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June Council Meeting wrap up

The Alice Springs Mayor and Councillors met on Tuesday 16 June 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 full video of the meeting is available on Council's [website](#).

Adoption of Municipal Plan and Budget

Council has adopted its 2026/27 Municipal Plan and Budget, setting the direction for the year ahead and outlining how services, projects and infrastructure will be delivered for the Alice Springs community.

The adopted budget balances the need to maintain and improve essential services while continuing to invest in the long-term future of Alice Springs. Key priorities include the ongoing regeneration of the CBD, improvements to community facilities and public spaces, road and footpath upgrades, parks and sporting infrastructure, waste and environmental initiatives, and programs that support community wellbeing and participation.

The Municipal Plan also outlines Council's strategic priorities for the year ahead, ensuring resources are directed towards projects and services that deliver tangible benefits for residents while maintaining Council's long-term financial sustainability. The adopted budget follows a period of community consultation, with more than 80 pieces of feedback from residents and stakeholders helping inform Council's decision-making process. Council will continue to provide updates throughout the year as projects are delivered and key milestones are achieved.

CBD Activation Program Approved

Recognising the impact that ongoing regeneration works are having on businesses in the Todd Mall and wider CBD, Council has resolved to engage Renew Australia to deliver a program of activations aimed at supporting local trade, attracting visitors and encouraging greater use of the town centre.

Renew Australia is a nationally recognised organisation that works with communities to revitalise main streets and commercial precincts by activating vacant spaces, supporting local entrepreneurs and delivering initiatives that increase foot traffic and economic activity. Their work has helped transform town centres across Australia by connecting property owners, businesses, artists and community groups. The activation program will complement the transformational works currently underway in the CBD, helping ensure the town centre remains vibrant and welcoming while construction progresses. It will also build on the work already being undertaken by Council officers to create opportunities for residents and visitors to engage with the CBD, support local businesses and strengthen community confidence in the town centre.

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Council Endorses Additional Measures to Support People Experiencing Homelessness

In an effort to improve support for people experiencing homelessness in Alice Springs, Council has endorsed a range of practical initiatives aimed at reducing barriers to essential services and strengthening collaboration with local service providers.

The measures include expanding Council's existing pet boarding fee waiver program to include people experiencing homelessness, recognising the important role pets play in the lives of many vulnerable community members. Council will also work with the local housing and homelessness sector to develop a process for providing access to public shower facilities at the Civic Centre.

In addition, Council will explore homelessness awareness training opportunities for staff who regularly engage with vulnerable community members, including Rangers and Library staff. Officers will also provide an update on the consideration of public lockers as part of planning for the new Alice Springs Public Library and establish an action register to track progress against homelessness-related priorities identified through recent community and stakeholder discussions.

These initiatives form part of Council's ongoing commitment to working with service providers and other levels of government to support a safe, inclusive and compassionate community.

Council to review its processes

Council has requested a report examining its response to the removal of a sacred tree on South Terrace, including opportunities to strengthen internal processes and procedures in the future.

The report will consider the circumstances surrounding the incident and identify any improvements that can be made to ensure culturally significant sites and objects are appropriately recognised and managed as part of Council operations.

Council's decision reflects its commitment to transparency, continuous improvement and respectful engagement with Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Adoption of Strategic Plan

Council has adopted the Alice Springs Strategic Plan 2026–2030, providing a clear vision and direction for the future of the town.

The Strategic Plan outlines Council's long-term priorities across five key areas: creating a great place to live, supporting a safe and strong community, protecting the natural environment, growing the local economy and strengthening community-led governance.

The plan will guide Council's decision-making, planning and investment over the next four years, ensuring resources remain focused on delivering outcomes that matter to the Alice Springs community.

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