024/25 Budget \$	2025/26 Budget \$	2026/27 Budget \$	Total Planned Budget \$	
	Sports Facilities Priority Works		200,000				200,000	2023/24
	Ross Park Resurfacing Netball Courts		130,000				130,000	2023/24
	ASTA Tennis House			70,000			70,000	2024/25
	Head St Oval- Spectator Shades					55,000	55,000	2026/27
Sucuto	Jim McConville Lights			2,200,000			2,200,000	2024/25
Sports Facilities	Flynn Drive Lights	18,144		130,000			130,000	2024/25
	Ross Park- Upgrade Netball Clubrooms					300,000	300,000	2026/27
	Traeger Park Oval-AFL Changerooms				250,000	50,000	300,000	2026/27
	Traeger Park Lighting		110,000				110,000	2023/24
	CDU Oval Upgrade			600,000	4,400,000		5,000,000	2025/26
Events	Replacement of Equipment- Community Events			50,000			50,000	2024/25
CBD	Central Business District Upgrade	311,154	2,000,000	2,000,000	10,000,000	8,000,000	22,000,000	2026/27
	Regional Skate Play Precinct		1,800,000	5,800,000			7,600,000	2024/25
	Shade Structures for Parks	393,486	300,000	300,000	315,000	330,750	1,245,750	Ongoing
	Park Upgrades	114,974	300,000	300,000	315,000	330,750	1,245,750	Ongoing
	Araluen Park Upgrade		1,000,000	907,916			1,907,916	2024/25
Parks / Recreation	Parks Consolidation/ Masterplan		90,000	30,000	90,000		210,000	2025/26
	Parks and Reserves Grandstands		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	120,000	Ongoing
	Frances Smith Park Upgrade			200,000			200,000	2024/25
	Parks Contingency		150,000				150,000	2023/24

Class of Asset			А		С	D	E	_
			2023/24 Budget \$		2025/26 Budget \$	2026/27 Budget \$	Total Planned Budget \$	Expected Project Finish
	Capital Improvements	490,768	550,000				550,000	2023/24
	New Kiosk/ Reception Area			500,000			500,000	2024/25
Alice Springs	ASALC Adventure Playground		1,350,000				1,350,000	2023/24
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	Air Handling Units Refurbishment			280,000			280,000	2024/25
Centre	Plant Upgrades				250,000	250,000	500,000	Ongoing
	Heat Pump			400,000			400,000	2024/25
	Retile Leisure Pool			325,000			325,000	2024/25
	Various Renewals	107,752	73,333		614,370	3,134,700	3,822,403	Ongoing
Accets	Fire Alarm Depot			50,000			50,000	2024/25
Assets	Depot Amenities Renewal			370,000			370,000	2024/25
	Childcare Centre			58,758			58,758	2024/25
	Civic Centre Renewals		80,000	11,275			91,275	2024/25
Civic Centre	Car Pool Storage			300,000			300,000	2024/25
	Operational Plant & Vehicles	274,654		250,000	250,000	600,000	1,100,000	Ongoing
	ICT Software & Asset	37,110	690,000				690,000	2023/24
Corporate	ICT Depot Works Program			105,000			105,000	2024/25
Governance	ICT Networking and Computer Infrastructure (includes Cloud PAAS)		352,300	511,300	550,000	550,000	1,963,600	Ongoing
	Total (Whole Dollars)	2,396,246	11,050,633	19,183,209	21,270,154	15,835,875	67,339,871	Columns A+B+C+D = E





Ice Skating Rink at the Alice Springs Convention Centre, for the 2023/24 ASTC Summer School Holiday Program

Capital Expenditure

By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

Capital Expenditure	2023 /24 Budget \$	2024/25 Budget \$	2025/26 Budget \$	2026/27 Budget \$	>2027/28 Budget \$
Land and Buildings	190,000	940,033	250,000	350,000	
Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture)	6,789,000	15,478,176	18,055,784	11,051,175	4,199,274
Plant and Machinery	2,390,000	2,765,000	2,964,370	4,434,700	4,662,510
Other Assets (including furniture and office equipment)	1,681,633				
Total Capital Expenditure*	11,050,633	19,183,209	21,270,154	15,835,875	8,861,784

^{*} Total must equal Capital Expenses amount in the Income and Expenditure Statement

Total capital expenditure funded by:					
Operating Income (amount allocated to fund capital items)	4,184,633	4,879,344	6,320,154	7,285,875	8311,784
Capital Grants	3,166,000	8,400,000	14,400,000	8,000,000	0
Transfers from Cash Reserves	3,700,000	5,903,865	550,000	550,000	550,000
Total Capital Expenditure Funding	11,050,633	19,183,209	21,270,154	15,835,875	8,861,784

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Schedule of fees & Charges

Note: Library Fees and Charges

As part of the 5% increase to selected fees and charges, the library has adopted this increase for the 2024/25 financial year. Alice Springs Town Council has removed all previous fees relating to internet charges and usage fees.

*Subject to GST

Fee Description	2024/25	GST
Abandoned Vehicles		
Release Fees - Vehicles < 4.5 GVM and < 7.5 metres in length	398.50	*
Towing Fee - Vehicles < 4.5 GVM and < 7.5 metres in length. For delivery of unregistered and/or unroadworthy vehicle to address in the jurisdiction of the Alice Springs Town Council.	140.50	*
Storage Fees - All Vehicles < 4.5 GVM and < 7.5 metres in length. Fee per day. Charges from date of notification	8.00	*
Release Fees - Vehicles >4.5 GVM and >7.5 metres in length	647.50	*
Vehicles < 4.5 GVM & <7.5 metres in length. Difficult or extended removal	518.50	*
Storage Fees per day - All Vehicles >4.5 GVM and >7.5 metres in length	39.00	*
Above fees applied under provisions of Australian Road Rules and NT Traffic Regulations		
Animal Control		
Lifetime Registration Fee - Sterilised dog/cat registered with microchip	155.00	
Lifetime Registration Fee - Entire dog/cat registered with microchip	348.00	
Lifetime Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Sterilised dog/cat registered with microchip	72.50	
Lifetime Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Entire dog /cat registered with microchip	161.50	
Lifetime Registration Fee - Aged sterilised dog/cat with microchip	78.00	
Lifetime Registration Fee - Aged entire dog/cat with microchip	174.00	
Renewal Annual Registration Fee - Sterilised dog/cat	58.50	
Renewal Annual Registration Fee - Entire dog/cat	161.50	
Renewal Annual Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Sterilised dog/cat	26.50	
Renewal Annual Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Entire dog/cat	77.00	
New Annual Registration Fee - Sterilised dog/cat per month from date of application to 30 June	5.50	
New Annual Registration Fee - Entire dog/cat per month from date of application to 30 June	14.00	
New Annual Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Sterilised dog/cat per month from date of application to 30 June	3.00	
New Annual Registration Fee - Pensioner Concession - Entire dog/cat per month from date of application to 30 June	7.00	
Annual Declaration Fee - Declared dog	160.00	
Transfer of Lifetime Registration from another Council of a dog/cat fitted with an implant.	57.00	
Dogs registered as a Guide dogs, Hearing Dogs $\&$ Therapy Dog with an implant - Lifetime Registration at no charge as per Council decision #14873.	No Charge	
Registration Transfer Fee for dog/cat previously registered as a Lifetime Registration with the Alice Springs Town Council. Conditions of previous registration will be carried over.	22.00	
Microchip Implant Service - Only if trained staff available.	31.00	
Pound Release Fee - Dogs/Cats - Registered animal on impoundment. Includes sustenance for first 48 hours.	154.50	

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Regulation 13(2))

Fee Description	2024/25	GST
Interstate Undertaker's Licence to conduct funerals - Annual licence fee	583.00	*
Council Exhumation Fee - Niche Wall / Rose Gardens - Ministerial approval required	226.00	*
Council Exhumation Fee - Ministerial approval required	4488.50	*
Council research services - one item - No Charge	No Charge	
Council research services - two to five items	11.50	*
Council research services - six to ten items	15.50	*
Council research services - complex per hour - minimum of 1 hour	66.50	*
Fees for the purchase of plaques. Allows for 2 changes on proof sheet only		
Standard Bronze Plaque - 145mm x 115mm (8 Lines of Text) & Includes installation	316.00	*
Medium Bronze Plaque - 305mm x 230mm (8 Lines of Text)	479.50	*
Large Bronze Plaque - 280mm x 380mm (8 Lines of Text)	715.50	*
Extra lines of text - Per Line	18.50	*
Development Assessment	^	
Single Dwelling - Plan Approval & Inspection Fee (Per application, includes up to 2 site visits)	381.50	
Multiple Dwelling Fee - Includes up to 2 site visits (1 to 4 units - per application)	1,015.50	
Multiple Dwelling Fee - Includes up to 2 site visits (5 or more units - per application)	1,269.00	
Additional site visits (Fee per hour)	254.00	
Subdivision - Greenfield and Brownfield	^	

(Greenfield: Land is undeveloped in a city or rural area either used for agriculture, landscape design or left to evolve naturally. These areas of land are usually agricultural or amenity properties being considered for urban development and/or located in a rural area which has not previously been built on and hence no infrastructure installed to service the development.)

(**Brownfield**: A piece of industrial or commercial property that is abandoned or underused and often environmentally contaminated, especially one considered as a potential site for redevelopment and/or located in an urban area that has previously been built on with existing infrastructure to service the development.

Headworks and Infrastructure being handed over to Council		
Subdivision Plan Approval Fee	0.75% of value of infrastructure being handed to Council	
Subdivision Part 5 Inspection Fee	0.75% of value of infrastructure being handed to Council	
In addition to the above, Complex developments requiring engineering assessment and approvals will be charged by the estimated hour (Fee per hour)	254.00	
Unit Titles / Consolidation / subdivision application accompanying a Multiple Dwelling application (requesting clearance) or within 12 months post Part 5 clearance for recent development (per application)	254.00	
Unit Titles / Consolidation / Subdivision application for Multiple Dwelling application (requesting clearance) after 12 months post Part 5 clearance for recent development (per application)	507.50	
Subdivision / Consolidation without construction and handover of infrastructure	254.00	
Development Assessment Fee –Permit Variations, Alteration Permits, Change of Use, Assessment of Amended Design Drawings, Community Facilities (Fee per hour)	254.00	
Commercial / Industrial Development Fee - Per Application (includes up to 6 visits)	1,522.50	
Commercial / Industrial Development Fee - Additional fee if infrastructure is to be handed over to Council	0.85% of value of infrastructure being handed to Council	

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Civic Centre Public Toilets		
Shower	7.00	
Shower - including towel and soap	14.00	:
Hire of Council Facilities		
Cleaning and security deposits (Refundable) all facilities. GST applies to forfeiture of deposit.	410.50	
Andy McNeill Room - Key deposit (Refundable). GST applies to forfeiture of deposit.	231.00	
Andy McNeill Room - Commercial users (Entrance fee charged). Half day rate (Four hours).	364.50	
Andy McNeill Room - Non-Commercial users (No entrance fee charged). Half day rate (Four hours).	330.50	
Andy McNeill Room - Commercial Users (Entrance fee charged). Evening (5pm-11pm).	364.50	:
Andy McNeill Room - Non-Commercial users (No entrance fee charged). Evening (5pm-11pm).	330.50	
Andy McNeill Room - Commercial users (Entrance fee charged). 8 hrs or longer fee per day.	661.50	
Andy McNeill Room - Non-Commercial users (No entrance fee charged). 8 hrs or longer fee per day.	583.00	:
Andy McNeill Room - Alarm violation fee. Per Call	Forfeiture of cleaning deposit	
Andy McNeill Room booking cancellation fee (If cancelled within 7 days of event)	Full hire fee will be charged	
Andy McNeill Room booking cancellation fee (If cancelled within 8-14 days of event)	25% of hire fee will be charged	
Andy McNeill Room - Whiteboard with room hire.	No charge	
Council Lawns - Hire per day (Public Places Permit)	109.00	
Hire of Ovals & Grounds		
Cleaning and security deposits (Refundable) all facilities. GST applies to forfeiture of deposit.	410.50	
Key deposits - All facilities (Refundable). GST applies to forfeiture of deposit	231.00	
Albrecht Oval. Oval hire - all users - per day	203.00	
Albrecht Oval. Bill Waudby Pavilion - all users - per day	243.00	
Flynn Drive Oval - Oval hire. Per day	203.00	
Flynn Drive Oval hire lighting. (Recover actual fees incurred)	At cost	
Jim McConville Oval (AFL) - Oval hire. Per day	203.00	
Jim McConville Oval - Cricket nets hire. Per day	149.00	
Jim McConville Oval - Softball / Baseball Diamonds hire. Per day	170.50	
Rhonda Diano Oval - Oval hire. Per day	203.00	
Ross Park - Main Oval - hire. Per day (Lighting not included)	407.00	
Ross Park - Soccer Oval hire. Per day	203.00	
Ross Park - Cricket nets hire. Per day	149.00	
Ross Park hire lighting. (Recover actual fees incurred)	At cost	
Sadadeen Oval - Oval hire. Per day	161.00	
Sadadeen Oval - Cricket nets hire. Per day	149.00	
TIO Traeger Park Oval - Oval hire. Per day	503.50	
TIO Traeger Park Oval - Cricket nets hire. Per day	173.00	
TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grassed Hockey field hire. Per day	161.00	

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TIO Traeger Park Oval - All playing fields hire lighting. (Recover actual fees incurred)	At cost	*
TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grandstand hire. Per day ground floor only	303.50	*
TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grandstand hire. Per day 1st or 2nd floor only	203.00	*
TIO Traeger Park Oval - Grandstand hire. Per day full grandstand	503.50	*
TIO Traeger Park Oval - Lyle Kempster Baseball Diamond. Per day	219.00	*
TIO Traeger Park Oval - Mona's Lounge. Per day	667.50	*
Hire of Plant & Equipment		
Reimbursement for services rendered - Plant & Equipment - For any Depot works performed	At cost	*
Reimbursement for services rendered - Plant & Equipment - For any CCS works performed	At cost	*
Fixed Grandstands - Hire fee per day - seat approx. 30 people	282.00	*
Fixed Grandstands - Hire fee per half day - seat approx. 30 people	164.50	*
Fixed Grandstands - Refundable deposit - seat approx. 30 people. GST payable if forfeited.	648.00	*
Mobile Toilet Small - Hire fee. Dual Cubicle Portales	364.50	*
Mobile Toilet Large - Hire fee. Fleetwood Portable	598.50	*
Mobile Toilet - Refundable Deposit. GST payable if forfeited	693.00	*
REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (RWMF)		
Animals		
Animal (small) by burial. 4 hours' notice is required at the RWMF. Fee per animal.	42.00	*
Animals (large) by burial. 4 hours' notice is required at the RWMF. Fee per animal.	85.50	*
Bitumen disposal. Fee per tonne	154.00	*
Car batteries disposal - Residential/Commercial	No charge	
Cardboard Disposal		
Cardboard - Residential.	No charge	
Cardboard - Commercial. Fee per car boot	No charge	*
Cardboard - Commercial. Fee per tonne	97.50	*
Cardboard - Commercial. Contaminated / un-sorted. Handling Fee	61.00	*
Chemical Disposals		
Chemicals disposal. Fee per Load	10.50	*
Chemicals disposal- Large Containers. Fee per empty contaminated container	31.50	*
Clean Fill disposal - Excavated / Muddy Water / Rocks < 10 cm	No charge	
Confidential Information / Contaminants / Asbestos		
Confidential information/asbestos/contaminants. 24 hours' notice is required at the RWMF. A minimum charge of \$358.50 applies. Fee per tonne within Alice Springs.	358.50	*
Confidential information/asbestos/contaminants. 24 hours' notice is required at the RWMF. A minimum charge of \$695.50 applies. Fee per tonne outside from Alice Springs.	695.50	*
Demolition / Concrete / Metals / Timber / Rocks > 10cm Disposals		
Clean. Fee per tonne.	154.00	*
Dirty. Fee per tonne.	173.50	*
E Waste Disposals		
Mobile phones/Digital Cameras & iPods - Free as per Council decision 14861	No charge	

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E Waste	No charge	
Food surrender. Fee per tonne. 4 hours' notice is required at the RWMF for burial.	351.50	
Gas Bottles disposal. Fee per empty gas cylinder	65.50	
General Waste Disposal		
Commercial vehicles including flatbed and dual axle vehicles, vans and caged trailers will be weighed & charged at the rate of \$153.50 per tonne.	153.50	
General waste disposal - commercial. Fee per tonne. (Rounded down to nearest whole dollar)	153.50	
General waste disposal - residential. Fee per car boot / station wagon / domestic car. Commercial fee will apply if building materials are present or if in a commercial vehicle.	5.50	
General waste disposal - Fee per 1.8m by 1.2m single axle box trailer with no caged sides, small utility (Holden or Ford size) - Non-Commercial. (Rounded up to the nearest whole dollar)	15.00	
General waste disposal for rural residents. Fee per bin.	2.50	
Green Waste		
Green Waste disposal- Residential. Fee per vehicle or trailer of any size.	No charge	
Green Waste - Commercial. Fee per tonne.	77.00	
Green Waste - Commercial contaminated / Green Waste - Unsorted. Handling Fee	37.00	
Hospital Waste disposal. A minimum charge of \$153.50 applies. Fee per tonne.	153.50	
Light bulbs disposal		
Fluorescent light bulbs, HID lamps (unbroken) - Residential	No charge	
Fluorescent light bulbs (unbroken) - Commercial. Fee per item	No charge	
HID lamp (unbroken) - Commercial. Fee per item	1.50	
Liquid Waste. Fee per tonne	154.00	
Mattress / Couch Disposals		
Mattress / Couch - Single. Fee per item	21.00	
Mattress / Couch - Large. Fee per item	43.00	
PV Panel Disposal		
PV Panel Recycling. Fee per panel	21.50	
Rocks / Soil Contaminated	ļ	
Fee per tonne within Alice Springs	349.50	
Fee per tonne from outside Alice Springs	695.50	
Tyre Disposals		
Tyres disposal - all types (not mining/industrial truck tyres). Fee per tonne.	1,179.50	
Tyres disposal - car and motor cycle. Fee per tyre.	40.00	
Tyres disposal -small truck. Fee per tyre.	59.50	
Tyres disposal - large truck (not mining/industrial truck tyres). Fee per tyre.	97.50	
Tyres disposal - shredded	154.00	
Whitegoods		
Free Drop-off for Whitegoods at the RWMF - 1st Saturday of every month.	0.00	
Whitegoods disposal - No CFC - Fee per item. Must come with the certificate of degassing	15.00	
Whitegoods disposal - No CFC - Fee per tonne. Must come with the certificate of degassing	127.00	
Whitegoods disposal - With CFC - Fee per item	81.00	



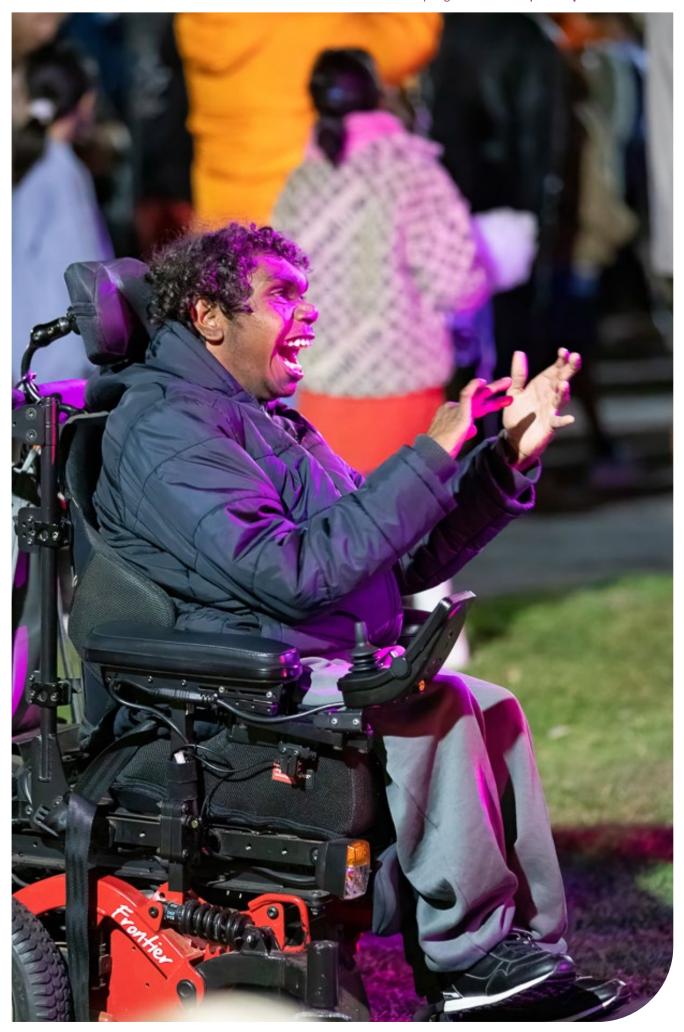
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Permits - Public Places		
Permit required by Part 1 By-law 8 of the Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-laws 2009		
Public Places - to conduct a public meeting, entertainment activity, and organised recreation, fee per day.	169.00	
Public Places - a community organisation to conduct a public meeting, entertainment activity, and organised recreation. The fee amount is determined by the type and class of permit, and the period required by the permit.	109.00	
Public Places - A Frame - One per business. Permit required by Part 2.4 By-law 25 of the Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-laws 2009.	No charge	
Public Places - any other permit referred to by the By-law, permit fee. Any other permit required by the Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) 2009 By-law.	109.00	
Alfresco Cafes, fee per sq. m per week.	0.00	
Public Places - stallholders includes food vans. Applies to stallholders for permit required by Part 2.3 of the Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-law 2009. (Stallholder fee \$126.33 per month or \$379.00 per 3 months).	379.00	
Permits - Roads, Verges and Parking		
Central Area Parking Contribution - CBD Area - per bay	6,830.00	
Road Closure - Permit fee (Once off charge to cover costs)	212.50	
Road Works (Road Opening) - All work within or adjacent to Council controlled road requiring traffic management plan - may include road closure.	212.50	
Erection of a Sign - advertising hoardings / erection of a sign, permit fee. All signs visible from a public place. Permit required by Part 2.4 of Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-law 2009.	212.50	
Vehicle Crossover. All driveway construction within a Council controlled road reserve.	212.50	
Verge Landscaping. All landscaping within or upon the verge on a Council controlled road.	No charge	
Rural Road Reserve. All work within or upon the verge on a Council controlled road in a rural or rural living zone	212.50	
Stormwater Discharge. All stormwater related trenching and pipe work within a Council controlled road reserve	212.50	
Hartley Street Car Park Permit, fee per year. Limited number of permits available.	502.00	
Disability Parking Permits-Organisations	15.00	
Disability Parking Permits - Individuals	10.00	
Permits- Other		
Sunday Markets, fee per market day. Permit required by Part 2.3 By-Law 18 of Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-law 2009.	150.00	
Night Markets		
Stall - 3m x 3m (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	0.00	
Stall - 3m x 3m. Powered (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	0.00	
Stall - 6m x 3m. Powered (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	0.00	
Christmas Markets		
Stall - 3m x 3m (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	0.00	
Stall - 3m x 3m. Powered (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	0.00	
Stall - 6m x 3m. Powered (rounded to the nearest whole dollar)	0.00	
Painting Seller's Permit for Flynn Church Lawns. Fee per 3 months.	58.50	

No charge

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Children (0 - 4 years old)



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Equipment Hire (Per hour)	·	
Slides (Minimum 2 hour) – not including minimum 1 lifeguard per hour	57.50	k
Inflatable Obstacle Course Hire (Minimum 2 hour) – not including minimum 2 lifeguards per hour	114.50	*
Staff Hire		
Lifeguard Fee	Price on asking	k
Learn to Swim Instructor	Price on asking	k
Training Room Hire		
Short Term (Per hour)	29.00	*
Full Day (Monday to Sunday per 8 hours)	137.50	*
Full Weekend (Saturday and Sunday per 16 hours)	275.00	*
Cleaning Fee (if required)	57.50	*
Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships	-	
Adult Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships	29.00	*
Concession Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships	16.50	*
Child Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships	16.50	*
Family Fortnightly Direct Debit Memberships	51.50	*
Direct Debit Dishonour Fee	7.00	*
Direct Debit Administration Fee	6.00	*

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