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July Council Meeting wrap up

Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 22 July 2025 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 [website](#).

Community football finals in town

Alice Springs Town Council has endorsed a revised proposal from AFL Northern Territory (AFLNT) that will see the 2025 Community Football Finals played at TIO Traeger Park.

The decision follows concerns raised by Elected Members last year around planning, safety, and the additional pressure the event can place on local services when large numbers of visitors travel into town. After communication with AFLNT, Elected Members are satisfied that a robust risk mitigation strategy is now in place.

The endorsed plan includes clear and proactive measures to ensure the finals can be delivered in a way that supports community safety, wellbeing, and positive engagement. This includes working directly with Local Leaders in participating communities to outline behavioural expectations, logistics, and the importance of returning to country promptly after the games. Additional strategies include:

- An additional week in between finals fixtures
- Live streaming the games to reduce unnecessary travel
- Partnering with charter companies to support coordinated transport
- Running programs in communities to encourage timely return home after matches

The 2025 finals series will include a Preliminary Final on Saturday 10 August and a Grand Final on Saturday 24 August.

Major Art Piece endorsed

Following extensive community consultation, Elected Members have endorsed the detailed design of *Resilience* by Francesca Partridge of Edge Atelier for the Todd Mall Major Art Project.

The endorsement marks an exciting step forward for the project, which has been shaped by robust community input from the outset. Of the 249 in-person votes received during consultation, 72% were in favour of *Resilience*. A Facebook poll showed 77% support from 88 respondents, while 60% of participants in an online survey also backed the design. The final design also incorporates feedback from internal and external stakeholders, including Todd Mall Traders, Lhere Artepe and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

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Council sincerely thanks everyone who contributed their feedback and looks forward to seeing *Resilience* take shape as a meaningful and lasting feature of the town centre. The project will soon move into a fabrication tender process.

Last meeting of the 14th Council

Alice Springs Town Council advises that the final Ordinary Meeting of the 14th Council will now commence at **11am on Tuesday 19 August 2025**, rather than the usual time. Members of the public are welcome to attend this important meeting, which marks the conclusion of the current term of Council.

Over the past four years, the 14th Alice Springs Town Council has delivered significant outcomes for the community. Key achievements include:

- Development of the Regional Skate and Play Precinct at Newland Park, creating a modern, inclusive space for young people and families.
- The launch of the *Regenerating the Alice* project to revitalise the CBD and create a more vibrant, accessible town centre.
- Major upgrades to key community facilities including the Adventure Park at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre.
- The introduction of new public art installations celebrating local culture and identity, including the forthcoming “Resilience” sculpture in Todd Mall.
- Improved waste and recycling services, including the introduction of the *Drop’n’Go* recycling pods.
- A strengthened commitment to reconciliation, marked by Council’s Reconciliation Action Plan and internal cultural initiatives.

We invite residents to attend or tune in online as the 14th Council concludes its service to the community.

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