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COMMUNITY
GRANTS '22

2021 Community Grants recipient *Alice Can Dance*
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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 your local Community

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.

As our staff are our greatest asset, 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.

Alice Springs Town Council is currently advertising for a number of positions across a range of departments. If you are committed to providing excellent service to your 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>

Our jobs webpage is updated regularly – why not bookmark it!

Upcoming Council Meetings...

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

Tuesday 22 February

Tuesday 22 March



Mayor's Message

Welcome to a New Year, Alice Springs! It's hard to believe we're already well into 2022 and it has certainly been an interesting start to the year.

I'd like to take a quick moment and thank the majority of Alice Springs residents for being sensible in these uncertain times with COVID in our community. You've done a terrific job so far with the situation changing week by week, so I thank you for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

I'd also like to show my gratitude to all of our frontline workers, in particular those in health care. I can only imagine how difficult your job has been in recent times, and I hope you know how grateful our community is to you all.

Of course, we know that this is all far from over so I urge everyone to continue following the advice from the Chief Health Officer and take care of one another.

While there have been some uncertain times to start 2022, there has also been cause for celebration.

Council has just held the annual Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, coupled with the 2022 Centralian Citizen Awards. Let me tell you it was an incredibly special day for everyone involved. Seeing the smile on the faces of so many new citizens was a true honour and it's something that will stay with me for a long time.

I also want to extend my congratulations to all the Citizenship Award recipients for 2022. You can find all the details on pages 5 and 6 of this edition of *Council Connects* but believe me when I say all the awards were richly deserved.

Looking forward, 2022 is already shaping up as a big and exciting year for the Alice Springs community.

Both Elected Members and Officers are hard at work to deliver wins for our town, and remember we're always keen to hear from you. If you have any ideas, concerns or questions make sure you reach out and let us know!

Matt Paterson, Mayor



Have your Rate Notice sent directly to your inbox – too Ezy!

If you own property in Alice Springs, sign up to EzyBill and your next Rate Notice will be delivered electronically to your nominated email address.

This ensures that you not only reduce paper usage and print costs, but you also won't ever miss a payment deadline due to post being mislaid or 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

It's Ezy as!

alicesprings.ezybill.com.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



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Operational News

Have your say!

Council's new Climate Action Plan (CAP) is currently in development, and we want to know what you think.

At the public consultation session our Environmental Officer Nathan Blight will be giving a presentation on where the Climate Action Plan is at and ask for your input on how it develops from here.

The details of the session are:

- 5pm – 7pm
- Thursday, 24 February
- Civic Centre Function Room

Numbers are capped at 30 people and registration is essential. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for

the Eventbrite link.

If you are unable to make the session, a video of Nathan's presentation will be available on Friday 25 February and you will be able to give your feedback electronically.

Please email your questions, marked 'Attention Environment Officer' to: astc@astc.nt.gov.au

Complete the online CAP Survey, here:

<https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/community/environmental-initiatives/climate-action-plan-survey>



@AliceSpringsTC



Council is offering five Community Grant streams with applications open until 5pm, Monday 21 February 2022.

A Grants Information Session will take place at 5.30pm, Wednesday 2 February, in the Andy McNeill Room. Please RSVP to the Community Development Officer on 8950 0567.

Araluen Access Grants ≤ \$2,000

Support for local community groups and non-for-profit organisations to utilise the Araluen Arts Centre with funding for (example) in-house venues and equipment hire; front of house; technical labour; and, in-house publicity.

Araluen Access Grants aim to:

- Support new and existing initiatives
- Build a network of collaboration across the community
- Promote excellence in the arts and other forms of creative expressions

Community Assistance Grants ≤ \$1,500

Suited to local community projects or events, grants aim to:

- Support the delivery of projects and events relating

to a community, cultural, environmental or recreational nature

- Assist funding of events, organisational purchases such as equipment or materials
- Help build awareness of local community initiatives

Community Development Grants ≤ \$5,000

Support for ongoing community development initiatives by:

- Supporting opportunities and projects that addresses high priority local needs
- Enhancing the development of community-based initiatives (new or existing)
- Strengthening the capacity of the community or promote excellence in the arts
- Supporting projects that demonstrate strategies for long term sustainability

Sustainability Initiatives Grants ≤ \$2,500

Improving sustainability by supporting the Alice Springs community in: reducing energy consumption, improving energy performance, and obtaining financial and environmental benefits.

Sustainability Initiatives Grants

aim to:

- Encourage and support measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate impacts of climate change
- Increase the energy efficiency of buildings across the municipality
- Raise community awareness of climate change
- Build the capacity of community members in relation to sustainability
- Demonstrate long term sustainability

Youth Development Grants ≤ \$5,000

Support for youth organisations, youth-focused projects and programs, with the objective to:

- Increase the number of local innovative and youth-led projects and programs
- Improve young people's access to and participation in community-based activities
- Provide young people with new skills and knowledge
- Increase young people's voice and recognition in the community

Applications close 5pm, Monday 21 February 2022



Simple energy efficiency tips: good for the planet, and your pocket

Did you know, only 10% of our energy in Alice Springs comes from renewable sources on average, despite having over 300 sunny days a year? Most of our electricity comes from burning a mixture of natural gas and diesel produced at two power stations in town.

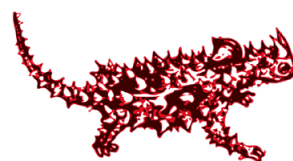
Rising global temperatures due to climate change presents an ongoing challenge for residents living in Alice Springs. More extreme heat days will mean more air-conditioner use, which in turn creates a greater energy demand. As temperatures warm, a few energy saving tips can help you can remain cool while reducing your impact on the climate, as well as the cost of your home energy bills.

Top energy saving tips for all seasons

- In summer, set your air conditioner to 23C (or higher) and run your ceiling fans at the same time. This reduces humidity and distributes cold air more evenly. Every degree you lower your air conditioning in summer can increase its running cost by up to 10%.

- In winter, set the temperature to 18C and wear warm clothing. Gas heaters and efficient reverse cycle air conditioners produce 1/3 the amount of greenhouse emissions than conventional electric heaters.
- Clean your air conditioning system twice a year. A clogged-up filter can increase your unit's running costs by 5% to 10%.
- Lighting uses between 8 and 15% of the average household electricity budget. Replace high-energy usage lighting (eg. halogen down lights) with low energy options (eg. LEDs).
- Replace old appliances with high-energy star rating appliances. Every extra star in efficiency can reduce running costs by 10%.

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



**Arid
Lands
Environment
Centre**



There's so much innovation happening in renewable energy. Virtual Power Plants are popping up across the country, and Alice Springs is no exception.

The Solar Connect Virtual Power Plant (VPP) trial will help inform the future of renewable energy for our community. It's an initiative of the Alice Springs Future Grid project, and we're calling on home owners with a solar and/or battery system installed in the past five years to sign up!

Households in the VPP will share solar and battery power in ways that benefit the electricity grid and support our town's transition to a clean energy future. **In return, participating households will receive a sign-up bonus worth up to \$500, and a monthly credit on their electricity bill.**

A large majority of people want to see more renewable energy used by our town's electricity system, and community involvement is essential to making this a reality. Head to the website to learn more www.alicespringsfuturegrid.com.au/vpp

Alice Springs Future Grid is led by the Intyalheme Centre for Future Energy, on behalf of Desert Knowledge Australia (DKA). Alice Springs Future Grid is supported by ARENA, the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government.



**ALICE SPRINGS
FUTURE GRID**

To be eligible for Solar Connect you need to:

- Own an eligible solar and/or battery storage system (or install one within a nominated timeframe).
- Be an owner-occupier of the home you wish to register in the trial.
- Be a Jacana Energy customer.
- Have a continuous working internet connection.

Go bigger with your solar

Solar customers thinking about upsizing may also be eligible to join the 'Supersize Solar' trial, allowing households and small businesses to increase the size of their solar systems while still being able to access the standard feed-in-tariff sell an amount of excess energy back to the grid.

Refer a friend and earn an extra \$150!

Know someone with a battery, or that wants to install one? For a limited time, we're offering a \$150 voucher if you refer an eligible household who then goes on to participate in the trial. Visit the website for details.

Australia Day Citizenship & Centralian Awards



Celebrating our Centralian Citizens!

A group of inspiring Centralians were recognised for their contributions to the Alice Springs community and new citizens from around the world were welcomed as part of Alice Springs Town Council's Australia Day civic celebrations.

A total of 100 new Australians received citizenship while four incredible members of our community were honoured.

Virginia Loy was named the 2022 Centralian Citizen of the Year. The former Chief Radiographer at the Alice Springs Hospital played an instrumental role in the Hospital getting an MRI machine. Since retirement, Virginia has dedicated herself selflessly to volunteering her time to community groups and supporting the elderly and vulnerable.

Jessie Woolford was awarded the 2022 Young Centralian of the Year Award. Just 17 years of age, Jessie is the head umpire coordinator for the Central Australian Football League and in 2021 led the first ever all-female umpiring squad in the NT. Jessie's weekly task was organising all 40+ registered umpires with games based on their availability and their set discipline, proving a breath of fresh air to a group of predominately older generation male umpires.

The 2022 Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year was awarded to Margaret Borger. Margaret's whole life has been about helping others, continuously volunteering in a range of capacities. She is a strong voice for improvement of services and facilities for Alice Springs seniors and she has been a very vocal voice for the establishment of a Seniors Village.

Steven Rogers was named the 2022 Volunteer of the Year. Steve Rogers volunteers to distribute

meals-on-wheels for Anglicare. Though Steve was amputated from one leg and is wearing a prosthesis, he goes to the trouble to walk to your door, gives people their meal with a large smile and always has some kind words.

Rounding out the awards, the Mother's Day Classic 2021 Alice Springs Fun Run was named as the Community Event of the Year.

Congratulations to all the awards winners, you are all richly deserving of these honours!



2022 Centralian Citizen Awards



Citizen of the Year, Virginia Loy



Senior Citizen of the Year, Margaret Borger



*Young Centralian of the Year, Jessie Woolford
(award accepted by mum, Maree)*



Volunteer of the Year, Steven Rogers



Event of the Year, Mother's Day Classic Fun Run



Student Citizens of the Year

What's on in February

WEDNESDAY 2

Council's
COMMUNITY GRANTS '22



GRANTS INFORMATION SESSION
5.30-6.30pm, Wednesday, 2 February 2022
Andy McNeill Room @ ASTC Civic Centre
COVID measures in place – BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!
RSVP to Community Development Officer on 8950 0567
Remember – if you feel unwell, please stay home!

alice@astc.nt.gov.au
8950 0567
alicesprings.nt.gov.au

THURSDAYS 3,10,17,24

BEGIN TO SWIM FREE ADULTS' SWIM PROGRAM



Learn about buoyancy & mobility, and develop basic swimming skills to build confidence in and around water

THURSDAYS 3, 10, 17 & 24 FEBRUARY
INDOOR POOL, AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE
MEN'S GROUP – STARTS 5.30PM
WOMEN'S GROUP – STARTS 6.05PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & TO REGISTER
CONTACT COUNCIL'S HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR
(08) 8950 0548 | lmoody@astc.nt.gov.au

AQUATIC & LEISURE

FRIDAYS 4,11,18,25

EVERY FRIDAY
4 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH 2022

FREE LIVE LOCAL MUSIC

11.2. ONE
CAFÉS IN THE CBD
11 AM – 1 PM



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8950 0500
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the heart of alice

Alice Springs
TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY 7

ARTISTS!



ALICE UP-CYCLE PRIZE

ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL INVITES
Central Australian artists to enter artworks of the recycled & repurposed into the 2nd **ALICE UPCYCLE ART PRIZE**
from Monday 7 February 2022
Entries close 5pm, Friday 20 May, finalists notified prior to the Exhibition Opening at the Rediscovery Centre on Friday 17 June at cash prizes will be awarded.
Judging Panel includes the Mayor and local distinguished artists.
Exhibition open 17 June to 3 July 2022 @ the Rediscovery Centre

For further details, entry forms, terms & conditions, visit
8950 0500 alicesprings.nt.gov.au astc@astc.nt.gov.au

FRIDAY 11

March is...
MultiCultural Fitness Month!!



Share your culture in a fun, engaging activity for Multicultural Fitness Month!
Outdoor Cultural Movement Sessions funded by Council and available FREE to the Alice Springs community!

CALL-OUT for Expressions of Interest from Cultural Movement Facilitators to provide 1 hour sessions, held on a Saturday morning!!

EOIs close 5pm, Friday 11 February
Submit EOIs to lmoody@astc.nt.gov.au or enquire to 8950 0548 8950 0500 alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Alice Springs
TOWN COUNCIL

SUNDAY 13-18

2022 IMPARJA CUP



MONDAY 14

alice.org.au/libraryloversday #LibraryLoversDay



Show the love

Library Lovers' Day
14 February 2022

(08) 8950 0555
library@astc.nt.gov.au
corner Gregory & Leichhardt Terraces

SATURDAY 19 & 20

Save a life for \$410
Become an AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety

DEVELOPING CAREERS SAVING LIVES



19-20 FEBRUARY 2022
@ ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE

Worth every cent.
Contact Rebecca on 0408 857 808 or email to trainingmanagernt@rissa.org.au

(08) 8950 4360 info@asalc.com.au

AUSTSWIM
AN AUSTRALIAN CERTIFIED THE INDUSTRY STANDARD

MONDAY 21

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



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Call for **entries**
aliceprize.com

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Entries close *13 feb 2022.*



The Alice Prize – entries closing soon!

The Alice Prize is a national contemporary art prize and welcomes artists from around Australia to submit their works in any medium or on any theme.

Held in Alice Springs biennially at the Araluen Arts Centre, the Alice Prize is coordinated by the Alice Springs Art Foundation, a voluntary not-for-profit community organisation that has been running the Prize since 1970. The Alice Prize is considered the most significant national contemporary art prize held in the Northern Territory.

The 42nd Alice Prize will open on 8th April 2022 awarding \$30,000 to the winning entry.

Entries are closing **13th February 2022** – submit online at: <https://aliceprize.com/2022/>

Major 2022 Dates for the 42nd Alice Prize

24 & 25 February	Selection panel convenes
Thursday 7 April	Judging of the Prize begins
Friday 8 April	Official opening and announcement of the winner
Saturday 9 April	Judges and artists floor talks – as available
Saturday 9 April to Sunday 5 June	Alice Prize Exhibition at Araluen Art Centre

For further information about the Alice Prize, please contact the Alice Prize Coordinator:
0438 779 568 | coordinator@aliceprize.com



School Holiday innovation!

Judging by attendances, our Public Library & NT Government joint Summer School Holiday Program was an absolute success!

In the spirit of delivering programs under the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) umbrella, one of our most popular programs this summer was the 'Fly & Try Drones' NTG Innovation Passport activity, in which young participants were introduced to programming and flying drones.

With drones driving economic potential and huge future job creation, this was a fun way to create interest in a possible future career path, or maybe uncover a super star in the emerging sport of drone racing!

Whilst we had five drone sessions during the holidays, each one was filled to capacity, unfortunately leaving some kids missing out. This has us thinking that perhaps we ought to run a similar activity during the next school holidays – what do you think?

Alice Springs Desert Park also visited the Library four times for the Summer School Holiday Program and had kids working out the science behind surviving in the desert.

The Library ran our classic

Junior and Senior LEGO sessions, and some new, hands-on practical activities, such as 'Bike Maintenance' had lots of parents asking us if we could run a class for them! Definitely food for thought and we are thankful for the interest this has sparked from our community.

Kids also got creative, learning how to play West African Drums, make their own earrings, and create art from recycled coffee pods.

The Reptile Centre had everyone on edge as participants got up close and personal with our reptilian guests, and there were over 100 participants in the annual Summer Reading Club Competition! Club Readers recorded reading times throughout the holiday to compete for some awesome prizes (making summer even more fun for them!).

After successfully delivering two activities almost every day of the Summer School Holidays – and receiving such positive feedback from parents and children alike – we won't be resting on our laurels for the next school holidays!

Thank you to everyone that came along – your enjoyment really was our pleasure!





Do you love a good book?

We want you to prove it!

Your Library is celebrating 2022 Library Lover's Day and inviting you to 'Show the Love' by answering a few personal questions (on video!).

To get you started, we'll be video-interviewing our Councillors and Council Officers and asking them the following questions:

1. In your mind, what is the greatest love story ever written?
2. What is your favourite 'love' quote?
3. What do you love about your Library (or us)?
4. Describe your favourite memory of being read to, or of reading to someone?
5. Are you a lover of eBooks, or physical books, and why?
6. Tell us about your favourite place to read a book?
7. What is your favourite genre to read and can you provide an example?

Starting Monday 7 February, we will upload our interviews to our Facebook page, one each day, until Monday 14 February.

We invite your recorded responses by 5pm, Friday 11 February. Please email your video file as an MPEG4, MP4, WMV (max. size 12MB) or a link to your video, to library@astc.nt.gov.au and include 'Show the Love' in the subject line.

If you'd rather be a secret 'Library Lover', just email your written responses to the above address and we'll find some talent to read your answers out aloud!

alia.org.au/libraryloversday
#LibraryLoversDay

Australian Library and
Information Association

Alice Springs
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Show
the
love

Library Lovers' Day

14 February 2022

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corner Gregory &
Leichhardt Terraces



NIGHT MARKETS 2022

MARCH 11 FRIDAY	JUNE 09 THURSDAY	APRIL 14 THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 22 THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 18 FRIDAY	DECEMBER 09 FRIDAY		

5-9PM | TODD MALL

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the heart of alice

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Save a life for \$410

Become an AUSTSWIM Teacher

DEVELOPING CAREERS
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Are you our next AustSwim teacher?

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre is currently recruiting swim teachers. If you aren't already qualified, it's easy and affordable to do so.

For just \$410, you can complete the two-day AustSwim course during which you'll learn how to teach potentially lifesaving swimming skills and water safety information.

The next course will be held from 8.30am-4.30pm, on Saturday and Sunday, 19 & 20 February.

You can enrol online today at austswim.com.au, or for more information please contact 8981 5036, 0408 857 808 or trainingmanagement@rlssa.org.au Course code: TSW326193.

Pool Operations

In the coming months, we will be

holding training sessions covering the ins and outs of managing pool operations.

If you are interested in learning about basic plant operations and maintaining pool water quality, please contact ASALC Manager Petina Franklin on 8950 4361 or PFranklin@asalc.com.au

EOIs for Pool Lifeguard Training

Why work in an office when you could spend your days by the pool?

Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from people interested in training to become lifeguards, and help keep patrons of the Aquatic & Leisure Centre safe in the water.

For more information, visit the Alice Springs Town Council jobs page at alicesprings.nt.gov.au/council/opportunities/jobs.

2022 Learn to Swim

2022 Learn to Swim online enrolments for Term 1 open at 10.30am, Saturday 29 January. Over the counter bookings will open at 11am the same day, and phone enrolments open at 9am, Monday 31 January.

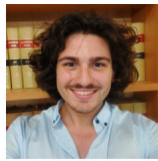
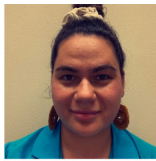
New families please note, you must establish a Learn to Swim family account by attending the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre in person to complete and verify your details.

Your child(ren) aged four years and above will require a swimming assessment to ensure they are placed in a suitable session before you will be given login access to the Learn to Swim portal.

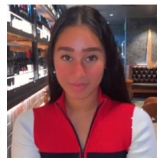
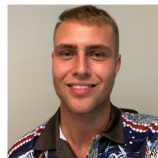
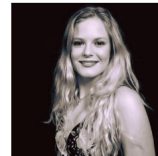
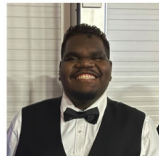
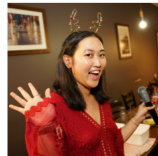
If you are experiencing difficulty with the online portal please email info@asalc.com.au

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Youth members announced!



Four young Alice Springs advocates will join forces with representatives from across the Northern Territory on the 2022 Youth Round Table.

Advocates for climate, gender diversity, mental health and disabilities will join students, sportspeople and members of the multicultural community on the Youth Round Table.

The 18 members will provide advice to the NT Government and inform the development of policies, programs and services. They will also share information that enables the Government to engage with issues of importance to young Territorians.

Representing Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Palmerston and Darwin; the Youth Round Table members will each lead a community-based project throughout their 12-month term.

During the year, four in-person meetings will be held in Darwin in addition to six virtual sessions.

The first gathering, to be held in March, will feature team building activities, professional development workshops and consultation sessions on youth topics.

The 2022 Youth Round Table members are:

- Connie-Anne Shaw (23), Alice Springs
- Isla Hooper (19), Alice Springs
- Jordon Humphreys (16), Alice Springs
- Paddy van der Geest-Hester (15), Alice Springs
- Alexander Storey (21), Darwin
- Alicia Kuroda-Metin (16), Darwin
- Hajrah Kamran (18), Darwin
- Kyle Bambra (20), Darwin
- Shanae Kuo (22), Darwin
- Upani Muthumala (16), Darwin
- Akeelah Cowen (23), Katherine
- Tayloraye Bailey (21), Katherine
- Cecilia Afeaki (17), Nhulunbuy
- Michael Gadingura Yunupingu (23), Nhulunbuy
- Jahdai Vigona (20), Palmerston & Rural
- Kyle Lachlan (22), Palmerston & Rural
- Azra Zendelji (25), Tennant Creek
- Boyd Cook (17), Tennant Creek



New truck makes a splash!

The next time you visit the Regional Waste Management Facility keep an eye out for the bright green tank of the team's new water truck.

Water is used every day at the facility to help control dust on the roads, compact waste and for fire prevention.

The new truck has a 13,000 litre capacity, which will decrease the number of times the tank will be need to be filled up each day and help reduce diesel use and emissions at the facility.

It also has a state-of-the art water canon with a camera that can be operated from inside the truck, which will lessen the amount of time employees have to be outside in hot temperatures.

Supervisor of the Waste Management Facility, James Sanders, said the truck will make a big improvement to employee comfort and safety.

"We use these vehicles seven days a week, rain, hail or shine, so these enhancements will make a world of difference to our staff," he said.

Kudos to Council's Waste Management Team!

While most of us were relaxing during the last week of December, staff at the Regional Waste Management Facility to working hard to process a whopping 1,500 tons of waste.

That volume was received over five-day period and is twice the amount of waste the facility usually receives over a whole month.

We'd like to acknowledge and congratulate the team for their hard work and a job well done!



Report a Problem

Council recommends residents download the NeatStreets app to report faults in the community quickly and anonymously. You don't even have to know which relevant authority to report to – NeatStreets does that for you!

Download the app from Google Play or the App Store – it's the smart way to get things fixed!

<https://www.neatstreets.com.au/>

RWMF Commonage Road
REDISCOVERY CENTRE

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

OPEN 7 DAYS, 8am-4pm

Jailbird get feathers ruffled!

Hmmph!



The working day of a member of Council's Ranger team is often filled with challenges and danger. Whether it be chasing after a stray dog or dealing with a resident grumpy at themselves for parking illegally, the challenges are varied.

But would you believe one of our Rangers' greatest challenges involves peacocks...?

Yes, that's right. It's well established at Alice Springs Town Council that the colourful bird is among the hardest animal for our team to deal with, considered the Holy Grail of captures.

"Evidently there have been peacocks captured before but it's very rare," veteran Ranger Jacob Skipsey said.

"We've had complaints about peacocks for a number of years and whilst there have been peacocks caught, we've been so unsuccessful because they're so difficult to catch. The key being they can fly and we cannot..."

"It's always like a Benny hill skit with us running up and down the road. We've been called to properties a few times and we've had to let people know we can't really catch them."

Well, both Ranger Jacob and Huy Tran did the unthinkable in December, they finally got their hands on a wild peacock.

"On the day our admin received a call from a member of the public. She had a peacock cornered in a

little enclosure and called us to come grab it," Ranger Huy said.

"We were still really sceptical though. It was pretty strong, I really wasn't expecting that. Ranger Jacob told me to just pick it up with my hand, he said it was probably similar to a chicken so I gave it a go."

"It turns out it's not like a chicken at all! It kicked me in the head and I had to let it go. It ran itself into a corner so then I just grabbed it again."

This is a timely reminder that if you would like to report a stray, lost, nuisance or feral animal, call our Ranger team on 8950 0500.

Did you know...

Peacock feathers are thought to bring bad luck? Particularly if present in the home of an unmarried women – she will be 'doomed' to spinsterhood!

Origins of the peacock superstition link back to many ancient cultures, but are also upheld in the modern theatre. Peacock feathers (and mirrors!) are avoided for use as theatre props. While this superstition is diminishing in contemporary times, these two items are known to be 'bad luck' on the stage.

A peacock feather's design is commonly said to resemble an 'evil eye', and while producers tend to ignore this omen, it's said to bring bad luck in the form of technical difficulties, forgotten lines and falling props or scenery.

Thespians and theatre folk are a very superstitious bunch!

Meanwhile, many other cultures regard peacocks as a symbol of good luck, good fortune, and immortality. Let's stick with this omen instead!

Council's Christmas Carnival & Night Markets



↑ Photo by Emma Murray

↑ Photos by William C Thompson

Council's Australia Day Civic Event



Summer School Holiday Program

Where to find...



FREE

online listing
for your Alice Springs
Community Event*

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

*Conditions apply

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Careers @ Council
Alice Springs Town Council
current vacancies

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

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and
Alice Springs Town Council

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Click 'News'

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(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 | 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

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

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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