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



Civic Event in January

Alice Springs is full of residents that put the community before themselves, often going unnoticed by most.

January gives the community the chance to recognise some of these wonderful individuals with the annual Australia Day Centralian Awards presentation held by Alice Springs Town Council, in conjunction with the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

Council's Centralian Awards form part of the annual Australia Day Council NT awards that seek to recognise those among us who have made a noteworthy contribution to the local community.

The following five awards will be presented on Wednesday, 26 January 2022:

- Young Centralian of the Year
- Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Community Even of the Year
- Centralian Citizen of the Year

Council will also welcome a host of new Australian citizens in our community on Australia Day with a special Citizenship Ceremony. New Australians will be conferred by the Mayor before a free community barbeque at the completion of proceedings. The entire community is invited to attend this annual civic event, to be held on the Council lawns.

The following schedule is subject to changes on the day:

7am	Smoking Ceremony
7.30am	Official Program & Citizenship Ceremony
8.30am	Centralian Awards presentation
9am	Community BBQ

Our famous Australia Day Pool Party will also happen again in 2022 at the Aquatic & Leisure Centre with free entry from 12noon-4pm, along with a free barbeque and pool games to enjoy. This is a family-friendly event – everyone welcome!

Upcoming Council Meetings...

Commence 11.15am
in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street.
Public welcome to attend.

Tuesday 14 December

Tuesday 25 January



Mayor's Message

It may be hard to believe but it's true, December is here! Alice Springs slowly winds up around this time with people finishing up work and the school year ending.

There's no doubt though that it has still been a busy time at Alice Springs Town Council for both Officers and Elected Members alike, but this time of year always brings with it a certain excitement.

It's also a great time to look back at the year gone and reflect on our achievements as a community.

We can all agree that it has been another tough year for so many in Central Australia in so many ways. Who would've predicted 2021 would throw us many of the same challenges as 2020, plus a few extra...

It goes to show though that as many challenges as we face, we can overcome them as a community.

But for now, it's time to reflect on all the things we are lucky for, here in Alice Springs, and have a little bit of fun starting with Council's annual Christmas Carnival!

Council's incredible Community Development team have been working tirelessly across the past few months to ensure the 2021 Christmas Carnival is the biggest and best yet. You can find all the

details in this edition of *Council Connects* but let me tell you, this one is a can't miss!

December also marks the start of Council's school holiday program so all you parents stressing about how to entertain your kids over summer, fret not. A full program of what's going on can be found here and I know my kids have already asked about seeing Paddy the Platypus in person...

While the holiday period is about spending time with your loved ones, it's also important to remember this can be a difficult time of year for so many in our community. As we've talked about, 2021 has been a tough year and the holiday period can remind us of that. If you or someone you know needs support, details of services available can be found on Page 5.

For everyone travelling across December and January, please do so safely and I hope you return in 2022 refreshed and ready for a fantastic year ahead.

On behalf of Alice Springs Town Council, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday period!

Matt Paterson, Mayor



Christmas is coming!

The giant Christmas Tree is up, the entertainment is booked, and the annual fireworks display is locked and loaded – all set for Friday's Christmas Carnival & Night Markets!!!

Please make sure your pets are left safe & sound at home (maybe turn on the TV to distract them!) and head on out for 5pm to enjoy an evening of FREE music, fun activities, and give-aways!

Council's 2022 printed calendar will be available, containing all the key local event dates for next year, PLUS grab your FREE 2022 Night Markets season magnetic notepad for the fridge, so you'll never miss a date with the Night Markets!



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Operational News

Skate Park works finished

Restoration works on the Alice Springs Skate Park have been completed and the park is now open for skaters, roller-skaters and BMX riders alike.

The surface paint has been removed and repair work on the ramps has also been undertaken. A professional grade surface has been applied by skating experts Skatecon, in line with Australian standards.

Alice Springs Town Council thanks the public for your patience. Council will also be undertaking a round of community consultation in regard to a regional skate park project. More information on that to come, including times and dates, so keep your eyes peeled!

Hartley Street Lights

If you've travelled along Hartley Street in the past few weeks, you may have noticed something different.

Council have removed the solar lights from Hartley Street, in line with the Northern Territory Government's CBD Revitalisation Project.

As part of that project, the NT Government will erect shade structures in various locations around the Alice Springs CBD, to assist in cooling our town during the summer months.

The solar lights will be repurposed across various Alice Springs locations, with those locations still to be determined.



Bringing you a little Christmas Cheer!

Council's events A-Team, Hara, Alyssa & Rosie!

It's time to bust out the tinsel, fire up The Grinch on the DVD player and crank Mariah Carey as loud as your stereo goes because Council's annual Christmas Carnival is almost here!

Our final Night Markets for 2021 season will see the Christmas Markets return to the Todd Mall on Friday 3 December from 5pm until 9pm.

Holiday cheer will be flowing through the heart of town with loads of entertainment, food,

music, gifts and the annual fireworks display to mark the start of the festive season. The lights on the giant Christmas tree will also be turned on for the first time in 2021 – something you cannot miss!

"The Christmas Carnival is our last hurrah for the year. It's something we work towards all year, we start planning in June and it's the night where all Council staff come together to put on this great night for the community," said ASTC Community Projects and Events Officer, Alyssa Reid.

"It's a lot of fun and it's always a favourite of the general public. It signals the start of the holiday season and everyone always has

a fantastic evening."

The carnival will feature three stages with live music and performances, including the world-famous winners of 2021 Seniors Still Got Talent, the Beaut Ukes!

There will also be a water play area run by staff from the Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Rumour has it that Santa Claus may even stop by, so it could pay to be on your best behaviour!

The 2021 Christmas Carnival & Night Markets is 5pm-9pm, Friday 3 December along the Todd Mall to the Council lawns.

For the full map and program, see page 10 in this issue.

Council facility hours over Christmas & New Year

Council advises residents of the following hours of operation, for facilities and services, during the Christmas and New Year period.

Civic Centre Closing 5pm, Friday 24 December 2021, resuming normal hours Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

Alice Springs Public Library Closed Saturday 25 December,

resuming normal hours Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

Aquatic & Leisure Centre Closed Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December 2021 only.

Regional Waste Management Facility Closed Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December 2021, and New Year's Day, Saturday 1 January 2022 only.

Rediscovery Centre Closed Saturday 25 December 2021, resuming normal hours

Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

Depot Closed 3.30pm, Friday 24 December 2021, resuming normal hours Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

Kerbside collection:

NO CHANGE to services. All scheduled collections will be carried out as normal.

For after-hours Council service emergencies only, please call **8950 0500** and follow the prompts.



Centralians Stressed Less in the Park!

2021SLITP, photo by Helen Lambert

More than 400 people attended the 2021 Stress Less in the Park event on the Civic Centre Lawns in October. The event was the feature event of Mental Health Week in Alice Springs.

Twenty local service providers were present and providing engaging activities for event attendees, as well as information on how to access community support services.

The Alice Springs Reptile Centre did a presentation which was very popular and Get Physical provided a short stretch demonstration.

Kumalie Riley provided a Welcome to Country and Alice Springs Mayor Matt Paterson spoke on behalf of Council.

Local musicians Maddi, Xavia and Paul Ah Chee performed on the day, and there was an outside broadcast by CAAMA Radio.

The event was organised with the support of a local committee which included representatives from Lutheran Care, Salvation Army, Central Australian Women's Legal Service, Catholic Care and Flinders University.

The event was proudly supported by Alice Springs Town Council and the Northern Territory Primary Health Network.

Keep connected this Christmas

If you or someone you know needs support, phone and online services are available 24 hours a day.

- **Lifeline** 13 11 14 | www.lifeline.org.au
- **Lifeline text service** (12pm-12am AEST) 0477 13 11 14
- **Kids Helpline** 1800 55 1800 | www.kidshelpline.com.au
- **Mensline** 1300 78 99 78 | www.mensline.org.au
- **1800RESPECT** 1800 737 732 | www.1800respect.org.au
- **Q Life** (3pm-12pm AEST) 1800 184 527 | www.qlife.org.au
- **Beyond Blue** 1300 22 4636 | www.beyondblue.org.au

KEEP CONNECTED THIS CHRISTMAS

If you or someone you know needs support phone and online services are available 24 hours a day:

Lifeline 13 11 14
www.lifeline.org.au
Lifeline text service (evenings) 0477 13 11 14
Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
www.beyondblue.org.au
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
www.kidshelpline.com.au
Mensline 1300 78 99 78
www.mensline.org.au





Carols by Candlelight Alice Springs

Alice Springs comes alive as the town gathers to celebrate Christmas at Carols by Candlelight 2021!

This community event will be held at Traeger Park Oval. The gates are opening from 5.30pm, allowing plenty of time to grab a patch of grass and settle the family in with a picnic, before the program commences at 7pm.

The night will be action-packed

with entertainment, fireworks display, a guest appearance from Santa and a great opportunity to lift your festive spirits by singing some carols.

Entry is by a gold coin or contactless donation so bring your picnic blanket, folding chairs and plenty of friends for a great night under the stars as we celebrate the reason for the season!

Thank you to all the generous sponsors who make such an event possible for our community!

COVID-safe event! Please keep in mind personal hygiene, the need for physical distancing between family units, ensure you check-in upon arrival, and, if you feel unwell, please stay at home!

Follow Alice Springs Carols by Candlelight on Facebook @ASCarols

GATES OPEN 5.30pm
PROGRAM from 7pm–9pm
Event duration: 3.5 hours
Sunday, 5 December 2021
@ Traeger Park Oval
All welcome!

Community Groups & NFPs!

Advertise your event here!

email.. marketing@astc.nt.gov.au

3rd RATES INSTALMENT
FY 2021/22 – due Friday,
4 February 2022

For all the ways to pay
your rates, visit...
alicesprings.nt.gov.au



Have your Rate Notices delivered directly to your inbox – too Ezy!



Own a property in Alice Springs, but maybe live interstate already, or perhaps you're planning a move?

Never miss a Rate Notice (or payment!) again by having your next Rate Notice delivered directly to your email inbox.

By having this important document delivered electronically to your email inbox ensures you not only save paper (helping to reduce waste), but won't miss a

payment deadline due to post being sent to a former address.

Council is utilising EzyBill for distributing its Rate Notices and setting up an account is done in just three simple steps:

1. Go online to **alicesprings.ezybill.com.au**
2. Create your personal account
3. Register your property

Ezy as, bro!
alicesprings.ezybill.com.au

What's on in December

WEDNESDAY 1

REGIONAL ARTS FUND

CULTURAL TOURISM ACCELERATOR

Australian Government
Regional Arts Fund

REGIONAL arts AUSTRALIA

THURSDAY 2-11

ARRERNTJE BOOK LAUNCH AND POP-UP SHOP!

Arrernte Children's Book Launch Thurs 2nd Dec 10.30am - 12.30pm
Pop-up Shop Thurs 2nd Dec - Sat 11th Dec
Shop 7 Alice Plaza, Alice Springs | Opening Hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm, Sat 10am - 5pm

Christmas Gifts | Arrernte Language Books & Posters | Clothing | Arts & Crafts | Bush Medicine | Kids Learning Activity Program | Book Readings | Music and more

Alice Plaza

For more information, Email: info@arrerntjebushmedicine.com.au Phone: 0825 474 453, Visit: www.arrerntjebushmedicine.com.au

FRIDAY 3

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3RD 5-9PM
Todd Mall & Civic Centre Lawns

CHRISTMAS Carnival 2021

- Meet Santa
- Giant games
- Lighting of the Christmas Tree
- Christmas crafts & activities
- Carriewild rides & jumping castles
- Fireworks
- Kids Splash Zone
- Roving performers
- Music and theatre performances across 3 stages

0818 899 0900 | alice Springs.ni.gov.au

SATURDAY 4

Red Ribbon Dance Party

SATURDAY 4 DEC
7PM TILL LATE
EPILOGUE LOUNGE | ALICE SPRINGS
DJS | DANCING | FUNDRAISING

\$10 ENTRY AT DOOR
ALL PROCEEDS TO NTAHC
40 YEARS OF HIV | WHERE TO NEXT

BUY A RED RIBBON & RED GLOW STICK OR RAFFLE TICKET THIS WORLD AIDS DAY

ntahc.org.au | 08953 3172

SUNDAY 5

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER
TRAERGER PARK OVAL

GATES OPEN 5.30PM TO 7PM

FRIDAY 17

Project Seed Information Package

Prepared by Red Hot Arts Central Australia
November 2021

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
Desert FESTIVAL
RED HOT ARTS

SUNDAY 19

SCHOOLS OUT

SUNDAY SPLASH PARTY

GIANT INFLATABLE

FREE BBQ + POOL GAMES + HEAPS OF FUN!

FREE ENTRY

AT: ASALC

2-6PM, 19 DECEMBER

REMEMBER! STAY HOME! If you feel unwell! COVID-19 precautions in place! Contact tracing is required for entry! For full conditions of entry visit www.asalc.com.au 08950 43001 | info@asalc.com.au 30 Speed Street, Alice Springs

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
Alice Springs

WEDNESDAY 22 & 29

Wet Wednesday

FREE ENTRY!

GIANT INFLATABLE!

FREE BBQ + POOL GAMES + HEAPS OF FUN!

2pm - 6pm
22 & 29 DECEMBER 2021
info@asalc.com.au
08950 0547
www.asalc.com.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
Alice Springs

FRIDAY 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

SPLASH PARTY

FREE ENTRY

GIANT INFLATABLE

FREE BBQ + POOL GAMES + HEAPS OF FUN!

AT: ASALC

5:30-9:30 PM, 31 DECEMBER

REMEMBER! STAY HOME! If you feel unwell! COVID-19 precautions in place! Contact tracing is required for entry! For full conditions of entry visit www.asalc.com.au 08950 43001 | info@asalc.com.au 30 Speed Street, Alice Springs

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
Alice Springs

What's on in January

WEDNESDAY 5, 12 & 19



Wet Wednesday

FREE ENTRY!

GIANT INFLATABLE!

FREE BBQ + POOL GAMES + HEAPS OF FUN!

2pm - 6pm,
5, 12, 19 JANUARY 2022

9000 0547
www.asalc.com.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

SUNDAY 9, 16 & 23



SUNDAY Splash PARTY

AT: ASALC

FREE ENTRY

GIANT INFLATABLE

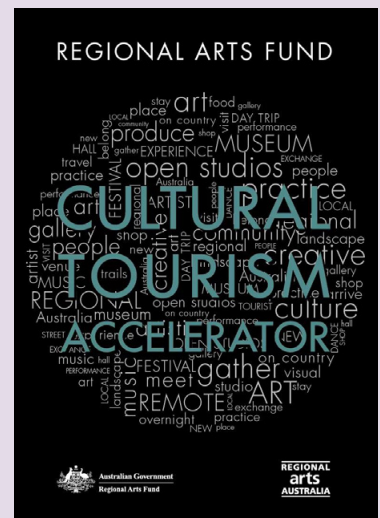
2PM - 4PM,
9, 16, 23 JANUARY

FREE BBQ + POOL GAMES + HEAPS OF FUN!

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30 Speed Street, Alice Springs

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

FRIDAY 14



REGIONAL ARTS FUND

art, food, gallery, place, stay, on, country, DAY TRIP, produce, MUSEUM, open, studios, EXCHANGE, people, practice, FESTIVAL, ARTIST, shop, community, landscape, trails, new, regional, creative, REGIONAL, open, studios, tourists, culture, Australia, on, country, meet, studio, ART, overnight, practice, NEW place

Australian Government
Regional Arts Fund

REGIONAL arts AUSTRALIA

TUESDAY 25



Council's COMMUNITY GRANTS '22

Community Grant applications open Tuesday 25 January until 5pm, Monday 21 February 2022

Community members and organisations are invited to attend an information session on application guidelines for the following grants:

- Community Assistance \$1500
- Community Development \$5000
- Youth Development \$5000
- Araluen Access \$2000
- Sustainability Initiatives \$2500

Application forms and further information available from Council's Civic Centre, at 93 Todd Street, and website.

Applications period opens Tuesday 25 January & closes 5pm, Monday 21 February 2022.

Please enquire to the Community Development Officer 8950 0567 or email to astc@astc.nt.gov.au

GRANTS INFORMATION SESSION
5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday, 2 February
Andy McNeill Room
ASTC Civic Centre

COVID measures in place - BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!
Remember - if you feel unwell, please stay home!

TUESDAY 25



The Ian Potter Cultural Trust

Ian Potter Cultural Trust Grants CLOSE!

TUESDAY 25



1st COUNCIL MEETING FOR 2022

WEDNESDAY 26



AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZENSHIP & CENTALIAN AWARDS

WEDNESDAY 26



AUSTRALIA DAY POOL PARTY

AT: ASALC

FREE ENTRY

FREE BBQ + POOL GAMES + HEAPS OF FUN!

12NOON - 4PM,
26 JANUARY 2022

REMEMBER!
STAY HOME if you feel unwell!
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8950 4360 | info@asalc.com.au
30 Speed Street, Alice Springs

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

SATURDAY 29



OPEN DAY!!
Learn to Swim enrolments

10.30am - 4.30pm

FREE ENTRY

Enrol your kid(s) on the day!

ASALC staff will assist you with sign-ups and payments - bring your 2022 Sports & LTS Vouchers!! (GRANTS NT release 1 January 2022)

Get your Sports or LTS Vouchers in early to WIN!
Prize Draw for early birds!

DOOR PRIZES!
WIN one of SIX Zoggs Swim Starter kits valued at \$80 each!

Meet the LTS instructors
for swimming assessments and answering LTS questions!

8950 4360
10 Speed Street, The Gap
www.asalc.com.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT



The annual Summer Reading Club is a FREE national program offering a fun way for families to support their children's literacy development.

A child's reading achievement tends to decline over the holidays, and the Summer Reading Club helps to prevent this slide by encouraging reading for fun and enjoyment all summer long.

To join, kids aged 5 – 16 years are invited to:

- Visit the Library to receive a free Summer Reading Challenge activity pack!
- Complete the reading challenges over the summer holidays
- Collect free bonuses from the Library as challenges are completed
- Join activities at the Library throughout the holidays
- Join other Summer Reading Club members at the wind-up (and prize presentation!) Splash Party at ASALC on Wednesday 26 January 2022

The Library's Summer Reading Club commences 3 December 2021 at Council's Christmas Carnival, and concludes Wednesday 26 January 2022, at the Splash Party.

Contact the Library to find out how to register for the Summer Reading Club (before 17 December), or find us on the Chamber lawns at the Christmas Carnival, Friday 3 December!

Volunteer for your Library!

If your New Year's Resolution is to volunteer more of your time, consider joining our team of Library volunteers.

The Library hosts a range of programs and services that rely on the generosity of volunteers, such as:

- Read. Write. Chat (adult English literacy)
- Library Linkup (social support)
- Books on Wheels (deliveries to aged care facilities)
- Conversational English (ESL conversation)
- General assistance

If you would like to be involved in our volunteer program, please complete the **Volunteer Registration Form** and we'll be in touch!

Alternatively, you can contact the Library and we'll answer any questions you might have.

A short repose for our Librarians...

Please note, the Library is closed for Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December 2021, and reopening

at 10am, Tuesday 4 January 2022. After-hours chutes will remain open for returns during this period. Don't forget, there's the **eLibrary** available 24/7!!



Books on Wheels is a free delivery service catering for Alice Springs residents unable to reach the Library due to frailty, disability or limited mobility.

Eligibility for the Books on Wheels service is not necessarily dependent on a person's age – please visit **Council's website** for full terms & conditions of service.

Available for loan:

- Books – large print or standard print, fiction and nonfiction
- DVDs – movies, TV series or documentaries
- Audiobooks
- Magazines
- Music CDs

An agreed number of items are preselected by experienced library staff and delivered fortnightly to your residence.

To enquire about any of these services and programs, please contact your friendly Librarians weekdays, Monday to Friday, 10am – 6pm, on 8950 0555, or email library@astc.nt.gov.au

Alice Springs Town Council's 2021

TODD MALL | COUNCIL LAWNS

2021



CHRISTMAS

Carnival



5-9 PM
FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

COUNCIL STAGE -Line up by NT Music School -

5.30 PM	Apogee Big Band
6.15 PM	Guitar Ensemble
6.45 PM	Singchronicity Choir
7.30 PM	Welcome to Country, MC Town Crier Meredith Campbell, Mayor's Welcome, Speeches & competition winners announced

7.45 PM	Lighting of the Tree & Fireworks Display
8.15 PM	Glenys Rae & Chris Phillips
8.45 PM	Program ends

TODD MALL STAGE

5.00 PM	The Fly Swats
5.30 PM	On the Wing Theatre
6.00 PM	Abbey Bull
6.30 PM	On the Wing Theatre
7.00 PM	Katanga Junior & band
8.00 PM	Stellar Sea
8.45 PM	Program ends

NORTHERN STAGE -Brought to you by 8ccc-

5.30 PM	Laine Clarke
6.30 PM	Ruby Hill
7.30 PM	Bad Influences
8.15 PM	Program ends

PLUS splash zone, photo booth, giant games, children's rides, Santa Claus, fireworks, giant Christmas Tree, and the Christmas markets!



SEE YOU AT COUNCIL'S CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL!!!

astc@astc.nt.gov.au | 8950 0500
alicesprings.nt.gov.au



Contact Tracing registration at event.
Please practice hand hygiene & physical distancing

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

End of the Year Gathering 2021



Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia Inc. invites all members, cultural community groups and supporters for this year's gathering to celebrate our cultural diversity.



Saturday December 11, 2021

12:00-2:30 p.m.

Higgins Hall, 5 Wills Terrace

Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre Complex

Multicultural food will be available

Adult \$10

Children under 12 FREE

*Plus party bags/gifts for children

**Plus Raffle
Draw and
Win a Prize!**

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



ALL WELCOME

CELEBRATE THE LEGENDS OF OUR COMMUNITY!

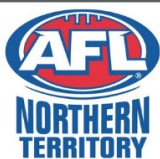
**DANCING
UMPIRE**
SPECIAL GUEST!!



Friday 3 December 2021 | 3.30 - 5.00 pm
ALICE SPRINGS TELEGRAPH STATION

FREE EVENT | PRIZES | FOOD | DRINK | FOOTBALL FUN

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



Community Groups & NFPs!

Advertise your event here!

email.. marketing@astc.nt.gov.au

December 21

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ALL EVENTS
ARE FREE

SUNDAY 19

> **SCHOOL'S OUT
SUNDAY SPLASH PARTY!**
2-6pm @ASALC



FRIDAY 24

> **BABY RHYME TIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 0-2)
@Library

> **JUNIOR LEGO**
10:30-11:30 am (Ages 2-7)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity

FRIDAY 31

> **NEW YEAR'S EVE
SPLASH PARTY**
2-4pm @ASALC

THURSDAY 23

> **TRY & FLY DRONES**
10-11 am (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity

> **JUNIOR LEGO**
10:30-11:30 am (Ages 2-7)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity



WEDNESDAY 22

> **PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 2-5)
@Library

> **NTES PADDY
THEPLATYPUS**
11-11:30 am (Ages 2-12)
@Library

> **NTES FLOOD BRIEFING
INFORMATION SESSION**
11-11:30 am (Ages 2-12)
@Library

WEDNESDAY 29

> **WET WEDNESDAY
POOL PARTY!**
2-6pm @ASALC

TUESDAY 21

> **SENIOR LEGO**
12:30-1:30 pm (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity

MONDAY 20

> **INNOVATION PLAY DAY**
9am-1pm (Ages 5-15)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity

> **SUMMER READING CLUB @LIBRARY**
MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 10-6PM



BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

LIBRARY @Corner Gregory & Leichhardt Terrace - **ASALC** @10 Speed Street
Please remember, if you're feeling unwell, please stay at home.
COVID precautions in place – contact tracing is required for entry.

ASTC@ASTC.NT.GOV.AU | 8950 0500 | ALICESPRINGS.NT.GOV.AU



JANUARY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



ALL EVENTS ARE FREE



TUESDAY 4

- > **SENIOR LEGO**
12:30-1:30 pm (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity
- > **BIKE MAINTENANCE**
2-3 pm (Ages 8+)
@Library - BYO BIKE

TUESDAY 11

- > **SENIOR LEGO**
12:30-1:30 pm (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity
- > **DRUMMING WITH KING MARONG**
2-3 pm (Ages 4-12)
@Library - Booking Required

TUESDAY 18

- > **SENIOR LEGO**
12:30-1:30 pm (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity
- > **DRUMMING WITH KING MARONG**
2-3 pm (Ages 4-12)
@Library - Booking Required

TUESDAY 25

- > **SENIOR LEGO**
12:30-1:30 pm (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity

WEDNESDAY 5

- > **PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 2-5)
@Library
- > **DESERT PARK @ THE LIBRARY**
2-3 pm (Ages 0-15)
@Library
- > **WET WEDNESDAY**
Pool Party! 2-6pm @ASALC

WEDNESDAY 12

- > **PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 2-5)
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WEDNESDAY 19

- > **PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 2-5)
@Library
- > **DESERT PARK @ THE LIBRARY**
2-3 pm (Ages 0-15)
@Library
- > **WET WEDNESDAY**
Pool Party! 2-6pm @ASALC

WEDNESDAY 26

- > **SUMMER READING CLUB PRIZE DRAW**
11m-12pm @ASALC
- > **AUSTRALIA DAY**
Pool Party! 12-4pm @ASALC

THURSDAY 6

- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**
10-11 am (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity
- > **BIKE MAINTENANCE**
2-3 pm (Ages 2-5)
@Library - BYO Bike

THURSDAY 13

- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**
10-11 am (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity
- > **CREATE AMAZING ART FROM RECYCLED COFFEE PODS**
2-3 pm (Ages 2-8)
@Library

THURSDAY 20

- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**
10-11 am (Ages 8+)
@Library
- An Innovation Passport Activity

THURSDAY 27

- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**
10-11 am (Ages 8+)
@Library

FRIDAY 7

- > **BABY RHYME TIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 0-2)
@Library
- > **MULTILINGUAL STORY TIME**
3:15-4 pm (Ages 2-7)
@Library
*Celebrate stories & songs in other languages

FRIDAY 14

- > **BABY RHYME TIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 0-2)
@Library
- > **MAKE YOUR OWN WEARABLE EARRINGS & KEY RINGS**
2-3 pm (Ages 8+)
@Library

FRIDAY 21

- > **BABY RHYME TIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 0-2)
@Library
- > **REPTILE CENTRE @ THE LIBRARY**
2-3 pm (Ages 2-12)
@Library

FRIDAY 28

- > **BABY RHYME TIME**
10:15-10:45 am (Ages 0-2)
@Library

SUNDAY 9

- > **SUNDAY SPLASH**
Pool Party! 2-4pm @ASALC

SUNDAY 16

- > **SUNDAY SPLASH**
Pool Party! 2-4pm @ASALC

SUNDAY 23

- > **SUNDAY SPLASH**
Pool Party! 2-4pm @ASALC



BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED EXCEPT FOR DRUMMING LIBRARY @Corner Gregory & Leichhardt Terrace - **ASALC** @10 Speed Street
Please remember, if you're feeling unwell, please stay at home.
COVID precautions in place – contact tracing is required for entry.
ASTC@ASTC.NT.GOV.AU | 8950 0500 | ALICESPRINGS.NT.GOV.AU





Fantastic facilities @ ASALC!

The Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre is a state-of-the-art facility (virtually) in your own backyard!

Did you know the facilities at ASALC are available to hire for group functions? A perfect get-away for a corporate team-building day, children's birthday celebration, or a business conference after-party!

ASALC's hireable facilities include:

- Outdoor 50m pool (whole, half, or just a lane or two)
- Indoor 8-lane, 25m heated pool
- Indoor 20m leisure pool with beach entry, disabled ramp access, indoor spa, lazy river and a 4-lane learn-to-swim area
- Two fun water slides featuring a single loop and a double loop!
- Outdoor Learn To Swim pool

- Giant inflatables!
- Training Room
- PLUS, there's two BBQ areas!

Other facilities on-hand include the outdoor zero-depth splash pad for the littlies, a kiosk and alfresco café area, spectator seating, and a hoist / wet chair for indoor pool accessibility.

Enquire to 8950 4360, or for prices and booking form, visit...

alicesprings.nt.gov.au/recreation/aquatic-leisure-centre



Early Birds can WIN in 2022 Learn to Swim!

As the year draws to a close, the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre is already planning next year's Learn to Swim program!

If you're enrolling students in 2022 Learn to Swim (LTS) lessons in Term 1, we're encouraging you to apply for your Grants NT vouchers and submit them early to ASALC. By doing so, you could win a whole term of FREE lessons!

To go into the running, simply follow these steps:

- Apply for your Sports or Learn to Swim Vouchers from 1 January 2022 when vouchers are released by Grants NT – visit nt.gov.au/leisure/sport
- Once received, submit your vouchers to ASALC before 5pm, Thursday 27 January 2022, to have the credits applied to your account
- **EARLY BIRDS PRIZE DRAW!** All vouchers submitted to ASALC before 5pm, Thursday 27

January go into a draw to win a waiver on the balance of their lesson fees (in other words, a term of FREE lessons!) as well as first pick of sessions before the LTS Open Day!

- LTS Term 1 bookings commence – in-person – on Saturday 29 January 2022, at ASALC's LTS Open Day. (No phone or online bookings on the day)
- Existing LTS account holders may make online bookings from Monday 31 January, via the LTS portal.

Get FREE stuff at ASALC's LTS Open Day!

All LTS Open Day enrolments will receive a goodie bag including:

- Complimentary swim cap for LTS lessons
- Royal Lifesaving NT rubber duck
- Laurie Lawrence's 'Stay Alive Do the Five' swim safety booklet
- An ASALC cafe loyalty card
- Important information about ASALC and Alice Springs Town Council

PLUS, just by attending ASALC's LTS Open Day on Saturday 29 January, attendees go into a door prize draw to win a Zoggs Swim Starter Pack, valued at \$80.00_(RRP)!

Just by turning up for a FREE SWIM between 10.30am-4.30pm, you'll receive a raffle ticket that could win you a door-prize Zoggs goodie bag filled with:

- Swim gear bag
- Towel
- Dive sinker pack
- Swim goggles

Make sure you stick around for the draw to collect your prize!

LTS Enrolments Open Day
FREE ENTRY: 10.30am-4.30pm
Saturday 29 January 2022
www.asalc.com.au



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Rediscover the Festive Spirit!

Christmas decorations going CHEAP at The Rediscovery Centre

Looking for an affordable way to decorate your home for Christmas? Look no further than The Rediscovery Centre!

Throughout the year, RWMF Staff have been collecting donated trees, baubles, tinsel and all kinds of festive *tchotchke* so you can snap up a bargain these holidays.

Available items have been set up in a special Christmas display section so everything is conveniently in one place.

Please note, The Rediscovery Centre will be closed for the Christmas period from Saturday 25 December, reopening at 8am, Tuesday 4 January 2022. So get your frostings early!

Save your money for presents for your loved ones and head to The Rediscovery Centre on Commonage Road, between 8am



and 4pm weekdays, or 9.30am to 2.30pm weekends. Just look for the sparkliest aisle!

Kerbside Collections over Christmas & New Year

NO CHANGE to service schedules as the public holidays for Christmas and New Year's Days fall on the weekends.

RWMF Operating Hours over Christmas & New Year

Please note, the RWMF is CLOSED for Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December 2021, and New Year's Day, Saturday 1 January 2022 only.

**RWMF Commonage Road
REDISCOVERY CENTRE**

**8950 4340
OPEN Weekdays 8am-4pm, Weekends 9.30am-2.30pm**

OPEN 7 DAYS, 8am-4pm



Now that we're officially into summer, it's time to pay more attention to our pets so they can get through the hot months as comfortably as possible.

Firstly, ensure any animals in your care have access to clean, cool drinking water. Check water levels regularly to make sure there is a constant supply. It's also a good idea to keep water sources in the shade so it doesn't heat up or evaporate too rapidly.

Also make sure your pets have somewhere shady to sit during the day. Animals can quickly suffer from heat stress and this is exacerbated in direct sunlight. Extra sources of water, such as a small wading pond, can help reduce the risk of heat stress to your pet.

Never exercise your pet during the heat of the day – exercise your pet in the early morning and / or late evening.

Bitumen, concrete, bare ground and ute trays will burn paws in very hot temperatures. If you are unable to walk on the hot ground barefoot, chances are your dog won't be able to either.

By being mindful of these factors, you'll make a big difference in the lives of the animals in your care.

Animals in cars

If it's hot outside, please leave your animal at home with access to ample shade and water.

Animals should never be left in a parked car – even with the windows open – and dogs that are restrained to a ute or trayback still need access to shade and plenty of water. Undercover carparks are heat traps during summer months with temperatures frequently in excess of outside, due to low air-flow and car exhausts. Never leave an animal in a car.

A rise in body temperature can cause dehydration and blood

thickening, leading to brain damage, vital organ failure and potentially death. An animal can be affected by heat stroke in only six minutes.

Under the *Animal Welfare Act*, an animal suffering injury or death by being left in a parked vehicle will result in the Owner being charged. The fine can be very substantial and Owners could face two years imprisonment.

Animal Welfare inspectors and Police have the right to enter a vehicle to rescue any animal. If you're concerned about an animal's welfare or suspect or witness cruelty, call the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade's Animal Welfare Branch on 1300 720 386. All calls received by the Animal Welfare Branch are confidential and callers can stay anonymous.

For the official word on animal care in the Territory, please visit...

nt.gov.au/environment/animals

Stress Less in the Park



↑ Photos by Helen Lambert

↓ Mural by Karine Tremblay



ASALC's completed mural looks AWESOME!

Community BBQ & Book Launch!



Grab your FREE copy of "A library like Alice", celebrating our Library's history from 1953 – 2020!



Summer S.A.M. is a HIT at the Night Markets!

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
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Alice Springs Town Council

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

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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

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 |

*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 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

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 |

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 |

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