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February Council Meeting wrap up

Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 27 February 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](#).

Welcoming people from all walks of life

One of our biggest strengths as a community is our multiculturalism with people from all cultures welcome in Alice Springs. Council has a proud history fostering inclusiveness and support for all individuals, particularly those seeking refuge and a new beginning. We have reaffirmed that commitment by becoming a signatory of the Refugee Council of Australia as a Refugee Welcome Zone.

As a Refugee Welcome Zone, we are dedicated to ensuring Alice Springs upholds the values of diversity and compassion, helping refugees find a safe and welcoming environment to rebuild their lives. We believe this initiative not only enriches our community with diverse cultures and perspectives but also strengthens the social fabric of our town through mutual respect and cooperation.

Ensuring our roads are safe and secure

Council is excited to deliver exciting projects that will change our community for the better, such as a new Adventure Park at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre and a Regional Skate Park at Newland Park (subject to grant funding). It's also important to ensure that we invest in our town's everyday infrastructure, including preserving and improving the standard of our roads.

To that end, Council has awarded a significant tender for a comprehensive three-year road reseal program set to commence from 2024 to 2026. This initiative continues our efforts towards improving the infrastructure and liveability of our community.

Full details of the road reseal program will be released in coming days, including what roads are scheduled for upgrades in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

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Clearing out our stormwater network

Alice Springs' stormwater networks consists of 109.13km of pipes and 5.67km of culverts. These pipes and culverts play a key role in managing water drainage and protecting the community from flood damage.

Maintaining the town's stormwater network is a sizeable task but is essential to reduce our risk of flood damage, in particular in high rain fall events. Council are pleased to announce that we have awarded a tender to ensure the network is cleaned and maintained for the next three years.

Discussion points

Elected Members had a full agenda of items to discuss throughout the meeting with a range of ideas and topics debated. Topics of discussion included:

- Councillors asked Officers to investigate hard rubbish collection opportunities in Alice Springs, including costs and efficacy.
- Officers are investigating the feasibility of recycling vending machines.
- Options for improving the safety on the Council lawns were discussed with a report to indicate options.
- Safety and lighting down Gap Road was discussed. Elected Members will continue to advocate for responsible parties to ensure safety measures are improved.

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