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

## Upcoming Council Meetings...

### TUESDAY 28 MARCH

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

## Councillor's Column



## Cr Gavin Morris

*So much has happened since I had the privilege of winning the Alice Springs Town Council by-election in November last year.*

Storms, Christmas and wall to wall national media coverage of the antisocial youth, crime and violence which had escalated to crisis point in recent months.

Our community must see this as the trigger to act. It was so great to hear the voices of our community during January's Council Meeting.

Not all were positive. Some were stories of sadness, stories of fear underpinned by an overwhelming sense of frustration. There was also a collective sense that we can tackle our challenges together. No more division. No more segregation, no more drowning out community voice by well-intentioned outsiders from Canberra. The solutions to the challenges that face Alice Springs already exists in our community, and it is Council's role to ensure we get support from all tiers of government to fund and support these solutions.

The adversity in which we have all endured in recent time must now galvanise our community. It has brought us closer together and this resolve must continue to strengthen.





*Alice Springs Town Council have committed more than \$30,000 to local residents and community groups through our annual sponsorship program.*

Through Council's sponsorship program, community groups and organisations are able to apply each year for financial assistance to deliver community activities and projects.

In 2023, five rounds of sponsorships grants were handed out to organisations and individuals across Alice Springs to assist in a range of programs. The following sponsorship grants were approved during February's Ordinary Council Meeting:

- Two students received \$2,500 each for Higher Education Scholarships to assist with furthering their education.
- The Nepalese Community Alice Springs Inc were awarded \$5,000 in sponsorship to deliver Nepalese New Year on 15 April 2023.
- The Women's Museum of Australia received \$1,500 in sponsorship to deliver Equal Futures International Women's Day Fair on 5 March 2023.

- The NT Writers' Centre received \$15,000 in sponsorship to deliver the NT Writers Festival on 1-4 June 2023.
- Noone Left Behind received \$5,000 in sponsorship to deliver Alice Springs Youth Conference on 4 April 2023.

"Council are incredibly proud to support a range of community members and organisations through our sponsorship program," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"The Alice Springs Community is full of selfless organisations that put on tremendous events and programs in our town. We are thrilled to be able to support some of these organisations by ensuring they have the funds to be able to deliver these wonderful projects."

"Not only are Council supporting local events, we are also excited to be able to offer some assistance to two young students that are undertaking higher education."

## Your Council



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## Interim CEO Joe McCabe

***Alice Springs Town Council welcomes the appointment of Joe McCabe to the role of interim CEO of ASTC.***

Mr McCabe comes to Alice Springs with a wealth of experience in local government, most recently serving as the Chief Operating Officer for City of Gold Coast between 2012-2022. During that time Mr McCabe also acted as CEO for 11 months.

"It's extremely exciting to welcome Joe into the role as interim CEO. He has a wealth of experience at a senior executive level in local government and will be a tremendous asset for Council," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"I am looking forward to welcoming Joe on board and working closely with him, along with Elected Members, to achieve wonderful things for the Alice Springs community."

With a strong background in economic sustainability, budgeting and staff development, Mr McCabe will serve as an interim CEO while Alice Springs Town Council conducts a thorough recruitment process to fill the role full time.

"Joining Alice Springs Town Council is a fantastic opportunity and I look forward to working with both the Elected Members and staff," Mr McCabe said.

Mr McCabe commenced in the role on Monday 13 February and will continue until a full time CEO is appointed. *Welcome Joe!*

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# **YOUTH SKATE WORK- SHOPS**

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THE GAP, NT, 0870**

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EVERY TUESDAY**

From 7 March to 18 April

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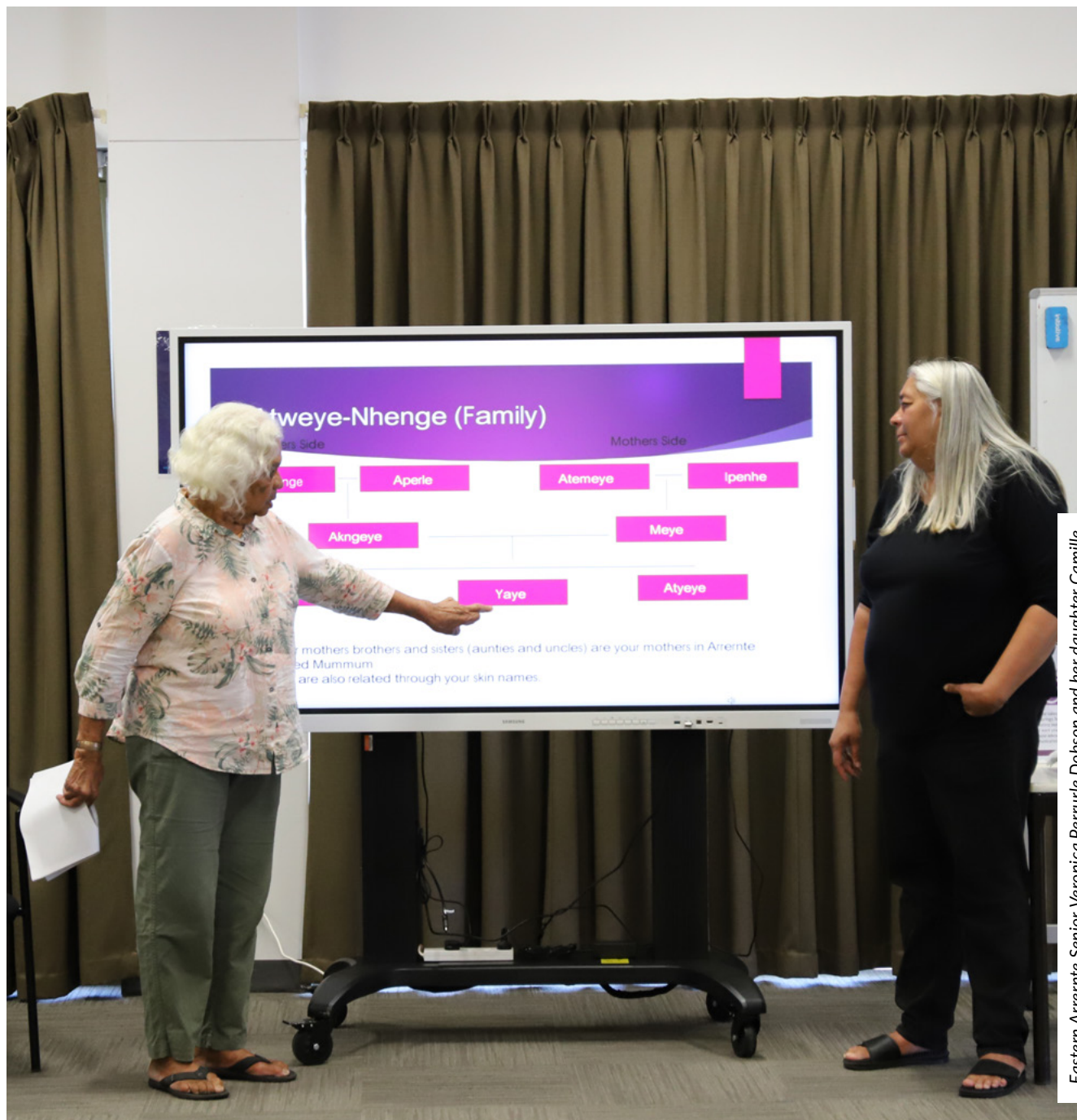


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# Werte!

## Arrernte Language & Cultural Workshops



Eastern Arrernte Senior Veronica Perrurle Dobson and her daughter Camille.

*With support from the Northern Territory Government, Alice Springs Town Council offered a series of 2-hour Arrernte Language and Cultural workshops in February.*



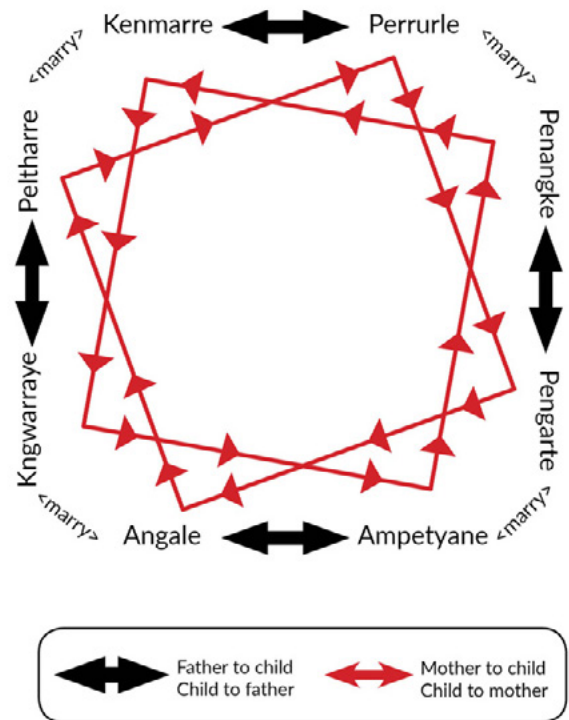


Assistants to Arrernte Workshop



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## North-Eastern and Eastern Arrernte Skin Names



*In Arrernte there are 8 skin names.  
The skin system was created at the time of creation.*

These workshops served to celebrate and recognise Aboriginal culture, language and history by providing insight into the traditional kinship systems and their importance in Aboriginal law. The workshops also covered the importance of land/ Apmere, cross-cultural communication dynamics and skills, Aboriginal language and contemporary social and cross-cultural issues. Additionally, these educational workshops revealed the challenges faced by many Aboriginal people in Central Australia today.

After undertaking these workshops, participants developed a deeper appreciation and understanding of Arrernte culture, language and history.

Workshops were facilitated by Eastern Arrernte Senior Veronica Perrurle Dobson and her daughter Camille. Veronica Perrurle Dobson was born at Arltunga, related to Ntwerle and Alatyeye. Veronica helped to establish Arrernte as a written language and has worked as a highly respected translator, interpreter and educator of the Arrernte language and culture for many years. Through preserving and documenting the Arrernte language and culture, she has been able to educate and share her knowledge with the wider community.

***We thank Veronica and Camille for delivering such a fantastic and informative series of workshops.***

*We invite you to join us in celebrating International Women's Day this March!*



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8

IWD is a global day that celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, as well as acting as a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

The theme for IWD 2023 is #EmbraceEquity and with this theme in mind, Council have rallied an impressive line-up of events to celebrate on 8 March.

Council will be hosting a panel discussion from 9:30-11:30am focusing on the topic of leadership, featuring strong women role models from across our community. The panellists are:

- **Sizol Fuyana:** NT recipient of the Young Australian of the Year award in 2022
- **Kim Hopper:** Alice Springs Town Council Elected Member
- **Sarah Steele:** Park - Head of HPE at CMS and Football Player
- **Angela Ross:** Teacher at Yipirinya School

The IWD morning tea will begin with a presentation by keynote speaker Sizol Fuyana followed by a panel discussion. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in the panel discussion. The panel discussion will be held in the Civic Centre Function Room – 93 Todd Street.

The Alice Springs Public Library will also celebrate IWD with a Women's Yoga and Lunch event in the Andy McNeill Room. The yoga class will be held from 12-1pm with a light lunch provided. Both the yoga event and panel discussion will be held on Wednesday 8 March.

On Sunday 12 March, you can also watch a live stream of the IWD event from the Sydney Opera House. The Library will be livestreaming a talk where Iranian-Australian women give an inside look at the woman-led revolution in Iran, the power of protest, and how Australians can be allies at this incredible moment in history. This event will take place from 10:15am in the Library.

All Council IWD events are completely FREE to attend but bookings are essential. To book, visit ASTC's Eventbrite page [here](#)

*For International  
Women's Day and  
beyond, let's all fully  
#EmbraceEquity.*



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 2023

#EmbraceEquity

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
**Women in LEADERSHIP**  
— PANEL & MORNING TEA —  
Wed 8 March | 9.30 – 11.30 am  
Council's Civic Centre – 93 Todd Street  
— Keynote speaker —  
**Sizol Fuyana**  
Young Australian of the year 2022  
FREE | Bookings via:  
astc.eventbrite.com

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
**Women's Yoga & LUNCH**  
WED 8 MARCH  
12.00 – 1.00 PM  
ANDY MCNEILL ROOM  
Light Lunch &  
yoga mats provided  
(you are welcome to bring your own mat)

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
**All About Women**  
IRAN: WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM  
LIVESTREAMED FROM THE  
SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE  
ALL ABOUT WOMEN FESTIVAL  
Sunday 12 March  
10.15 – 11.15 am  
Alice Springs  
Public Library  
"Iranian-Australian women give an inside look  
at the woman-led revolution in Iran, the power of  
protest, and how Australians can be allies at this  
incredible moment in history."  
This talk is recommended for ages 15+

**FREE**  
BOOKINGS VIA:  
aspl.eventbrite.com

For more IWD community events, visit Council's online community calendar

<https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/calendar>

**EQUAL FUTURES**  
An International Women's Day Fair.

**SATURDAY  
4TH MARCH  
5-8 PM**

**WOMEN'S MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA**  
2 Stuart Terrace  
Alice Springs

International Women's Day  
**#EmbraceEquity**

**8 March**

**Breakfast**  
Venue: Doubletree by Hilton  
Time: 7,30am- 9,00am  
Tickets: \$75.00 Per Person

Tickets available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/event/international-womens-day-breakfast-tickets-623395188097>

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TOTAL PRIZES \$1200

# YOUTH 2023 RECYCLED -ART PRIZE-

CALL OUT  
Youth 12-25 YO

REGISTER BY:  
5PM, MONDAY 27 MARCH



## WORKSHOP:

Saturday 18 March, 10am-1pm

Civic Centre Function Room, 93 Todd St.

\*Booking required via [astc.eventbrite.com.au](https://astc.eventbrite.com.au)

Limited free, recycled materials are available  
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Calling in advance is required, on 8950 4343

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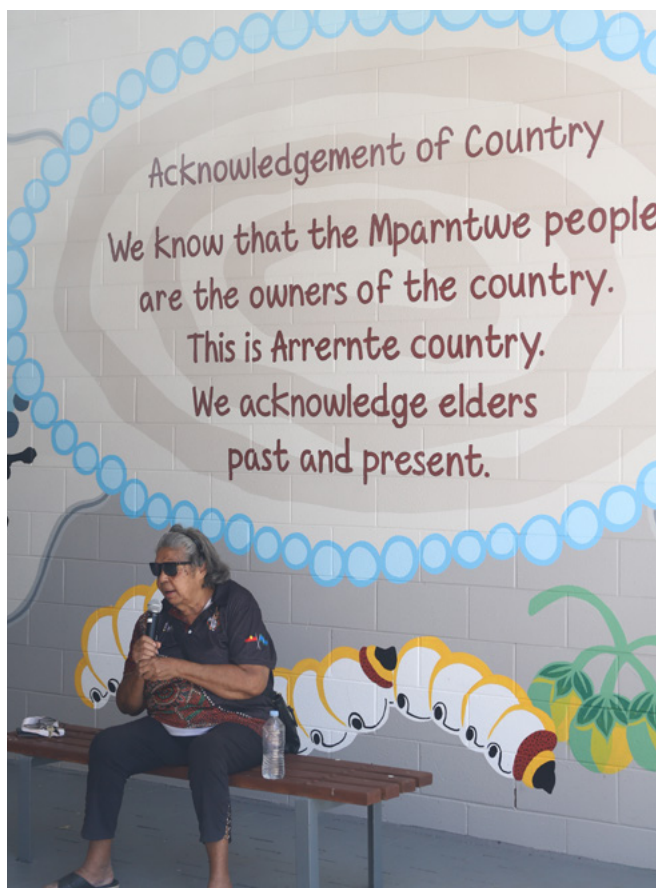
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# Pride in Centralian Senior Secondary College Mural



***Students at Centralian Senior Secondary College will enter the school building with pride following the unveiling of a powerful new mural at the school's entrance on Wednesday 15 February.***

Designed by Arrernte and Aboriginal studies students in collaboration with designer Adam Lavot, this mural includes an Acknowledgement of Country in language on one wall and its translation in English on another. The mural's imagery tells a story of students walking into school together, learning together and walking out proud.

"The Arrernte and Aboriginal studies students wanted something special at our entrance so that when our students walk into the Senior College they walk in with pride," said Principal Joanne Alford.

Centralian Senior College was host to an array of celebrations to mark this special occasion including a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Traditional Owner Pat Ansell Dodds, and a student barbeque.

Mayor Matt Paterson was in attendance during proceedings, saying it was a special event to be a part of.

"It's incredibly important that all students have a sense of belonging and pride when they walk into their school, and the community as a whole," Mayor Paterson said.

"This mural is extremely powerful and celebrates the Traditional Owners of our town, while also recognising that we all walk together in unison."



# We've launched!

## It's official... ASTC is on Tik Tok!

Tik Tok is a video-sharing app that allows users to create and share short-form videos on any topic. It's mainly mobile based, although you can still watch Tik Tok videos using the web app. The platform allows users to get creative with their content using filters, stickers, voiceovers, sound effects, and background music.

This new app has over one billion active monthly users of which roughly 62% are between the ages of 10 and 29 years.

At Council we recognise the value of effective communication and the role it plays in fostering connections within our community. As the nature of social media is everchanging, it is important Council stays adaptive in order to continue to effectively deliver information to all members of the Alice Springs community.

As a result, ASTC will be creating vibrant, engaging, and informative Tik Tok videos to showcase all of the fantastic events, teams, and hard-work of Council.

To stay up to date on all things Alice Springs, follow our Tik Tok handle @alicespringstowncouncil or scan the QR code...



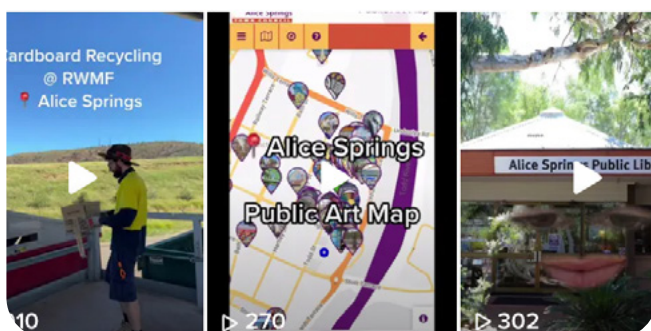
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Alice Springs Town Council official account





## Cashback for wine & spirit bottles

# BOTTLE MONEY

## SATURDAYS ONLY

**9.30AM - 2.30PM**



### Are you passionate about sustainability? Or perhaps a super-saver?

The Regional Waste Management Facility offers a 10c refund for glass wine and spirit bottles every Saturday between 9:30am to 2:30pm at the Rediscovery Centre.

This service is available to all Alice Springs residents, with 100 bottles eligible to be claimed per 1 licence!

This popular green-initiative was introduced by Alice Springs Town Council in 2013 in response to a high level of community interest in recycling as

current legislation does not include wine and spirit bottles.

Council continues to encourage the Northern Territory Government to include wine and spirit bottles in its cash for containers legislation.

Please note that Alice Springs Town Council is not a registered Collection Depot, so no refund for eligible containers (marked with the 10c refund) can be given.

# What's on in March 2023

**SATURDAY 4**



**SUNDAY 5**



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**THURSDAY 9**



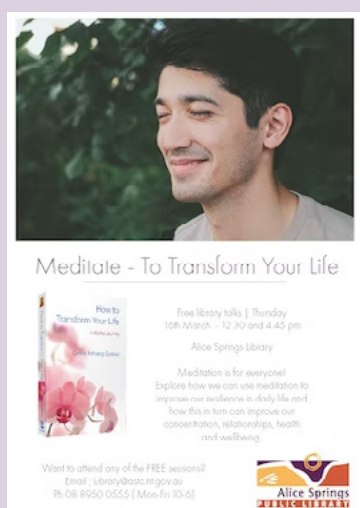
**THURSDAY 9**



**SATURDAY 11**



**THURSDAY 16**



**FRIDAY 17**



**SATURDAY 25**





# Night Markets 2023 kicking off this month.

*Looking for some fun and exciting live entertainment? Keen on a night out but not quite sure where to go. Don't worry, we've got you covered.*

Alice Springs Town Council is bringing back everyone's favourite Night Markets Series in 2023, with the series kicking off this month!

The first of the 2023 Night Markets will be held on Friday 10 March to help launch the fabAlice Festival, a unique festival celebrating the inclusivity and diversity of the Red Centre.

The Night Market will help kick off the weekend full of fun and excitement with live entertainment, food from across the globe, unique crafts and culture filling the Todd Mall. Hosted by Marzi Panne and Miss Ellaneous, The Night Market will feature a sneak preview of 100% Kylie, as well as performances by Drag Territory, Drag King Donnie Piccalo and Arrente Drag Queen, Stone Motherless Cold.

Music will also be provided by local legends Bambadino and Ed Gould, as well as the Alice Springs Town Band with roving performances by the Desert Diamonds and Health Expo.

The fabAlice Night Markets will be the first one for 2023 with four more to follow. The dates for the 2023 Night Markets are:

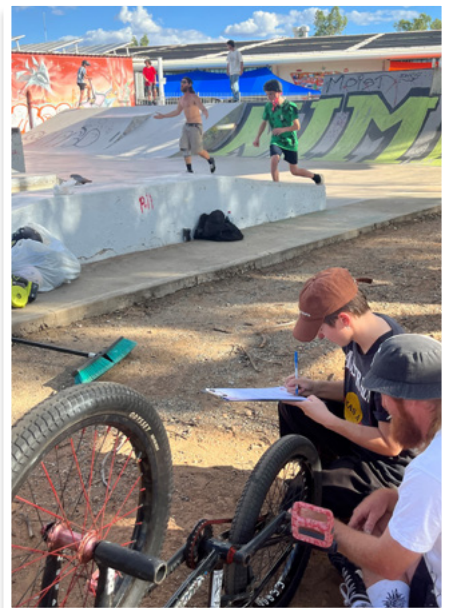
- **Friday 10 March**  
Celebrating fabAlice
- **Thursday 8 June**  
Celebrating the Finke Night Market and Street Party
- **Thursday 21 September**  
Celebrating the Desert Festival
- **Thursday 9 November**  
Celebrating Diwali
- **Friday 8 December**  
Celebrating the Christmas Carnival



*Council's Night Markets are family-friendly, smoke-free events. Council actively encourages BYO reusable cutlery and take-away food containers to reduce the volume of Single Use Plastics (SUPs) going into landfill.*



## Newland Park Redevelopment - Community Consultation



## Clean up Australia Day





# Arrernte Language and Cultural Workshops



## Confident Girls Empowered Women Program



## Imparja Cup



## Where to find...



### FREE

online listing  
for your Alice Springs  
Community Event\*

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\*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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(ex. Public Holidays)

### **Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre**

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(08) 8950 4360  
[info@asalc.com.au](mailto:info@asalc.com.au) | [asalc.com.au](http://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**

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[alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library)  
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Weekends, 10am – 1pm (ex. Public Holidays)

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Open 7 days, 8am – 4pm  
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

### **Rediscovery Centre**

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### **Alice Springs Animal Shelter**

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