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## New outdoor GYM facility at ASALC



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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 23 MAY

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

## Subscribe to Council Connects



**Are you looking at ways of staying up to date with what's going on in the community? We have the answer. Subscribe to Council's newsletter, Council Connects, today!**

Council Connects is a monthly online e-newsletter that includes the latest information from Council and abroad. It has important information for ratepayers, the latest programs and events Council is running and fun stories about members of the Alice Springs community.

You can access Council Connects at the ASTC website at your leisure, or find a hard copy of the newsletter at any of ASTC's facilities. You can now also opt in to receive Council Connects to your email inbox each month, saving you the effort of going looking!

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# Mayor's Column



Mayor Matt Patterson at the 2022 Mayoral Awards

***The weather has well and truly cooled down and gone are those 40-degree days. No need to worry though, there's still plenty of reason to get out and about as May is shaping up to be a great month in Alice Springs.***

In exciting news, Council have just opened our new outdoor gym facility at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre. This gym has equipment for people of all abilities and promotes healthy lifestyles for all. If you weren't able to come down to our open day in April, make sure you head down to ASALC and check it out today! Don't forget the hours for ASALC have changed as they do ahead of every winter, and you can find out more in this edition of *Council Connects*.

With the cooler weather, it's also a great time to get in the garden. This Council is extremely proud to help our senior residents wherever we can, and our Pensioner Green Waste service is another example of that. You can read more about that later in this edition as well, but be sure to sign up if you need Council to come and collect your green waste this month.

There are plenty of challenges we still face as a community, but as always there are just as many good news stories. I am continuously proud to call Alice Springs home and rest assured, your Council is working hard every day to ensure you have the same pride in our town.



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## Ask your Council a question

*Is there a specific Council project that you want an update on? Maybe there's a particular item you would like to update the Elected Members on?*

Well, you have the opportunity to ask a question during Council meetings.

Public question time is at the start of each Council meeting. This is your opportunity to ask questions of Elected Members as well as the Council Executive.

To participate, make sure you're on time to the meeting and step forward when public questions are asked for. The open section of meetings begin at 11am and meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

If you can't make it to the meeting in person, you can also send your questions directly to Council by emailing [EAEXECUTIVE@astc.nt.gov.au](mailto:EAEXECUTIVE@astc.nt.gov.au). Just send an email with the subject line 'A question for my Council'. Please include your name and a description of what you would like to know.

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# COMMUNITY GRANTS '23

## Recipients have been announced

Alice Springs Town Council is proud to support community organisations to make Alice Springs a brighter and better place. A large way we do that is through the Community Grants program.

Council's annual Community Grants program aims to support community initiatives and encourage the ongoing social, cultural, recreational and

environmental development of Alice Springs.

Eligible organisations are those operating on a non-profit basis, or providing a project/service for non-commercial gain, or providing a project/service which adds value to the community.

2023's grant recipients have been announced, with the following grants being awarded:

Alice Springs Volunteer Bushfire Brigade	\$4,837
8CCC Community Radio Inc.	\$5,000
Alice Springs Aeromodellers	\$5,000
Alice Springs Beanie Festival	\$3,000
Sadadeen Primary School	\$2,000
Alice Springs World Chamber Orchestra	\$2,000
Arid Lands Environment Centre: Alice Springs Community Garden	\$1,500
Auspiced Red Hot Arts	\$5,000
Bring a Plate Dance (Inclusive Dance Company)	\$1,452.14
Cental Craft	\$4,950
Central Australian Art Society	\$2,000
Central Australian Aviation Museum Inc	\$1,400
Centralian Eistedford Committee Inc.	\$2,000
Franka (Auspice Central Craft)	\$4,983
Iberoamerican Cultural Association Incorporated	\$5,000
Incite Arts Inc	\$5,000
Ms Betty Sweetlove (Auspiced by Red Hot Arts)	\$5,000
On The Wing	\$2,000
Studio B	\$2,000
The Women's Museum of Australia and Old Gaol Alice Springs (WMOA)	\$5,000
Two Two One Mental Health Charity	\$4,800
Yirara College	\$5,000

**Congratulations to all the 2023 recipients and thank you for making  
Alice Springs a better place! been announced**

# NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023 VOLUNTEER THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK



Volunteers at Christmas Carnival 2022

## Volunteering with ASTC

*At Alice Springs Town Council we value all of our incredible volunteers who provide their support and service to make the community a better place.*

Over the past year, 25 regular volunteers have supported events and festivals in Alice Springs such as the Henley on Todd Regatta, the Old Timers Fete, Skywhales Launch, Desert Festival, fabALICE Festival, and Olive Pink Opera. By offering their time, skill, and expertise our volunteers have contributed to the outstanding standard and uplifting atmosphere at all of these fantastic occasions.

In light of National Volunteer Week taking place between the 15th and 21st of May, we interviewed the 2022 Volunteer of the Year and community-favourite, Angelique Glasson, to find out more about her experience volunteering with Alice Springs Town Council...



## Angelique Glasson

### ***What do you enjoy most about volunteering for Alice Springs Town Council?***

I volunteer for the Library and have for over 20 years. I have done a few different things over the years but the most enjoyment I get is from delivering the library books to the elderly in the community and to Old Timers. They are always so happy to see me as for some of them it's the highlight of their week getting their "talking books" or books to read – I enjoy chatting to them. One of the ladies I visit is 97 and still lives at home on her own – she goes through 20 books a fortnight – she is amazing. I also enjoy the interaction with the lovely library staff – they are always so helpful and accommodating. I love reading and I always think it would be terrible to be stuck at home with no books so I am more than happy to be able to go and drop books off to people who can't make the trip to the Library themselves.

### ***How much time do you dedicate each week to volunteering with Alice Springs Town Council?***

By the time I pick up the books and do deliveries and stop for a chat it would be at least 4 hours a week on average. I actually volunteer with a few organisations so I share my love around.

### ***What have you learned from your experiences as a volunteer?***

It's a bit cliché but I think it's better to give than receive. I think I am at my happiest and feel most balanced when I am helping other people. So much negative stuff is said about Alice Springs but one of the best things about our town is its people and I love being able to help...

### ***How do you think it helps the community when you volunteer with Council?***

It helps the people that are getting the books know that someone cares enough to bring the Library to them. Often the elderly get forgotten but they know that they aren't especially if they are getting books delivered to their homes. So many people in Alice Springs are here without family support it helps them stay engaged.



Angelique Glasson

Furthermore, Council will be holding a 'Thank you BBQ' for its volunteers during National Volunteer Week to acknowledge their outstanding contributions to the community. The efforts of our volunteers and their fantastic achievements do not go unnoticed and are wholly appreciated.

If volunteering for Alice Springs Town Council sounds like something you may be interested in, follow this link to sign up: <https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/living-in-alice-springs/volunteering-in-alice-springs> !



ASALC Outdoor GYM Opening Day.

# Aquatic & Leisure Centre this May!

Alice Springs Town Council are putting the 'Leisure' into the  
Aquatic and Leisure Centre this May!





Partnering with the Northern Territory Government, Council have just opened a new outdoor gym facility at ASALC, giving residents across Alice Springs access to top notch fitness equipment in the most picturesque setting imaginable.

The outdoor gym has a range of different equipment from kettlebells to elliptical machines so there is truly something there for people of all abilities.

“Council are focused on increasing the liveability of our town and continually adding to Alice Springs’ amenity,” Mayor Matt Paterson said.

“This outdoor gym promotes healthy lifestyles and makes the Aquatic Centre a bit more of a holistic experience. We’ll continue to upgrade our facilities for residents and ensure people in Alice Springs can take pride in their town.

“Council thanks the NT Government for their contribution to this project.”

If you have a sporting organisation or group that would like to utilise the new facility, contact the Aquatic Centre at [info@asalc.com.au](mailto:info@asalc.com.au) today.

The project consisted of \$150,000 in funding from both the NT Government Alice Springs Town Council.

*A reminder that the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre will now move to its winter opening hours. The facility will now be open from 6.30am-6.30pm from Monday to Friday and 9am-3pm on weekends and public holidays.*



BBQ by rangers Stacey and Brenton



Patrons enjoying ASALC Outdoor GYM Opening Day





**National Simultaneous Storytime is taking place on Wednesday 24 May from 10:15 am at the Alice Springs Public Library!**

Every year on this special day a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools and other places around the country. This fantastic initiative promotes the value of reading and literacy in a fun and vibrant atmosphere, connecting Foundation to Year 6 students around Australia.

Come and listen to an exciting story about the Spike the Sloth, who was determined to run in the GREAT

RACE! The other sloths said it couldn't be done, but Spike didn't care, she was ready to run!

The picture book "Speedy Sloth" will be read alongside everyone Australia-wide!

Fun art and craft activities are included. Come dressed up in your favourite sporting gear!

Childcare centres, family day cares, playgroups and schools are invited to join! Please let the library know if you are coming. Email the library at [library@astc.nt.gov.au](mailto:library@astc.nt.gov.au) to register your group.

Bookings are essential for this FREE event. To book, visit: [apsl.eventbrite.com](https://apsl.eventbrite.com).



*Are you a young person under the age of 18 with a wild imagination and a love for writing? Well, hold onto your pens, because the Young Territory Author Award is here to bring out your inner Anh Do!*

The competition is an exciting opportunity for young writers to showcase their creativity and imagination. It's a chance to show off your writing skills and have your unique voice heard. From hilarious short stories to nail-biting thrillers, the possibilities are endless.

But the competition isn't just about showing off your writing chops. It's an opportunity to build confidence and self-esteem by sharing your work with others. And let's not forget, there are prizes to be won, including publication into the Alice Springs Public Library collection and a certificate to hang on your wall. Best of all, \$50.00 in your pocket if you win the Regional Award.

So, grab your favourite notebook, fire up your laptop, and let your imagination run free. Think about your favourite stories, movies, and TV shows. What characters do you love? What worlds do you want to explore? What adventures do you want to take?

Now, take those ideas and turn them into stories. It can be as short or as long as you like. It can be funny, scary, romantic, or anything in between. The only rule is that it must be original and written by you. When you're happy with your story, send it off!




**Young Territory Author Awards**

Write and create a book and you could be the 2023 Young Territory Author of the Year.

The competition is open to all Territorians 18 years and under residing in the Northern Territory at the time of entering the book.

**First Prize of \$500**

**School Entry Prize of \$500**

**CBCA NT Wow Award of \$200**

**Alice Springs Regional Winner Prize of \$50**

Enter online or pick up an entry form at Alice Springs Public Library

**Entries close Sunday 27 August 2023**

To learn more,  
visit [darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa](http://darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa)  
or scan QR code.



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So, what are you waiting for? The Young Territory Author Award is your chance to be creative, connect with other young writers and show off your skills. It's a chance to have fun and share your unique voice with the world. And who knows, you might just be the next Rick Riordan!

*Enter online or pick up an entry form at your local Public Library.  
Entries close 27 August 2023*



Oscar and Jordan at YRAP Awards Night

## The 2023 Youth Recycled Art Prize was spectacular!

Council's Youth Recycled Art Prize offers young people in Alice Springs aged 12–25 years the opportunity to develop their creative talents, have their work exhibited, and win great prizes all while learning about recycling.

From the 6th to the 14th of April, 46 original creative pieces made strictly from recycled or reused materials by Alice Springs youths were exhibited in Alice Plaza.

On Thursday 6 April, the Exhibition Opening & Awards Night was held in Alice Plaza. On this special occasion, artists, friends, family and the Alice Springs community came together in celebration of the exhibition's opening and to admire the wonderfully unique 3D pieces. As part of the curatorial team, Judith Coverdale notes the "environmental conservation statements [and the] social impacts to the playful arrangements which aesthetically mimic life".

Mayor Matt Paterson, Ettain Winter and Steve Anderson scored entries based on their use of recycled material, design and construction, and creativity, ultimately determining the winning entrants within each age group.

Deputy Mayor Eli Melky presented awards to the following prize winners for each category:

- **12- 14 years Winner:**  
Trucking Yards Town Camp - "Trucking Jam"
- **15-17 years Winner:**  
Emily Glover- "King Larry's Dinner Invite"
- **Highly Commended:**  
Miru Forrester & Emily Glover- "Recycled Wall-E"
- **18 and over Winner:**  
Ruby Kunoth-Monks- "Poison"

At the closure of the exhibition, community votes were counted to determine the winner of the **People's Choice Award**. Congratulations to Joseph Corcoran & Bianca Dyker on their winning sculpture 'Desert Diva'!

"What took my eye was the attention to detail each sculptor had," Judith Coverdale said.

"You can see the purposeful selection of shapes, colour and texture all reimaged.

"The imagination must go into overdrive to problem solve transforming a random collection of objects into something that is uniquely three dimensional. The ordinary is transformed, and it all begins with the first selections of an object and the imagination of the creator asking themselves what this could become."

"Alice Springs has so many brilliant young people in all fields. Events like the Youth Recycled Art Prize are amazing because it gives young people a platform to showcase their talents," Mayor Paterson said.

*Well done and thank you to all entrants for contributing to a sensational showcase this year!*





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as well as being installed around your house or any other permanent structure, stationary engine or flammable materials.



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# What's on in May 2023

## SATURDAY 6

**Teddy Bears Picnic**  
SATURDAY 6 MAY 2023  
10am - 2pm COUNCIL LAWNS  
Raising Funds For Alice Springs  
Toy Library

CHANT GAMES  
BUBBLES  
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE  
FOOD STALLS

CRAFT STALL  
ENTERTAINMENT  
FACE PAINTING  
BAKE SALE

**TEDDY BEAR PARADE 100PM**  
**Gold Coin Entry -**  
Bring your best Teddy for the parade - lots of prizes & raffles! (sorry, but cash only)

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## THURSDAY 11

**Mental Health Workshops** -with Heart Based Living™  
Alternative approaches to self-care and facing dilemmas & challenges

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4 x FREE Workshops @ Alice Springs Public Library  
Registrations via:

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## FRIDAY 12



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## SATURDAY 20

**Alice Springs World Chamber Orchestra Live**  
with Australian World Premiere

## WEDNESDAYS

**HULA HOOP**  
workshops at Alice Plaza

FREE

YOUTH 12-25 YRS

MAY, WEDNESDAYS @ 4:00 PM  
10/05/23  
13/05/23  
20/05/23  
27/05/23

MAY, SATURDAYS @ 12:30 PM  
13/05/23  
20/05/23  
27/05/23

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## SATURDAY 27

Saving lives and swaddling babies  
from outback Australia to Africa and beyond

**The FLYING NURSE**

Prudence Wheelwright

## SATURDAY 27

The Alice Springs Steiner School  
**Autumn Fair**

Saturday 27 May  
10am to 2pm  
163 Ragonesi Rd  
Ross  
Dog-free ever

Lawn sale Great coffee Delicious chai and cakes Curries Hot food Plants and produce Jams and chutneys Kids' activities Live music and more

## MONDAYS

YOUTH 12-25 YRS  
**FREE HIP HOP**  
DANCE CLASSES

MONDAYS 4:30PM  
17 APRIL - 19 JUNE  
\*Except on Public Holidays  
@Andy McNeill room,  
93 Todd St, Alice Springs





## Pensioners Pruning Service

With the weather well and truly beginning to cool down in the Red Centre, it's the perfect time to throw on those gardening gloves begin pruning those trees and hedges.

The beginning of 2023 has seen Alice Springs receive its fair share of rain, meaning gardens across town are flourishing. That also means there is plenty of green waste around.

The good news for aged pensioners is that Alice Springs Town Council will remove green waste and clippings your yard FREE of charge!

That's right, the Pensioner Garden Waste Removal Service is back up and running for 2023 with the next pick up dates running from Tuesday 23 - Thursday 25 May.

Council will bring the truck directly to your residence and load all your green waste while you kick back and enjoy a well-deserved break.

Once collected, the green waste is taken to the Regional Waste Management Facility where the team turns it into mulch. This helps to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill.

To participate in the program, fill out the application form that can be found in this edition of Council Connects and return it to the Civic Centre front desk, fill it in online [here](#).

**Be sure not to delay though as applications close at 4.30pm on Friday 19 May 2023.**

## Todd Mall Activation Grants a success!

The Alice Springs Town Council are delivering a one-off grant round that aims to support non-for-profits, businesses, or individuals to develop new or existing projects that renew and transform the local Todd Mall precinct.

This grant program is designed to bring communities and consumers into the town's local precinct to activate public spaces and drive visitation.

So far, the Todd Mall Activation Grants have been a great success! 15 successful applicants with projects ranging from music workshops to Arlwe Circles have already kicked off, or are set to take place in Todd Mall over the next month.

As part of this grant program, Red Kangaroo Books curated 'Gather Together', a lunchtime conversation series over four Wednesday's in April. 'Gather Together' celebrated the power of storytelling to create new futures, and sessions were of the theme's *poetry and country, local history is personal, the poetics of (dis) location, and radical equality*. Each session was well-attended and a hit amongst locals!

Additionally, throughout March and April, four Yin Yoga classes facilitated by Karen O'Shea took place in the centre of Todd Mall. With a strong focus on connection, community, belonging, and bliss, these morning sessions were for everybody, regardless of experience. Participants took to their yoga mats to recover, relax, release, and find their inner Zen.

***The Todd Mall Activation Grants Program is still active, and will be operating until funding is exhausted. Stay tuned for more great activities set to take place in Todd Mall over the month of May!***



Yin Yoga on the Todd Mall



## ASPL Easter School Holiday Program



## YRAP Awards Night





## Free Youth Concert



## ASALC Outdoor Gym Open Day



## Where to find...



### FREE

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for your Alice Springs  
Community Event\*

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Alice Springs Town Council  
current vacancies

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from the Community  
and Alice Springs  
Town Council

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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**

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[alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library)  
Monday to Friday, 10am – 6pm  
Weekends, 10am – 1pm (ex. Public Holidays)

### **Regional Waste Management Facility**

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Open 7 days, 8am – 4pm  
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

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Monday to Friday, 8am – 4pm  
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

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