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## **Albrecht Oval lights progress**

Alice Springs Town Council advises the community that the Northern Territory Government has approved the Exceptional Development Permit for the construction of lights at Albrecht Oval.

"This has been a long time in the making, but we are pleased to be able to progress this positive project for our community" said Mayor Ryan.

"With the installation of lights at Albrecht Oval, Council is able to provide more training and competition opportunities for local sports. Plus this specialised lighting allows us to attract more national and international spectator sports to Alice Springs, bringing an additional benefit of showcasing our municipality to a televised audience" said Mayor Ryan.

Tenders for construction will be initiated via the Council tender process. Following this a schedule of works will be advised (via Council website). Copies of the Environmental Management Plan are also currently available on Council website.

Council values the input of local residents and will be establishing a working group to feed any concerns back to the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee.

Background: This project originated in Council's 2010 – 2019 Sports Master Plan. However, it was not until October 2017 that funds were made accessible through grant opportunities and following this funding Council originated project plans. Initial onsite consultation commenced in December 2017 to February 2018. Plus further consultation, specifically regarding the Environmental Management Plan, was conducted in February 2019 to April 2019.

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