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Investment in our future continues

Reinvigorating footpaths through the Alice Springs CBD, sealing Jane Road and resurfacing both the tennis and netball courts are just some of the projects that have received funding through the 2023/24 Alice Springs Town Council budget revision process.

Each year, Council is required under legislation to review and revise its budget by 31 December. This process follows the 2022/23 Annual Report and finalises Council's cash position, allowing Council to carry forward unspent funds to complete capital and operational projects.

"It is no secret that one of this Council's highest priorities is to increase liveability for all residents and that will continue into 2024," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"We have done that in a financially responsible manner and allocated funds to projects that will benefit every corner of the community. Safety for people playing sport is hugely important, so we're excited to fund a complete resurfacing of both the netball and tennis courts. We're also installing lighting in sporting car parks across town to ensure everyone feels safe going to and from their car.

"We know that the sealing of Jane Road has been a priority of the community for some time, and we are thrilled to say we have set aside funds to make sure that happens in 2024. We'll also give our CBD footpaths an upgrade with funds going towards a footpath program while we will also install a new Niche Wall at the cemetery to accommodate community need."

Other capital projects that have received funding through the revision process include:

- Funding towards bringing key projects to a 'shovel ready' stage
- Contribution towards installation of roundabout art through Alice Springs CBD
- Contribution towards installation of an Aboriginal monument
- Seed funding for the procurement of a waste shredder

An eye has also been cast towards the future planning of Alice Springs with more than \$8,000,000 being transferred to Council Reserves for asset renewals. This guarantees sustainability within Council, ensuring future generations are not negatively impacted by today's legacy decisions. Key areas of renewals include:

- Stormwater renewals
- Road renewals
- Facility renewals
- ICT renewals
- Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre renewals
- Sports facility renewals
- Parks renewals
- Energy efficient renewals

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“We know the choices we make today have ramifications for decades to come,” Mayor Paterson said.
“We have an obligation to make financially responsible decisions and invest in our community’s future. These funds will help Council renew key assets and infrastructure in a range of areas, ensuring our level of service delivery is maintained to a high standard in years to come.”

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