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May Council Meeting wrap up

Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 28 May 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](#).

Continuing to advocate for Alice Springs

Alice Springs is a unique part of the country that has a great deal of potential, and Council is committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure we fulfil that potential. There are a range of projects that we believe can transform our community and with that in mind, Elected Members have endorsed an *Alice Springs Town Council Advocacy Document* to help bring those projects to life.

This *Advocacy Document* outlines key projects that Council are seeking partnership to deliver, pursuing opportunities to collaborate with both the Federal and Territory Governments. These projects have been split into four categories, being Population Growth, Disaster Relief, Road Safety and Sustainability and align with the *Liveability and Sustainability 2030* plan. Each project details specific asks that would benefit our town and residents, giving Council the opportunity to take the document to different levels of government to collaborate in the best interests of Alice Springs.

The *Advocacy Document* will be available on Council's website in coming days.

Improving access to school through Ragonesi Road

A wet start to 2024 in Alice Springs was welcomed by the town, breathing life into our beautiful Todd River and giving us a chance to dance in the rain! It also highlighted some areas through our community that are susceptible to flooding.

One of these areas that holds water and caused accessibility issues is opposite the entrance to the Alice Springs Steiner School on Ragonesi Road. Heavy rains can leave it difficult for teachers, parents and children to enter the school. Council are addressing this issue by modifying the existing road to construct a floodway and storm water drainage system opposite the school, making sure no student has to miss out on a day of learning!

A contract for the work has now been awarded and the project is estimated to be complete in July.

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Infrastructure galore

Improvements to infrastructure across the community has been a key focus for Council in 2024, helping to improve the liveability of our town for all residents. Council's Technical Services department has been hard at work on a number of key developments in recent months with some projects including:

- **Park Upgrades-** A contract for works to Finlayson, Grant and Campbell parks has been awarded with site preparations now underway. Work is estimated to be completed in September.
- **Ross Park Dog Park-** New dog park fencing has been installed at Ross Park, along with a water bubbler for dogs.
- **Frank McEllister (Araluen) Park-** Council awarded the tender to develop a detailed design for upgrades to Frank McEllister Park following community consultation. This detailed design will come back to consultation once fully developed.
- **CBD lighting-** Council have awarded a contract to install new lights in Parsons Street. Works are currently underway and scheduled for completion at the end of May.
- **Security fencing at Ross Park-** Work has begun on installing a security fence at Ross Park. Installation is expected to be complete at the end of July.
- **ASALC improvements-** To help make sure patrons can access the Aquatic and Leisure Centre safely, Council have designed a designated bus drop off zone in front of the facility. Together with local contractors, the Depot crew have helped bring the drop off zone to life, making it safer for everyone visiting the facility. Tiles in the ASALC Leisure Pool have also been replaced and repaired with the pool now open to the public again with little disruption.
- **Netball courts resurfacing-** Resurfacing of the outdoor courts at the Pat Gallagher Netball Centre is nearly complete! With the majority of works done, Council are now working alongside the Alice Springs Netball Association on an official opening, including a showcase game. More details will be released closer to the date.

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