

## Media Release

27 May 2026

### May Council Meeting wrap up

The Alice Springs Mayor and Councillors met on Tuesday 26 May 2026 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 recording of the meeting is available on Council's [website](#).

#### Livestream disruption

Alice Springs Town Council apologises that the May Ordinary Council Meeting could not be livestreamed due to the unexpected failure of a critical piece of chamber technology. Council recognises the importance of livestreaming in supporting transparency and public access to meetings and regrets the disruption.

While Council has previously identified that the chamber's technology infrastructure is approaching end of life, with replacement works proposed as part of the upcoming budget, the specific failure that occurred tonight was unforeseen.

Subject to budget endorsement, these upgrades will be prioritised in the new financial year to help ensure more reliable public access to future meetings.

#### New Whistleblower Policy endorsed

Alice Springs Town Council has endorsed a new Whistleblower Policy to strengthen good governance, accountability and integrity across the organisation. As a public body under Northern Territory legislation, Council has obligations to report suspected improper conduct and ensure protections are in place for those who speak up.

The policy provides a clear framework for Council team members and Elected Members to safely raise concerns, supporting early detection and prevention of wrongdoing while reinforcing a culture of transparency. Developed with guidance from the Office of the ICAC and informed by feedback through Council's Risk Management and Audit Committee, the policy reflects Council's commitment to ethical decision-making and maintaining public trust.

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### Homelessness response actions considered

In April's Ordinary Council Meeting, Council endorsed a Notice of Motion seeking potential actions to strengthen Council's contribution to supporting people experiencing homelessness in Alice Springs.

In May's meeting, Council received a report outlining a range of potential short-term actions to support people experiencing homelessness in Alice Springs, alongside longer-term opportunities requiring further investigation. The report explored practical measures within Council's direct remit, including free access to Council-managed shower facilities through referral pathways, fee waivers for animal boarding in specific circumstances, and continued support for partnership-led food programs.

It also considered broader advocacy and collaboration opportunities with organisations already working in the sector. While some actions can be progressed through existing processes, others require further detailed scoping, funding consideration and clarification of Council's role. A future report will be presented to Council to explore medium and longer-term priorities, governance arrangements and potential budget implications.

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