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Alice Springs Town Council's Newsletter

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Territory Day Citizenship Ceremony



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Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges the Central Arrernte people who are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Mparntwe-Alice Springs.

Upcoming Council Meetings...

TUESDAY 25 JULY

Commence 11.00am in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street. Public welcome to attend.

Alice Springs Show



Come and visit us at the Alice Springs Show!

Alice Springs Town Council will proudly be holding a stall at the Alice Springs Show on Friday the 7th and Saturday the 8th of July!

Open from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, our stall is designed to be a quiet-place and sanctuary for our community. We will be offering free tea, coffee, and biscuits as well as comfortable deck chairs to sit on while you take a break from all of the marvellous excitement at the Show.

Elected Members and Council Staff will be present throughout both days, giving you the opportunity to chat to them about any events, programs, projects, or initiatives that you would like to discuss!

Additionally, there will be some free Council goodies on offer! Council's 2023 Public Art Map, calendars, stickers, and more...

Find us at the top of the Western Oval between the Greatorex Pavillion and the St John Ambulance set-up.



Hello everyone, and welcome to a new financial year!



Mayor Matt Paterson visit to OLSH

I'm happy to announce that Council have recently adopted our budget for 2023/2024, and there are some really exciting projects to look forward to. As I have already mentioned, the budget is all about investing in our town's liveability and future. If you would like to see more details, check out ASTC's 2023 Municipal Plan on our website.

Speaking of exciting, something ASTC is particularly proud of is our brand-new partnership with local organisations Birth and Beyond and Clontarf. As a Council, we are all about empowering local organisations to do what they do best, help the community and these partnerships achieves exactly

that. You can read all about our partnership with Birth and Beyond in this edition of Council Connects.

There is plenty going on in the Alice community this July as well, with the Alice Springs Show back for another year. This is always a massive event for town for both kids and kids at heart. If your children are anything like mine they've already been asking about showbags and fairy floss.

Enjoy everything our lovely town has to offer this month, and stay warm during this cold weather!

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Upgrades at Walmulla and Willoby Parks!

As part of Council's concerted effort to invest in our town's infrastructure, Walmulla and Willoby Parks have received upgrades!

At Walmulla Park on Walmulla Street, The Gap, the playground equipment has been upgraded to feature brand-new slides, climbing equipment, a flying fox, see saw, and much more.

Furthermore, at Willoby Park on Gilbert Place, Larapinta, additional play equipment has been installed, including a dual slide and climbing equipment fit for young children.

What's more, these upgrades are just a teaser for what's to come!

The construction of the Regional Skate Park at Newland Park is set to take place soon. Designed to cater to the needs of our community, this great new park will feature skate elements, playground equipment, and open space amongst some other awesome attractions.

Moreover, \$1 million in funding has been allocated towards upgrading Araluen Park.

Do you like what you see? The development of Council's Parks Master Plan is underway, meaning you can look forward to many more upgrades such as these around town in the near future.



Walmulla Park



Willoby Park

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Andrew Wilsmore New ASTC Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to Andrew Wilsmore

Alice Springs Town Council is excited to announce the appointment of Andrew Wilsmore to the role of CEO of ASTC.

Mr Wilsmore comes to Alice Springs with a wealth of executive experience across a range of industries, most recently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Alcohol Beverages Australia. He also has significant experience across corporate and public affairs, enterprise health and safety, operational management and financial management.

"After a rigorous process, Council are excited to welcome Andrew as our new CEO. Andrew's experience made him a terrific candidate and a great asset to the Alice Springs community," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"I am looking forward to working alongside Andrew to achieve great things for Alice Springs. I am confident that he will hit the ground running and

we will see tremendous results in the short and long term."

Mr Wilsmore commenced at ASTC on Monday 19 June, bringing a wealth of experience in developing and executive strategy, implementing organisational change initiatives, operational management and financial acumen to the role.

"I am thrilled to join the team at Alice Springs Town Council and look forward to achieving results for the entire community," Mr Wilsmore said.

"It's clear that Alice Springs Town Council is an exciting place to be at the moment with a range of incredible upcoming projects. I am keen to keep driving these projects forward while ensuring Council continues to deliver a high level of services to all residents."

Council thanks Joe McCabe for serving as interim CEO from February. Mr McCabe will finish with Council on 14 July to allow for a smooth transition period.



FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

NAIDOC week

This year there are plenty of great events and initiatives happening in Mparntwe/ Alice Springs during NAIDOC Week to recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. From Sunday 2 July to Sunday 9 July, a series of events, pop-up stalls and celebrations will be on around town, hosted by a variety of organisations.

Alice Springs Town Council will be hosting and supporting an assortment of NAIDOC Week events for the community to enjoy!

On Tuesday 4 July, the Council's Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre will be holding a NAIDOC Splash Party from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This free event is the perfect day out for the whole family, boasting a free BBQ, use of awesome inflatables, kids' activities, and music by local DJ's. A Welcome to Country will also be performed by Traditional Owners in commemoration of this special week.

Additionally, Alice Springs Town Council will present a free priority screening of 'The New Boy' at Alice Springs Cinema on Wednesday 5 July at 4:00 pm. Only in cinemas from July 6, The New Boy is set in the 1940's and depicts the story of a 9-year-old Aboriginal orphan boy in a remote Australian monastery run by a renegade nun. Starring Cate Blanchett, Aswan Reid, and Deborah Mailman, this movie will be a must-see Australian film! Better yet, free popcorn and soft drink are provided. Hurry though, seats are limited... First in, first served!

Furthermore, supported by Council, Children's Ground NAIDOC Day 2023- 'For Our Elders' is taking place on Tuesday 4 July from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Ampe-kenhe Ahele, Gate 4, 2 South Terrace, Alice Springs. Come and join Children's Ground for a day of sharing and insight into their work with Arrernte families and learn how they strengthen their children's learning, health and wellbeing, teaching culture and language. This event will feature cultural activities for kids, ochre

crushing, bush medicine, painting, free haircuts from Barber Blak Kings by Kings Narrative and a local hairdresser, a free hot lunch by a warm fire and much, much more!

With many other fantastic NAIDOC Week initiatives and events occurring in Alice Springs, head to the NAIDOC Week Alice Springs Facebook page to view the full schedule.

Alice Springs Town Council Presents...

For NAIDOC Week Alice Springs Town Council offers a **FREE** screening of **The New Boy** movie at Alice Springs Cinema

Wednesday - 5TH of July - 4:00 PM

Includes FREE popcorn and drink



NAIDOC SPLASH PARTY

AT: ASALC

**04 JULY
1-4 PM**

**WELCOME TO
COUNTRY**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**FREE BBQ +
INFLATABLES +
KIDS ACTIVITIES +
MUSIC BY
LOCAL DJs**

8950 4360 | info@asalc.com.au | 10 Speed Street, Alice Springs



FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023





The Australian Ballet's visit to the Library

The Australian Ballet visited Alice Springs in June and was hosted by none other than your Library!

Known for their athletic, authentic, bold and expansive style, Australia's national ballet company is internationally acclaimed and composed of the country's most talented dancers. With a value for open-mindedness, fresh thinking, and passion, the Australian Ballet brought a graceful twist to Alice Springs through a series of free workshops. These fun, lively, and accessible dance workshops were delivered by the Australian Ballet Education and Outreach team on Thursday 8 June to preschool aged children and seniors.

The 'Dance Story' workshops for preschool children gave students the unique opportunity to explore The Story of Pomi and Gobba through dance. This story follows two frogs who don't feel like they fit in, become friends, and put their strengths to good

use while escaping a wild storm. Guided by music and the use of egg maracas and rainbow streamers, the children were introduced to rhythm, movement, and expression. Students had a fantastic time dancing and laughing as they developed new skills and a fondness for ballet.

Furthermore, the 'Dance for Seniors' workshop inspired participants to embody the grace and beauty of ballet. Centred around the characters and music of Romeo & Juliet, this class welcomed students into the ballet family and encouraged physical activity, musicality and expression, all while providing great health benefits. In this workshop, seniors learnt classic positions and step combinations alongside interpretive dance skills.

It was a pleasure to host the Australian Ballet at our Library and witness the joy and passion it brought to members of our community.



Birth and Beyond partnership



Families and parents in Alice Springs will have more opportunity to access vital support going forward with Alice Springs Town Council and Birth and Beyond entering into a partnership agreement.

Birth and Beyond is a community organisation that provide support, education and resources for pregnancy, birthing and support in Alice Springs. Council have endorsed a partnership with the organisation for \$20,000, allowing them to grow their services moving forward.

"We know that becoming a parent can be one of the most stressful times in anyone's life and it's important that people have access to reliable support systems during this time," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"Council are extremely proud to help support Birth and Beyond and the incredible work they do in our community. I encourage anyone needing family support to get in touch with this special organisation."

Birth and Beyond Committee Chair Antje Chalmers said the organisation are excited about the partnership, saying they cannot wait to help as many young families as possible.

"Birth and Beyond are extremely excited about this partnership with the Alice Springs Town Council," she said.

"We are grateful for their support of our vision which is focused on supporting the families of Alice Springs. With this funding support we look forward to extending our services and providing even more exciting opportunities for the Alice Springs community".

"Birth and Beyond have a number of projects in the pipeline aimed at supporting the parenting community of Alice Springs. This funding from Alice Springs Town Council will feed straight into those projects and therefore the supports available to parents in Alice. There are exciting times ahead, so watch this space!"

The Alice Springs community welcomed 36 new Australians in June during the Territory Day Citizenship Ceremony.





In a special ceremony conducted by Alice Springs Mayor Matt Paterson and new ASTC CEO Andrew Wilshire, people from across the globe received citizenship on 30 June at the Civic Centre. The ceremony included a formal introduction, speeches, an address to participants, the pledge of commitment and the National Anthem.

Conferees were from a diverse range of countries such as the Philippines, India, New Zealand, Nepal, France, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Colombia, China, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Nigeria, Scotland, Fiji, Saudi Arabia, Ecuador and Denmark.

The ceremony was held in conjunction with Territory Day, a occasion for everyone in the NT that celebrates the uniqueness of the Territory.

"Citizenship ceremonies are always a particularly special occasion and they truly never cease to amaze me," Mayor Paterson said.

"The smiles on the faces of Australia's newest citizenships are heart-warming. It puts into perspective how lucky we are here in Alice Springs and Australia. I am incredibly fortunate to share that special moment with so many people.



Congratulations to every conferee on receiving Citizenship, especially to our dear ASTC team member Virginia Raymond.





Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 27 June 2023 for their monthly Ordinary Council Meeting. The following is a summary of some of the matters discussed. To see the full Council reports and minutes check out the ASTC website. A full video of the meeting is available on Council's Vimeo channel.

Municipal Plan and Budget

Council officially endorsed the 2023/24 Municipal Plan following the Plan being available for public comment for 21 days. The Plan includes ASTC's budget for the 2023/24 financial year, including major projects, events, initiatives, infrastructure upgrades and more. The full 2023/24 Municipal Plan is available on ASTC's website.

Ankerre Park

Councillors voted in favour of accepting ownership of the newly completed Ankerre Park. Located in Kilgariff, the park includes brand new playground equipment and provides families in Kilgariff with an exciting space for outdoor activities. The creating of the park aligns with ASTC's Liveability and Sustainability 2030 strategic plan to increase assets that encourage active lifestyles.

Gaming Machines

With a recent increase to the number of gaming machines in Alice Springs, Councillors resolved to write to the Attorney General of the NT and request a meeting. Councillors aim to gain a better understanding of the Northern Territory's decision-making process, as well as discussing ideas that can promote education about responsible use of gaming machines and reduce harm associated with gambling.

Partnerships with Clontarf & Birth and Beyond

Enabling community groups to provide important services in Alice Springs is a key function of Council. With this in mind, Council endorsed partnership opportunities with both the Clontarf Foundation and Birth and Beyond.

The Clontarf program plays a vital role in assisting young men in Alice Springs achieve positive life outcomes and has tremendous success across a number of schools in our community. This partnership will help the program grow into the future, helping more young people reach their potential.

Birth and Beyond is a leading organisation in helping young parents with the stress and demands of having a young child. In particular, the organisation plays a pivotal role in assisting members of the community that may be isolated from family. Council are proud to enter a partnership that will help Birth and Beyond in providing support to more families across our community.

More outdoor dining and night market stalls

This is a win for fans of outdoor dining! In an effort to support the night time economy in Alice Springs and grow one of our town's favourite events, Councillors resolved to waive fees for stallholders at all ASTC Night Markets. This aims to attract more stallholders to our Night Markets, helping more people share their talents with the community. Potential Night Markets stallholders will still need to apply by contacting Council on 8950 0505 or astc@astc.nt.gov.au.

Councillors also agreed to waive alfresco dining fees for all businesses throughout Alice Springs. Council aims to encourage all businesses to reach their full potential, with this move assisting in that pursuit. There should be as few barriers to owning a business as possible.

QANTAS lobbying

Along with the Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour, Councillors recently met with executives from QANTAS to discuss the frequency and prices of flights for our residents. It is a long-held concern of residents that the price to fly out of Alice Springs has continued to grow, impacting our town's liveability and accessibility. High prices have a negative impact on tourism and business and reduce our town's ability to grow. These concerns were all brought to the attention of QANTAS executives and again discussed in the Council Meeting. The Mayor and Councillors will continue to advocate for prices to become more affordable for residents and ask for government to investigate opportunities to subsidise rates if possible.



COMMUNITY GRANTS & EVENTS SPONSORSHIP

Community Grants and Sponsorship Information Session: Tuesday 18th July 5.30pm in the Council's Function room.

Council has streamlined
it's Community Grants and
Sponsorship processes.
This means there are two
opportunities to apply for
Council funding each year.

Council is inviting community
members to a Community
Grants and Sponsorship
Information Session:
Tuesday 18th July 5.30pm
in the Council Function room.

No registration required.

ROUND 1: (for activities between 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024)

Applications open 1 August at 9am
Applications closed 1 September at 5pm
All applications notified of the outcome of their application in
October/November.
Events for this round to be delivered before end of next financial year.

ROUND 2: (for activities between 1 July 2024 to 31 Dec 2024)

Applications open 1 February at 9am
Applications close 1 March at 5pm
All applications notified of the outcome of their application in April/May.

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~ Learn a Skill for Life



School Holiday LTS Intensive



**5 DAYS OF
DAILY LESSONS**

One week in July
**Monday 10TH to
Friday 14TH**
10AM – 1.15 PM

\$85 for the whole week

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW

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10 Speed Street, The Gap





Night Markets waive fees for stallholderse!

Are you interested in holding a stall at an Alice Springs Town Council Night Market? Well we've got great news for you!

In the past, Council required a fee for anyone wanting to hold a stall. In an effort to promote as many small businesses as possible, it will now be free for all stallholders! That's right, Alice Springs Town Council will now waive the permit fees for ALL stallholders at our Night Markets, making it easier for you to share your talents with the community.

Stallholders will still need to register with ASTC to take part. You can do that by contacting Council on 8950 0505 or visit : <https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/council-events/night-markets>

The next Night Market will be held on Thursday 21 September in conjunction with the Desert Festival. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yeperenye Dreaming, Roundabout Art Alice Springs

Expression of Interest (EOI) Public Artist Commission

Alice Spring Town Council invites artists (individuals or in groups) who have a connection to Alice Springs/ Mparntwe, to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the development of roundabout art around Arrernte Dreamtime story of Yeperenye (caterpillar).

In calling for Expressions of Interest, Council notes that support is available to emerging artists who may not have completed submissions for similar projects.

Background

The traditional owners of the land in and around Alice Springs/Mparntwe are the Central and Eastern Arrernte people who have lived in this region for tens of thousands of years. This has resulted in a strong Aboriginal presence and history in the surrounding hill lines and sacred landmarks. Consultation with Indigenous traditional owners of Mparntwe regarding what would be the most appropriate subject for the roundabout raised the strong consensus to celebrate their Dreamtime story of Yeperenye, which tells of how the region was created by giant caterpillars that lost a battle with their enemies, the stink bugs.

Project Aims

This project aims to create a permanent sculpture or group of sculptures of caterpillar(s) and stink bug(s) that commemorates the spirituality of Aboriginal people and culture within Central Australia.

It is envisaged that this artwork will play an important role in educating visitors to Alice Springs, as well as the broader community, about Aboriginal culture. The artwork will be located on the roundabout of Bath Street and Hartley Street.

The artwork should be aesthetically and intellectually engaging within the confines of the roundabout and structurally comply with appropriate line of sight guidelines as per AusRoads 2021 Guidelines. Artists are encouraged to consider a broad range of potential materials and approaches (for example traditional sculptural forms and/or new technologies may all be appropriate). EOIs Close 31 July 2023

For enquiries, please contact:

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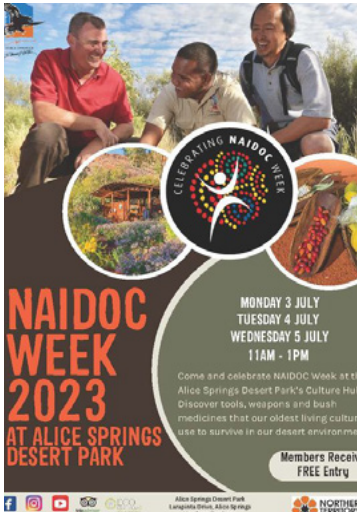
Phone: 08 8950 0568

Email: kwalsh@astc.nt.gov.au

Apply here: <https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/living-in-alice-springs/arts-council>

What's on in July 2023

MONDAY 3



NAIDOC WEEK 2023
AT ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK

MONDAY 3 JULY
TUESDAY 4 JULY
WEDNESDAY 5 JULY
11AM - 1PM

Come and celebrate NAIDOC Week at the Alice Springs Desert Park's Culture Hub. Discover tools, weapons and bush medicines that our oldest living culture use to survive in our desert environment.

Members Receive FREE Entry

Alice Springs Desert Park
10 Speed Street, Alice Springs

NORTHERN TERRITORY

TUESDAY 4



NAIDOC SPLASH PARTY
AT: ASALC
04 JULY
1-4 PM
WELCOME TO COUNTRY

FREE ENTRY

FREE BBQ + INFLATABLES + KIDS ACTIVITIES + MUSIC BY LOCAL DJS

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FOR OUR ELDERLY

ALICE SPRINGS

AQUATIC CENTRE

FRI 7- SAT 8



The Alice Springs
SHOW
7th & 8th July

AMUSEMENTS

ENTRANCE \$15.00

WEDNESDAY 12



The Buddy Knox Blue Concert

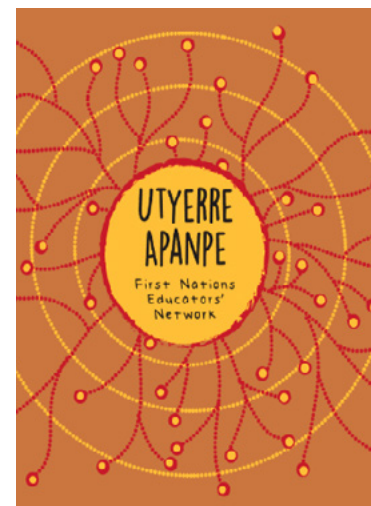
FREE

WEDNESDAY 12



PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL
SCREENING & AWARDS NIGHT

MON 17 - THU 20



UTYERRE APANPE
First Nations Educators' Network

TUESDAY 18

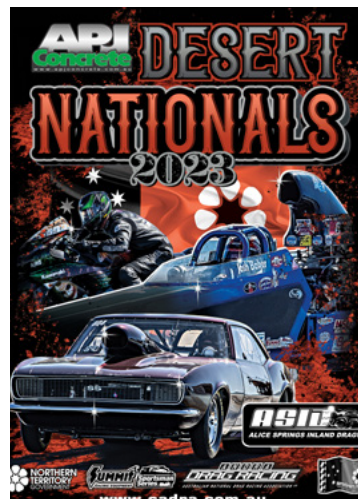


Information Session:
Tuesday 18th
July 5.30pm in the
Council's Function room

ALICE SPRINGS

COMMUNITY GRANTS & EVENTS SPONSORSHIP

SAT 22 - SUN 23



API DESERT NATIONALS 2023

ASALC

ALICE SPRINGS INLAND DRAGWAY

www.cadra.com.au

FRIDAY 28



Advocate Art Award 2023

28 July - 13 August 2023

Exhibition opening Friday 28th July, 6pm
Walk in the Art & People's Choice Award Sunday 13th August, 2pm
Araluen Arts Centre

Lots of Prizes • Entries Online • www.caasinc.org
Entries close Sunday 16 July 2023

ALICE SPRINGS

AUGUST IS...
**Seniors
Month!**



Council Connects | July 2023

Mayoral Morning tea!

9-11am
Tuesday 1st August, 2023
@ Civic Centre Function Room



Registrations via Eventbrite
astc.eventbrite.com

Any enquiries please email to
eaexecutive@astc.nt.gov.au

Join the Mayor in celebrating Seniors Month!

NT Writers Festival - Kim Mahood



Pop-up Cinema



Australian Ballet - Kids & Senior sessions @ the Library



Heart Foundation Walking 12 Year Celebration



3X3 School Holiday Basketball Program



Create your own graphic novel School Holiday @ the Library



Where to find...



FREE

online listing
for your Alice Springs
Community Event*

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

*Conditions apply

WORK

Careers @ Council
Alice Springs Town Council
current vacancies

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Click 'Jobs'

NEWS

from the Community
and Alice Springs
Town Council

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Click 'News'

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Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

10 Speed St, Alice Springs
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info@asalc.com.au | asalc.com.au
*SUMMER HOURS (1 September to 30 April)
Weekdays, 6am – 7pm
Weekends & Public Holidays, 9am – 7pm
*WINTER HOURS (1 May to 31 August)
Weekdays, 6am – 6.30pm
Weekends & Public Holidays, 9am – 3pm
*Outdoor 50m pool closed for a time in August
for annual maintenance. Hours exclude Good Friday,
Alice Springs Show Day, Christmas Day

Alice Springs Public Library

cnr Gregory & Leichhardt Tces, Alice Springs
(08) 8950 0555
library@astc.nt.gov.au
alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library
Monday to Friday, 10am – 6pm
Weekends, 10am – 1pm (ex. Public Holidays)

Regional Waste Management Facility

Commonage Rd, Alice Springs
(08) 8950 4340
astc@astc.nt.gov.au | alicesprings.nt.gov.au
Open 7 days, 8am – 4pm
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

Rediscovery Centre

Commonage Rd, Alice Springs
(08) 8950 4340
astc@astc.nt.gov.au | alicesprings.nt.gov.au
Monday to Friday, 8am – 4pm
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

Alice Springs Animal Shelter

Len Kittle Dr, Alice Springs
(08) 8953 4430

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