



# MEDIA RELEASE

**30 April 2020**

## **COVID-19 stage 1 restrictions lifted as at 30 April 2020**

In line with the Northern Territory Government health advice, Alice Springs Town Council is pleased to confirm that it will reopen aspects of its public facilities, whilst maintaining in place public health measures, from Friday 1 May 2020.

*“This is welcome news for our community and Council is working towards resumption of services, whilst ensuring maintenance of public safety as paramount. This may mean some services operate a little differently, such as incorporating social distancing measures or even a staggered return to full operations and we appreciate the community’s patience on this”* said CEO Robert Jennings.

As outlined by the NT Government’s three stage Roadmap, Council will implement the following:

- Skate park, outdoor play and gym equipment will be operational again at Council parks – **effective noon Friday 1 May 2020.**
- Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre will have the outdoor 50 metre pool operational – **effective from 6am Saturday 2 May 2020.** With a rollout of further services to the rest of facility throughout the coming weeks. Further information below.
- Alice Springs Public Library is set to re-open as part of stage 2 – **effective 15 May 2020**
- Outdoor sports training (without physical contact) can re-commence as part of Stage 2 – **15 May 2020**, with all sports and competitions (including spectators’ attendance) from Stage 3 – **5 June 2020.**

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CEO Robert Jennings advised “*Winter hours for the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre were due to commence from 1 May 2020, however Council has chosen to extend the hours over the May Day public holiday long weekend as a thank you to the community for their patience during this time.*”

The Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre will have the outdoor 50 metre pool open:

- Saturday 2 May 2020 – 6.00am to 6.00pm
- Sunday 3 May 2020 – 6.00am to 6.00pm
- Monday 4 May (public holiday) 2020 – 6.00am to 6.00pm

From Tuesday 5 May 2020, the indoor facility will re-open with only the 25 metre pool operational to the revised winter opening hours (as below). Learn to Swim and Aqua classes are under review and to be advised in coming weeks.

Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre outdoor 50 metre and indoor 25 metre winter hours:

- Tuesday 5 May 2020 – as per revised winter hours Monday to Friday: 6am-6.30pm. Weekends and public holidays 9am-3pm. Full details refer to <https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/recreation/aquatic-leisure-centre>

Council reminds the community that it is imperative to maintain physical distancing and hygiene principles whilst using Council facilities.

- A minimum space of 1.5 metres between you and other people that aren't from your household.
- Reduce the size of gatherings at public facilities.
- If you need to be facing another person and closer than 1.5 metres apart, minimise contact to less than 15 minutes.
- Avoid touching your face and cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- Hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before and after any contact with surfaces that are used by more than one person.

Stay up to date with Council website - <https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/councils-covid19-response>

**Note: These special measures have been put in place as a result of COVID-19. All information is correct as at 3pm Thursday 30 April, 2020.**

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