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Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges the Central Arrernte people who are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Alice Springs-Mparntwe

Upcoming Council Meetings...

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Commence 11.00am in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street. Public welcome to attend.



ToddMall**ACTIVATION**

Grants up to **\$6,000*** available!

Alice Springs Town Council is offering once-only grant funding to NFPs, businesses, and individuals to develop ideas into projects for activating public spaces in the Todd Mall precinct.

- Individuals can apply for \$1,000 – \$2,500*
- NFPs & Groups can apply for \$1,000 – \$6,000*

*Full details available from...

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

***Alice Springs Town Council will help locals
reinvigorate the Todd Mall Precinct with a
Todd Mall Activation Grant program.***

Opened now, this one-off Grant program will support businesses, not-for-profit organisations, community groups and individuals develop new or existing projects that renew and transform the Todd Mall precinct with \$52,500 allocated to the program.

The program is designed to bring communities and consumers into the centre of town, activating public spaces and encouraging visitations.

"The Todd Mall precinct is the heart of our CBD and our town is at its healthiest when the Mall is thriving," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"We need to look at innovative ways to make the centre of our town a vibrant place to be, and Council are extremely proud to support businesses and organisations to help achieve exactly that.

"If you have an idea to help activate the Todd Mall precinct, this program is for you and I encourage you to apply."

Individuals can apply for a minimum amount of \$1,000 to \$2,500 (GST Inclusive) in funding.

Organisations and businesses can apply for a minimum of \$1,000 to \$6,000 (GST Inclusive) in funding. Successful applicants must deliver their project before 30 April 2023.

Applications for the Todd Mall Activation Grant program are open now via <https://astc.smartygrants.com.au/ToddMallActivationGrant> with full grant guidelines available on the Alice Springs Town Council website.

Mayor's Column



Welcome to 2023 Alice Springs

Hello and welcome to 2023 Alice Springs! It seems like we've all blinked and the Holiday period has finished, and now we're in February.

It certainly has been a busy start to the year for your Council, and there are some exciting times ahead. We begin the year by saying farewell and thank you to our CEO of four years Robert Jennings.

Robert has been an asset for Council across his tenure and has overseen a number of key Council initiatives, including securing \$135 in funding for the Central Australia Plan. I thank Robert for his contribution to our community and wish him the best in his new adventure.

In exciting news, Council just awarded the 2023 Centralian Citizen of the Year Awards and this year's list of winners is nothing short of incredible. You can read more about all the award winners further in this edition, but I just wanted to say congratulations to everyone that was recognised, and to those that were nominated as well. You all contribute to making our town a better place, so thank you.

2023 will see your Council continue to increase the liveability of Alice Springs. It is no secret that our town faces challenges, and as a Council we certainly are not staying silent on those. But while we advocate for real change in our community, we will also do everything we can to continue upgrading amenities and infrastructure. That is beginning with the design of a brand-new Regional Skate Park at Newland Park, and an Adventure Playground at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Both of these pieces of infrastructure will be game changers for Alice Springs families and should be exciting for the entire town.

As a Council we will continue to work with the community in everything we do. Welcome to 2023 Alice Springs, let's make this year a brilliant one in the Red Centre.

Your Council



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Thank you Robert!

Alice Springs Town Council would like to thank Chief Executive Officer Robert Jennings for his time in the organisation.

Mr Jennings has resigned as CEO to take a role with Gympie Regional Council, having begun in Alice Springs in 2019.

"Robert has tackled challenges such as guiding Alice Springs through a global pandemic and has successfully managed initiatives which assisted the community weather the storm associated with COVID-19," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"He has helped in securing \$135 million from the Federal Government through the Central Australian Plan. Robert has established a Liveability and Sustainability 2030 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan, a Long-Term Financial plan and an Operational Business Plan.

"We also thank Robert for getting projects underway such as the Parks Masterplan. Aquatic and Leisure Centre works and the Skatepark.

"On a personal level I will miss the close working relationship we have developed in Robert's time here, and I wish him every success."

Mr Jennings has overseen a range of successful initiatives during his time at Council, including:

- Securing \$135 million dollars for a Central Australia Plan
- MyAlice business voucher scheme
- Traditional Owner patrol
- A much more rigorous Long-Term Financial Plan
- Much improved relationships with NT Government
- Refocussed community consultation methodology

"I would like to thank my dedicated team who have supported me so ably and have been with me through my time as CEO," Mr Jennings said.

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Alice Springs Town Council are looking to assist community initiatives and organisations in making our town a better place for all residents.



Council's COMMUNITY GRANTS '23

Community Grant applications NOW OPEN



Your project or organisation could receive up to \$5,000 in funding for initiatives that add value to the community.



Closes Monday 27 February 2023 at 5pm

GRANTS INFORMATION SESSION

5.30-6.30pm | Monday 6 February
@ Andy McNeill Room Council's Civic
Centre 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs.



Application forms and further information:
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au
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Centralian Citizenship Awards



A group of inspiring Centralians were recognised for their contributions to the Alice Springs community and new citizens from around the world were welcomed as part of Alice Springs Town Council's Australia Day celebrations in January.

A total of 55 new Australians received citizenship from a diverse range of countries including Nepal, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Estonia, Germany, Philippines, Zimbabwe, China, Vietnam, France, United Kingdom, India, Norway, Ireland, Brazil, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Sweden, Kenya and New Zealand.



2023 Centralian Citizenship Awards recipients

- Centralian Citizen of the Year
Leony Bowey
- Centralian Young Citizen of the Year
Jordon Humphreys
- Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year
John Bermingham
- Centralian Event of the Year
Olive Pink Opera

Leony Bowey was named 2023 Citizen of the Year having dedicated the past 40 years of her life to making Alice Springs a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone. Arriving in Australia from the Philippines in 1982, Leony has become a strong advocate for the multicultural community in Alice Springs and can constantly be found supporting those that often can't afford to support themselves.

The 2023 Young Citizen of the Year award goes to Jordan Humphreys. A member of the 2022 NT Youth Round Table, Jordan has been a strong advocate for disability, mental health and the prevention of bullying across the past year. Jordan consulted on the National Disability Framework earlier this year and attended the launch of the NT Disability Strategy.

John Bermingham was awarded the 2023 Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year. John is no stranger to most, having been a tireless contributor to the Alice Springs community for a number of years. He is a humble high-achiever and his unselfish, untiring efforts, particularly behind the scenes, towards our community continue to grow and flourish positivity in our town and should not go without recognition, whether it be in sport, at the Community Garden or speaking up to support others.

The Community Event of the Year award for 2023 went to The Olive Pink Opera. The Olive Pink Opera, which celebrated the astonishing life of Olive Pink, was performed in Alice Springs 6th, 7th and 8th of October 2022 to critical acclaim. The Opera production directly invested approximately \$600,000 into the Alice Springs and NT economy. On top of this, it is estimated the 252 interstate and international audience members spent well over \$250,000 in Alice Springs during the period of the Opera.

NIGHT MARKETS 2023



5-9PM | TODD MALL

MARCH

10

FRIDAY

FABALICE

JUNE

08

THURSDAY

FINKE

SEPTEMBER

21

THURSDAY

DESERT FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER

09

THURSDAY

DIWALI

DECEMBER

08

FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS



Alice Springs Town Council is proud to bring everyone's favourite

Night Markets Series back for 2023

Featuring live, local entertainment, delicious food from across the globe, incredible and unique crafts and amazing culture, the Night Markets Series sees Todd Mall come to life.

This year will see five events through the Todd Mall, each taking on a theme to help celebrate a special event through the year.

The 2023 Series kicks off on Thursday 10 March with Alice Springs Town Council hosting a Night Market in conjunction with the fabAlice Festival. A new and exciting addition to the calendar this year will be a special Market in November celebrating Diwali.

"Our Night Markets give us the chance to come together and celebrate everything that makes our community a wonderful place to live," Director Community Development Nicole Battle said.

"There are so many elements that make Alice Springs a unique and exciting place to call home. Council's Night Markets are about embracing that and having fun right in the heart of the CBD."

The dates for the 2023 Night Markets are:

- Friday 10 March - Celebrating fabALICE
- Thursday 8 June - Celebrating the Finke Night Market & Street Party
- Thursday 21 September - Celebrating the Desert Festival
- Thursday 9 November - Celebrating Diwali
- Friday 8 December - Celebrating the Christmas Carnival

If you are interested in participating as a stallholder

for any of the 2023 Night Markets, more information can be found [here](#).

Council's Night Markets are family-friendly, smoke-free events. Council actively encourages BYO reusable cutlery and take-away food containers to reduce the volume of Single Use Plastics (SUPs) going into landfill.



For a full list of current vacancies and for more information on how to apply, visit <https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/council/opportunities/jobs>

We look forward to hearing from you!



Work for Council

Are you currently looking for a place where you can help make Alice Springs a better place? Are you interested in changing careers in 2023 and want to know where to start? Why not join Alice Springs Town Council!

Alice Springs Town Council employs over 200 staff at its Civic Centre, Alice Springs Public Library, Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Regional Waste Management Facility and Works Depot.

"At Council, we know that our staff are our greatest asset," Alice Springs Town Council Acting CEO Joel Andrew said.

"We are committed to supporting our team develop as we offer a diverse range of pathways for community members of all levels of skill and education.

"Working with Council also offers a high level of job satisfaction. Our motto of Working for the Community rings true in our day-to-day operations with staff contributing to making our town a better place."

Council offers very competitive salaries and our employment conditions are among the best in the Northern Territory. They include:

- Six weeks annual leave
- 15 days personal leave
- Paid Domestic and Family Violence Leave
- Cultural/ceremonial leave
- Training and development opportunities
- Flexible working arrangements
- Up to 11.5% superannuation
- Relocation assistance for eligible positions.

Alice Springs Town Council are currently advertising for a number of positions across a range of departments. If you are committed to providing excellent service to the community, personal development and teamwork, we would love to hear from you.



Brand-new Regional Skate Park

Plans for a brand-new Regional Skate Park in Alice Springs are underway with a design tender for the exciting project awarded.

Alice Springs Town Council will see a new Regional Skate park built at Newland Park, with elements for children and families of all ages.

National company Playce have been awarded the project and will begin designing ideas early this year, with all plans still subject to community consultation before being finalised.

"Alice Springs Town Council are extremely proud to be investing in increased infrastructure for families in our town," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"This Regional Skate Park will be a game changer for young people and families. There is no reason that our youngsters shouldn't have incredible facilities and I'm really excited to see this come to fruition."

Council have also awarded the tender for a new Adventure Playground to be built at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre to local company MPH.

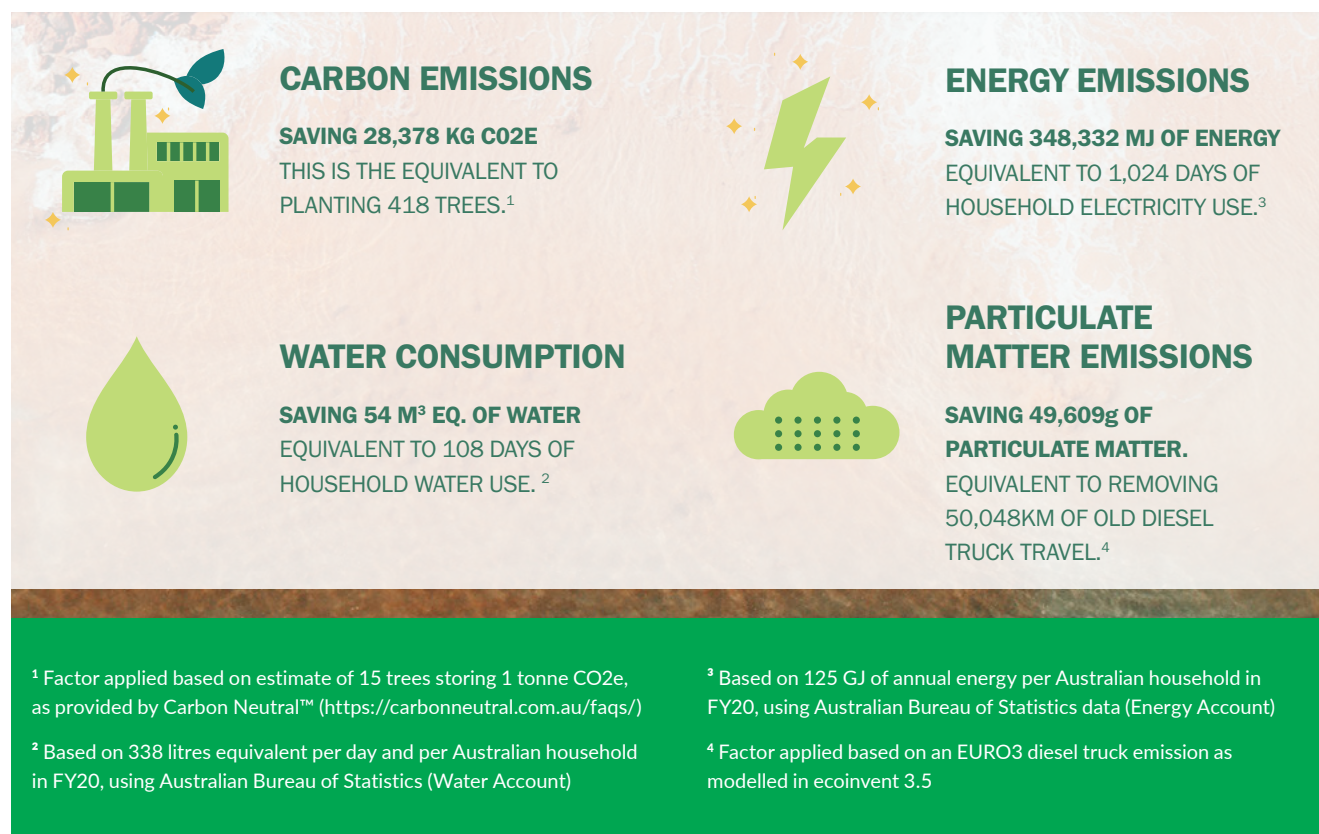
The Adventure Playground is a joint project between Council and the Federal Government with Federal funding assisting the development.

"ASALC is already a fantastic facility for families and this playground will be the cherry on top," Mayor Paterson said.

"The Adventure Playground will really put the 'Leisure' in the 'Aquatic and Leisure Centre'."

Both projects are still in the design phase.

TechCollect- Environmental Savings at RWMF:



In partnership with Australia New Zealand Recycling Platform (ANZRP) the Regional Waste Management Facility's 'TechCollect' initiative underwent an independent lifecycle assessment based on the volume of in-scope NTCRS e-waste recycled in 2021/2022.

In 2021/2022 TechCollect recycled 21,454 tonnes of in-scope electronic waste (eWaste); television's, laptops, computers and accessories, data cables, phones, and printers. This included 20,897 kilograms collected at the Alice Springs Town Council's Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF)- equivalent to a road train carrying three trailers of tech!

The RWMF try to recycle as much as possible, with TechCollect being one of the many recycling options provided. Working together with the Alice Springs community, RWMF strives to prevent recyclable items from wasting in landfill.

"The more we can send away, the healthier our planet and the more space we save in the landfill", says Connor Jones, Team Leader at the Rediscovery Centre.

Alice Springs Town Council offers free eWaste drop-off every day at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

If uncertain about your eWaste items, speak with our friendly team at the Regional Waste Management Facility on 8950 4340.

Where to exercise your dog off-leash, any time!



Is your dog needing to exert a whole heap of energy through the day? Do you need your pooch to be puffed out pre-work hours to protect your precious porcelain pots on the back porch? Maybe it's time to take your canine friend down to one of Council's parks!

Council encourages dog owners to make the most of the Rotaract Dog Park – the first park in Alice Springs where you can exercise your canine buddies (big and small) off-leash, 24/7! Rotaract Dog Park has two separate fully enclosed areas for big and small dogs where they can play any time of the day or night.

For all other grassed parks and ovals, please ensure your pet is only off-leash during the specified times. Off-leash times are between 5am and 8am every day of the week, excluding Anzac Oval and TIO Traeger Park where animals are not permitted. Rangers wish to remind pet owners that dogs must remain under effective control at all times, whether off-leash or on, especially when sharing open green space with other users and sporting clubs. Any owner deemed by Rangers to be not effectively controlling their pet will be asked to place the animal on a leash. Refusal to do so may incur an infringement, under Council By-laws 2008.

A full list of Council's parks can be found [here](#).

For more information on caring for your pets, or about animal ownership in Alice Springs, please visit

<https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/web/community/animal-management/pet-ownership>.

What's on in February 2022

MONDAY 6

Council's
COMMUNITY GRANTS '23
Applications NOW OPEN

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INFORMATION SESSION
5.30pm - 6.30pm | Monday 6 February
@ Andy McNeill Room
Council's Civic Centre 93 Todd Street

Office Monday 20 February 2023 at 10am

Application forms and further information:
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au
(08) 8950 0500

TUESDAY 7

Arnernte LANGUAGE & CULTURAL WORKSHOPS
TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2023

2 X FREE WORKSHOPS
12.00 - 2.00 PM & 5.30 - 7.30 PM

FREE - BOOKINGS VIA:
[ASTC.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.astc.eventbrite.com)

Through undertaking these workshops, participants will develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of Arnernte culture, language and history.

CATERING PROVIDED

For more information, please visit the Community Development Office on 08 8950 0500

Alice Springs

EVERY THURSDAY

CONFIDENT GIRLS EMPOWERED WOMEN

IF YOU ARE FEMALE & AGED BETWEEN 10-25 YEARS OLD - THIS IS FOR YOU!
- FREE SESSIONS WEEKLY -

MAY I THAI • HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES • TRAINING GEAR & FRUIT PROVIDED •

★ 2023 - TERM 1 DATES ★

2 FEB	16 FEB	2 MAR	16 MAR	30 MAR
9 FEB	23 FEB	9 MAR	23 MAR	6 APR

GET YOUR WORKOUT CLOTHES ON, BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE AND WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!

4.15 - 5.30 PM @ 3/70 ELDER STREET, CICCONE, ALICE SPRINGS


FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT:
INFO@BOYLESSTRIking.COM.AU

STRIKING

Alice Springs

THURSDAY 9

NTWriters
Centre & Red
Kangaroo Books
a gettogether



SATURDAY 11

Federal Netball Family 2023!
Sign on

Saturday 11 February 2023
2-4pm Club Eastside
Uniforms available for purchase
All ages and grades!

First Training Session

Saturday 18 February 2023
13 and 15 & Unders - 2 to 3PM
17 & Under and All Seniors - 3.30 to 4.30PM
Pat Gallagher Netball Courts

Open booking for the junior & senior 1 team and a waiting list basis session for everyone else!
It's, 10's and 11's are not required to attend - you will be notified of training times and below later!
Trainers provided by Club Eastside for advice and drinks following the seniors session - see you there!

FEDERAL NETBALL CLUB Inc.
www.club-eastside.com.au

Any queries email:
186060311@club-eastside.com.au
or message us on Facebook

Alice Springs

SATURDAY 11

AMY HETHERINGTON
juggle

IT'S CHAOS. IT'S LIFE. IT'S A JUGGLING ACT

A comedy show about surviving life with a toddler, making cricket easy and finding your identity

***** AU REVIEW *****
***** ON THE RECORD *****
***** THE CLOTHESLINE *****
***** UPSIDE NEWS *****
***** ROCK IN ADELAIDE *****
***** FUNNY TONNE *****
***** PREMIERE *****

ADRIANNE ADVERTISER
"Recently awarded with trademark 'mom and cricket' stories"

SCAN FOR TICKETS

TOTEM THEATRE

SUN FEB 12
4PM - BABY FRIENDLY SHOW
6PM - MAIN SHOW

THURSDAY 16

Alice Springs
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Only
YOU

Library Lovers' Day

THURSDAY 16

NIGHT MARKETS 2023

STALLHOLDER INFORMATION SESSION

FEBRUARY 16 THURSDAY

@ ANDY MCNEILL ROOM
COUNCIL'S CIVIC CENTRE
93 TODD STREET

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toddmall
the heart of alice

Alice Springs

FRIDAY 17

Multilingual STORYTIME

Ricitos de Oro y los tres osos
Gisela Yáñez

The Adventures of Pili in Colombia
Los Aventuras de Pili en Colombia

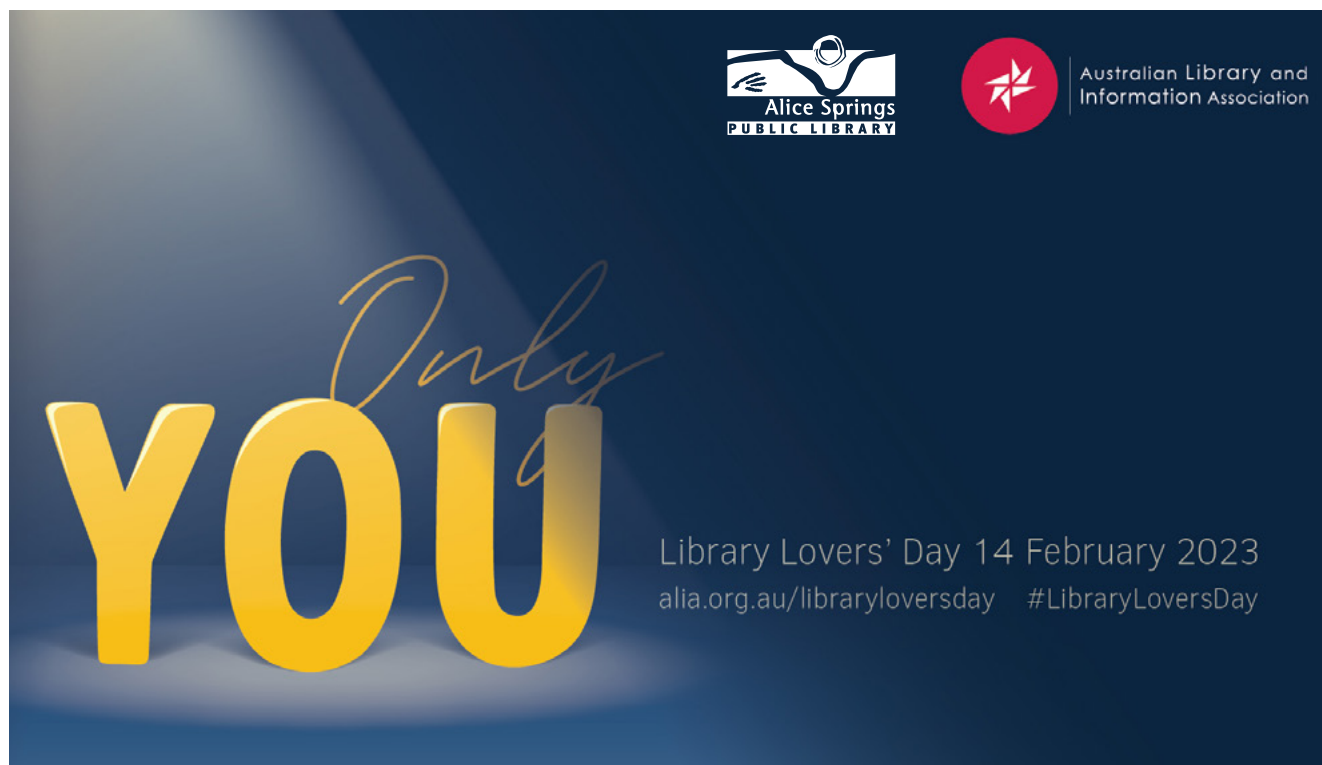
IN SPANISH!
@ YOUR LIBRARY
FRIDAY 17 FEB
3.15PM

Learn and practice some Spanish words and do some fun craft activities!

The Library's collection of Spanish children's picture books will also be on display and are free to borrow!

¿O PUEDE HACER COSAS DIFÍCILES
Mindful Affirmations for Kids
AFIRMACIONES CONSCIENTES PARA NIÑOS

Alice Springs



Library Lovers Day is celebrated annually on 14 February to acknowledge the valuable role that libraries play in communities.

The Alice Springs Public Library is a space where everyone is welcome and where everyone belongs.

Our staff at the Library manage thousands of items in our collection and often adopt the roles of career counsellors, entertainers, teachers, fact checkers and storytellers.

We are event organisers and people dedicated to the democratisation of information. We help people find what they are looking for and assist them in their research.

We look in our collection, the Territory Collection, Australia Wide, and can even extend our search to other libraries around the world.

We are not only about books, however, this Library Lovers Day we will celebrate books, books and more books.

We want to hear what adventures you have found between pages and to what imaginary places you have travelled to whilst reading. Who have you met in these stories? Who have you celebrated with and feared for?

During the second week of February we are starting a five-day social media campaign celebrating books, stories and the joy that they bring to our lives.

As part of this social media campaign, three Councillors as well as Library Staff will be invited to answer five questions with a five second time limit per question.

The questions are:

1. Who is your all-time favourite character from a book?
2. What is your favourite place to read and why?
3. Do you enjoy reading aloud?
4. What things have you learned from a book?
5. What do you love most about your library?

Send a video of yourself to library@astc.nt.gov.au answering these questions for a shot at fame on the ASPL Facebook and a chance to be the winner of a free Coffee voucher!

Summer School Holidays



Multilingual Storytime in Serbian



Australia Day Pool Party



Australia Day Citizenship Ceremoy



Where to find...



FREE

online listing
for your Alice Springs
Community Event*

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

*Conditions apply

WORK

Careers @ Council
Alice Springs Town Council
current vacancies

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Click 'Jobs'

NEWS

from the Community
and Alice Springs
Town Council

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Click 'News'

Contact Council...

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(ex. Public Holidays)

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

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(08) 8950 4360
info@asalc.com.au | asalc.com.au
*SUMMER HOURS (1 September to 30 April)
Weekdays, 6am – 7pm
Weekends & Public Holidays, 9am – 7pm
*WINTER HOURS (1 May to 31 August)
Weekdays, 6am – 6.30pm
Weekends & Public Holidays, 9am – 3pm
*Outdoor 50m pool closed for a time in August
for annual maintenance. Hours exclude Good Friday,
Alice Springs Show Day, Christmas Day

Alice Springs Public Library

cnr Gregory & Leichhardt Tces, Alice Springs
(08) 8950 0555
library@astc.nt.gov.au
alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library
Monday to Friday, 10am – 6pm
Weekends, 10am – 1pm (ex. Public Holidays)

Regional Waste Management Facility

Commonage Rd, Alice Springs
(08) 8950 4340
astc@astc.nt.gov.au | alicesprings.nt.gov.au
Open 7 days, 8am – 4pm
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

Rediscovery Centre

Commonage Rd, Alice Springs
(08) 8950 4340
astc@astc.nt.gov.au | alicesprings.nt.gov.au
Monday to Friday, 8am – 4pm
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

Alice Springs Animal Shelter

Len Kittle Dr, Alice Springs
(08) 8953 4430

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