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**SATURDAY 4 JUNE**  
**12PM - 4.30PM**



## **BIG** **DAY OUT IN** **HARMONY**

**Alice Springs Town Council Lawns**

Multicultural dance, music, food and kids activities

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



## Have your say!

Now is your chance to have your say on the 2022/23 Alice Springs Town Council Municipal Plan, including the budget for the year ahead.

Alice Springs Town Council passed a draft version of the Municipal Plan at a Special Ordinary Council Meeting, with the Plan now available for public comment.

*"The 14th Council are pleased to present the draft Municipal Plan for the 2022/23 financial year,"* Mayor Matt Paterson said.

*"As we reach the endemic phase of COVID-19, we still have a lot of work to do to recover from its economic effects in particular."*

*"Despite these challenges, Alice Springs Town Council is committed to being a dynamic and active one in the year ahead while increasing the liveability of our town."*

*"This Plan allows us to improve and expand our core services to the community while also delivering on a holistic level for our community."*

The draft Municipal Plan is now available for the public to access via the Alice Springs Town Council website. Printed copies are also available at the Civic Centre Reception, Alice Springs Public Library, Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre as well as the 50 Plus Community Centre.

Public consultation opens Monday 30 May and will close at close of business on Monday 20 June 2022. All members of the public invited to submit their feedback. Feedback can be submitted in written form at the Civic Centre Reception Desk or by filling out the online form available from the Alice Springs Town Council website, [here](#).

## Upcoming Council Meetings...

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

Tuesday 28 June

Tuesday 26 July



## Councillor's Column

June in Alice Springs brings cooler air and camping weather, it's a beautiful time to be out and about in the Red Centre!

There is excitement in the air for the two big June events, both the Tatts Finke Desert Race and the

Beanie Festival. Both bring tourists into our town while also involving many locals. I love getting out to the Finke Start/Finish line to have a steak sandwich from the Scouts tent while watching the bikes leave and come back. The Beanie Festival is one of the most unique events across the Territory and always delights with the creative works of our local knitters. Both of these events bring a huge economic benefit to our community, but are also something our residents mark on their calendar and get excited for each year.

June is also shaping up as a busy month here at Council. Alice Springs Town Council will be consulting this month on our draft Municipal Plan as well as the budget. This is your chance to have a say about the next year in Alice Springs, and we encourage everyone to provide

their feedback. You can stay up to date with this by following updates on our Facebook page, or by contacting the Civic Centre. All the contact information can be found on the last page of *Council Connects*.

Council has also adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with Tourism Central Australia. Tourism is a vital part of our town, employing our locals and supporting small business. The Council looks forward to partnering with TCA, and continues to work with all stakeholders across our wonderful community to achieve positive results for our residents.

Your Council continues to work hard to achieve great results for Alice Springs. If you have anything you'd like to raise with us, make sure you get in contact!

**Cr Allison Bitar**  
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## You're invited!

Come and see what the Alice Springs art community has produced for this year's Alice Upcycle Art Prize.

The exhibition will open on Friday 17 June at 5.30pm at the Rediscovery Centre on Commonage Road.

Last year we saw some incredible pieces showing the skill and imagination of our local artists. What will we see in 2022?

A total of \$7,000 in cash prizes will be awarded by the judging panel comprising the Mayor and local distinguished artists.

You can also vote for your favourite piece in the People's Choice Award until the exhibition ends on Sunday 3 July.

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## Operational News

### New gym equipment destined for ASALC

Alice Springs Town Council have partnered with the Northern Territory Government to give Red Centre residents more options to improve their health.

Council have committed \$150,000 to installing outdoor gym and exercise equipment at the Aquatic & Leisure Centre, with the Northern Territory Government matching that contribution.

The outdoor gym equipment will cater for all residents aged 13 years and above, with equipment for people with physical limitations to be included in the facility.

*"The installation of an outdoor gym is a really exciting addition*

*to our Aquatic and Leisure Centre, it's something that will really benefit the whole community of Alice Springs,"* Alice Springs Mayor Matt Paterson said.

*"Council are always proud to improve infrastructure across our community as a whole. This project falls in line with our ASALC Business Plan to give residents access to the best possible facilities."*

*"We really encourage residents to be active their everyday lives and this will help the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre become a holistic recreation space."*

The outdoor gym will include a range of equipment catering for all fitness levels.

**JUNE 15**  
**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

**There's NO excuse for elder abuse**

CAWLS Women's Legal Service  
Relationships Australia. NORTHERN TERRITORY  
CatholicCare NT  
COTA NORTHERN TERRITORY for seniors  
Alice Springs TOWN COUNCIL



# Phantastic Phoney (*not phony*)!

Emma Smith, scene from *Bear Pause*

## *Who ever said being Phoney was a bad thing...*

Council is proud to bring one of Alice Springs' favourite events back in 2022 with the Phoney Film Festival returning for another year!

Everyone's favourite film festival showcases our town's brightest young stars, providing young guns with a free and fun avenue to express their creativity.

2021 first prize winner Emma Smith knows exactly how much fun the Phoney Film Festival can be with the talented filmmaker getting her start in the industry through this program.

*"Before I really started getting interested in film, I saw an ad for the Phoney Film festival. I was amazed at how accessible it was because I didn't have any big camera, expensive equipment or anything at all other than my iPhone," Emma said.*

*"I had so much fun and got such a good reception. Especially having it screened at the Cinema, being able to invite friends and family along, it was really exciting and sparked something that snowballed into many more entries."*

The 2022 edition of the festival will see awards for stop motion/animation, your dance story, your sport story and an open category.

Entries for the event will close on Wednesday 6 July with Council to host a number of workshops to help get your creative juices flowing. And who knows what opportunities the festival could open up for you...

*"I was blown away by how supported I was through the whole process," Emma said.*



Emma Smith (centre), at the SF3 Gala Event in Sydney

*"Seeing how much effort that went into (this event) and how it involved the creators themselves, that was great. I got regular emails and check ups asking if I needed any help. It was all free and so accessible."*

*"I was lucky enough to get the chance to go to the (SF3) Festival in Sydney and meet so many creatives. That was from this opportunity and I was so blown away how much opportunity came from it."*

For details on the three film-maker workshops, visit Council's Youth Programs webpage, [here...](#)



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE**  
Thursday 2 June to Monday 6 June  
the Public Library will be  
**CLOSED** for re-carpeting,  
reopening at  
**10am, Tuesday 7 June 2022**

The below Library services will be available during the closure period. Please contact the Library for further information.

BOOK a BOOK  
Borrow Box  
PRINT & PICKUP  
Story Box Library

Council apologises for the inconvenience caused.

8950 0555 alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library

## Library renovations

Alice Springs Town Council advises the public that the Alice Springs Public Library will close for one week in June for renovations, including the reflooring of entire Library floor.

The Library will be closed for public access on Saturday 2 June. It will reopen on Thursday 7 June at 10am.

Patrons will be welcomed back to a fresh new space with the entire Library receiving brand new carpeting. This will give your Library a brand-new vibrant feel following the reflooring of the Multipurpose Room in 2021, as well as a complete repainting last year.

While the Library is closed for refurbishment our Officers will be offering the famous 'Book-a-Book' service! Go to the Library webpage to choose and reserve your book title(s), or select a surprise bundle chosen by our expert staff, and – once your booking is confirmed – pop along to the Library entrance and call 8950 0555 to collect your order – too easy! PLUS, access to all online resources will still be available, [here](#).

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022**  
27 MAY – 3 JUNE

**BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE.**

Alice Springs Town Council invite community members to participate in a National Reconciliation Week workshop series.

|               |                                                                                                          |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MAY 27</b> | <b>Arrernte Language and Culture Workshop</b><br>10.30am – 12.30pm @ Andy McNeill Room, Civic Centre     |
| <b>MAY 28</b> | <b>'Interweaving Connections' A Hands-on Basket Weaving Workshop</b><br>10.00am – 1.00pm @ your Library  |
| <b>MAY 31</b> | <b>Arrernte Language and Culture Workshop</b><br>3.30 – 5.30pm @ Andy McNeill Room, Civic Centre         |
| <b>JUNE 1</b> | <b>Bush Medicine Workshop with Akeyulerre Elders</b><br>3.30 – 5.00pm @ Andy McNeill Room, Civic Centre  |
| <b>JUNE 2</b> | <b>Bush Medicine Workshop with Akeyulerre Elders</b><br>12.00 – 1.30pm @ Andy McNeill Room, Civic Centre |

**FREE PLACES LIMITED. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA:**  
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RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA  
Alice Springs Town Council

## Council's NRW activities

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation Week runs from Friday 27 May – Friday 3 June, every year. Alice Springs Town Council is hosting a number of FREE workshops during the week that are open to anyone who would like to learn.

- Friday 27 May, 10.30am: *Arrernte Language & Culture*
- Saturday 28 May, 10am: *'Interweaving Connections' – A Hands on Basket Weaving Workshop*
- Tuesday 31 May, 3.30pm: *Arrernte Language & Culture*
- Wednesday 1 June, 3.30pm & Thursday 2 June, 12noon: *Bush Medicine with Akeyulerre Elders*

For more information or to book your spot visit Council's Eventbrite page at [www.astc.eventbrite.com](https://www.astc.eventbrite.com)

# Men's Mental Health Day

- FREE BBQ
- BOXING DEMO
- HAIRCUTS
- STALLS

**Friday 17 June 2022**

**11:30am - 1pm**

**Uniting Church Lawns, The Mall  
50 Todd St, Mparntwe (Alice Springs)**

For more info email [healthpromotion@mhaca.org.au](mailto:healthpromotion@mhaca.org.au)



**MHACA**  
Mental Health  
Association of  
Central Australia



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# WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



JUNE

MONDAY 27

- > **REPTILE CENTRE**  
10.30–11.30am (All Ages)  
@Library
- > **LEARN HOW TO MOUNTAIN BOARD**  
session 1: 1.30–3pm  
session 1: 3.30–5pm  
(Ages 12–17)  
@ASTC Courtyard  
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **DODGE BALL**  
2–4pm (Ages 12–25)  
@The Y

TUESDAY 28

- > **MOUNTAIN BOARDING WITH DYLAN WARREN**  
11am–4pm (Ages 12–17)  
@ Council Lawns
- > **QUESTACON SCIENCE ACTIVITIES**  
1–6pm (Ages 8–14)  
@Library
- > **HORSIN' AROUND**  
2–4pm (Ages 12–25)  
@Bushmob

TUESDAY 5

- > **LEGO FOR JUNIORS**  
10.30–11.30am (Ages 2–7)  
@Library
- > **STEMFIT: CHECK OUT YOUR FITNESS MOVE TO THE MUSIC**  
10am–12.30pm (Ages 10–17)  
@LibraryActivities
- > **ARRENTE BOXING**  
1–6pm (All Ages)  
@Library
- > **QUESTACON SCIENCE ACTIVITIES**  
1–6pm (Ages 8–14)  
@LibraryActivities
- > **HORSIN' AROUND**  
2–4pm (Ages 12–25)  
@Bushmob

MONDAY 4

- > **REPTILE CENTRE**  
10.30–11.30am (All Ages)  
@Library
- > **LEGO FOR ALL**  
2–3pm (All Ages)  
@Library
- > **DODGE BALL**  
2–4pm (Ages 12–25)  
@The Y

MONDAY 11  
PLAY DAY

- > **SUNNY SCIENCE**
- > **DJ WORKSHOP**
- > **BUILDING AN E-SKATE BOARD**
- > **SPHERO SOCCER**
- > **STEMFIT: CHECK OUT YOUR FITNESS MOVE TO THE MUSIC**  
10am–2pm (All Ages)  
@Library  
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **DODGE BALL**  
2–4pm (Ages 12–25)  
@The Y

TUESDAY 12

- > **FLYING MINI UFOS**  
(Ages 6+)  
session 1: 10–11am  
session 2: 11.30am–12.30pm  
session 3: 1.30–2.30pm  
session 4: 3–4pm  
@Library  
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **HORSIN' AROUND**  
2–4pm (Ages 12–25)  
@Bushmob

SUNDAY 26

- > **PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL WORKSHOP**  
10am–12pm (Ages 12–25)  
@Library

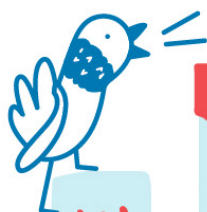
JULY

SUNDAY 3

- > **PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL WORKSHOP**  
10am–12pm (Ages 12–25)  
@Library
- > **NINJA WARRIOR**  
2–4 pm (Ages 12–25)  
@The Y

SUNDAY 17

- > **NINJA WARRIOR**  
2–4 pm (Ages 12–25)  
@The Y



ALL EVENTS ARE FREE



Activities subject to change please refer to FB @ASPLibrary & @AliceSpringsTC to stay up to date.

**LIBRARY:** Corner Gregory & Leichhardt Tce. **ASALC:** 10 Speed St. **THE Y:** 71 Sadadeen Rd.

**BUSHMOB:** 36 Priest St, Ciccone. **ALICE CINEMA:** Todd Plaza, 11 Todd St,

Adults to accompany kids under the age of 11 years.

Please remember, if you're feeling unwell, please stay at home.

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## WEDNESDAY 29

- > **PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME**  
10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5)  
@Library
- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**  
10.30-11.30pm (Ages 8+)  
@Library
- > **LEATHERCRAFT WITH AKAJACKS**  
2-4pm (Ages 5+)  
@Library  
Bookings via Eventbrite



## THURSDAY 30

- > **DRUMMING WITH KING MARONG**  
2-3pm (Ages 11+)  
@Library  
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **HORSIN' AROUND**  
2-4pm (Ages 12-25)  
@Bushmob

## JULY

## frIDay 1

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY SHOW DAY

- > **DODGE BALL**  
2-4pm (Ages 12-25)  
@The Y

## WEDNESDAY 6

- > **PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME**  
10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5)  
@Library
- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**  
10.30-11.30pm (Ages 8+)  
@Library
- > **LEATHERCRAFT WITH AKAJACKS**  
2-4pm (Ages 5+)  
@Library  
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL ENTRIES DUE DATE**  
6pm (Ages 12-25)

## THURSDAY 7

- > **NAIDOC PANEL Q&A**  
(All Ages) @Library
- > **FREE FILMS**  
(All Ages) @ASTC lawn
- > **HORSIN' AROUND**  
2-4pm (Ages 12-25)  
@Bushmob

## frIDay 8

- > **BABY RHYME TIME**  
10.15-10.45am (Ages 0-2)  
@Library
- > **DODGE BALL**  
2-4pm (Ages 12-25)  
@The Y

## WEDNESDAY 13

- > **PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME WITH NTS**  
10.15-10.45 (Ages 0-10)  
@Library
- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**  
10.30-11.30am (Ages 8+)  
@Library
- > **ROBOTICS**  
(Ages 10+)  
session 1: 10am-12.30pm  
session 2: 2-4.30pm  
@Library  
Bookings via Eventbrite

## THURSDAY 14

- > **DRUMMING WITH KING MARONG**  
2-3pm (Ages 11+)  
@Library  
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **HORSIN' AROUND**  
2-4pm (Ages 12-25)  
@Bushmob
- > **PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS & SCREENING NIGHT**  
6pm (All Ages)  
@Alice Cinema

## frIDay 15

- > **BABY RHYME TIME**  
10.15-10.45pm (Ages 0-2)  
@Library
- > **ROBOTICS**  
(Ages 10+)  
session 1: 10am-12.30pm  
session 2: 2-4.30pm  
@Library  
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **MULTILINGUAL STORY TIME**  
3.15-4pm (Ages 0-8)  
@Library
- > **DODGE BALL**  
2-4pm (Ages 12-25)  
@The Y

## WILD WEDNESDAYS

29 JUNE | 6 JULY | 13 JULY

11am - 2.30pm (Ages 12-25)  
BBQ, Inflatables, Djs, Arrow tag, and more!  
@ASLAC



# BIG Day Out!

 @MCSCA

King Marong and supporting percussionists



*Big Day Out in Harmony this year will be held from 12-4.30pm on 4 June 2022 on the Council lawns, Todd Street.*

Come and join us for a fantastic celebration of the many cultures in Alice Springs! There will be dance, performances, and food, as well as a range of activities for both kids and adults alike to enjoy.

This year we will also have a special performance from Ajak Kwai, Australia's renowned song woman of contemporary South Sudanese music!

Harmony Day is a United Nations-recognised global celebration that began in 1999. Officially held on March 21, it coincides with the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and has been enthusiastically embraced by MCSCA as a community celebration in Alice Springs in early May, although this year the event is in early June. We call this event Big Day Out in Harmony.

Each year, MCSCA invites all the multicultural groups and associations to participate in the event, to share some of their culture with the wider community. After months of rehearsals, it comes together on a day filled with colours, sounds, fragrances and tastes from across the world.



Interstate musician, Ajak Kwai & band

Celebrating the vibrancy of our town with community events like Harmony Day is an important part of Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia's work, ensuring that Alice Springs is a welcoming place for all.

For more information on Big Day Out in Harmony, head to [www.mcscs.org.au](http://www.mcscs.org.au) If you can't make it on the day, this year we will also do be doing a live video stream!

*This event is proudly sponsored by Alice Springs Town Council and the Northern Territory Government.*



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Aerial artistry at the 2021 Finke Street Party



Finke crowd, 2021

*It's that time of year again when the smell of rubber on dirt and the sounds of engines revving fills the air across the Red Centre.*

The Tatts Finke Desert Race is fast approaching with the famous event to be held from Thursday 9 June to Monday 13 June.

Alice Springs Town Council will help kick off the 46th running of the Tatts Finke Desert Race with everyone's favourite night market, held in conjunction with the Finke Committee, on Thursday 9 June.

One of the biggest events of the year, the Finke Street Party and Night Markets draws people from across the country into the centre of Alice Springs with plenty to do for everyone.

Finke Desert race President Antony Yoffa said the Street Party and Night Markets was the perfect way to kick off a long weekend full of fun.

*"The Finke Street Party and Night Markets is one of the biggest nights in the Centre of town with free*

*entertainment for the whole family," Mr Yoffa said.*

*Even if you have no interest in motorsport, come and witness the skill of the ALL4FMX crew who will fly quad bikes through the air doing tricks."*

*"The Finke Committee are grateful to Council for a considerable investment to keep the show running. A fabulous family night of food, family and daredevil excitement."*

The night will include food stalls including Thai, Ethiopian, Indian, fairy floss and crepes. There will also be all your favourite local craft stalls.

There will also be plenty of live music and entertainment with the ALL4FMX crew flying through the air with shows at 5.45pm, 7pm and 8pm.

Wolfpack Amadeus will entertain the crowd with three different sets, at 5.30pm, 6.40pm and 7.45pm while the Tatts Finke Desert Race film will be screened throughout the night.

We can't wait to see you there!

# Regional Waste Mgmt. Facility



## Then and now: the not-so-secret garden

The garden next to the Rediscovery Centre is a treasure trove of art that has been added over many years.

However, when the Regional Waste Management Facility was built the area was bare, as shown in an old photo of Geoff Miers on the site.

*"It was just hill with grass",* supervisor James Sanders said.

Since then, many people have made their mark on the area.

*"Our manager Oliver Eclipse planted a lot of the gum trees seven years ago,"* Mr Sanders said.

*"Workers from Corrections created the tyre snakes and minions, and the sculpture at the end is from the Youth Recycled Art Prize."*

The beloved sheep sculptures were the made by RWMF operator Martin Oostermeyer. The next time you're at the facility make sure you have a look!

## Firewood and safety at the Regional Waste Management Facility

With the evenings cooling down, we're seeing an increase in the demand for firewood at the Regional Waste Management Centre.

We love repurposing the green waste that gets dropped at the facility, and only \$100 a tonne our firewood is a cost-effective way to stock up your wood pile.

We have a few rules to keep you safe so please observe the following when you come to pick up your firewood:

- You will need to supply your own PPE such as long pants, gloves, hat, closed toe shoes and (if you have one) a high viz vest
- If you don't have a high viz vest you will be given one, it must be worn at all times
- You will also be given a handheld 2-way radio, please listen and remain vigilant for movements at the facility
- Many logs require two people to lift so to save your back bring a mate along
- No dogs or children, they must stay in the car
- No chainsaws, axes or cutting tools - you must take logs home and chop on your own property.
- No climbing on the wood pile
- We reserve the right to refuse entry if we have concerns for your safety.

We'd like to thank the public for their cooperation and for using this recycled resource.

RWMF open 7 days, 8am–4pm

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RWMF



## Waste vouchers expiring soon!

If you're a ratepayer and you haven't used all of your waste vouchers don't dilly dally! The vouchers distributed for this financial year will expire 30 June.

Each residential Rates Notice includes two complementary waste drop-off vouchers. Each uniquely coded Waste Voucher can be used as payment to dispose of general waste loads, construction and demolition waste at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

To use a Waste Voucher, proceed to the weighbridge booth and present the voucher to the weighbridge attendant. If you have signed for paperless rates notices through BPAY View, your vouchers will be attached to the digital copy of your rates notice.

Digital vouchers can either be scanned on a smartphone at the weighbridge, or printed. Vouchers may be used once only – each voucher is uniquely coded and recorded at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

For voucher terms and conditions, read the back of your Rate Notice, or visit Council's website, [here...](#)

**RWMF open 7 days, 8am–4pm**



## Footy is **BACK!**

*The countdown is on for the highest level of footy to return to the Red Centre, with the third of the Territory's AFL Games now locked in Alice Springs this July.*

Melbourne Football Club have been confirmed to take on Port Adelaide at TIO Traeger Park in Alice Springs on Sunday, 17 July, 2022, against the backdrop of the MacDonnell Ranges and with the country's fiercest fans cheering them on.

As last season's premierships winners, Melbourne will be bringing the AFL premiership cup with them, so fans can see and touch it for themselves.

The Alice Springs game is in addition to the Gold Coast SUNS facing Hawthorn at Darwin's TIO Stadium on Saturday, 28 May, during the Sir Doug Nicholls Round, followed by the SUNS vs North Melbourne game in Darwin on Saturday, 4 June.

The games are part of the Northern Territory Government's partnership with AFL, which sees two games played in the Territory each year – one in Alice Springs and one in Darwin. There will be three games this year due to COVID affecting the number of games played last year.

Tickets for the Alice Springs game will be on sale from 1pm on Friday, 10 June, 2022, with Melbourne Football Club member tickets available from 10am. Tickets will be available from [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au). Footy fans are encouraged to buy their tickets early to avoid missing out.

Find out more, here... [aflnt.com.au](http://aflnt.com.au)

# What's on in June

## WED-THURS 1 & 2

**Suicide Prevention Forum**

9am-3pm 1 & 2 June 2022  
Red Mulga Event Centre Alice Springs Desert Park

Let's come together to hear about suicide prevention work in Central Australia, discuss the stigma and shame around mental health and suicide, and explore ways to improve collaboration on suicide prevention initiatives.

The forum is being organised by the Mental Health Association of Central Australia with support by Wesley LifeForce.

For more information call 0455135309, email [healthpromotion@mhaca.org.au](mailto:healthpromotion@mhaca.org.au)



## THURS-MON 2-7

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE**  
Thursday 2 June to Monday 6 June  
the Public Library will be  
**CLOSED** for re-carpeting,  
reopening at  
10am, Tuesday 7 June 2022

The below Library services will be available during the closure period. Please contact the Library for further information.



Council apologises for the inconvenience caused.

8950 0555 [alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library)

## SATURDAY 4

**SATURDAY 4 JUNE**  
12PM - 4.30PM

**BIG DAY OUT IN HARMONY**

ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL LAWNS  
Multicultural dance, music, food and kids activities

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT  
MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA 0852 8776



## SATURDAY 4

**2022**

**ARTIST MARKET**

**SATURDAY 4TH JUNE**

9AM - 1PM  
WATCH THIS SPACE  
8 GAP RD

## THURSDAY 9

Join us to celebrate Finke Desert Race on the 9th of June at the

**NIGHT MARKETS**  
5-9PM | TODD MALL

Alice Springs Town Council proudly supporting the  
**TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE 2022**

8950 0500

Council would like to thank all involved in organising this scenic, Central Australian sporting event, and wish all participants, volunteers, officials and spectators a safe and enjoyable race experience for 2022.



## FRIDAY 17

**EXHIBITION!**

**ALICE UPcycle ART PRIZE**

97,000 IN PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

Judging Panel includes the Mayor and local distinguished artists

Alice Springs Town Council invites the community to attend the Prize Presentation & Exhibition Opening of the 2nd  
**ALICE UPcycle ART PRIZE**  
5.30pm, Friday 17 June 2022  
at the Rediscovery Centre, Commagene Road

**ARTWORK EXHIBITION of the Recycled & Repurposed Rediscovery Centre**  
**17 JUNE - 3 JULY**  
weekdays 8am-4pm  
weekends 9.30am-2.30pm

8950 0500 [alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

## SUNDAY 19

**2022**

**PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL**

With Emma Smith 2021 PFF Winner!

**3 FREE WORKSHOPS:**  
Story telling, filming and editing.  
10am-12 pm  
@ ASTC Library

**19 JUNE**  
**26 JUNE**  
**03 JULY**

REGISTER TO 8950 0547  
[YOO@ASTC.NT.GOV.AU](mailto:YOO@ASTC.NT.GOV.AU)  
FOR MORE INFO



## FRIDAY 24

**ALICE SPRINGS BEANIE FESTIVAL**

**PROGRAM**  
Friday 24 June - Monday 27 June 2022  
Araluen Arts Centre  
[www.beaniefest.org](http://www.beaniefest.org)

## SUNDAY 26

Outside the Central Australian Aviation Museum - 6 Memorial Avenue Alice Springs

**SUSTAINABLE COUTURE 2022**  
**SHADES OF SUSTAINABILITY**

Designer credits: L. A. Beatty's Pods, Dany Weaver, Liz Wesschape & Renee Davi, Ann Stewart

**SUNDAY 26TH JUNE**  
MARKETPLACE - 1.30PM - 4PM  
PARADE - 3PM - 4PM

**MONDAY 27TH TO SUNDAY 3RD JULY**  
POP-UP SHOP (THE RESIDENCY)

TIX: \$25  
ONSALE @ CENTRAL CRAFT, RED KANGAROO BOOKS & ONLINE  
<https://www.trybooking.com/8YUGG>  
For more info, visit <https://www.sustainable-couture.com>





Photographer Oliver Eclipse, featuring West African Dance

## Winter Chills... are multiplyin'

Red Hot Arts Central Australia provides accessible spaces, workshops, supports and events to facilitate, promote and build the capacity of arts and local artists.

One of our favourite parts of working in the vibrant 67 Bath Street building is our weekly visits from individuals and organisations, who hire our studio and workshop space to engage in a vast array of artistic practice – dancing, art-making, theatre devising and drumming lessons, to name a few!

At the moment, on Tuesdays we've got West African Dance Classes on at 5.30pm and on Thursdays there's another chance to dance at No Lights No Lycra at 6pm. Our rehearsal studio and workshop space is available to hire to anyone in the community – head to our website at [redhotarts.com.au](http://redhotarts.com.au) if you need a space to help support your practice!

We've also been gearing up to launch a series of exciting Winter Chill events which will also be held here at RHACA at 67 Bath Street, proudly supported by the Northern Territory Government.

We transformed our workshop space and backyard last year into a vibrant Desert Festival hub and we're excited to activate this centrally-located space again with this program of events. The Winter Chill events



will be held on Saturday 16th July and Saturday 23rd July – put that in your calendar and save the date for two nights of community connection with curated live entertainment!

**RHACA 67 Bath Street  
Alice Springs NT 0870**

**P: (08) 8952 2392**

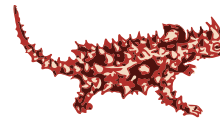
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central australia



# Seeds for Growth ...



**Arid  
Lands  
Environment  
Centre**

*Recent cooler days in Alice Springs mean we can be outside and enjoy our outdoor activities and the environment around us even more. So, if you were ever thinking of community gardening, now is the perfect time!*

Community gardening involves regular and enjoyable physical activity and when the work is done, the area is an ideal place for recreation with friends and relatives.

Research around the world shows that community gardens can play a significant role in enhancing the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being necessary to build healthy and socially sustainable communities.

Whether you're an expert gardener or a complete beginner, community gardens are a great way to:

- **Relax** - gardening has also been shown to reduce the stresses and strains of everyday life. A beautiful outdoor green space is an uplifting place to be in creating a sense of calm and happiness in a person.
- **Be physically active** - while it may not exactly be comparable to a gruelling workout, it does involve some amount of physical activity which promotes fitness and health.
- **Socialise** - One of the great aspects of community gardening is being able to build connections within your neighbourhood. This helps create feelings of a more supportive and spirited community as it allows people to

socialise and bond in a welcoming environment, bringing people from a range of different backgrounds together.

- **Learn new things** - on arid environment gardening and sustainable environmental practices, such as composting and recycling, and healthy nutrition.
- **Improve the environment** – people, plants and animals can all benefit from community gardens as they create habitats and improve the ecology of the area.

## Food For Alice

One of the best aspects of community gardens has to be the access to fresh, cheap local produce right? Awesome for creating a healthy diet. Plus you can share and swap recipes with your fellow gardeners to experience even more wonderful meals!

This wonderful produce is available to everyone in the Alice Springs community through the Food for Alice (FFA) program. Food For Alice is a food project which connects local people with local produce.

Food For Alice is a social enterprise working toward food security for our community. Every Saturday from 9-11 we hold a market at the Alice Springs



## ... Community Gardening in Alice

Community Garden (ASCG) – selling fresh, quality produce from local, ethical suppliers including farmers, the ASCG, bakeries, honey producers, coffee roasters and backyard growers.

While we have had the benefit of the Alice Springs Community Garden in Eastside for the last 10 years, we have, in the past year, seen the development of the Westside Community Garden in Gillen. New members are always welcome!

The design of the Westside Garden is the result of a series of open workshops where local community members reflected on what it means to grow, harvest and gather food on Central Arrente country.

Garden beds dedicated to native plants, bush foods and bush medicines were widely supported. Participants also wanted to see a community garden with majority communal garden beds, rather than individual plots. Communal garden beds are seen as a way of encouraging wider community participation and accessibility.

Garden membership is open to all people in the Central Desert region who share our vision of an inclusive, diverse and sustainable arid lands garden and want to actively contribute to it. Both gardens hold regular working bees that are open to the public. They are an essential component of Garden management and are a great way to meet new people, learn new gardening techniques and contribute to the smooth running of the garden.

The Westside working bees are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday and following Sunday of every month from 4PM until sunset. At the Eastside Community Garden the working bees are held on most Sundays from 8am in warmer months and 9am in cooler months.

Plus some afternoons in June the Alice Springs Community Garden in Eastside will be hosting 'how to make' workshops including beeswax wraps and making your own kombucha, and many more. For more information visit our website Alice Springs Community Garden.

For more details on how to get involved and become a member or participate in Westside working bees visit the Westside Community Garden website.

For more information email [info@alicecommunitygarden.org.au](mailto:info@alicecommunitygarden.org.au) or keep up to date via the [Alice Springs Community Garden](#) (Eastside) or the [Westside Community Garden](#) facebook pages.

So, come along and discover all the great things about your local community garden. The plants are thriving, the sun is shining, and there's nothing like getting your thumb a little green with friends on a warm afternoon!

This article was compiled by the team at the Arid Lands Environment Centre; Central Australia's peak environmental organisation defending the desert for over 40 years. We influence, promote and champion environmentally sustainable behaviours through community education and engagement. Check us out and find useful resources at [alec.org.au](http://alec.org.au)

Find out more, here... [alec.org.au](http://alec.org.au)

# Multilingual Storytime @ your Library



**Punjabi Storytime, Friday 20 May 2022**



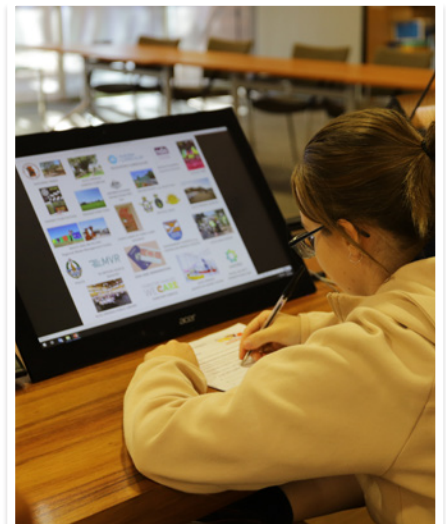
# Celebrating Volunteers Week

# Wear Orange Wednesday Tug-o-War!



## Democracy Dash @ ASTC!

Tuesday, 17 May 2022



## Celebrating Volunteers Week

# Where to find...



## FREE

online listing  
for your Alice Springs  
Community Event\*

[alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

\*Conditions apply

## Work

Careers @ Council  
Alice Springs Town Council  
current vacancies

[alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

Click 'Jobs'

## News

from your Community  
and  
Alice Springs Town Council

[alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

Click 'News'

# Contact Council...

### Alice Springs Town Council

ABN 45 863 481 471  
Civic Centre & Administration  
93 Todd Street, Alice Springs  
PO Box 1071 NT 0870  
(08) 8950 0500  
[astc@astc.nt.gov.au](mailto:astc@astc.nt.gov.au)  
Monday to Friday, 8am – 5pm  
(ex. Public Holidays)

### Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

10 Speed St, Alice Springs  
(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

cnr Gregory & Leichhardt Tces, Alice Springs  
(08) 8950 0555  
[library@astc.nt.gov.au](mailto:library@astc.nt.gov.au)  
[alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library](http://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](mailto:astc@astc.nt.gov.au) | [alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://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](mailto:astc@astc.nt.gov.au) | [alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au)  
Monday to Friday, 8am – 4pm  
Weekends, 9.30am – 2.30pm  
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

### Alice Springs Animal Shelter

Len Kittle Dr, Alice Springs  
(08) 8953 4430

[alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au)