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Council Connects Alice Springs





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



Work for Council

Looking for a new challenge in 2022? Why not join the team at Alice Springs Town Council?

Alice Springs Town Council employs over 200 staff at its Civic Centre, Alice Springs Public Library, Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Regional Waste Management Facility and Works Depot.

"At Council, we know that our staff are our greatest asset," Alice Springs Town Council CEO Robert Jennings said.

"We are committed to supporting our team develop as we offer a diverse range of pathways for community members of all levels of skill and education.

"Working with Council also offers a high level of job satisfaction. Our motto of Working for the Community rings true in our day-to-day operations with staff contributing to making our town a better place."

Council offers very competitive salaries and our employment conditions are among the best in the Northern Territory. They include:

- 5 weeks annual leave
- 20 days personal leave
- Paid Domestic and Family Violence leave
- Cultural/ceremonial leave
- Training and development opportunities
- Flexible working arrangements
- Up to 11.5% superannuation
- Relocation assistance for eligible positions.

Springs Town Council Alice are currently advertising for a number of positions across a range of departments. If you are committed to providing excellent service to the community, personal development and teamwork, we would love to hear from you.

For a full list of current vacancies and for more information on how to apply, visit https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/council/opportunities/jobs

We look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming Council Meetings...

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

Tuesday 25 October

Tuesday 22 November

Mayor's Column





Welcome to the October Council Connects

I know I say this every month, but I mean it every time. It's absolutely an exciting time at Alice Springs Town Council.

As October hits, we are nearing a by-election to choose a new member to join the 14th Alice Springs Town Council. The 14th Council have just ticked past a year of serving the community, and we have achieved some fantastic things for the community.

We delivered another round of MyAlice (partnering with NTG) which invested \$7 Million into the Alice Springs economy. We have also developed and incredible Strategic Plan that gives us a great platform to deliver results over the coming years. Now we're looking for another selfless community member to join us on that journey.

If you are thinking about nominating, please head to one of two information sessions Council will host. They will be on Thursday 6 October from 5-6pm and Wednesday 12 October from (TIME).

And for everyone else, don't forget to vote. Voting Day will be on Saturday 29 October so make sure your voice is heard. Take it from me, every vote counts!

The by-election is not the only thing happening in October, it's also Mental Health Week from 8-16 October. For so long, the topic of mental health has been taboo. That is something that needs to change, and is beginning to change.

More than ever before, it's important to connect with the people in our lives and create space for conversations about mental health and wellbeing. So, this October, reach out to a friend to see how they are doing, or if you are struggling, remember you are not alone.

Let's keep taking care of each other!

Matt Paterson, Mayor



Alice Springs Town Council Rates Early Bird Prize Draw EXTENDED TO 5PM, FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022!

Due to a system error, *this year's Rates Early Bird Prize Draw closing date is extended,* giving more residents the opportunity to participate. Entry to the Rates Early Bird Prize Draw is automatic upon payment of full year rates before COB Friday, 21 October 2022. The winners will be drawn by an Elected Member of Council on Monday, 7 November 2022, with results of the draw published in the NT News on Friday, 11 November 2022.

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Local Government by-election

Residents in Alice Springs will head to the polling booth once again in 2022 with Alice Springs Town Council calling a by-election for Saturday 29 October.

Following the resignation of Jimmy Cocking from the position of Councillor earlier in 2022, a seat in the Chamber is now vacant with a by-election taking place to elect a ninth Councillor.

This will be held on Saturday 29 October with early voting commencing from Monday 17 October.

"Councillors make decisions in the best interest of the community and it's important that residents get the opportunity to vote for their preferred representative," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"It's vital that you get out to your closest polling booth on Saturday 29 October and make your voice heard. Every vote counts in these elections so be sure to have your say."

Nominations for the one vacant position on Council will open on Friday 7 October and will be open for one week. They will close on Friday 14 October.

Two information sessions for those considering nominating for Council will be held in the Andy McNeill room on Thursday 6 October from 5-6pm and Wednesday 12 October from 12-1pm. These sessions will answer any questions you may have about standing for Council.

"Serving the community as an Elected Member is a privilege and extremely rewarding," Mayor Paterson said.

"I encourage everyone with a genuine passion for Alice Springs to consider nominating."

KEY DATES

Nominations open: Friday, 7 October 2022

Close of electoral roll: Tuesday, 11 October 2022

Close of nominations: Friday, 14 October 2022

Early voting commences: Monday, 17 October 2022

Election day: Saturday, 29 October 2022

Declaration of the election result: Friday, 11 November 2022

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Your voice Your community!



Local Government by-electionSaturday 29 October 2022





Alice Springs is full of talented young guns and Alexsandra Thorogood is the perfect example.

Alexsandra has called Alice Springs home for her entire life and is now challenging herself with a move interstate. Along with partner Corey Neill, Alexsandra is off to Townsville, but not before making a huge impact on the Red Centre.

Across the past two years Alexsandra has played a leadership role among young people in Central Australia by helping educate students about the environment.

"Back in 2020 I was a member of the NT Youth Round Table, and part of that is throughout the year you create a project to focus on throughout the community," she said. "My project I decided to do was the Planeteers, it was a series of environmentally friendly and focused workshops. Most of the workshops were facilitated by ALEC.

"Doing those courses allowed the kids to gain a certificate in permaculture, so that's a good thing to have on their resume. And they were just really fun as well!"

While helping raise awareness about waste and recycling, Alexsandra also showcased her creative flair through the Youth Recycled Art Prize. Entering the competition for the first time in 2022, Alexsandra and Corey won the 16-19 Years category with *Debbie Debris*. (photo on next page)

"We only just finished school last year, and I served on what was the Youth Action Group for three years.

This was the first year out of school that I could actually participate in those events because I was always helping to organise them," Alexsandra said.

"This year I thought 'nup, I want to do them' so I just went in everything!

"I actually got the idea when I was working at the town pool, I was a lifeguard there. I just decided that I wanted to do something nautical with a marine life theme and I love turtles so I might as well put it all together. It turned out really well, and it was quite fun."

Alexsandra's creativity doesn't stop with crafts however, as she again paired with Corey to win the 2022 Phoney Film Festival with her entry Treasure. Even more incredible, the film was the duo's first foray into filming.

"Towards the end of school, we were both extras in a couple of films that were happening around town," she Alexsandra said.

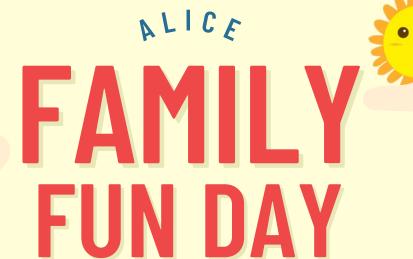
"Again, I just knew I wanted to enter so I just had a think of what was important to me.

"The actual movie is about these Pirates who are sad so they think they need to go out and get treasure to be happy again.

"The majority of the cast was around 12 years old, and if you look at (the film) it's quite a deep message of it doesn't matter how many material things you have, it's more about the connections you have."

We wish Alexsandra and Corey all the best in their new journey!







ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE



SUNDAY, 16 OCT 2022 10 AM - 12 PM



FREE ACCESS TO THE IN POOL OBSTACLE COURSE FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE







MILLIONS OF REASONS TO CARE





Red CentreNATS donated car

There were plenty of incredible cars making their way through the streets of Alice Springs throughout last month's Red CentreNATS festival, none more amazing than this beauty.

Alice Springs Town Council recently donated an abandoned vehicle to the Right Tracks Program with students from Yipirinya School working hard to restore and repair the car.

Students learned a range of auto-repair skills through the process with valuable hands-on experience.

After getting it back in tip-top shape with the help of a few local businesses, the students decked the car out with amazing designs ready for the famous Red CentreNATS Street Parade.

It's fair to say the car was a hit with the crowd as it roared down the Alice Springs streets as the unique design proved to be a fan favourite.

"Alice Springs Town Council is really proud to support the growth of young people in our community, and this was a fantastic way help students learn valuable life skills," Alice Springs Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"The students did an incredible job too, the car looked amazing travelling down the street and you could see the sense of pride on their faces.

"A huge congratulations to everyone at the Right Tracks program and Yipirinya School for their efforts."





NT MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

8 - 16 October, 2022

Mental Health Week in the Northern Territory is quickly approaching, and we are encouraging Alice Springs residents and communities across the NT to get involved!

Mental Health Week is part of a national mental health campaign held in October each year and incorporates World Mental Health Day on 10 October. This week is to raise awareness about mental illness, and how it impacts on the lives of people in our community, while challenging stigma and engaging communities in activities that promote mental wellbeing.

Mental Health Week 2022 runs from 8 - 16 October with a theme of 'Awareness, Belonging and Connection', highlighting the important factors that help people maintain positive mental health and wellbeing. It is about connecting with the people in our lives and creating space for conversations about mental health and wellbeing.

Events are held throughout the Northern Territory and across Australia, both online and in-person, to encourage and promote mental health and wellbeing, while raising awareness and encouraging help-seeking behaviour. Everyone is encouraged to take part in Mental Health Week, whether through organising or attending an event, or by reaching out to friends, family or workmates - something we can all do.

The Mental Health Association of Central Australia will be hosting several events in Alice Springs during Mental Health Week, including their annual 'Stress Less in the Park' event, with speakers, local service stalls, music by Bambadino, Katanga Junior and

Stuart Nuggett, kids' activities, a demonstration by the Arrernte Community Boxing Academy, food and drinks. To register an event or find other Mental Health Week events view our calendar at NTMHW Events Calendar at NT MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (ntmhc.org.au).

This year orange is the official colour for Mental Health Week in the NT. Why not have a 'Wear Orange' day at your school or workplace, host a morning or afternoon tea with delicious orange themed food, or pop an orange light globe in the window of your home or office to start a conversation and show that mental health and wellbeing is important to you.

The Northern Territory Mental Coalition coordinate the event in collaboration with other State mental health peak bodies, and provide a range of resources on our website to help you plan an event or find other ways to participate (www. ntmhc.org.au/ntmental-health-week/event-resources/).

Promoting awareness about mental health and wellbeing can raise conversations that could be confronting or sensitive. If you are running an event or activity, consider talking with your team about how to approach these, and what you are comfortable discussing. Our downloadable participation guide includes ideas for events as well as a list of mental health support numbers that you can pass on to people who have questions you don't have answers to or who are seeking advice or help. Download Resources | NT MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (ntmhc.org.au)

To keep up to date with Mental Health Week news and other updates, be sure to follow us on Facebook at Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition | Facebook.

For enquiries, please contact NTMHC at admin@ntmhc.org.au or 08 8948 2246. Additional resources and information on NT Mental Health week can be found at: NT MENTAL HEALTH WEEK | NTMHC.

Mental health week is proudly funded by









Alice Springs

Information Stall & FREE Sausage Sizzle







MILLIONS OF REASONS

WEDNESDAY **19 OCTOBER 2022** 11 AM - 1 PM CIVIC CENTRE LAWNS







Meet & Greet

Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia Inc.



Come, bring a friend and enjoy the company of other migrants living in Alice Springs

Friday October 14, 2022, 5:15-6:30 p.m.

MCSCA, 5 B Wills Terrace Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre Complex

Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. To make it more exciting, please bring a plate to share.

RSVP to info@mcsca.org.au Or Contact 08 8952 8776



mcsca.org.au (08) 8952 8776 info@mcsca.org.au



Young people from across Alice Springs helped shape their own future in September with Alice Springs Town Council hosting its first Youth Summit.

Roughly 60 students from across the Red Centre met last month to share their aspirations for Alice Springs with Council, covering a range of topics including education, facilities and safety.

The day was led by the young people in attendance with students from a range of different backgrounds helping guide Council's future decision making, assisting in creating change for the better.

"Individuals under the age of 20 currently make up roughly 25 per cent of the Alice Springs' population, so being able to hear directly from young people about the issues that impact them is invaluable," Director Community Development Nicole Battle said.

"Certainly, from my perspective, I was incredibly impressed by all of the participating young people and the extent to which they were able to articulate the vision for Alice Springs.

"I am now looking forward to taking everything that we heard and engaging with other young people across the community. In particular, those young people who don't always get a seat at the table, including young people not engaged in education, young people in care and young people with a lived experience of disability."



Council will now look at expanding the Youth Summit concept to capture the ideas of as many young people throughout the Alice Springs community as possible. These ideas will assist in shaping Council's decision making in future.



Do you have a creative side that you need to unleash? Maybe you've always wanted to get into painting but need a few pointers to get you started? Well we've got great news for you!

Alice Springs Town Council have partnered with Red Hot Arts Central Australia and Lhere Artepe for the exciting 'Paint the Gap' project. The project will see young people aged between 12-25 paint a beautiful new community mural under the guidance of local artist Tamara Cornthwaite.

From Tuesday 4 to Saturday 8 October, Tamara Cornthwaite will host a week of open youth painting sessions in conjunction with Alice Springs Town Council's school holiday youth street art project.

The mural will be located at 2 Gap Rd at the Lhere Artepe offices, and will consist of three totems of the Lhere Artepe Estates, and a landscape linking the five walls using vibrant desert/nature colours.

Registrations for the workshops are necessary as spots are limited to 20 per workshop. If you would like to register, email YDO@astc.nt.gov.au or call 8950 0500.

Council are proud to join Red Hot Arts and Lhere Artepe on the Paint the Gap project.





Green Waste

With the weather rapidly warming up, now might be your last chance to get in that garden before the heat really kicks in!

Summer is right around the corner and fast approaching with temperatures already reaching the mid-30s. That means it's the perfect time to start pruning your trees and trimming your hedges.

The big question is though, what to do with all that green waste? Alice Springs Town Council has your answer. Household green waste can be dropped off at the Regional Waste Management Facility FREE OF CHARGE!

That's right, there is no need to put your trimmings in the bin. Rather than putting your green waste in your wheelie bin at home, bring it down to the Regional Waste Management Facility where we can turn it into mulch!

The green waste is chipped and stockpiled where the moisture content, pH, and temperature are controlled over a minimum of three weeks to create a quality mulch that you can then buy.

In the dry climate of Central Australia, adding a thick layer of mulch to your garden will reduce heat stress to plant roots and will reduce evaporation, saving water. Please speak to our Rediscovery Centre staff if you are interested in purchasing mulch.

If you are a senior and have trouble dropping your green waste off to the RWMF, Council are here to help. The Pensioner Garden Waste Removal Service runs twice a year, seeing Council staff bring a truck directly to your doorstep to load all your green waste while you kick back and enjoy a well-deserved break.

All you have to do is register! The next Pensioner Garden Waste Removal Service will be between 22-24 November. You can register online at https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/community/waste-recycling/pensioner-pruning-removal-service or keep an eye out for November's Council Connects for a form.

What's on in October

Alice Serings Bunning & Walking Club FREE EVERYORE! SKM MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY!

1 OCTOBER







PRAM FRIENDLY

+PRIZE DRAW FOR ASRWC MEMBERS









SUNDAY 16





CENTRALIAN AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone extraordinary in Alice Springs? Maybe someone you know has gone out of their way to make the community a better place, or donates their time to those less fortunate?

Well now is the time to give them some recognition thought the 2023 Centralian Awards!

The Centralian Awards are handed out at each Australia Day Flag Raising and Citizenship Cere-mony, celebrating the recipients' significant contributions to the Alice Springs community. The big prize on the day is the famous Centralian Citizen of the Year with all categories for the 2023 awards currently being finalised.

"We all know there are so many incredible people in Alice Springs, and the Centralian Awards are a great way of recognising some of those incredible people in our community," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"Often these people are incredibly humble, so it's up to you to ensure they receive they receive the credit they deserve. Make sure you put your nominations in today!"

Nominations for the 2023 Centralian Awards will open soon at https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/council-events/centralian-awards. Keep your eye on the website for more information. Hard copies of the nomination form will also be available from the Civic Centre Reception once finalised.







You're never too young or old to Learn to Swim! That's right, the Learn to Swim program is back at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre this month.

ASALC is a proud AUSTSWIM Accredited Centre which adheres to the highest stan-dards of teaching and development of swimming and water safety skills.

Enrolment Day for Term 4 of the Learn to Swim program will be held on Saturday 8 October from 10.30am-1.30pm at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre. If you are returning to the program, you can log on to your existing account and register from 10.30am 8 October.

New to the program? Visit ASALC anytime before 8 October and the friendly team will help you get started! Form more information contact ASALC on 8950 4360 today.

Adult Learners Week





Leather Craft Workshops



West African Dancing



NT Literary Awards



Spanish Multilungual Storytime



Citizenship Ceremony

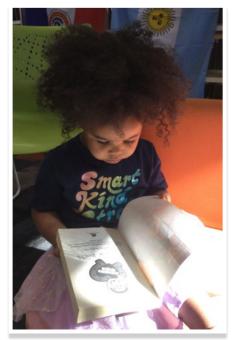






"Rubbish to Life" Youth Workshop @ RWMF





Robotics for adults



Chess @ your 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

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Click 'Jobs'

News

from your Community and

Alice Springs Town Council

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Click 'News'

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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 | 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

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

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