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Centenarian Sydney George Kinsman unveiling Council's monument on 11 July, in honour of his AIF service, and marking Syd's 100th Birthday (2 July 2021)

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- your voice your community. -LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS LGANII ELECTION DAY - SATURDAY 28 AUGUST 2021 Local Government Elections, Saturday 28 August 2021 **Nominations for LG Candidates** closing 11.59am, Thursday 5 August 2021 1 JULY 1971 - 1 JULY 2021 Have you enrolled to vote for your next Council? Residents across Alice Springs will select their local representatives for the next

four years later this month.

The Local Government election is fast approaching with election day set for Saturday 28 August, giving residents the chance to choose the 14th Council of Alice Springs. Eight Councillors will be elected through this process, along with a new Mayor.

Nominations for candidates close on Thursday 5 August at 12pm sharp, giving people still considering a run for Council the opportunity to put their hand up. If you are unable to vote on election day, there will be ample opportunity for you to have your say in the weeks leading up.

Early voting will commence on Monday 16 August from the Andy McNeill Room and will run until election day which will take place on Saturday 28 August with those enrolled to vote able to do so at the following locations:

Alice Springs

- Andy McNeill Room, 93 Todd St
- Braitling Primary School, 80 Head St
- Gillen Primary School, 55 Milner Rd
- Desert Knowledge Australia, **475 South Stuart Highway**
- Living Waters Lutheran School, Albrecht Dr
- Centralian Senior College, Grevillia Dr

Final vote counting will take place on Friday 10 September to allow for all postal votes to be collated and the 14th Alice Springs Town Council will be formally introduced to residents on Monday 13 September 2021.

#### Council Meetings...

#### Commence 5.30pm,

in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street.

#### **August meetings:**

- Tuesday, 10 August 2021
- Tuesday, 24 August 2021



# August is Senior's Month!

#### Join our Senior's Month events at Council this August

Council is preparing for a big month of celebrating our Seniors this August and we'd love to see you at one or all of the FREE events coming up!

#### Mayoral Morning Tea: 9am – 11am, Tuesday 3 August at the Civic Centre Function Room

Email eaexecutive@astc.nt.gov. au or call 8950 0576 to book your place and advise of any dietary requirements.

#### High Tea Bingo: 2pm – 4.30pm, Saturday 14 August at the Alice Springs Public Library

Your public library invites you to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea while socialising over a relaxed game of bingo – some great prizes to be won, too! This is a hugely popular event so book your spot early by

emailing library@astc.nt.gov.au or calling 89540 0555.

Tickets also available from aspl. eventbrite.com.au

#### Tall Tales: 2pm – 3.30pm, Tuesday 17 August at the Alice Springs Public Library

Held within the Library's historic Alice Springs Collection, Tall Tales is an afternoon of family history and story-telling. Hear three Centralian seniors tell lively and engaging yarns from their families' experiences of living in the Red Centre.

Book your place by emailing library@astc.nt.gov.au or call 89540 0555.

# 10th annual Seniors Still Got Talent Quest: 11am-2pm, Wednesday 25 August at the Convention Centre

This talent quest gets bigger each year, with a variety of raucous and hilarious entertainment from occasionally dubious local talent. Three hours of fun — not to be missed! — with great prizes to be won.

Register as a performer by 9 August, to astc@astc.nt.gov.au or call 8950 0500

Register as an audience member by 13 August, to astc@astc.nt.gov.au or call 8950 0500



#### **Your Council**



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# Farewell from Mayor Damien Ryan

It is hard to believe it's been 13 years since I was elected as Mayor of Alice Springs, it seems like it was both just yesterday and a lifetime ago at the same time.

I know it's probably a cliché to say serving the community has been a privilege but that is truly how I feel looking back.

Alice Springs is my hometown, it will always be a major part of me. It has been humbling to dedicate the past 13 years of my life to the town that has given me so much.

I have felt throughout my entire time as Mayor that I have been part of an incredible team. The Elected Members of the 11th, 12th and 13th Councils, Council Executive and staff through the Depot, Regional Waste Management Facility, Aquatic and Leisure Centre, the Alice Springs Public Library and the Civic Centre. We have worked as a unit to deliver fantastic results to the Alice Springs community.

There have been so many highlights during my time as Mayor, and something I've enjoyed most is seeing the way we've invested so much energy into our community events.

Whether it be the annual Christmas Carnival, our night markets or seniors month, it's been a joy to be a small part of these events.

Something I'll hold dear for years to come will be the memories of the 2,500+ new Australian citizens I've conferred. Seeing the smile on these people's faces and sharing one of the best moments of their lives are some of my fondest memories.

Over my journey there have been so many people I owe a debt of gratitude to. Firstly, the Executive Assistants over the years that have helped me so much. Cheryl King, Catherine Whitaker, Jessica Hackett, Kate Walsh, Alison Signor, Emma Williams, Jason Van Riel and many more, thank you.

I've been lucky enough to work closely with two CEOs in my time and I express my sincere gratitude to both Rex Mooney and Robert Jennings for the hours of deep conversation to find solutions for Alice Springs.

I also could not have done the role without the unwavering support from my family. My mother Carmel, my wife Joanne and three daughters Lisa-Marie, Claire and Cecile, I am extremely grateful to have such a loving family.

Finally, I thank you Alice Springs. I truly believe we have one of the most unique and wonderful communities in the world and I thank you for trusting me to serve you. It has been the highlight of my life.



# Unveiling of the Sydney Kinsman Monument

One of Alice Springs' most loved residents, Sydney Kinsman, recently unveiled a special monument at the Alice Springs Cemetery in honour of his 100th birthday.

Sydney, a World War Two veteran and one of the last remaining Rats of Tobruk, turned 100 on Friday July 2, and on Sunday 11 July officially launched a sculpture made in his honour in front of a group of about 80 of his family, friends and community members.

Organised by the Alice Springs Town Council, the design of the monument pays tribute to Mr Kinsman's military service and his decades-long contribution to the Alice Springs community.

The front part of the sculpture features a plaque with portraits of a younger and senior Sydney, and the story of his service.

The middle section is covered in wire with 100 hand-spun barbs in acknowledgement of his birthday.

The back section is covered in fairy lights in recognition of the impressive Christmas display Sydney puts on in his Araluen home every December.

The 2019 Centralian Citizen of the Year certainly





had a birthday to remember this year; with Alice Springs in lockdown until 1pm on his birthday, Mr Kinsman kept busy waving to a long procession of residents who drove passed his home to wish him a happy birthday.

Thanks to Sydney for his service and contribution to our community, and thanks to his family for keeping the monument a surprise!

## What's on in August













#### **WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST**









#### 2021 Phoney Film Festival Winners

YAG's 7th annual Phoney
Film Festival attracted 29
films, including individual and
group entries, with a total
of 75 local youth aged 12-25
years participating in the
productions. There was a great
vibe at the Screening & Awards
Night held at Alice Cinema with
an enthusiastic audience of
around 70 including supporters,
film-makers, friends, family
and the media enjoying the
cinematic experience!

ABC News were there to cover the event and afterwards held a Q&A session in the cinema's foyer, which was later broadcast on ABC TV.

A professional judging panel decided the four Phoney winners, with first prize also receiving the People's Choice Award, voted for on the night by the audience.

2021 Phoney Film Festival winning entries:

- First Prize (also People's Choice Award) – Bear
   Pause 3 - Growing Pains
   by Emma Smith
- Second Prize (OLSH School)

   Film-Ception by Matthew
   Doan, Alexander Eglinton,
   Nathaniel Mushore, Ronald
   Pedrezuela and Totani Will
- Third Prize (Steiner School)

   Do I want to make a
   Phoney Film? "I do!" by

   Coriel Stay
- Highly Commended (Centralian Middle School)
   – Title by Bryan Valderama, Zane Collins, and Phoenix Johnson

Check out the three winning Phoney films on Council's **YouTube** channel, *here!* 











#### 'Malpa Chair' sits well with art lovers

The beautiful 'Malpa Chair' upcycled by artists Julie Anderson and Margaret Smith was a popular winner of the People's Choice Award in the inaugural Alice Upcycle Art Prize.

The artists found the chair by the side of the road and decided to give it a "happy new life".

"We've spent hours weaving, using coloured grasses, sharing stories, laughter, cups of tea and watching our beloved AFL," the pair said in their artist statement.

"For us desert women weaving is our meditation,

a chance to forget our worries and be with friends. "In Anangu culture the land is our chair. It's the place we sit.

"Bringing the chair back to life has brought us joy sharing our weaving with Malpas and creating art from things recovered and repurposed."

Thank you to all the artists who participated in the inaugural Alice Upcycle Art Prize, and to the exhibition's visitors who voted in the People's Choice Award – a beautiful and deserving piece of upcycling!





#### Have you Still Got Talent?

If you're in the best years of your life and 'still got talent', Council invites you to share it with your platinum peers at the hilarious, the cheekiest, the incomparable 10th annual Seniors Still Got Talent Quest!!! Break out the emu oil, tipple that hot lemon toddy and start practising – some terrific prizes to be won (along with a swathe of adoring new fans!), and remember to register your unique gifts by **5pm**, **Monday 9 August to:**astc@astc.nt.gov.au or 8950 0500



Council on the Ageing Northern Territory (COTANT) is holding a Seniors Expo on the last day of August (Seniors Month) on Tuesday 31st August 2021 on the Council lawns. The event (previously called Seniors Health and Wellness Day) will run from 10am to 1pm. The Expo will have information stalls, music and performances of special interest to Alice Springs Seniors. There will be information stalls ranging from Victims of Crime

and Neighborhood Watch to service organisations such as Carers NT, Relationships Australia, Territory Families and Dementia Australia.

Alice Springs Town Council and the Public Library will present information about their services and health and recreation facilities such as the YMCA and Get Physical will also be there. Groups such as U3A and Probus will also present information about their activities.

There will also be a free

sausage sizzle for Seniors and free barista coffee from a coffee van. This has been made possible with a Seniors Month grant from the Northern Territory Government.

#### [See poster on Page 9]

Registrations for stalls are open now so if you would like to showcase your club or activity, please contact Fran Kilgariff on 0438 635 354 or Deb Pepper on 0423 828 558

# Seniors Month (and more!) @ your Library!



2pm-3.30pm Tuesday 17 August @ your Library

Come for an afternoon of family history and story-telling hosted by the Library in the Civic Centre's Function Room. Hear several Centralian seniors tell lively and engaging yarns from their families' experiences of life in our Red Centre.

Bookings are essential! Call 8950 0555, email library@astc.nt.gov.au, or book online at aspl.eventbrite.com.au



2pm-4.30pm Saturday 14 August @ your Library

Your Library is once again running the hugely popular High Tea Bingo for Seniors Month! If you're a silver fox, you're invited along to enjoy a scrumptious afternoon tea whilst enjoying a relaxed and social game of Bingo – PLUS, there's a great assortment of prizes to be won!

Spread the word amongst your platinum peers, friends & family!

Bookings are essential! Call 8950 0555, or email library@astc.nt.gov.au, or book online aspl.eventbrite.com.au

#### Did you know....?

The Alice Springs Collection differs from the main library collections in that you cannot borrow items, but you can read or view them for your own research while inside the library. This ensures that our valuable historical publications

about Alice Springs and Central Australia are always available to explore and enjoy.

Make an enquiry to the Special Collections Coordinator and start researching!

Call 8950 0507 or email library@astc.nt.gov.au

# NT Writers Festival – participating venues

- Alice Springs Public Library
- Olive Pink Botanical Gardens
- Araluen Arts Centre
- PLUS Secret Locations!

Contact 8952 3810 or email alice@ntwriters.com.au





**Tuesday 31 August** 10am to 1pm **Council Lawns** 

Free to attend and all welcome

Enjoy performances from local exercise groups, musicians including Moovers and Groovers

Talk to exhibitors about concessions, aged care packages, housing, retirement, consumer, carers, disability, legal and human rights, safety and much more!

For more information contact

Fran Kilgariff 0438 635 354 Debbie Pepper 0423 828 558







**COTA NT advocating for and working** towards an age-friendly, just, inclusive and equitable society for all Territorians over 50 years

www.cotant.org.au





#### Olive Pink Opera – uniquely Alice

Something unique, original, and beautiful will take place in our community as part of the iconic Desert Song Festival in September 2021: An Opera about Alice Springs.

Come and experience the magic of this ground-breaking event which is a first for Alice Springs and a first for the Desert Song Festival.

This new Opera, to be performed for three nights only (16, 17 & 18 September) celebrates the extraordinary life of Olive Pink. A compelling, truly Australian story, the opera explores the life of a remarkable woman, her relationships with Arrernte and Warlpiri peoples and her outspoken advocacy for Aboriginal rights in Central Australia. The Olive Pink Opera is the story of the last decades of Olive Pink's life when she and Warlpiri man Johnny Jampitjinpa created what is now the Olive Pink Botanic Garden. The Opera is based on true stories from both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people from Alice Springs.

Composed by award-winning and prodigious Australian composer, Professor Emerita Anne Boyd AM, the Opera features the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir and Alice Springs vocalists, musicians, and actors.

The location is the Olive Pink Botanic Garden, listed on the NT Heritage Register. Come and experience the magic of the Olive Pink Botanic Garden as the sun sets over the West MacDonnell Ranges, and dusk gives way to the music of the Centralian night under the Milky Way.

Support the unique heritage of your community.

Buy Tickets Now More Information Opera Volunteer Opportunities





#### **Active Seniors!**

As part of its Healthy Communities Program, Alice Springs Town Council offers several fitness programs designed to keep senior residents healthy and active.

Council's Healthy Communities program is delivered by accredited fitness trainers, able to prescribe exercise for people with chronic health conditions. All trainers hold qualifications a Certificate IV in Fitness, with additional accreditation in exercise programs for chronic disease, such as Lift for Life®, Heartmoves and The Joint Movement® (for arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions).

#### **Aqua Program**

Agua Program is held at ASALC and is suitable for people with, or recovering from, joint replacements, injuries, arthritis and other health conditions.

#### Friday, 10am @ ASALC

- ASALC members = \$2.15 per person / session
- Non-members = \$8.20 per person / session

#### **Keep You Moving**

Suitable for people with chronic health conditions, this program focuses on strength,

balance, cardiovascular and flexibility. A referral from a GP or allied health professional is recommended. To arrange an assessment for the program, please provide your referral to the Healthy Communities Coordinator.

#### HAWC @ ASALC

Monday to Friday (session times vary) @ the Health & Wellness Centre (HAWC) at ASALC. \$2 per person per session. For more information contact the Healthy **Communities Coordinator** on 8950 0548 or email to Imoody@astc.nt.gov.au

**ASALC Winter Hours** 

Weekdays (MON-FRI)

6am- 6.30pm

Weekends (SAT-SUN & Public Holidays)

9am - 3pm **Water Slides open** 

1pm-4pm

**Summer Hours resume** 1 September 2021



50M Pool re-opening 1 September | For updates, follow @AliceAquatic

#### **Heart Foundation Walking**

### Suitable for people of all ages and abilities, Heart Foundation Walking is FREE to join!

Active in Alice, has over 200 current members who regularly participate in the 45-60 minute, medium-paced walks, held every Saturday. Dogs on leashes are welcome to join their owners on the walks.

**Saturdays, 7am to 8am** – meet outside the Andy McNeill Room, Council's Civic Centre, at 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs.

\*Last Saturday of the month leaves from a different location – please contact Council on 8950 0500 to confirm.







#### Baby... Set.. Go!

Council's Healthy Communities Program has introduced a very special fitness program for new parents with babies 6-26 weeks. Combining exercise sessions, a walking group, guest speakers and refreshments, this program will provide mental and physical wellbeing benefits, plus social support for parents during the postpartum period.

Baby... Set.. Go! is a six-month program – completely FREE! – with no need to register. Simply turn up to the sessions you can make it to. Child supervision and activities are provided so you can bring along your other bub (and children under school age) and know they'll be cared for while you work out.

Baby... Set.. Go! runs three sessions per week:

- 9.30am Monday: SuSu Mamas & Exercise Class at the Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre
- 2pm, Tuesday: walking group at The Y, Sadadeen Road
- 9am, Thursday: exercise classes at The Y, Sadadeen Road

There will also be guest speakers, and morning or afternoon tea, held each month while the program is running.

For more information about any of Council's Healthy Communities Programs, contact the Healthy Communities Coordinator on 8950 0548 or <a href="mailto:lmoody@astc.nt.gov.au">lmoody@astc.nt.gov.au</a>



#### The Waste Facility's Open Day has a new date!

10am-1pm, Sunday 8 August 2021

® RWMF Commonage Road

Come and get your hands dirty at the RWMF's Open Day where you can enjoy a FREE community BBQ, FREE lucky dips for the kids, FREE bus tours behind the scenes at the landfill, plus a couple of fun and dirty eco-workshops!

At 10am, join Advocate Art Award (2017) winning sculptural artist, Martin Oostermeyer, in the **Pallets for Posteriors** workshop and learn how

to DIY-upcycle wood pallets into a comfy chunky chair for the garden!

Then at midday, learn how to build your own water-efficient wicking beds at home in the **Wicked Wicking** workshop, facilitated by Arid Edge Environmental Services.

The three bus tours of the landfill are 'first in-first on' so put your name down early!

Keep up with what's on, here... www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au





Regional Waste Mgmt. Facility OPEN 7 DAYS, 8am-4pm Rediscovery Centre OPEN WEEKDAYS, 8am-4pm WEEKENDS, 9.30am-2.30pm Commonage Road

#### Never tyred of upcycling!

The Rediscovery team have been busy painting old tyres for upcycling into easy-to-use garden beds — AND, they'll be on sale at the RWMF Open Day!

A quirky addition for your backyard, perhaps?

Take a peek at them around the side of the Rediscovery Centre, but only a peek (they'll be available for purchase on Sunday 8 August!)



#### Alice Springs Animal Shelter receives a PAWsome donation!

The ever-popular Pets on Parade held in May this year raised over \$3,000 in donations from the community which was given to the Alice Springs Animal Shelter (ASAS). Through raffle tickets sales and gold coin donations for Council's Ranger activities, a total of \$3,275.86 was achieved!

Ben Kittle and the team at Complete Fencing, who provided arena fencing for the event, also contributed generously, donating their hire fees to the cause.

Acting Manager of the Ranger Unit, Chris Gosling, said he was impressed with the public's enthusiasm for this year's fundraising recipient.

"Once again the Alice Springs community has come together to support the annual Pets on Parade event and the Alice Springs Animal Shelter," he said. "Thank you to the Alice Springs

community for your generosity."

ASAS Manager Tammy
Hargrave said the money will
go straight into the shelter's
Donations Fund, which pays for
improvements at the facility to
directly improve the lives of the
animals they care for.

Over the past year, ASAS took in approximately 650 dogs and 570 cats, and they are currently housing and feeding about 70 animals.

"It's nice to be thought of because there are so many other charities that need help," Ms Hargrave said.

Ranger Gosling reiterated that the shelter was a worthy recipient of the donation, "The Alice Springs Animal Shelter plays an important, valuable role within our community," he said. "Stray and unwanted animals are looked after at the shelter waiting for their forever homes, and looking after these

animals comes at a cost."

Alice Springs Town Council would like to thank the following Pets on Parade gold sponsors for their generous support: Desert Dwellers, Blue Dust NT, Centralian Motors and The Alice Springs Veterinary Hospital.

For more information on the Alice Springs Animals Shelter, how to offer support, or to make a donation, visit alicespringsanimalshelter.com.au

#### Did you know...



Alice Springs Animal Shelter welcomes memberships, kennel sponsorships, volunteers and donations! Find out more...

www. alicespringsanimalshelter .com.au

# **DECLAN MILLER** WRITING WORKSHOP







LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

WORKSHOPS





# PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS

2021



Unveiling the Sydney Kinsman Monument



## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SYDNEY KINSMAN

otion by By Matthew Doan,

Alexander Eglinton, Nathaniel Mushore, Ronald Pedrezuela and Totani Will

Phoney Film Festival

## Where to find...

#### **FREE**

online listing

for your Alice Springs
Community Event\*

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

\*Conditions apply

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**Alice Springs Town Council** 

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

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about your Community

and

Alice Springs Town Council

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Click 'News'



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PO Box 1071 NT 0870
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astc@astc.nt.gov.au

Monday to Friday, 8am – 5pm (ex. Public Holidays)

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre 10 Speed St, Alice Springs (08) 8950 4360

info@asalc.com.au | asalc.com.au

Monday to Friday, 6am – 7pm Weekends & Public Holidays, 9am – 7pm

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

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)

Council Works Depot
Wilkinson St, Alice Springs
(08) 8950 4300

astc@astc.nt.gov.au

Monday to Friday, 7am – 3.30pm

Alice Springs Animal Shelter Len Kittle Dr, Alice Springs (08) 8953 4430

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