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TO THE 14TH COUNCIL
OF ALICE SPRINGS

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



Welcome to the 14th Council of Alice Springs

Alice Springs Town Council welcomes the election of the 14th Council of Alice Springs.

Matt Paterson has been sworn in as the 10th Mayor of Alice Springs following a swearing in ceremony on 29 September.

Mayor Paterson will be joined in the Chamber by Jimmy Cocking, Eli Melky, Mark Coffey, Marli Banks, Steve Brown, Kim Hopper, Alison Bitar and Michael Liddle after being elected as Councillors.

"It's an honour to be chosen to represent the community of Alice Springs as Mayor, it's certainly not something I will take for granted," Mayor Paterson said.

"I look forward to getting to work as soon as possible with my fellow Councillors and I'm certain we will work well

together to achieve the best outcomes for our community."

For Councillors Cocking, Melky and Banks, this marks a return to the Chamber following serving as part of the 13th Council. Cr Melky has also served as part of the 11th and 12th Councils.

Cr Brown will serve as Councillor for a second time after being a part of the 11th Alice Springs Town Council.

Councillors Coffey, Bitar, Hopper and Liddle will join the Chamber for the first time, bringing a fresh perspective to discussions.

The 14th Council began civic duties immediately after being officially sworn in on Wednesday 29 September at their first Ordinary Meeting.

Upcoming Council Meetings...

Commence 5.30pm sharp
Council Chambers,
Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street.
Public welcome to attend.

Tuesday 26 October

Tuesday 23 November



First column from Mayor Matt Paterson

It's an honour to be chosen to represent the community of Alice Springs as Mayor and I'm thrilled to be a part of the 14th Alice Springs Town Council.

As an Elected Member team, I'm excited by what we can achieve for Alice Springs. Make no mistake, we've got an incredible team of people that are committed to working hard for Alice Springs and I have no doubt we will achieve great things together with the community.

Staying connected with Alice Springs residents is key to us achieving results, and that works both ways. We want to hear your voices, and want you to have your ideas heard. I encourage you to get in contact with myself and fellow Elected Members with our contact details available on page 5.

At the same time, we as a Council need to connect meaningfully with Alice Springs and keep you informed. Council Officers have done a fantastic job in creating this Council Connects format and I'd love to see it continue to grow in years to come.

Connection within our community is vital, and it's a perfect time to reflect on how important that is with Mental Health Week fast approaching.

An underrated by-product of

the COVID-19 pandemic is the isolation it has caused. This means prioritising and speaking about our mental health is more important than ever before.

Through our wonderful Healthy Communities department, Council have a number of events and activities celebrating Mental Health Week this year. You can read about them all in this edition of Council Connects. I encourage everyone to get involved in some capacity.

And remember, it's okay to not be okay. Check in on your friends and family, sometimes a simple gesture can make a lasting difference. And if you need help, you can always contact Lifeline at 13 11 14.

Looking now to the future, there is genuine reason for excitement in Alice Springs. I know our town has its challenges, and as an Elected Member group we will not shy away from those.

But, together with Council CEO Robert Jennings, the Executive and the entire Council team, we will also look at the ways our community can prosper. I cannot wait for the journey the 14th Council will take over the next four years, alongside the community.

To contact Matt, please email to... mpaterson@astc.nt.gov.au



Alice Springs Town Council, in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch NT and Victims of Crime NT, are proud to launch a new community safety initiative to help senior Alice Springs residents feel safer.

My Home My Town includes a series of free personal safety sessions for Alice Springs seniors, free Home Security Assessments and an Alice Springs specific community safety campaign.

A total of six personal safety sessions will run across Alice Springs from October 2021 until April 2022. The first two are on 5-6 October in the Andy McNeill Room for seniors.

More information can be found on Council's [website](https://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au).

**2nd RATES INSTALMENT
2021/22 – due Friday,
5 November 2021**

**For all the ways to pay
your rates, visit...
[alicesprings.nt.gov.au](https://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au)**





Deputy Mayor Eli Melky

Councillor Eli Melky has always put the community of Alice Springs first, as evidenced by his long serving commitment to Council.

Cr Melky has served as part of the 11th, 12th, 13th and now 14th Alice Springs Town Councils, having spent more than 10 years in the Chamber fighting for a better Alice Springs.

Taking a proactive approach, Cr Melky is passionate about addressing law and order concerns in the Red Centre. As well as wanting a safe and tidy town, he supports business and tourism growth initiatives and many other sporting and special events in our town.

His years of experience as a Councillor, coupled with a wealth of knowledge of the Alice Springs business community, gives Cr Melky a unique perspective and he maintains the hunger to continue advocating for Alice Springs.

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Cr Jimmy Cocking

A community minded member of Alice Springs, Councillor Jimmy Cocking has called the Red Centre home for more than a decade.

A strong advocate for environmental issues, Cr Cocking's experience as CEO of Arid Lands Environment Centre is a major asset in the Council Chamber.

A part of the 13th Alice Springs Town Council, Cr Cocking brings valuable governance knowledge to the table and will work hard to achieve outcomes for Alice Springs residents.

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Cr Marli Banks

Having called Alice Springs home since 2001, Councillor Marli Banks believes in making Alice Springs more safe, diverse, and prosperous, through collaboration and public engagement.

Cr Banks' passion for Alice Springs shone through as the self-made entrepreneur served as part of the 13th Council, and she is determined to continue serving her community.

Active in a range of community events and activities, Cr Banks is a member of several local boards.

Now a mother of three, Cr Banks spends all her spare time with her children. She has a love of arts, culture, food and travel, and enjoys the outdoors.

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Cr Mark Coffey

Having spent considerable time across a variety of industries in the Red Centre, Councillor Coffey brings a wealth of experience to the Chamber.

Cr Coffey spent 22 years as part of the Northern Territory Police Force and a further 12 years as a Senior Executive in the Australian Government. Never one to put himself first, Councillor Coffey has also volunteered his time to a range of community organisations in Alice Springs.

Cr Coffey has lent his expertise as a board member of CASA Services, Parole Board, St John Ambulance NT, Health and Community Services Complaints Review Committee, and has been the Chair of the Connellan Airways Trust.

When he has an occasional spare minute. Cr Coffey enjoys his sport, camping and loves a good bush walk.

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Cr Allison Bitar

A self-made entrepreneur, Councillor Alison Bitar is a fantastic role model for young Centralians since moving to the region in 2002.

Along with her husband, Cr Bitar is a proud local business owner and will bring

a strong business mind to the Council Chamber.

Cr Bitar also has valuable experience working with the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority and will bring a nuanced approach to a range of issues to the 14th Alice Springs Town Council.

Cr Bitar is a strong believer in working together with people from all walks of life for the good of the community and will work hard to make Alice Springs a place people want to move to.

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Cr Steve Brown

Born and bred in Alice Springs, Councillor Steve Brown is truly invested in seeing his home town prosper.

A Councillor on the 12th Alice Springs Town Council, Cr Brown has again thrown his hat in the

ring to serve his community.

Cr Brown is an electrician by trade and has valuable experience both on the tools and working with all levels of government. He is passionate about law and order in Alice Springs and will bring his experience and nous to the 14th Alice Springs Town Council.

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Cr Kim Hopper

Councillor Hopper has been an active member of the Alice Springs since moving to the Red Centre 11 years ago and has always been an advocate for vulnerable communities.

A small business owner, Cr Hopper is also a regular volunteer across the arts and music industry. She also has made a habit of supporting local programs and events through the way of donations.

When Cr Hopper isn't in the Chamber or hard at work, she is likely taking in some live music or a performance at one of the many venues across Alice Springs. Either that or going for a hike in the beautiful Red Centre landscape.

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Cr Michael Liddle

Spending his whole life in Alice Springs, there are few people more in tune with the Alice Springs community than Councillor Michael Liddle.

Born and raised in Central Australia,

Cr Liddle becomes part of the 14th Alice Springs Town Council with a wealth of knowledge across various sectors.

A strong advocate for mental health and wellbeing, in particular in Indigenous men, Cr Liddle has spent the past eight years working for Desert Knowledge Australia in various roles.

His dedication to building strong communities in Central Australia led him to nominating for Council and will work hard for the betterment of Alice Springs.

To contact Michael, please email to... mliddle@astc.nt.gov.au

The 14th Council has been elected to listen to and represent our community. Have a Council matter to discuss? You're welcome to get in touch directly with your Councillors.

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©MHACA, Stress Less in the Park

Mental Health Week in October

Mental Health Week activities for Alice Springs, 10-17 October 2021

Alice Springs community members are invited to participate in a range of events that promote mental health and wellbeing.

Connect to Wellbeing For Parents and Carers 9.30am - 11am, Monday 11 October Alice Springs Youth Centre

Bring your children, enjoy some gentle exercise and learn more on how you can support your wellbeing whilst nurturing others. With a guest speaker and morning tea.

FREE but RSVP's essential:
<https://events.humanitix.com/wellbeingforparents>

Connect to Wellbeing Fun at the Pool 11am - 1pm, Wednesday 13 October

Exercise supports our wellbeing. Come to the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre for a gentle water exercise class, go on the waterslides or just have a swim. With a free healthy lunch.

Free entry to the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre between 11am-1pm.

The Girl on the Bridge 6pm, Wednesday 13 October Alice Springs Cinema

The story of a young woman with the weight of a generation on her shoulders. Having survived her own suicidal struggles Jazz Thornton is a mental health activist, fighting to change how society and the system are dealing with young people like her. Ultimately this is a film about hope. It's a film about redemption. It's a challenge to all of us to try to understand.

Free but RSVP's essential:
<https://events.humanitix.com/tgotbscreening>

Please note: this film explores the issue of young people and suicidal ideation. Support will be available at the screening for anyone who requires it. Find more information at <https://www.thegirlonthebridgefilm.com.au/>

Stress Less in the Park 10am - 1pm, Friday 15 October Civic Centre Lawns

Stress Less in the Park is a feature of Mental Health Week in Alice Springs and provides a focus on mental health and wellbeing. With speakers, music, stalls, kids activities, food and drinks.

A free whole of community event. See the event poster on page 5.



Building a Healthier Community

Happy birthday to Council's Healthy Communities program, which is celebrating its tenth year this year!

The program was started to inspire and facilitate a healthier and more active Alice Springs community.

Our Healthy Communities Coordinator Lucinda Moody is the person coordinating these programs. Her role is split across two responsibilities:

1) *To service the wellbeing of the Alice Springs community, particularly in regard to groups that otherwise access a gym, structured physical activity, or sport due to barriers to participation.*

2) *To service the wellbeing of Council staff*

Our Healthy Communities classes run six days a week (no classes on Sundays) and are delivered by accredited fitness trainers.

The program is aimed at keeping residents of all ages active and healthy. The schedule of classes includes:

- **Exercise for Arthritis**, a chair-based exercise class
- **Gentle Exercise**, a low impact class for seniors
- **Aqua Active**, a pool-based class for seniors
- **Heart Foundation Walk**, for all ages and abilities)

- **Movers and Groovers**, a fun dance class for seniors
- **Life Without Barriers**
- **Baby...Set...Go!**, for parents and guardians
- **Keep You Moving**, for people with chronic health problems
- **Yoga after Cancer**, for people rebuilding fitness after treatment

Participants can be referred to a class by an allied health professional, or you can self-refer by contacting Lucinda on **8950 0548** or email **LMoody@astc.nt.gov.au**

Click here for more info!

Connect to Wellbeing
Parents & Carers

9.30 - 11 am
Monday 11 October
Alice Springs Youth Centre

Bring your children (5 years and under), enjoy some gentle exercise and learn more on how you can support your wellbeing whilst nurturing others. With a guest speaker & morning tea.

Free but RSVP's essential:
<https://events.humanitix.com/wellbeingforparents>
email: info@mhaca.org.au or call: 89504600

A free Mental Health Week event



Connect to Wellbeing
Fun at the Pool

11 am - 1 pm
Wednesday 13 October
Alice Springs Aquatic Centre

Exercise supports our wellbeing. Come to the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre for a gentle water exercise class, go on the waterslides or just have a swim. With a free healthy lunch.

Free entry to the pool 11am - 1pm
For more info call 89504600

A free Mental Health Week event



HeartKids: Two feet and a Heart Beat Annual Charity Walk

HeartKids will be holding their annual charity walk on October 17 at 9am.

The 4km course will follow the city loop of the Todd River (Stott terrace river footpath to Wills Terrace).

HeartKids is the only national not-for-profit organisation solely focused on supporting and advocating for all people impacted by childhood heart disease, one of the largest causes of infant death in Australia. Leading cause of death in babies during their first year.

Over 65,000 Australian children and adults live with congenital or childhood acquired heart disease, and 8 children are born each day with a heart defect. Tragically, 4 lives are lost to childhood heart disease each week.

Surgery is not a cure, it buys a better quality of life.

Money raised from entry fees for the walk will go towards helping people in Central Australia access support programs such as In-hospital support, yearly teen camps, education days, peer support programs, financial assistance, bereavement support, and peer support activities

Entry prices are \$30 (adult), \$15 (child), \$75 (family) or babies are free.

Please register prior to the event at www.heartkids.org.au

Library renovations

Alice Springs Town Council advises the public that the Alice Springs Public Library will close for one week in October for renovations, including the reflooring of the Alice Springs Collection and staff rooms.

The Library will be closed for public access on Monday 11 October. It will reopen on Monday 18 October at 10am.

Patrons will be welcomed back to a fresh new space in the Alice Springs Collection with a new floor sure to brighten the space. The Multipurpose Room will also benefit from a reflooring. Paired with a complete repainting of the Library earlier this year, the renovations will create a more vibrant place for patrons.

While the Library will be closed, many of your favourite services will still be available. You can check out exactly what is on offer on Page 11 of this edition of Council Connects.

Upon reopening, internet charges for non-Library members will be restored. Alice Springs Public Library halted these charges through 2020 as a COVID relief measure with charges of \$2 per 15 minutes, \$4 per 25 minutes or \$8 per 55 minutes set to return from 18 October. Internet usage will remain FREE for Library members.

Alice Springs Town Council apologises for the inconvenience.

Skate Park

Repairs of the Alice Springs Skate Park are underway with initial works complete.

A local sub-contractor was engaged by Alice Springs Town Council to begin grinding back of paint. Grinding of flat surfaces is complete, with the ramps to be completed upon the arrival of the interstate lead contractor.

This work will be completed as soon as practical in line with COVID-19 restrictions and precautions.

STRESS Less



IN THE PARK

A MENTAL HEALTH WEEK EVENT

A **FREE** community COVID-19 safe event

10am-1pm

**Friday
15th
October**



**Civic
Centre
Lawns**

WITH Welcome to Country,
CAAMA Outside Broadcast,
speakers, stalls, kid's activities,
food and drinks

MUSIC by Xavia, Maddy
and Paul Ah Chee

PLUS Alice Springs Reptile
Centre, Get Physical and
Sketch That Wig Workshop

BUILDING MENTALLY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



This event is **FREE** but contact details will be recorded on entry to assist with COVID safety. Use the Territory Check In app. Go into the draw to win the lucky door prize.
This activity is supported by funding from Northern Territory PHN through the Australian Government's PHN Program.

What's on in October

SAT 2 - TUESDAY 5

Centenary

1st Flight into Alice Springs
Celebrations Sat 2 - Tues 5 October
Details: centralaustralianaviationmuseum.org.au

5 October 1921

Saturday 2
Landing Reception
Robert Hornum
(Book Only)

Tuesday, 5th
Centenary Landing Celebration
@ Aviation Museum
(6 Memorial Drive) from 5pm
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
featuring:
Arrival Re-Enactment
Bi-plane Fly Over
Stories from Past Aviators
Paper Plane Comp
Ex-Connair Pilot Book Launch
Food Stalls

Every Day
Museum Tours
11am & 2pm

Sunday 3
Mini Movie Fest
Araluen Theatre
Book via Araluen
Ticket Box

Visit www.asale.com.au for details on each event

CONNELLAN AIRWAYS TRUST | Nutrien Harcourts | Alice Springs | CHAS | Central Australian Aviation Museum

SATURDAY 2

OPEN DAY!!

Learn to Swim enrolments
TERM 4

9am-3pm
Saturday
2 October

Enrol your kid(s) on the day!
ASALC staff will be on hand for sign-ups and processing payments – bring your Sports & LTS Vouchers!

Enjoy a FREE Sausage Sizzle!
BBQ available from 11am to 2pm only

FREE ENTRY!
Between 9am and 3pm only – normal entry fees apply outside these times

Meet the LTS instructors
who will perform swimming assessments and answer your LTS questions

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

SUNDAY 3

NATIVE Plant Sale

Saturday 2nd October
8.00am until sold out

- A large selection of amazing Central Australian Plants
- Free gardening advice from local experts
- Olive Pink Botanic Garden 2022 Calendar available

Contact us to receive a copy of our plant descriptions.
Phone: 0421 898 329
Email: garden@opbg.com.au

Olive Pink Botanic Garden
Alice Springs

TUES 5- WED 6

MY HOME MY TOWN

SENIORS PERSONAL SAFETY SESSION

DO YOU FEEL SAFE IN YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY?
WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR CONFIDENCE & SAFETY?
OUR FREE PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOPS COULD HELP YOU!

LOCATION: Andy McNeill Room, 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs
TIME & DATE: 9:30AM - 12:30PM, Tuesday 5th October
Tea and coffee from 9:00am, session commences at 9:30AM

ABOUT THE SESSIONS
These sessions are fun, interactive and you will learn practical strategies and information to support your safety in a range of situations. Sessions have been designed for participants aged 60+. There are practical elements, which will be tailored to your fitness and mobility level.

Sessions run for three hours, followed by a light lunch. Please wear comfortable clothes if you wish to participate in the physical activities.

REGISTER FOR A SESSION NOW!
Scan the QR code with your phone or visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/>
and search for "Alice Springs safety session"

Contact us for help registering or for any additional information.
Phone: 0437996198
NHWNT Email: nhwnt@nhwnt.org.au
VicCNT Email: as.office@viccntime.org.au

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH | VICTIMS OF CRIME NT | National Protective Strategies

WEDNESDAY 6

Wet Wednesday

free entry!

Play Arrow Tag!

FREE BBQ + pool games + heaps of fun!

2pm - 6pm, 6 OCTOBER 2021

8950 0547
VDO@aste.nt.gov.au
www.asale.com.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY | Alice Springs

FRIDAY 8

The Planeteers

FREE youth workshops for ages 12-25

RANGER for a Day

The Great Cactus Hunt!
+ 2pm-3pm and receive your cactus of choice, then enjoy a tasty FREE BBQ brunch at the Alice Springs Regional Stadium
8.30am-12pm, Wednesday 8 October

Walk with the Veperenye!
+ Hands-on track experience of the new trail between Emily 2 Junior-Senior Nature Park
8.30am-10.30am, Friday 8 October

Register today for one or both workshops!
VDO@aste.nt.gov.au (08) 8950 0547
alicesprings.nt.gov.au

SATURDAY 9

Young Leaders Camp

As part of our first ever

we are holding a

FREE BBQ and CAR WASH for SENIORS

50+ Community Centre
11:30am-2pm,
Saturday, October 9
We hope to see you there!

SATURDAY 16

Support June Bittner as she takes a hike for Mummy's Wish in memory of her daughter Annette and to support mum's with cancer

June will be walking up ANZAC Hill on Saturday the 16th October at 8.30am

"I have chosen to walk up ANZAC Hill so I can share Annette's story, her courage and strength with the Alice Springs community. I can create more memories of my wonderful daughter even though she can't be here to walk with me anymore. I love her dearly and it is special I can support a charity close to her heart"

mummy's wish
Read Annette's story & donate here

www.givenow.com.au/crowdfunder/public/juneistakingahikeformummyswish

THURSDAY 21

NIGHT Markets 2021

Thursday 5-9pm Todd Mall

15 APRIL	23 SEPTEMBER
13 MAY	21 OCTOBER
10 JUNE	11 NOVEMBER
26 AUGUST	3 DECEMBER*

* Christmas Night Markets Friday 8 DECEMBER 2021

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Council gives Yirara students a ride to the Red Centre NATS!



Council had a special interest in one entrant of this year's Red Centre NATS, along with many other residents of Alice Springs.

As part of a joint initiative, Redtails Pinktails Right Tracks Program, Red Centre NATS, and NT Major Events created a program to encourage community and town participation in the NATS – the idea being, to get a group of car enthusiasts to restore a vehicle and enter it into the NATS.

After a call-out to communities around Central Australia, students of Yirara College formed the Alice Springs Crew, gaining the opportunity to restore a car to enter into the street parade.

The group originally planned to fix up the *Cuz Congress* car, but realized quickly the engine was beyond repair! After frantic phone calls, the group approached Council and we were thrilled to be able to donate an impounded car.

The end result – as you can see – was pretty epic! It was terrific to see the car get a public audience in the RCN street parade – can't wait to see what the Yirara crew do next year!

RCN returns 2-4 September 2022



Are you looking for some extra income (with a great view from the office)?

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre is on the lookout for staff with a range

of skills, both in and out of the water.

Currently, we are looking to fill the following positions:

Senior Lifeguards — you could make this role all your own, or job-share it. It's up to you!

Lifeguards — casual positions available for qualified senior and junior lifeguards. Great source of extra income if you're a retiree, or a school leaver!

Aquatic Programs Instructor — got skills in aqua-fitness?

Run our Aqua classes in this permanent part-time role, over 19 hours or 38 hours per week – it's your choice!

(Not just a) Cleaner! — general & specialised cleaning role with a bit of grounds maintenance and a dash of customer service thrown in! Pays well!

All of ASALC's current vacancies are advertised until filled. For the full Position Descriptions, visit...

alicesprings.nt.gov.au/council/opportunities/jobs

We deliver Library books to Seniors @ Old Timers Village!



Did you know that residents at the Old Timers Village can have library resources delivered FREE to their door?

Anyone living at the facility can have books and other items delivered each week. To access the service, simply register a resident's name and let us know the genres or topics of interest (e.g. crime fiction books, biography audio books, horror movies, etc).

Each week, Library staff select items for the Old Timers delivery, while volunteers drop them off and collect returned items to bring back to the Library.

Old Timers resident Ishi Luff, 91, has been a member of the Alice Springs Public Library for two decades and is an avid user of the delivery service.

Since her eyesight deteriorated a couple of years ago she started accessing the Library's audiobook collection and said her weekly deliveries are the 'icing' on her life.

"I wouldn't be as happy as I am



now without my talking books," she said.

"I really look forward to the arrival of the books; they have their own special place in my cupboard.

"I think I would be totally miserable without them because I've always been a great reader and had good recall of whatever I read; that's where my general knowledge comes from."

If you or someone you know would at Old Timers would like to sign up for the weekly Library delivery service, please contact library@astc.nt.gov.au or call 8950 0555.



Book-a-Book is back (briefly)!

While the Library is closed for refurbishment — **Monday 11 October to Sunday 17 October** — our Officers will be offering Book-a-Book! Go to the Library webpage to choose and reserve your book title(s), or select a surprise bundle chosen by our expert staff, and – once your booking is confirmed – pop along to the Library entrance and call **8950 0555** to collect your order – too easy! PLUS, access to all online resources will still be available, here...

www.alicesprings.gov.au/library



The Annual Library Book Sale joins the Trail!

This year's Garage Sale Trail runs over *TWO* weekends (13-14, and 20-21 November) and your Library's Annual Book Sale is getting on the Trail!

Come and grab a book bargain from 9am–12noon, Saturday 20 November in the Andy McNeill Room @ the Civic Centre, Todd Street! You can get on the Trail too by registering your garage sale on the Alice Springs page, here...

www.garagesaletrail.com.au



Can you volunteer one spare hour a week to help someone improve their English?

Alice Springs Public Library is currently seeking volunteer tutors for its *Read. Write. Chat.* program, helping learners of English improve their skills.

Tutors and learners are matched up and meet once a week to work through exercises and practice conversation.

For Jennie Mears and Oanh Nguyen, who have been working together since May, their weekly meetings have become more like

a social catch up than an English lesson.

"We always have a good time together," Ms Mears said.

"I don't think we've finished a whole exercise in one session because the conversation branches out so much."

"One afternoon we looked at the clock and we'd been here for two hours."

Ms Nguyen added, *"It's my most*

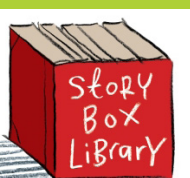
favourite time of the week to come and see Jennie every Wednesday."

"We get along super well and every conversation, to me, is so interesting."

"The program has helped me a lot, it's made me a lot more confident about my English."

To register your interest as a tutor or learner for *Read. Write. Chat.*, please call the library (8950 0555) or visit in person and ask for our Library Officer, Desdemona.

**Your e-Library
is always open!**





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**ARRERNTÉ
STORY TIME**
(rescheduled to)
11am-11.40am,
Thursday 7 October
@ your Library for ages 5 -10 years
BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED!

Author Felicity Hayes reading for Arrernte Story Time



Still got it!

It was 10 years ago, in 2011, that the final Harry Potter film made its way onto the big screen. With the iconic franchise coming to an end, Alice Springs residents needed a new show-stopper to salivate over. Enter, the *Seniors Still Got Talent Quest*!

August saw the 10th edition of the infamous *Still Got Talent*, an event Alice Springs Town Council is proud to present. For 10 years, our amazing Seniors community have been taking to the stage to entertain and this year proved to be one of the best yet!

Nine acts sought to be immortalised in this year's quest, comprising senior groups and individuals from across Alice Springs performing for a tough audience (and judges!) of 130-members. The colourful **Beaut Ukes** took out the top prize of the day before recovering quickly to perform an impressive encore at the COTA Seniors Expo the following week!

Congratulations to everyone who showcased their talents on the day – you were all worth your weight in platinum!

See you again for Seniors Month, August 2022!

1st place, The Beaut Ukes; 2nd place, Isaac Croutz; 3rd place, The Silver Tones

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!



2022 Centralian Citizen Awards

1 WHO?
Who are our community's hidden treasures?

WHAT?
What have been our most celebrated moments?

SHARE...
your story about a local achiever, champion or event with the rest of Alice Springs!

NOMINATION CATEGORIES...

- **Centralian Citizen** a person who has made a noteworthy contribution in the current year, or given outstanding service over a number of years, to their community
- **Young Centralian Citizen** (as above) aged 14-29 years, as at 26 January 2022
- **Centralian Senior Citizen** (as above) aged 65 years or older, as at 26 January 2022
- **Volunteer** a person who exemplifies the spirit of community service
- **Community Event** a significant contribution made by a event (virtual or actual) to our community life & wellbeing



Australia Day
Australia Day Council
Northern Territory

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION BY 5PM, 22 NOVEMBER, TO...

Australia Day Coordinating Committee (ASTC) PO Box 1071, NT 0871 astc@astc.nt.gov.au



CBD Revitalisation

The weather is beginning to heat up in Alice Springs but residents will soon have some cool relief in the town's CBD.

The NT Government, in partnership with Alice Springs Town Council, has begun construction on the Cooling Initiative, part of the overall Alice Springs CBD Revitalisation project.

Construction commenced on 13 September of the final stages, including a River Activation Space, cooling and landscaping initiatives and lighting upgrades.

This project will see shade structures placed strategically around the Alice Springs CBD to assist in developing cooler pathways for pedestrians, and provide shade for people waiting for taxis. The shade structures will also be complimented by the planting of trees.

Works are scheduled to be complete by mid-2022.

Desert Mob

Artists from 32 art centres across Central Australia have come together for the 30th anniversary of one of Australia's foremost Aboriginal art and cultural events.

The Desert Mob 30 exhibition opened in Alice Springs in September and will continue until Sunday October 24.

With a price cap of \$1000 per item, the Desert Mob Marketplace is a large affordable art market, bringing together paintings, punu, ceramics, Tjanpi weaving, sculpture, clothing, jewellery, textiles and merchandise from Aboriginal-owned art centres across Central Australia.

The Araluen Arts Centre will host artists from across Arrernte Country, the Western Desert, Martu Country, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, Ngaanyatjarra Lands, Spinifex Country, the Barkly and Alyawarr Country.

All exhibition artworks will be available to purchase, with all funds from sales returned to artists, their art centres and communities.

The Desert Mob 30 exhibition has launched online at www.desertmob.nt.gov.au





A splash of colour for the Aquatic & Leisure Centre!

The entranceway to the Aquatic and Leisure Centre is now full of colour thanks to a mural by local artist Karine Tremblay.

Her design was selected by Council's Public Art Advisory Panel through an EOI process to brighten the front wall of the Centre.

Karine commenced this project after finishing a large mural at the front of the hospital for the Alice Springs Street Art Festival.

The new mural at the Aquatic & Leisure Centre moves from warm colours in the east to cool colours in the west, and incorporates three stories of living water in the desert; the rivers flowing, the animals that live around the water, and people experiencing the pool.

The next time you go for a swim, make sure you check it out and let us know what you think!

astc@astc.nt.gov.au

October School Holidays not over yet!

There's still 10 days to go!

Sunday Splash!

4.30pm-7.30pm, 3 October
– FREE ENTRY & BBQ

Wet Wednesday!

2pm-6pm, 6 October
– FREE ENTRY & BBQ

Celebrate Summer @ Red Centre Splash!

FREE Family Fun coming up on **Saturday 23 October**, 12pm-4pm, @ ASALC's annual Red Centre Splash!

FREE entry, FREE BBQ and FREE entertainment from DJs Wellamah & K-Wunn, PLUS inflatables, Arrow Tag, waterslides, pool games and more! Follow ASALC on Facebook for updates – [@AliceAquatic](https://www.facebook.com/AliceAquatic)

LTS/T4 ENROLMENTS & OPEN DAY!

Saturday 2 October 2021
FREE entry between 9am-3pm,

and a FREE BBQ (11am-2pm)!

Enjoy a relaxing day at the pool, while enrolling the kid(s) in T4 swimming lessons!

FREE entry between 9am-3pm, and a FREE BBQ (11am-2pm)!

Meet the Instructors who will be performing swimming assessments and answering your questions. Remember to bring your Vouchers for processing too!

To enrol in LTS, you must have an ASALC Family Account and your child(ren) over 4 years require a swimming assessment. Come into the Centre to complete your Family Account registration, receive a login, then enrol in LTS online, at your leisure!

LTS T4 enrolments by phone not available until 9am, Monday 4 October 2021.

Have an account already? You can enrol online from 9am, **Saturday 2 October**, here...
www.asalc.com.au/swimming-lessons

 @AliceAquatic


What madness is this?!!

Canoe Polo kick starts

Aquatic sport might not be the first thing that pops to mind when you think of life in the desert, but then Alice Springs isn't your average place!

The newest season of canoe polo has kicked off in the Red Centre with avid participants beating the rising heat with the quirky and entertaining game.

Run by the Central Desert Canoe

Club, canoe polo is played at the Aquatic & Leisure Centre each Wednesday and Sunday afternoon.

The sport consists of players jumping in a solo canoe and aiming to score the ball in goals set up at either end. The ball can be thrown by hand, or players can 'flick' it with their paddle to advance. Of course, the team with the most goals at the end wins!

If you've ever been interested in canoes, polo, or just in giving something new a try then head on down to get involved. New players are welcome and need to go through a safety induction which can be booked through the club's Facebook page, [@CentralDesertCanoeClub](https://www.facebook.com/CentralDesertCanoeClub)

Games are played between 5.45-6.45pm on Wednesdays and Sundays in the outdoor 50m pool.



Grand Final Glory!

A massive congratulations goes out to everyone that participated in grand finals across Alice Springs last month, and a special shout out to teams that took home premiership glory.

Federal Netball Club set an Alice Springs Netball Association record in September when they took home their seventh consecutive premiership. Federal defeated Rovers 52-42 with Brooke Wilson winning Best on Court.

In the Central Australian Football League, Rovers continued their dominance with their fifth straight premiership. The Double Blues defeated West 101-50 with Nigel Lockyer Jr. kicking nine goals. Rovers were also victorious in the Women's competition, defeating Alkamilya 52-13 as

Doreena Hansen was the player of the match.

In the Central Australian Rugby Football League, Brothers Rugby League Club were crowned premiers with a 40-20 win over Wests.

Pioneers claimed the Women's Hockey premiership with a hard fought 1-0 win over Desert Sharks. Caitlyn Couch was the star of the day and named best on ground. In the Men's Hockey grand final, Centrals defeated Kiwi Warriors 3-1 with Dash Hewitt best on ground.

Verdi FC claimed the men's Football in Central Australia premiership with a 1-0 win over Vikings while Vikings reversed the result in the women's competition, defeating Verdi 3-2 in extra time.



Time to mulch the garden

Save your soil from baking in the Alice Springs heat this summer with a load of mulch from the Regional Waste Management Facility

From October, you can buy affordable, high-quality mulch for just \$30 a ute load, or have a truck load delivered for \$200.

The mulch is made by grinding up garden waste that's dropped off at the RWMF. This material is heaped into piles and then watered regularly.

The heat in the piles reaches about 75 degrees which kills any seeds or weeds, and it is turned every three days, giving staff an opportunity to see and remove any debris.

At the end of seven weeks the final product is a rich, clean mulch ready to apply to the garden.

RWMF Heavy Machinery Operator Ali Satour said the process of making the mulch is a great part of his job.

"It's really satisfying recycling the green waste that comes in

and knowing it isn't going to landfill," he said.

"When we sell it to customers we know it's a good product."

To purchase a ute load, drive to the weigh bridge and let the attendant know you'd like to buy some mulch.

To organise a delivery via truck call 8950 4343.



Disposing of your waste oil, the right way!

Ever wonder what is the best way to dispose of motor oil and what happens to it after dropping it off at the Regional Waste Management Facility?

Well wonder no more!

Residents are encouraged to bring motor oil down to RWMF in a container with a lid (that saves you cleaning any spills off your car seats!)

The weighbridge operator will direct you to where you can drop your containers of oil off and then your part of the job is done!

The oil is then poured into a large 7000L storage container at the Hazardous Waste compound. Once full, this container is collected and the oil is recycled.

It's important to remember not to discard of oil with general waste, or recycle it yourself.

If you're unsure, you can always ask the helpful staff at the RWMF!

Get your FREE 'No junk mail' stickers at Council facilities

If you'd like to keep your letterbox free from catalogues and unsolicited mail, make sure you grab a FREE 'no junk mail' sticker from one of our facilities.

The stickers are an environmental initiative to help reduce the amount of unwanted mail distributed to residents.

You can pick up your free sticker from the Civic Centre, Public Library, Aquatic & Leisure Centre, and the Regional Waste Management Facility.

**RWMF Commonage Road
REDISCOVERY CENTRE**

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

OPEN 7 DAYS, 8am-4pm

Hey Buddy, can you spare a can?

Have you ever noticed the Alice Springs Animal Shelter donation bins & tins around town?

The Alice Springs Animal Shelter are always in need of dry and tinned pet food to help feed the many animals they are caring for.

You can drop your donation at the shelter on Len Kittle Drive, alternatively you can contribute food to a number of donation bins in locations closer to town.

The main drop off point is the black and green bin located at Woolworths, but you can also make donations via the red bins at Laucke Mills, Mad Harry's, Pets 'R' Us, and Larapinta IGA.

The red bins are organised by local real estate agent Marion Burton, who is so dedicated to helping our four-legged friends that she donates a percentage of each house sale to the animal shelter.

If you're as passionate as Marion, there are other ways you can support the shelter and the animals it looks after.

Adopt an animal

If you're in a position to bring an animal into your life permanently, you could consider adopting an animal. Whether it's a cat, dog, rooster or guinea pig, we have a variety of animals available for adoption at the Alice Springs Animal Shelter.



Volunteer your time

If you're 16 years of age or older, you could drop by and walk a dog, help groom and feed them, clean their rooms, and even help train them to increase their chances of being adopted.

You could also offer to pick up donations from the bins listed above, or share Facebook to help spread the word.

Kennel sponsorship

For \$500 a year you or your business can sponsor a dog, puppy or cat kennel. A plaque with your name will be fixed to the kennel and you will receive acknowledgement of your

generosity on Facebook.

Simply call the Shelter on 8953 4430 or email asprspca@bigpond.com to find out how.

Membership

Being a member of the Alice Springs Animal Shelter is an easy way to support their work. Membership starts from just \$25 per year, or you can sign up as an ezi-debit member and donate \$10 per month. Simply fill out the debit form on the website and return it to the shelter via hardcopy or by email to asprspca@bigpond.com

...and it's a WRAP on a great SENIORS MONTH!



STILL GOT TALENT



COTA EXPO

ASALC getting ready for Summer!



Staff! | Aqua Aerobics | School's Out DISCO | Giant Inflatable | LTS Instructors | Waterslide fun!



Declaration of the 14th Council

Where to find...



FREE

online listing

for your Alice Springs
Community Event*

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

*Conditions apply

Work

Careers @ Council

Alice Springs Town Council
current vacancies

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Click 'Jobs'

News

from your Community
and

Alice Springs Town Council

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Click 'News'

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 | 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

Commonage Rd, Alice Springs

(08) 8950 4340

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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

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