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December Council Meeting wrap up

Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 12 December 2023 for their monthly Ordinary Council Meeting. The following is a summary of some of the matters discussed. To see full Council reports and minutes visit the ASTC website. A full video of the meeting is available on Council's [Vimeo channel](#).

Empowering our young people

With the aim of supporting and empowering our young people, Council is proud to have awarded four Youth Education Bursaries for 2024. Each valued at \$2,500, these bursaries represent our community's investment in the bright futures of our young learners and help support them along their journey through higher education.

The deserving recipients this year are Amy Shearer, Ann Mary Sijoy, Siannah O'Sullivan, and Taliesyn Petery. Each of these students has demonstrated exceptional dedication and passion in their academic pursuits, making them ideal candidates. These bursaries are more than just financial support; they symbolize the community's belief in the potential of its youth and our commitment to nurturing their aspirations.

Council congratulates Amy, Ann Mary, Siannah, and Taliesyn for their achievements and are excited to see how they will use this opportunity to further their education!

Bringing safety to the surface

In some great news for our local netballers, Council has awarded a tender to give our outdoor netball courts a full resurface.

This much-needed upgrade is not just about aesthetics; it's a stride towards ensuring the safety of our players. The new surface will reduce the risk of injuries, providing a more secure and even playing surface for everyone. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, these improvements will make your experience on the court more enjoyable and worry-free.

Work on the resurfacing will commence shortly, benefitting not only our local legends that take to the court each week but also those travelling to Alice Springs for the 2024 Masters Games. Stay tuned to Council for updates on the project in 2024.

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Sharing community's sandy concerns

Safety and accessibility in our CBD are at the forefront of Council's mind. We want to ensure anyone and everyone has a good experience through the centre of our town every time they visit.

Elements of the Northern Territory Government's recent CBD Revitalisation Project has raised concerns in the community about the impacts it will have on the amenity of the town centre, in particular the sand finish in the median strips and islands. Council shares the concerns of the community, and will request that the Northern Territory Government explore alternate finishes that better suit community need.

Improving access for dog owners at Ross Park

Council are taking steps to make our community parks safer for both people and pets, ensuring everyone can enjoy our open spaces. With that in mind, Council have resolved to build a 1.2-metre-high dog fence around a designated area at Ross Park Oval to ensure dogs and kids can both benefit from the oval without impacting each other.

The fence will mean pet owners can let their dogs off-leash within the fenced area 24 hours a day, giving you peace of mind to allow your pet to exercise and play without the fear of them running off. The rest of Ross Park will remain on-lead areas for dogs at all times, ensuring the facility remains safe and accessible for everyone. Work on the fence will begin shortly, stay tuned to Council for all the latest updates.

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