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# Media Release

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# **November Council Meeting wrap up**

Alice Springs Councillors met on Tuesday 25 November 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.

### **Geoff Miers Commemorative Roundabout**

Council is pleased to confirm that local artist Chris Scott of Brushcraft has been appointed to create the Geoff Miers Commemorative Roundabout public artwork. This concept stood out for the way it honours Geoff's legacy while embracing the beauty of the Sturt's Desert Pea.

This follows Council's decision in May 2025 to designate the Lindsay Avenue/Undoolya Road Roundabout as a priority site to celebrate Geoff Miers and the horticultural passion he brought to Alice Springs for so many years.

This marks an exciting step forward for the project, and for the many residents who have a personal connection to Geoff's work around town. As the artwork moves into development and installation, Council will keep the community updated and continue to celebrate Geoff's contribution to local gardening, beautification, and town spirit.

## Council nominations for NT planning and naming bodies

Council has confirmed its nominations to two important Northern Territory bodies that help shape how our town grows and how places across Central Australia are recognised.

Deputy Mayor Bitar has been nominated as Council's representative on the Northern Territory Planning Commission. This appointment ensures Alice Springs has a strong local voice in long-term land use planning and development considerations that affect our community.

Councillors Buzzacott, Burton and Heenan have also been nominated to represent Council on the NT Place Names Committee, the body responsible for naming – and in some cases renaming – streets and locations across the Territory.

#### Improving Comfort and Accessibility at the Garden Cemetery

Council has asked Officers to explore ways to improve accessibility, water access, shade, and seating at the Garden Cemetery. This site holds deep personal significance for many families in our community, and Council recognises the importance of ensuring it is a comfortable, respectful and accessible space for visitors. The options brought forward will help guide future improvements to support a calm, dignified environment for remembrance and reflection.



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## Council to Explore Re-establishing a Committee of People with Disability

Council has supported a motion to explore the possibility of re-establishing a Committee of People with Disability. This step is about listening, learning, and understanding the best way for Council to ensure that residents with accessibility needs — and those advocating alongside them — have a meaningful and supported voice.

At this stage, Officers will prepare a report outlining options, including the feasibility of creating an internal Council-run advisory committee, or alternatively, how Council might best support a community-led or externally operated model. The intent is to understand what approach would lead to genuine and sustainable participation.

# **Lease Support for the Alice Springs 50 Plus Community Centre**

Council has authorised the signing of the lease for Lot 679 Alice Springs with the Alice Springs 50 Plus Community Centre Management Committee Inc. The lease terms include a five-year period with the option for a further five years, at a rent of \$1 per year, with the site designated for use as a Community 50 Plus Centre and associated activities.

This decision reflects Council's strong support for the role the 50 Plus Centre plays in the social, recreational and emotional wellbeing of senior residents in our community. The centre is a much-loved space where friendships are built, activities are enjoyed, and social connection is supported, helping reduce isolation and keep people active, engaged and involved. By keeping the lease conditions, Council is helping ensure the Centre can continue delivering programs and activities that enrich the lives of older community members and contribute to a connected, caring Alice Springs.

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