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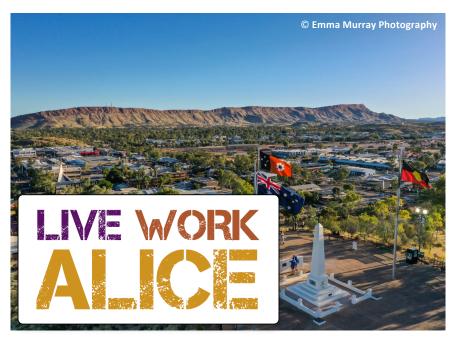
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Central Arrernte people
who are the Traditional Owners
and Custodians
of Alice Springs-Mparntwe.



### Start your Journey...

Alice Springs Town Council is supporting local businesses to recruit staff by creating an advertising campaign titled 'Live Work Alice'.

The campaign, created in collaboration with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, has been designed to attract people to Alice Springs and encourage them to take up employment opportunities in the region. It is hoped that the campaign will help boost the local economy and assist businesses in their efforts to fill vacant positions.

"Businesses across all industries in Central Australia are struggling to recruit staff. The impacts of that are far reaching, with many shopfronts having to close their doors temporarily," ASTC CEO Robert Jennings said.

"In collaboration with the Northern Territory Government, Council wanted to give businesses an extra tool to use in their recruitment campaigns. We know

Alice Springs is a tremendous place to live and work and we wanted to share that message with the rest of Australia."

The campaign features four promotional videos advertising Alice Springs as an attractive destination to work. A website has also been created, serving as an information hub for workers considering relocating to Central Australia.

"These campaigns are an important part of not only drawing people to the Northern Territory and the Red Centre, but keeping them here through attractive employment opportunities," Minister for Business Paul Kirby said.

"Giving people who move to Alice Springs a purpose as a part of the community will create benefit to the economy and social lifestyle of Central Australia."

The promotional videos will be provided to Alice Springs businesses and organisations to use at their discretion and can be found at liveworkalice.com.au

### **Upcoming Council Meetings...**

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

Tuesday 23 August

Tuesday 27 September

## Mayor's Column



Things aren't slowing down for winter in Alice Springs and, here at Council, it is certainly no exception.

We're beginning to see warmer weather around our town and let me tell you, it makes it easier to get out of bed in the morning when it's not -3°!

Your Elected Members has been hard at work through the colder months delivering for the community. As you saw in the last edition of *Council Connects*, we have recently adopted a new Strategic Plan titled *Alice Springs Liveability & Sustainability 2030*. I couldn't be more excited about this as it is already guiding the work we are doing to make Alice Springs a better place.

While we have been working hard, it's also important to look forward to an exciting month ahead. August is Seniors Month, giving us an opportunity to thank the senior community and show our appreciation.

There is a jam-packed schedule for this year's

Senior's Month, headlined by the Mayoral Morning Tea and Seniors Got Rhythm, two events that I can't wait for. The Community Development and Library teams at Council have done a brilliant job in organising these events so make sure you head down and see the fun for yourself.

On the theme of celebrating those that have made Alice Springs the special place it is, this edition features a wonderful look at the life of former Mayor Fran Kilgariff. Fran set an incredible example as Mayor of our town and continues to give back to the community on a daily basis.

As always, I encourage the community to get in touch with your Elected members with any queries or concerns, you can find all of our contact information right here...

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### **Operational News**

# New Director for Council's Technical Services Team

Alice Springs Town Council is excited to welcome its new Director Technical Services, Joel Andrew.

"Joel has extensive experience working in the commercial construction sector as well as within Government in project management," CEO Robert Jennings said.

"Alice Springs Town Council is committed to delivering quality services to the community and we believe Joel will be a valuable addition to the team."

In his new role, Mr. Andrew will be responsible for leading the Technical Services team and ensuring that all infrastructure and services meet the needs of residents and businesses in Alice Springs.

The Technical Services team is responsible for a range of services including planning, design, construction and maintenance of Council's infrastructure.

Mr. Andrew is looking forward to working with the Alice Springs community and delivering quality services.

"It's great to be a part of all the exciting things the Council is doing and looking forward to working with the team on some great new projects the Council has planned," Mr Andrew said.

Mr. Andrew began in the role on Thursday 14 July.

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# Kicking off Seniors' Month with a nice, hot cuppa!

Seniors Month is finally here, and that means one of our favourite events is just around the corner...

The annual Mayoral Morning Tea is back for 2022, giving us an opportunity to celebrate the senior community of Alice Springs with a morning full of excitement.

"One of the events I've been most looking forward to this year is the Mayoral Morning Tea," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"The Mayoral Morning Tea gives Council an opportunity to acknowledge and show our appreciation to the senior community. It also gives people the chance to speak with us as Elected Members over a hot cuppa."

The event is one of the biggest Council hosts during a packed Seniors Month and is completely free for those that wish to attend.

Council's Community Development Officer Hara Carragher said this year's edition is one that shouldn't be missed, but that means reserving your place early!

"It's often a popular event and bookings fill up quite fast, so it's really important to RSVP in advance," she said.

"This year we'll have John Birmingham as the guest speaker. John just participated in the World Masters Athletics Championships in Finland so I'm sure he'll have some stories from that. He's a local senior as well so it will be great to hear from him."

To book your spot at this year's Mayoral Morning Tea, RSVP by calling 8950 0576 or email eaexecutive@astc.nt.gov.au











# Volunteers get more opportunities in life!

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community but you aren't sure exactly how? Let Alice Springs Town Council help!

There are a range of volunteering opportunities within Council and our helpful team are ready to coordinate. Whether you're passionate about helping people face to face, or prefer to lend assistance behind the scenes, it's never been easier to be a volunteer.

Roger Thomson has been a volunteer at the Alice Springs Public Library for more than a year helping people with English as a second language improve their skills, saying it's beyond rewarding.

"It never occurred to me to volunteer until Desdemona Shee (Library Officer), whom I used to work with and knew that I had taught English to adults, asked if I could help out. I said yes without having a clue what I was actually going to do," Roger said.

"Since then, I have had wonderful experiences with my students. I have had students from Vietnam, Peru, Nigeria as well as a couple of local Indigenous men.

"Each student has had different needs and all ask intriguing questions about English that really make me think about the structure of our language and how it works. Frankly, I think I get more out of the time with them than they do with me."

Council have a range of volunteers on board, some that have been giving their time for years while others are new to the world.

Harsh Bansal began helping this year, saying it gave extra purpose to his everyday life.

"I have found volunteering gives you opportunity to connect with the society," Harsh said.

"Being a volunteer means that you get to meet lots of wonderful people and they all appreciate your efforts. It really brings purpose and meaning to my life. I am working from home from past three years and volunteering give you that chance to physically go out and interact with folks."

If you would like to donate your time and help the community through volunteering, contact ASTC's Volunteer Coordinator Roman Khitiaev today at RKhitiaev@astc.nt.gov.au





# **Another Phantastic Phoney Film Festival!**

July gave us a chance to celebrate a new generation of young filmmakers with the Phoney Film Festival wrapping up.

A crowd of more than 100 film enthusiasts, friends and family turned out for the screening night last month to see the work of Alice Springs' talented youngsters on display.

The screening night saw 20 films take over the big screen at the Alice Springs Cinema with five filmmakers taking out awards on the night.

"We know Alice Springs punches above its weight in terms of talent and the Phoney Film Festival was more proof of exactly that," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

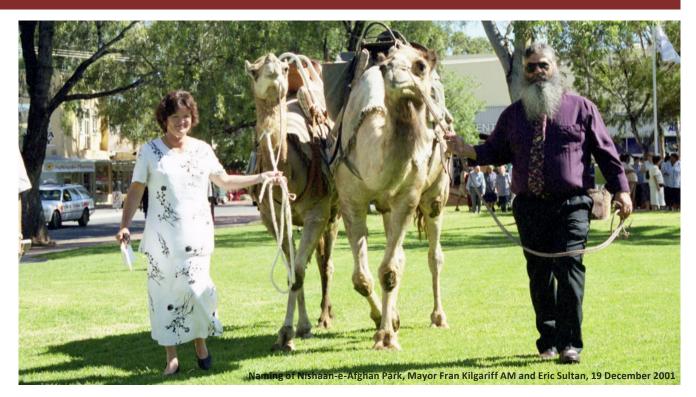
"Programs and events such as the Phoney Film Festival that support our young people are so important.

"Like everyone in the crowd, I was stunned at the quality of the films and couldn't believe they were all done on a phone. A massive congratulations to

the winners of each category and everyone that entered."

CATEGORY	NO LIMITS
My Friend is a Space Whale	Duy Tran
The Real Story of Mary's Little Lamb	Coriel Stay
Treasure	Alexsandra Thorogood
CATEGORY	STOP MOTION
Z'Prison Break	Cyrus Fabricante & Matthew Nguyen
CATEGORY	PEOPLE'S CHOICE
Treasure	Alexsandra Thorogood

See more PFF photos on page 16!



# **Our Fran about Town!**

Salt and pepper. Tacos and Tuesdays. Fran Kilgariff and Alice Springs.

Some things just belong together.

When thinking of people that are synonymous with our lovely town, Fran certainly is one of the first people that comes to mind. And it's not hard to see why.

"(I've been here) quite a long time, not as long as some families but longer than most," Fran laughed.

"I grew up here and spent my early childhood here. I went away to boarding school and trained as a radiographer as Royal Adelaide. I always tended to come back to Alice Springs to see family and mostly because I missed the place."

A wonderful childhood in the Red Centre was the catalyst for a lifetime in the town, and Fran couldn't help but smile when thinking back to growing up in Alice.

"I think I could probably express it in one word, free," she said.

"I was part of a large family with 10 brothers and sisters, but you could just go where you wanted to when you wanted to. Because we rode horses, we could ride far and wide and it felt like a very free environment to grow up in.

"I had a very values-based bringing up, the values I learned from my parents of being a part of your community, helping others and giving back. They have always been a part of my life."

The theme of 'giving back' has been a constant one through Fran's life, and it's evident to see. After living abroad for a short time, chance brought Fran back to the Red Centre and it didn't take long for her to embed herself back into the community.

While teaching the next generation at a local high school, Fran stood in a by-election for the role of Alderman.

"I taught at St Philip's for 11 years and while I was there I was an Alderman on the Council as well," she said.

"I loved teaching and being a part of that community, but I was very aware that it was an enclosed world. I wanted to be able to contribute to the wider Alice Springs scene. That's why I stood for Council in 1994."

After serving as an Alderman for six years, Fran put her hand up for the top job and became the seventh Mayor of Alice Springs. Fran became the first full-time Mayor, serving in the role for eight years.









For most people, that level of service to your home town could be considered above and beyond. Fran, however, is unlike most people.

The same level of service to Alice Springs continued beyond Fran's 14-year stint on Council through employment within both the Federal and Northern Territory Government, as well as a handful of positions on boards across the community.

To this day Fran continues as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Olive Pink and the NT Parole Board among others, while also working for Council of the Ageing NT to support Alice Springs' Senior community.

"(It's about) using my knowledge of Central Australia and the people to influence decisions about what happens here. After you've been in a place for a while, you know how things are and how things work," Fran said, when asked about what continues to drive her.

"I have a real concern that older people in Alice need to be supported and assisted. It's so important that they stay in town and feel comfortable in our community. That's really behind my work at the moment."

Even with all of that, Fran continues to put the Alice Springs community first. She is far from finished in that sense.

"I really want to, in my own small way, give back to Alice Springs and do what I can to improve the way people live here. That has always guided my thinking," she said.

"I feel quite strongly that I am a Yeperenye kid. Being born here, I feel I sort of belong here. I do want other young people to see what advantages there are to growing up here, to starting a career here."

Fran Kilgariff and Alice Springs. Some things just belong together.

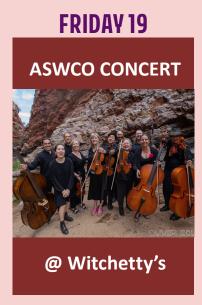
# What's on in August

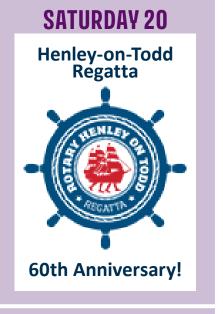




















# Healthy, happy hearts a-walking

Two of the best things you can do for your heart are get good exercise and find good company. It's even better when you can do these things together!

The Alice Springs chapter of the Heart Foundation walking group provides you with that opportunity every Saturday morning, and best of all, it's completely FREE.

Our local chapter of the walking group began more than 10 years ago and now has over 300 current members, making it one of the largest in Australia. It provides a safe space for community members to get some stress-free exercise in a fun and welcoming environment.

Walking has many health benefits including reducing your risk of heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, obesity and some types of cancer. It can also help boost your mood, especially with good company!

The group provides a supportive and friendly atmosphere, making it easy to keep coming back!

Russell North helped form the group and has volunteered ever since, saying it is the perfect way to spend a Saturday morning.

"It's important to keep the heart active and the Heart Foundation walks do this. To enjoy the company of others having a chat and a coffee... a personal check is if you raise a sweat without exertion is a good sign that you are doing your heart a good workout," Mr. North said.

"It's also important to walk at your own pace and distance up to an hour is a good walk then you're ready to enjoy the day."

The Heart Foundation walking group hold weekly walks every Saturday morning from 7am, lasting between 45-60 minutes.

The group meets at the Andy McNeill Room. If you are interested in joining, contact ASTC's Healthy Communities Coordinator, Meg Kammerdiener on **8950 0548** today.

Healthy Communities 8950 0548 HC@astc.nt.gov.au



## **Cr Cocking resigns**

Alice Springs Councillor Jimmy Cocking has resigned after five years in the role.

Mr. Cocking notified CEO Robert Jennings and Elected Members at the June Ordinary Council Meeting with the resignation effective immediately.

Alice Springs Mayor Matt Paterson thanked Mr. Cocking for his efforts in the Chamber.

"Jimmy is a passionate member of the Alice Springs community and that passion always came out in his time as a Councillor," Mayor Paterson said.

"Jimmy always brought thoughtful and considered discussion to the Chamber and I thank him for his five years of service to our community. I wish him and his family all the best for their next chapter."

With a seat in the Chamber now open, a by-election will take place to elect a ninth Councillor.

Alice Springs Town Council are currently working closely with the Australian Electoral Commission with polling day expected to be held late October.

Nominations for the position will open in the near future with more information about the role of Councillor and how to nominate to be provided soon.

"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."



It's just about time to dust off your dancing shoes and best sequin outfit as Seniors Still Got Rhythm is just around the corner!

Seniors Still Got Rhythm is a revamped and refreshed version of Seniors Still Got Talent in collaboration with Council of the Ageing NT (COTA).

This year's event will give seniors the opportunity to take in some wonderful live entertainment and strut their stuff on the dance floor, all the while learning new dance moves along the way.

"We have joined forces with COTA this year. COTA will be hosting the Senior's Expo and we will be in a separate room at the Convention Centre hosting Seniors Still Got Rhythm," Council's Community Development Officer Hara Carragher said.

"We really wanted to collaborate with the peak body for Seniors and give Still Got Talent a bit of a refresh after 10 years.

"It will be a bit of a mix between learning dance steps, there will be a band and the previous winners from Still Got Talent the Beaute Ukes.

It's going to be a really fun day. We want seniors to come up, have a bit of a dance and some fun."

The day will also feature a free morning tea for those that come along.

Seniors Still Got Rhythm will be held on Tuesday 30 August from 10am-2pm at the Alice Springs Convention Centre.

To RSVP for the event contact Hara Carragher on hcarragher@astc.nt.gov.au



## **Mayoral Morning Tea**

Tuesday 9 August 9am-11am

@Civic Centre Function Room

Be waited on by the Mayor, Elected
Members and Council staff, whilst enjoying
generous morning tea and listening to a guest speaker.

RSVP attendance & dietary requirements by Wednesday 3 August 2022 to **8950 0576 | eaexecutive@astc.nt.gov.au** 

## Self Defence workshop

Monday 8 & 15 August 10.30am-11.30am @Andy McNeill Room Self Defence is a counter measure that involves defending your health and wellbeing and preventing harm. Choose between two sessions available.

Limited Spaces (Max. 15 per session) **Bookings are essential via Eventbrite or 89500555** 

### High Tea Bingo

Saturday 27 August 2pm-3.30pm @Alice Springs Public Library Your library will be celebrating Seniors in our community with an afternoon of bingo, socialising and delicious treats.

Territory Formal dress code applies to this event. Limited Spaces (Max. 50 people) Bookings are essential via Eventbrite or 89500555

# Still Got Rhythm Tuesday 30 August

**10am-2pm @Alice Springs Convention Centre** 

With a variety of local talent! Hours of fun and not to be missed. This event is in collaboration with COTA's Seniors Expo. Free morning tea and afternoon tea provided.

RSVP attendance by Wednesday 25 August 2022 to **08) 8950 0500 | hcarragher@astc.nt.gov.au** 

COVID-19 health & safety measures in place for all events. Please do not attend if you are unwell.











#### **Masters Games returns!**

The Alice Springs Masters Games (ASMG) will be back in 2023 with the famous event to be held from 14-21 October.

Easily the most iconic Masters Games in the country, the unique location sets ASMG apart from the rest, with participants able to combine bucket-list experiences with a fun sporting event.

The confirmation of dates also sees Expressions of Interest (EOI) open for sports keen on being involved in ASMG.

"The Alice Springs Masters Games is a much-loved Territory event that welcomes new and repeat competitors from all over the country and overseas — which is great for local businesses and our economy," Minister for Major Events Paul Kirby said.

"It's fantastic to see the Games return after being affected by COVID. We've seen how events such as Parrtjima and Red CentreNATS deliver full hotels and a bustling CBD – and that's exactly what these games will continue to do.

"If you're involved in a Territory sport and want to see it included in next year's Games, get your Expression of Interest in now."

Former competitors can get involved in the ASMG by entering the Legends Competition to score themselves a \$100 Discover Central Australia Tourism Voucher. Simply visit the ASMG website and share a story and image (optional) for the chance to win. It might be a memorable moment, an inspiring experience or even a mishap that turned out alright in the end. There are three vouchers up for grabs.

To enter the Legends Competition, and find out more about the event, registration and EOI process, visit www.alicespringsmastersgames.com.au

## **RWMF**



# Open Day invitation to the Community!

Have you ever wondered exactly what happens to your waste after you've dropped it off at the Regional Waste Management Facility?

Maybe you've pondered, just how big is the facility? Or perhaps what makes up a day in the life of the dedicated team at the RWMF?

Well, wonder no more. The landfill is about to open its doors to the public!

The RWMF will host its second annual Open Day on Sunday 7 August 2022 and are inviting the entire public to come down to learn more about their waste.

"We get a lot of random phone calls from people asking what we do with waste and where everything goes," RWMF Manager Oliver Eclipse said.

"We wanted to focus on those people that care; open our doors and let them in. This way they get to see exactly what happens, hang out with us for a day and ask any questions they would like. We really want to give more information to the general public that we serve."

The highlight of the Open Day will be free bus tours around the entire facility. That means you will get to see exactly what happens to waste on a daily basis, something that is usually closed to the general public.

"A really great thing about the tour is I get to tell everyone 'what you put in your bin goes there' and 'if you separate the cans out, that's where they go'. We want to start changing behaviours," Oliver said.

The RWMF Open Day program includes:

- Bus tours of the landfill- 10am, 10:45am, 11:30am\*, 12:15pm and 1:00pm
- FREE BBQ 10am-1pm
- Lucky Dip for kids- 10am -1pm
- Recycling Education Station- 10am 1pm
- "Rubbish to Reuse" including displays of what was rubbish, now upcycled as something new.

\*Job Seekers Special bus tour includes a commentary on skills and qualifications required for a variety of roles at the RWMF.

For more details, contact the RWMF team on 8950 4340.



# Come & get your hands dirty!

# 10AM-1PM DAY 7 AUGUST

FREE COMMUNITY BBQ!!

**10AM-1PM** 

#### RECYCLING EDUCATION STATION

Learn ways to reduce, re-use and upcycle your waste! Visit our displays for creative upcycling inspiration!

**10AM-1PM** 

**LUCKY DIPS** for the Kids!

10AM-1PM

#### **IBC WICKING BED WORKSHOP**

Learn how to make water-efficient wicking beds at home!

10AM-12PM

#### **TOURS DE LANDFILLE**

Jump onto our ever-popular Tour de Landfille to see the operational side of the RWMF. \*Job Seekers Special leaves at 11.30am! 10AM 10.45AM 11.30AM\* 12.15PM

1PM

Regional Waste Mgmt. Facility, Commonage Road alicesprings.nt.gov.au | 8950 4340



# REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

# Phoney Film Festival Screening & Awards Night











# NAIDOC Week @ your Library









# **Winter School Holiday Programs**











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\*Conditions apply

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(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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