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



Alice Springs Town Council is investing in the future of Alice Springs with the draft 2023/2024 Municipal Plan now open for public consultation.

Councillors voted in favour of adopting a draft Municipal Plan at May's Ordinary Council Meeting with the Plan now moving to a community consultation phase.

Significant investment in infrastructure and amenities across the community highlight the draft Plan with Council aiming to improve the liveability of Alice Springs for all residents.

The 2023/24 Municipal Plan is the first that aligns with Council's new Strategic Plan, Alice Springs Liveability & Sustainability 2030, setting the course for a better and more vibrant Alice Springs community.

"Council has been hard at work improving the liveability of Alice Springs and as this Municipal Plan will show, we have invested in exactly that," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"Significant resources will be invested into improving the liveability for community members with multiple exciting projects on the horizon. This Plan shows that Council is planning for both the short-and long-term improvement of Alice Springs."

The draft Municipal Plan will be available to the public from today, Wednesday 24 May via the Alice Springs Town Council website. Printed copies will also be available at the Civic Centre Reception, Alice Springs Public Library, Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre as well as the 50 Plus Community Centre.

Public consultation closes on Thursday 15 June with all members of the public invited to submit their feedback. Feedback must be addressed to the CEO and can be submitted in written form at the Civic Centre Reception Desk or via email to astc@astc.nt.gov.au.

Upcoming Council Meetings...

TUESDAY 27 JUNE

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



Mayor's Column



Mayor Matt Paterson at Ankerre Park Opening

June has to be one of my favourite times to be in Alice Springs and it's pretty easy to see why.

The weather has well and truly cooled down now and while that might mean it's a little more difficult to roll out of bed in the morning, it certainly doesn't stop people from getting out and enjoying the beauty of our town.

Of course, June always means it is time for the Tatts Finke Desert Race. Race organisers have done an incredible job this year to ensure the event goes ahead and I cannot wait to get trackside yet again. I can already taste the steak sandwich from the Scout Tent at the start/finish line! Of course, my favourite part of the weekend is the Street Party, held in conjunction between Council and the Tatts Finke

Desert Race. Thursday 8 June will see the CBD light up with activities for everyone, with more details available in this Council Connects. I promise you it's a can't miss event! Most of all though, if you do head out to watch the race, please do so safely responsibly. And good luck to all the competitors!

Things have also been busy here at Council as we have passed a draft Municipal Plan for 2023/24. The plan is now open for public consultation and we would love to hear your thoughts on our vision for the town. Significant infrastructure upgrades highlight this year's plan and there really is a lot to be excited about moving forward.

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2023 FINKE Night Market

The most exhilarating and highly anticipated evening of Council's calendar year makes a return in 2023!

Witness the town bustle as the 2023 FINKE Night Market and Street Party takes over Todd Mall and Todd Street on Thursday 8 June. From 5 pm to 9 pm an evening of full-throttle excitement will encapsulate the heart of Alice Springs and an illustrious hum of motors will fill the air.

Council are thrilled to welcome the Globe of Terror by Ashton Entertainment to Alice Springs! These high-octane daredevils are sure to thrill the crowd along with trapeze artists and roving performers.

Autograph sessions with some of FINKE's top riders and drivers will also be on offer throughout the evening giving you a chance to meet and greet your desert heroes! The FINKE merchandise on sale at the Night Market may just be the perfect piece of memorabilia for a signature...

In amongst the motor-madness will be Alice Springs' unique Night Market stalls! International food and drink, as well as extraordinary local art, crafts and much more will be a feast for the mouth and eyes.

Live entertainment by Purple Patch and the Michael Ward Trio will amplify the good vibes as you take in all that is the 2023 FINKE Night Market and Street Party.

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The Rediscovery Centre (Tip-shop) ***New opening hours***

Wednesdays-Sundays OPEN | 8AM-4PM
Mondays & Tuesdays CLOSED

If you've visited the Rediscovery Centre you would have noticed how positive, passionate, and friendly our team is. In the best interests of maintaining our lively work environment and looking after our wonderful staff we have changed our opening hours until further notice.

We are still accepting drop-offs for the Rediscovery Centre on the days we are closed via the weighbridge!

The landfill will remain open 7 days from 8 am to 4 pm for the disposal of rubbish and acceptance of recycling as usual.

We appreciate your continuous support and look forward to seeing you at the Rediscovery Centre soon!

Alice's own Phoney Film Festival turns 10!

Are you a cinema lover, story-teller or dreamer? The Phoney Film Festival might just be your jam!

It's all about letting those creative juices flow, bringing a few mates along and making something to share on the big screen – did we mention workshops and prizes aplenty? It's all that and a whole lot more.

It's hard to believe that Council's family-favorite event turns 10 in 2023! The Phoney Film Festival has been showcasing our town's brightest young stars for a decade now, providing young guns with a free and fun avenue to express their creativity, and it's not slowing down anytime soon.

Don't sweat it either, you don't need deep pockets or special gear to get involved because the Phoney Film Festival is a smart phone film festival. So, charge your smartphone up and get involved - you might just come away with an awesome short film to show your mates, some new skills and a prize or two!

Young people aged 12 to 25 are invited to sign up and attend a series of three workshops with former winner Emma Smith. The workshops will cover everything from how to develop an idea into a script, how to frame your shot and light the scene and how to add special effects to polish your film off!

Enter your short film into the Open, Stop/Motion and Social Media categories by 6pm Friday July 7 to be shown on the big screen. New in 2023 the Phoney Film Festival is welcoming digital submissions via TikTok and Instagram. Just use the hashtag #PPF23 when you post your short film.



Winning young film-makers from the 2019 Phoney Film Festival



Winning young film-makers from the 2022 Phoney Film Festival

The best bit of Phoney is the free Screening and Awards Night, held at the Alice Springs Cinema. It's an opportunity to celebrate the great short films young people have made with some popcorn on the big screen. Join us on Wednesday 12 July and vote for your favourite film.

Reserve your workshop space now and to learn more about other programs that support, empower and elevate the young people of Alice Springs visit Council's Youth Programs webpage -

<https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/living-in-alice-springs/youth-action-group>

**SHOOT A
5 MIN FILM
ON A SMART
DEVICE**

**SUBMIT
BY 6PM
FRIDAY
JULY 7**

CATEGORIES:

- Stop motion/animation
- Open
- Tik Tok / Instagram
use #PFF23 to enter

FREE WORKSHOPS:

22 June: Story Development

29 June: Pre-production

06 July: Post-production/polishing

3 - 5 pm @ASTC Registration required



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**PHONEY
FILM
FESTIVAL**

**LOTS OF
PRIZES
TO BE
WON!**

**GROUP &
INDIVIDUAL
ENTRIES
WELCOME**

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-25 YRS



Mayor Matt Paterson and Central Australian Rough Riders Members

Kids of all ages in Alice Springs will soon have a permanent place to test out their skills on a bike with Frances Smith Park set for a massive facelift.

Central Australian Rough Riders (CARR) mountain bike club have been successful in receiving a Community Benefit Fund grant of \$250,000 to upgrade the park, complete with a sealed pump track.

The upgrades will also feature elements for riders of all ages and skill levels, no matter whether you are riding a bike, skateboard or cruising on roller skates.

Alice Springs Town Council have reached a Memorandum of Understanding with CARR for the upgrades at Frances Smith Park, with Mayor Matt Paterson saying better parks benefit the whole community.

"I'd like to congratulate CARR on receiving this grant, I know how much work they have done behind the scenes for this and it's an incredible thing for our town," Mayor Paterson said.

"I'm really excited to see the development of this park. Families in Alice Springs deserve nice facilities and this is certainly going to help that."

CARR committee members Georgina Landy and Crispin Egli were instrumental in securing the grant from the NT Government with Georgina saying this will be a benefit for all young people.

"It's very exciting news that we're fortunate enough to receive \$250,000 to build a sealed pump track," Georgina Landy said.

It will not only benefit the (younger kids), it will benefit the BMX Club, the skaters in town and basically anyone on wheels!"

Crispin echoed Georgina's sentiments, saying the next step now will be for a community consultation session.

"We needed something where we can teach kids in a safe space, the mountain bike trails around here might be a bit too rough for the little ones," Crispin said.

"I believe the next step is a community information session which we are organising at the moment and then deepening on the feedback from that, we can implement ideas and get someone out here to do it!"

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK



4-8

September
2023

womenshealthweek.com.au

 Jean Hailes
Women's Health Week

Jean Hailes is supported by funding from the Australian Government.

BUSTIN' GRASS

FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023

9.30AM - 1PM

DESERT KNOWLEDGE PRECINCT

- BUFFELGRASS EXPERTS FORUM • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS • JOIN A LANDCARE GROUP • BUFFEL INFO STANDS • BUFFELCRAFT ACTIVITIES • LIVE MUSIC • COFFEES & SNACKS •
- PRECINCT'S IRRARANTE CAFE OPEN 9.30AM-1PM •

WIN PRIZES IN THE
BUFFEST BUSTIN' CHAMPIONSHIPS
COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

- | FASTEST & CLEANEST BUST |
- | DUELING TOOLS | HOE-HOE-HOE TIME TRIAL |
- | BUFFEST TEAM |



Desert
Knowledge
Precinct

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dkri : dka

Desert Knowledge Research Institute (DKRI) and Desert Knowledge Australia (DKA) are teaming up to invite the whole community to a FREE buffel-busting event at the Desert Knowledge Precinct that promises to be physical, educational, and loads of fun!

We've invited the full spectrum of local buffelgrass experts to join our Discussion Panel in presenting a range of perspectives on buffelgrass, its introduction, how it is changing our desert ecology, the fire threat to Indigenous cultural practises, and the other indirect impacts it has on our community's wellbeing.

Also, there'll also be loads of practical advice available, such as:

- how to identify buffelgrass from native grasses
- demonstrations of best-practise removal, frequency, and disposal methods
- which native plants to use to regenerate your busted buffel patch

For those who want to perfect their buffel-bustin' technique, hone the muscles, bust a move, or just get buff (!), sign up for the Buffest Bustin' Championships – our just-for-fun take on the log-chopping contests of yesteryear! Get a team together or bust out solo to compete for the Golden Hoe Award!

DKA will also be launching its Desert Knowledge Landcare Group to focus conservation efforts on the many culturally significant sites, corkwood trees and ironwood trees, located at the Precinct.

But wait, there's more:

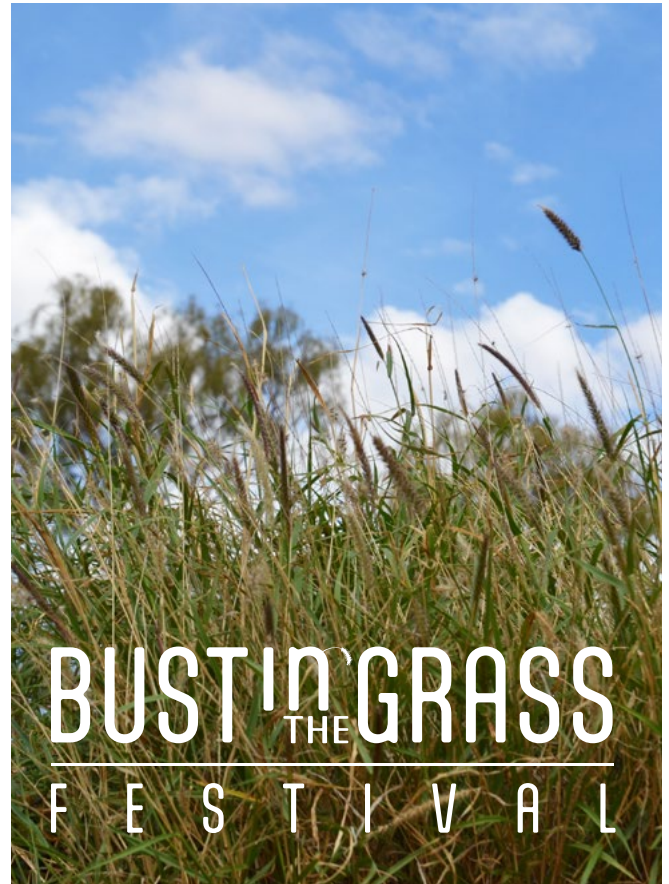
- Nature Walk with an Elder
- Buffelcraft activities
- Live music
- Native Plants for sale
- The Precinct's Irrarnte Café will be open for body-fuel (coffees and snacks!)

Bustin' the Grass Festival

9.30am – 1pm, Business & Innovation Centre

Desert Knowledge Precinct,

475 (south) Stuart Hwy, Kilgariff



If you've ever wondered what we do at the Desert Knowledge Precinct, then our Bustin' the Grass Festival is your opportunity to find out.

Did you know...?

Desert Knowledge Precinct's location is culturally very significant, as it encompasses the space where, in the past, travelling Aboriginal groups would stop to light smoke signals by way of request-ing passage through Heavitree Gap (Ntaripe). It was here that local Elders, or other Mparntwe group members, would meet the travellers, conduct negotiations, share and exchange knowledge.

The Precinct embodies the essence of the land on which it stands, promoting knowledge sharing in a place where everyone is welcome.

Desert Knowledge Australia is sharing our place on Country to innovate, progress social wellbeing and sustainability for desert and arid communities, here and around the world.

Come along and be surprised!

Zombies are coming! But don't fear, our kids will save us... or will they?

Over the past two months, Tangentyere Youth and Community Safety Services have engaged Leslie Simpson to run acting workshops at Brown St and the Town Camp Youth HUBs at Karnte, Hidden Valley and Trucking Yards. Under the guidance of Leslie, children and young people have developed their skills and interests in acting, writing and performing. Following on from these workshops, children and young people have been creating a trailer for a zombie feature film with the support of Leslie and a professional film crew.

Tangentyere Youth and Community Safety Division provides a range of experiences, spaces and opportunities for children and young people to learn and develop new skills. Working alongside a professional film crew, children and young people have had an opportunity to develop their skills, confidence and experience in the performing arts. It is just one of many projects, activities and events that Tangentyere provide to Aboriginal children and young people.

The zombie trailer is currently being shot and will be shown at Araluen Arts Centre. It's expected the first screening will be on 16 July and be a celebration for the children, young people, their families and our community of their incredible talents.





Adventure Park at ASALC



"Our biggest focus as a Council is improving the lives of Alice Springs residents, and infrastructure like this Adventure Park absolutely does that," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

Alice Springs Town Council is putting the Leisure back into the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre!

At a special meeting of Council in May, Elected Members awarded a contract to install an Adventure Park at ASALC. The Park will be a game changer for families in Alice Springs, offering elements for people of all ages.

The Park will feature:

- An adventure playground
- Mini golf
- Swings
- Half-court basketball court
- Beach volleyball court
- Climbing walls
- Trampolines
- Social spaces

"We are thrilled to announce this exciting project and cannot wait to see it built. There will absolutely be something for everyone at the Park and this will really establish the Aquatic Centre as an incredible facility in the heart of our town."

The \$1.9 Million design and construct contract was awarded to local company MPH Projects with work to begin shortly.

The project will consist of a contribution from the Australian Federal Government, the Northern Territory Government and Alice Springs Town Council. Council thanks both levels of government for their support.

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



JUNE

MONDAY 26

- > **CREATE YOUR OWN GRAPHIC NOVEL: 9-12 YEARS**
1-5pm (Ages 9-12)
@Library
Bookings via Eventbrite

TUESDAY 27

- > **BUILD YOUR OWN BOARDGAME**
2-4pm (Ages 6+)
@Library
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **SKATE WORKSHOPS**
4.30-6.30pm (Ages 12-25)
@Skate Park
No bookings required

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

JULY

MONDAY 3

- > **LEATHERCRAFT WITH AKAJACKS**
2-4pm (Ages 8+)
@Library
Bookings via Eventbrite

MONDAY 10

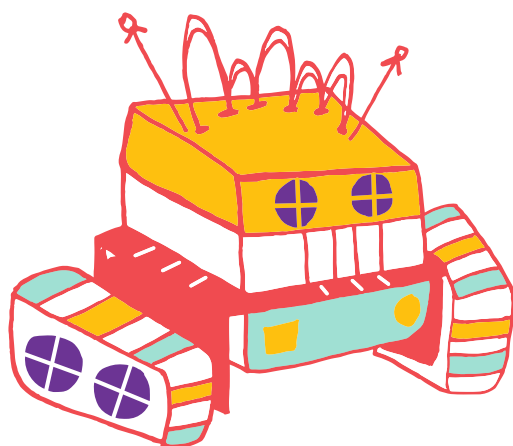
- > **REPTILE CENTRE**
10.30-11.30am (All Ages)
@Library
Bookings via Eventbrite

TUESDAY 4

- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**
10.30-11.30am (Ages 8+)
@Library
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **ARTSHIP MURAL PROJECT**
10am-4pm (Ages 12-25)
@Central Craft
No bookings required
- > **SKATE WORKSHOPS**
4.30-6.30pm (Ages 12-25)
@Skate Park
No bookings required

TUESDAY 11

- > **TRY & FLY DRONES**
10.30-11.30am (Ages 8+)
@Library
Bookings via Eventbrite
- > **ARTSHIP MURAL PROJECT**
10am-4pm (Ages 12-25)
@Central Craft
No bookings required
- > **SKATE WORKSHOPS**
4.30-6.30pm (Ages 12-25)
@Skate Park
No bookings required



Adults to accompany kids under the age of 11 years.
Activities subject to change, please refer to:
FB @ASPLibrary & @AliceSpringsTC to stay up to date.



Where to go:

LIBRARY: Corner Gregory & Leichhardt Tce.

ALICE CINEMA: Todd Plaza, 11 Todd St, CBD.

SKATE PARK: 41 Telegraph Terrace

CENTRAL CRAFT: Corner Larapinta Drive and Memorial Av.

Bookings

EVENTBRITE: aspl.eventbrite.com

E-FORM*: linktr.ee/astc_youthprograms

library@astc.nt.gov.au | 8950 0555 | alicesprings.nt.gov.au





WEDNESDAY 28

> SCIENCE & STORYTIME

10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5)
@Library

No bookings required

WEDNESDAY 5

> SCIENCE & STORYTIME

10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5)
@Library

No bookings required

> ARTSHIP MURAL PROJECT

10am-4pm (Ages 12-25)
@Central Craft

No bookings required

WEDNESDAY 12

> SCIENCE & STORYTIME

10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5)
@Library

No bookings required

> ARTSHIP MURAL PROJECT

10am-4pm (Ages 12-25)
@Central Craft

No bookings required

> PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL

Screening night
6-9pm (Ages 12-25)
@ Alice Springs Cinema
Bookings via QR Code*

THURSDAY 22

> PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL

Workshop 1: Story Development

3-5pm (Ages 12-25)

@ Arunta Room. 93 Todd St.

Bookings via QRCode*

THURSDAY 29

> CREATE YOUR OWN GRAPHIC NOVEL: 13-17 YEARS

1-5pm (Ages 13-17)

@Library

Bookings via Eventbrite

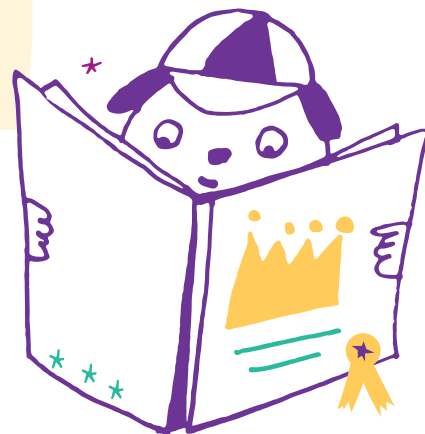
> PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL

Workshop 2: Pre-production

3-5pm (Ages 12-25)

@ Arunta Room. 93 Todd St.

Bookings via QR Code*



FRIDAY 30

> BABY RHYMETIME

10.15-10.45am (Ages 0-2)
@Library

No bookings required

THURSDAY 6

> LITTLE BUILDERS

10.15-11.15am (Ages 3-5)

@Library

No bookings required

> ARTSHIP MURAL PROJECT

10am-4pm (Ages 12-25)

@Central Craft

No bookings required

> PHONEY FILM FESTIVAL

Workshop 3: Post-production

3-5pm (Ages 12-25)

@ Arunta Room. 93 Todd St.

Bookings via QR Code*



FRIDAY 7 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Show Day-Library closed

THURSDAY 13

> ROBOTICS

10.30-11.30am (Ages 10+)

@Library

Bookings via Eventbrite

> ARTSHIP MURAL PROJECT

10am-4pm (Ages 12-25)

@Central Craft

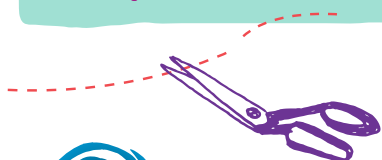
No bookings required

FRIDAY 14

> BABY RHYMETIME

10.15-10.45am (Ages 0-2)
@Library

No bookings required



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What's on in June 2023

THURSDAY 1

NT Writers Festival

Mparntwe Alice Springs
1-4 June 2023

MWAA



Artwork: Wukun Eager, Desert Sunrise (detail), 1994, gouache on paper



SATURDAY 3



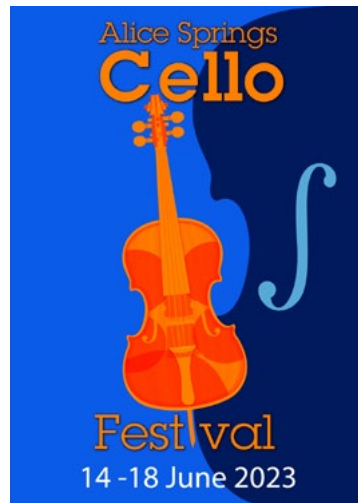
SUNDAY 4



THURSDAY 8



WEDNESDAY 14



SATURDAY 17



SAT 17 & SUN 18



SUNDAY 18

Corrugations 8



FRIDAY 23



Jobs at RWMF

Come and join the friendly team at Alice Springs' Regional Waste Management Facility!

We are looking for passionate and professional people to be part of our overall mission to enhance environmental sustainability and provide advanced waste management and recycling for all communities in Central Australia.

Work alongside a close-knit team and receive great pay, flexible hours, and the opportunity to expand your skills and experience.

Currently, we are looking for enthusiastic new staff to fill the following positions:

RWMF Finance & Administration Officer

- Level 3 | Permanent- Full Time

RWMF Operator

- Level 5.1 | Permanent- Full time

RWMF Operator

- Level 5 | Permanent- Part time

RWMF Cleaner

- Level 2 | Permanent- Full time

To find out more about these positions or to apply, please visit the 'Jobs' page on alicesprings.nt.gov.au/council/opportunities/jobs

We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and walks of life!



Connor Jones The ReDiscovery Centre Team Leader

Todd Mall Grant Recipient - Tyerrtye Atyinhe single launch



Robo Cup Info Session



Ankerre Park Opening



West African Drum and Dance Day



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

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Click 'News'

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Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

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*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
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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
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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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