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25 September 2024

September Council Meeting wrap up

Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 24 September 2024 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 [Vimeo channel](#).

Encouraging more people to put their hand up for Council

We want to make serving on Council as accessible and appealing as possible, removing obstacles that may discourage potential candidates. On Tuesday, Elected Members resolved to be treated as an eligible local governing body under the Taxation Administration Act 1953, allowing Council to make superannuation payments to Elected Members.

This aims to reduce barriers for individuals considering a role on Council, in particular young people, by supporting long-term financial planning. By offering superannuation payments like every other Australian is entitled to, we aim to encourage a diverse group of residents to stand and represent their community.

Kerbside Collection consultation incoming

Alice Springs Town Council plays a key role in preserving the liveability of our town. We are dedicated to reducing our environmental footprint and contributing to a sustainable future for generations to come. With that in mind, we have investigated different business cases for what kerbside recycling could potentially look like in Alice Springs, including associated costs and the possible environmental benefits.

We will be bringing you these options soon and begin consulting on what a future with kerbside recycling could look like. A full consultation plan is currently being developed so keep your eyes peeled to Council's social media channels for an opportunity to have your say.

Empowering community groups

Designed to support community initiatives and continue the social and cultural growth of Alice Springs, our annual Community Grants and Events Sponsorship program is a vital function of Council.

The first round of funding for the 2024/25 program has been awarded, with seven community organisations successful in their applications. A total of \$66,573.50 has been approved, with a full list of successful organisations to be published next week once all applicants have been informed.

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Detailed designs for CBD revitalisation

A new and revitalised CBD will be a game changer for Alice Springs, bringing life back into the heart of our town. We're now one step closer to seeing what that could look like with a tender for the detailed design of the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre project now awarded.

Work will now begin drawing up what our town's centre could look like, with the Todd Mall streetscape, Todd Mall artwork, harbour path and community space elements all featuring. These elements were selected by Council after extensive consultation with the community.

Adventure Park and Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre fees

Things at our new Adventure Park are well and truly taking shape and it's not far away from being open to the public! Stay tuned to Council's social media channels for more details to come.

Located at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre (ASALC), the Adventure Park will be a major attraction for families with mini golf, a beach volleyball court, a basketball half court and plenty of play equipment. Even better, Council has decided that access to the Adventure Park will be completely covered by an Aquatic Centre entry fee. Adult entry fees will remain at \$8, with pensioner, veteran and student fees staying at \$5. Accessing mini golf will cost an additional \$7 for adults or \$5 for children and concession users if paid at the time of entry.

A full list of fees for the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre as well as the Alice Springs Animal Shelter will be available on the Council website in coming days.

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