

## Media Release

25 September 2025

### September Council Meeting wrap up

Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 23 September 2025 for their monthly Ordinary Council Meeting, the first meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> Alice Springs Town Council. 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](#).

#### Swearing in

Friends and family members were on hand to witness as the Mayor and Councillors of the 15th Alice Springs Town Council were officially sworn in at the September Council Meeting, marking the beginning of a new term of local government. The ceremony formally welcomed the newly elected Council, who will now work together to represent the Alice Springs community and deliver on the priorities set out for the town.

With the Mayor and Councillors now officially in office, the 15th Council will focus on supporting community liveability, driving positive outcomes across services and infrastructure, and strengthening Alice Springs as a vibrant and inclusive place to live, work, and visit.

#### Deputy Mayor & Committees

Councillor Allison Bitar has been appointed as Deputy Mayor of Alice Springs Town Council, following her election at the September Ordinary Meeting. Cr Bitar will support the Mayor in representing Council and the community throughout the coming year. In addition to the Deputy Mayor appointment, Councillors also voted on a number of committee positions, ensuring representation across key areas of Council business. The appointed committee representatives or nominees are:

**Risk Management and Audit Committee:** Mayor Hill, Cr Rochford and Cr Ryan (2 years) and Cr Newport (1 year)

**Sports Facilities Advisory Committee:** Mayor Hill, Cr Buzzacott, Cr Burton and Cr Newport

**Outback Way:** Mayor Hill and Cr Ryan

**Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Representative:** Mayor Hill and Cr Ellis

**Tourism Central Australia Board:** Cr Heenan

**Development Consent Authority:** Cr Burton and Cr Heenan (Cr Newport and Cr Bitar as alternates)

**Alice Springs Art Foundation:** Cr Newport

**Chamber of Commerce Board:** Mayor Hill

**NT Grants Commission:** Cr Ryan

**NT Tobacco Action Committee:** Cr Buzzacott

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### **New Meeting Times**

Alice Springs Town Council has endorsed new meeting times, with the Confidential session to begin at 3:00pm and the Open session commencing at 5:00pm. The change has been made in the interest of the community, with the later start of the Open session aimed at increasing public accessibility and encouraging greater attendance at Council Meetings.

Councillors look forward to welcoming more community members to observe local decision-making. Meetings will continue to be livestreamed and will be accessible via Council's website.

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