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February Council Meeting wrap up

Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 25 February 2025 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](#).

Supporting local governments nationwide

Alice Springs Town Council has passed a motion to support the Australian Local Government Association's National Federal Election funding priorities. These priorities include:

- \$1.1 billion per year for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing supply
- \$500 million per year for community infrastructure
- \$600 million per year for safer local roads
- \$900 million per year for increased local government emergency management capability and capacity
- \$400 million per year for climate change adaptation

Local government plays a crucial role in making communities across Australia stronger by providing vital services, programs, and infrastructure. This support for national funding priorities highlights the importance of local government in addressing key issues and improving the quality of life for all Australians.

It's important to note that this support does not prevent Council from advocating for specific needs and projects that are unique to our community. By working together, we can ensure that Alice Springs continues to thrive and grow.

Technical Services update

Council's Technical Services team has been delivering new infrastructure for the Alice Springs community, as well as effectively carrying out day-to-day operations. Some key achievements through the reporting period include:

- **In-Kind support**- Council supports a range of groups host community events through the year by offering in-kind support in a variety of ways. Between 1 November 2024 and 31 January 2025, Council officers dedicated a total of 398.1 hours on in-kind support to community events, including Diwali, Carols by Candlelight, the ASTC Christmas Carnival and the Men's March Against Domestic Violence.
- **Gap Road Safety Study** - Concerns have been raised regarding traffic and pedestrian safety along Gap Road, with more than 30 incidents recorded over the past five years. In response, Council has commissioned a traffic audit to evaluate the corridor and

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identify potential blackspots—areas prone to incidents. The traffic audit was completed in early January, and the consultant has submitted a draft report for review by Council's Infrastructure unit.

- **ANZAC Hill Lions Walk** - The ANZAC Hill walking track from Wills Terrace to the ANZAC Cenotaph is set to undergo restoration, after receiving an authorisation for works from the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority. Technical services officers are currently seeking quotes for restoration works. The project is estimated to commence in mid-March and be completed early second quarter of 2025.
- **Day-to-day operations**- Along with upgrading and building new infrastructure, Council's Technical Services Department has been busy ensuring day-to-day operations are maintained. Through the reporting period, 2,309 jobs were created for the Technical Services team with 2,227 jobs completed. That is an average of 24 jobs per day and a completion rate of more than 96%.

Community Development update

Alice Springs Town Council's Community Development Directorate supports Alice Springs residents to live fulfilled lives through providing programs and events. Achievements of January 2025 include:

- **Australia Day Citizenship and Awards**- This year saw the return of the Australia Day Fun Run with 120 residents participating in a 3km run/walk/cycle. At the conclusion of the race, 70 new Australians were welcomed to the community and the 2025 Centralian Award winners were announced. The 2025 winners are:
 - o Young Citizen of the Year: Armani Francois
 - o Senior Citizen of the Year: Jovita Price
 - o Event of the Year: West Macs Monster
 - o Centralian of the Year: Peter and Jeanette Gurrie
- **Lunar New Year**- More than 1,500 people gathered in the Todd Mall in February to help celebrate the Year of the Snake at Council's Lunar New Year Pop Up Park.
- **Aquatic Centre free entry**- A total of 27,029 people took advantage of free entry to the Aquatic and Leisure Centre between December-January. With funding provided by NT Government, 480 healthy meal packs were distributed through this period.

School Holiday Program a raging success

The 2024/25 School Holiday program, funded through the National Indigenous Australians Agency, saw thousands of young Alice Springs students engage in fun and free programs throughout summer. During the six-week program, an estimated total of 9,560 participations were recorded across the program. In addition to local residents, several groups of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people travelled from community to Alice Springs to enjoy various activities throughout the scheduled periods, including 85 confirmed participants from Kintore, Mt Liebig, Papunya, Ntaria, Amoonguna, and Titjikala.

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A total of 118 programs were delivered throughout the period with roller-skating proving a huge winner with locals. An estimated 3,229 people pulled on skates throughout the program. Event feedback was also hugely positive with an average satisfaction rating of 4.7/5 from 100 surveys received.

Get aboard Snap Send Solve

Alice Springs Town Council is partnering with Snap Send Solve to make reporting issues as easy as possible. Through the platform, residents can let Council know of issues that need attention around the community. All you need to do is take a picture, submit your 'Snap' and Council will handle the rest.

You can make a report by downloading and using the Snap Send Solve available from the App Store or Google Play. You can also get Snapping by visiting snapsendsolve.com/report/northern-territory

All relevant reports are sent directly to Alice Springs Town Council. Reports for other agencies should be sent directly to the responsible agency.

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