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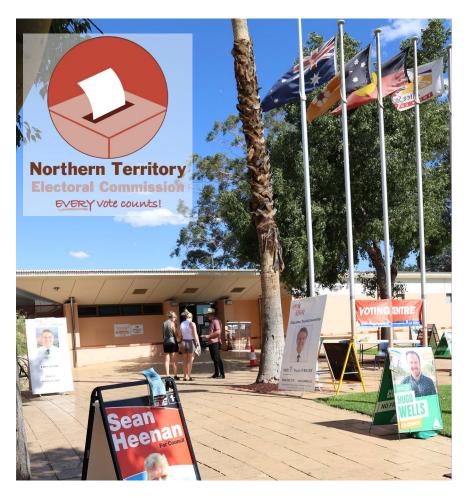
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Alice Springs Town Council
acknowledges the
Central Arrernte people
who are the Traditional Owners
and Custodians
of Alice Springs-Mparntwe.



Local Government by-election update

The last chance to have your say on who will represent you on the 14th Alice Springs Town Council is almost over.

Voting Day for the 2022 Alice Springs Town Council by-election is Saturday 29 October where residents will select one person to represent them on Council.

Following the resignation of Jimmy Cocking from the position of Councillor earlier in 2022, a seat in the Chamber is now vacant.

Following the by-election voting period concluding, Northern Territory Electoral Commission will immediately begin counting votes. A recheck of all votes will take place on Monday 31 October

to ensure accuracy.

The counting of votes will then conclude on Friday 11 November at 12noon as the final postal votes are collected and counted.

A declaration of the election result will take place on the same day at 6.30pm.

The successful candidate will take on the role of the ninth Alice Springs Councillor and will be invited to join their first Ordinary Meeting as an Elected Member on Tuesday 22 November.

Please note, at the time of publication of this edition of Council Connects, the outcome of the ASTC by-election had not yet been determined.

Upcoming Council Meetings...

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

Tuesday 22 November

Tuesday 13 December

Councillor's Column, with Cr Mark Coffey







We have had a busy time over accountability to reduce the the past few months working impact of crime in town. Whilst on a number of key initiatives it is early days, I am hopeful that including Council's response to this will make a difference and the Social Order Response Plan it is important that we get some and finalising key governance requirements including the annual and financial reports get even busier. for the 2022 financial year.

Whilst we understand community is frustrated around the levels of crime and social order issues, we do need to work with the Northern Territory Government who have responsibility and accountability for dealing with these issues. It is pleasing to see that the NTG have allocated resources and put together a plan and to drive

early success as we come into the hotter months which tend to

I recently visited Araluen Arts Centre with other Councillors to look at the Alice Springs Town Council art collection housed there. Council holds the art on behalf of the community which has over 350 artworks representing artists over several decades and includes awardwinning artworks from the Alice Prize. A number of pieces in the collection were also donated to council by the Central Australian

Art Society and Alice Springs Art Foundation.

The collection is amazing and includes some of the early works from the Western Desert art movement – I encourage you all to visit and enjoy the collection on display.

Don't forget to vote in the council by-election to be held on the 29 October. Your Elected Members are chosen to represent the community and leave a legacy for generations to come so the choice is an important one, not just for today but for the future.

Cr Mark Coffey **Alice Springs Town Council**



EXTENDED RATES EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAW

Winners of the draw, conducted by an Elected Member of Council, will be contacted from Monday 7 November 2022, with results of the draw published in the NT News on Friday, 11 November 2022.

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Landmark day for Alice Springs

Alice Springs Town Council welcomes the Australian Federal Government's decision to support Alice Springs residents by backing in the **Central Australia Plan**.

The Federal Government has committed a total of \$120million to Alice Springs in the 2022-23 Federal Budget, aimed at addressing social issues, infrastructure, safety, economic development and prosperity in the region.

"It's fantastic to see the Federal Government back Alice Springs residents and deliver on key election commitments," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"Council began work on a collaborative plan for Alice Springs in late 2021, detailing how all levels of government can work together to ensure the best future for our town.

"This is a landmark announcement for Alice Springs and it's something that will help our town prosper for generations to come."

Funding commitments include:

 \$80million for the development and construction of a National Aboriginal Art Gallery in Alice Springs.

- \$20million for upgrades in infrastructure at the Gap Youth Centre.
- \$20 million for the creation of a CBD Masterplan and redevelopment of the CBD.

"With the support of the ASTC, myself and the Labor party had a vision for Central Australia that we brought to the Federal election earlier this year. The people of Lingiari voted for it and now we are delivering \$120 million to the region in the first Albanese Labor budget," Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour said.

"The Central Australia Plan will invigorate Alice Springs by funding key projects identified by the ASTC and the NT Government that will address social and economic issues in the town and provide a desperately needed boost.

"This is very exciting for Central Australia and I look forward to the positive impacts that the \$120 million Central Australian Plan will have on the region."

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To Park, or not to Park, that is the question...

It's a busy morning, you've just dropped the kids off and you're running late for work. You know you've got a long day ahead, so you're heading to your favourite coffee spot. Driving in, you see that all the parking spots are taken and you're quickly running out of time. Seeing an empty loading zone, you jump in. You're in and out in 15-minutes, no harm done, and fully caffeinated.

A lot of us have been in that situation, and it's easy to think that a quick trip to a café isn't going to impact anyone, but that is often not the case.

In that 15-minutes, a delivery driver has done two laps of the block. They've got 10 more deliveries to make before lunch and half of them are for events that day. They're a contractor, so they get paid per delivery, not per hour. The owner of your favourite café is waiting for this delivery, as it contains fresh produce for the day's lunch service.

The café prides itself on fresh ingredients, and it's one of the reasons you go there so much. The owner is looking at their watch, as they only have another cook in the kitchen for 30 minutes. Just enough time to receive their order and carefully put it away, making sure to note date and time on each box for quality control. The delivery driver gives up, the

only alternative is blocking traffic, and they've been fined for that in the past. They'll come back later, and hopefully they'll have somewhere to park.

They try to call the owner, but the noise of the kitchen drowns out the ringing phone. The owner doesn't know what happened to their delivery. The delivery driver is able to come back over an hour later but the owner doesn't have anyone spare to take the delivery, so they do it, leaving the kitchen empty. Customers get sick of the wait and leave, hurting the bottom line of this small business.

It's easy to do the wrong thing when we're in a hurry, but a quick stint in the loading zone can quickly ruin someone else's day.

Council's Rangers would like to remind everyone of their obligation to park legally, so as not to impact others or create unsafe road conditions.

A two-minute walk to your favourite store could be the difference between getting or not getting a ticket, but more importantly, it could make a huge difference to a small business owner who is doing their best to provide a service to our community.

If you have a parking question, please call our friendly Rangers on 8950 0500.



Three Cheers for our Volunteers!

Volunteers are often unsung heroes in our community. Whether it's a community event, a not-for profit organisation or emergency services, life in Central Australia would be poorer if not for our selfless volunteers.

These stars in our community were honoured at a special awards ceremony in October as the 2022 NT Volunteer of the Year Awards were held at the Women's Museum of Australia.

The Awards recognised the outstanding contribution volunteers have made in our community with three Alice Springs Town Council volunteers honoured on the evening.

Community Events Support volunteer **Kevron Foster** took home one of the evening's highest honours, winning the *Chief Minister's Aboriginal* and Torres Strait Islander Volunteer of the Year Award.



Kevron received the award for his work with Foodbank but can often be seen helping out at Council events and is a valuable member of the Council family.

Russell North received a Highly Commended Award in the Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Year Award category. Russell has been a long-time volunteer with Council, helping form the Heart Foundation Alice Springs Walking Group, and leading the group each weekend.

Alice Springs Public Library volunteer **Roger Thompson** was also nominated for the *Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Year Award* for his work helping people with English as a second language improve their skills.

Congratulations to all award winners and all that were



nominated for an award on the night, and thank you for contributing to making Central Australia a better place!

Also, a thank you to the Northern Territory Government for sponsoring the awards and Volunteering SA & NT for their efforts in coordinating the event.

If you would like to volunteer with Council, contact ASTC's Volunteer Coordinator Roman Khitiaev today at RKhitiaev@ astc.nt.gov.au

 NT Volunteer of the Year Award 2022 (overall winner) Winners: Peter Mostran, Rotary Alice Springs Henley on Todd Incorporated (Central Australia) Cindy Holden, Berry Springs Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, Bushfires NT (Top End)

- CENTRAL AUSTRALIA
 Chief Minister's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 Volunteer of the Year Award Winner: Kevron Foster,
 Foodbank Alice Springs
- Chief Minister's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award Winner: Tyler Bevan, Alice Springs Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, Bushfires NT
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 Rotary Alice Springs Henley on Todd Incorporated
 Highly Commended – Russell North, Heart Foundation
 Alice Springs
- NT SESVA Emergency Services Youth Volunteer of the Year Award Winner: Catherine Driver, NTES
- Emergency Services
 Volunteer of the Year Award



Winner: Catherine Driver, NTES

- Excellence in Volunteer
 Management Award
 Winner: Simon Casey, Alice
 Springs Volunteer Bushfire
 Brigade, Bushfires NT
- INPEX Community Volunteer Organisation/Team of the Year Award Winner: Purple House

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA EVENTS WEEK 7-10 NOVEMBER



RSVP



ITINERARY

MONDAY 7TH - GAP VIEW HOTEL 5:30-8:30PM: TAKING YOUR EVENT INTO THE FUTURE

TUESDAY 8TH - GAP VIEW HOTEL

12:30-2:30PM: SHOW ME THE MONEY! - GRANT WRITING

5:30-8:30PM: EVENT MARKETING ESSENTIALS

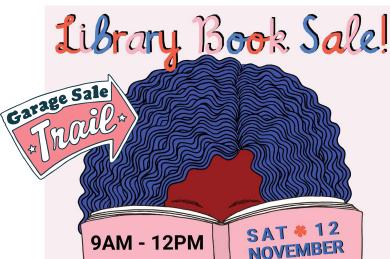
WEDNESDAY 9TH
1 HOUR ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING SESSIONS

THURSDAY 10TH - ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB 5-8:30PM: NETWORKING & EVENT SPEAKER PANEL

@ASPLibrary









Joining the Garage Sale Trail, 9am-12noon, on Saturday 12 November!

Are you looking at expanding your collection of books ahead of the summer holidays? Do you need a refresh of your personal library? Well the Alice Springs Public Library has you covered!

In conjunction with the national initiative, Garage Sale Trail Library Alice Springs Public will be hosting a book sale for the community on Saturday 12 November 2022.

A host of books from all genres – fiction, non-fiction and children's the sale which will be held in the feathered residents. Library car park on Leichhardt Terrace.

will cost you next to nothing!

Most books will be available for 50c with some costing you only \$1. You can also bring your own goodies for just \$5 per bag!

You can rest easy too, knowing every cent you spend will be going to a good cause as all money raised will be donated to the Alice Springs Animal Shelter (ASAS) to

books - will be up for grabs at assist in the care of their furry and

ASAS staff will also be in attendance on the day, helping And the best part of the sale? It put on a sausage sizzle, so come on day to pick yourself up a snag and a bargain book!

The Library Book Sale is being held from 9am-12 noon, on Saturday tote bag and fill it to the brim with 12 November, in the Library car park, off Leichhardt Terrace.

We can't wait to see you all there!

Got a question? Call the Library on 8950 0555 or email to library@astc.nt.gov.au



Green Waste Collection Service



for Pensioners (Alice Springs)

Applications close 4.30pm, Friday 18 November 2022 Collections Tuesday to Thursday, 22 - 24 November



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE CIVIC CENTRE, OR alicesprings.nt.gov.au > Services

(08) 8950 0500

astc@astc.nt.gov.au

Seniors! Start your Garden Tidy-ups!

Council offers a FREE collection service for our resident aged pensioners in May and November of each year.

To register for a collection, complete the application form, as shown right, and return it to Council before the closing date.

For the Green Waste Collection taking place from Tuesday, 22 November to Thursday, 24 November – applications close at 4.30pm on Friday, 18 November 2022.

Completed forms can be lodged at the Civic Centre front desk (93 Todd Street) or by post to:

• ASTC, PO Box 1071, Alice Springs NT 0871

Please note, evidence of aged pensioner status (entitlement to the service) is required at the time of lodgment.

If you have an enquiry regarding this FREE service, please contact ASTC on 8950 0500, 8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday.

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astc@astc.nt.gov.au

Pensioner Green Waste Collection – Application for Service



Submit completed form to Customer Service: astc@astc.nt.gov.au

Applicant Details		
Name		
Street Address		
Aged Pension Card Num	ber	
Contact Email		
Contact Phone	Contact Mobile	
Conditions of Service		
Important Information – please ensure you have understood all Important Information & Conditions of Service before signing	Alice Springs Town Council removes garden green waste and prunings from approved aged pensioner properties twice each year in May and November. Green waste and prunings must be placed inside the property in an accessible location	
	for easy loading onto a vehicle. Please ensure prunings are no longer than 1.5m in length.	
	PRUNINGS ARE NOT TO BE PLACED ON ROADS, FOOTPATHS OR STREET VERGES.	
	Aged Pensioners who wish to use this service should complete this application form and lodge it at the Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs.	
	Evidence of pensioner entitlement to the service is required to be sighted at the time of lodging your application – please remember to bring your Aged Pensioner Card with you.	
	For application closing dates, please visit the Alice Springs Town Council website – www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au	
	Robert Jennings CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
I confirm that I have read Service, as provided on to	d and understood the Important Information, and aghis application form.	gree to comply with all Conditions of
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93 Todd St, Alice Springs Northern Territory 0870	E. astc@astc.nt.gov.au PO Box 1071, Alice Springs, NT 0871	alicesprings.nt.gov.a



A host of young Centralians got an insight into the lifecycle of their rubbish last month with a special workshop held at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

The 'Rubbish to Life' workshop saw young people from across Alice Springs have the opportunity to tour the RWMF, learning about what happens to rubbish after it has been delivered to the facility.

The attendees got a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes at the RWMF, taking a tour of the facility and seeing the way different waste was handled by staff.

The workshop aimed to teach the town's future leaders about sustainability and why it's important for us to be conscious about our waste.

Sustainability has always been a passion for brothers Paddy and Thomas van der Geest-Hester,

and the workshop proved to be an eye-opening experience for them both.

"We both joined the Planeteers last year and that was really excellent," 15-year-old Paddy said.

"This Rubbish to Life workshop was really good because in the Planeteers, we had a 'make your own wicking bed' workshop and this took a look at the whole Waste Management Facility.

"Going on the tour, we really wanted to see how it all worked. Also, it was great to see how everything was put together and recycled. It was amazing to see."

The workshop proved to be just as interesting for younger brother Thomas, who has followed Paddy's footsteps into the world of sustainability.

"It really gave us an insight into where our rubbish was going and what it was doing. We also learned about things that couldn't be recycled as well. It was really interesting," 12-year-old Thomas said.

"I would definitely encourage other kids to go (to the RWMF). I'd definitely give a big thumbs up."

After helping his younger brother get interested in sustainability, Paddy is now encouraging other young people in Central Australia to get on board.

"I would encourage young people to take an interest in sustainability because as we are the younger generation, we're really looked upon to help correct the crisis we have at the minute," Paddy said.

"It's also quite interesting and fun to separate things out, I'm very much a categorizing person so I really like doing that. Taking an interest in how something is repurposed is really cool as well because it unlocks your creative side."

It's National Recycling Week! 7-13 November 2022



November is a time of year that raises thoughts of summer clean outs and spring tidy ups. That means it's also the perfect time to start thinking about recycling!

National Recycling Week will take place from 7–13 November, encouraging people to stop and think about the positive impact recycling and sustainable practices can have in our community.

One of the easiest ways to have a positive impact on the Alice Springs community, according to Regional Waste Management Facility Manager, Oliver Eclipse, is to start separating your rubbish.

"We try to minimise anything that goes into our landfill," Oliver said.

"On average, the RWMF is recycling about 22% of everything that comes through the door. That goes up and down but at the end of the year, it's around

that number. In Australia in general, that number is between 8-11% so we're doing quite well, comparatively.

"The more we recycle, the more space we can save in our landfill. It is obviously good for the environment, and it also saves us space and that is really important. It's true that 100% of what goes into your bin goes into the landfill. If you take the time to separate your waste, we'll take the time to process it here at the landfill."

Separating your rubbish can start as simple as putting your used bottles and cans in a separate container, but the more your separate the more positive impact you can have.

The RWMF has separate places for all kinds of rubbish, including green waste, cardboard, e-waste (computers, TVs, etc.) and hazardous waste (batteries, paint cans, etc).

It's not just rubbish that can be

separated, you can also help keep things out of landfill by bringing unwanted household items to the Rediscovery Centre to be repurposed.

"Bring your household materials down to the Rediscovery Centre instead of putting them in your bin," Rediscovery Team Leader Connor Jones said.

"If you are moving houses, it seems like it would be a lot easier to just chuck all your cutlery, cups and mugs into the wheelie bin. You can actually save all that and bring it to the Tip Shop [a.k.a. the Rediscovery Centre], and that has a huge positive impact."

Even small steps can help have a positive outcome. If you have a question about how to dispose of your waste appropriately, contact the RWMF Team on **8950 4340**.

What's on in November

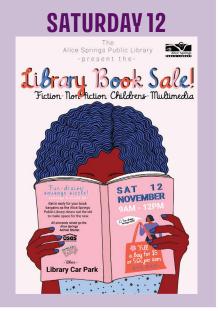
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ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL presents TWO FREE COMMUNITY SESSIONS

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION SESSION

5.30PM - 6.15PM

For all new residents to Alice Springs, this is your opportunity to learn about the services, programs and events provided by Alice Springs Town Council, including information about how our community can actively participate in Council's decision-making.

EVENT PLANNING

6.15PM - 7.15PM

Learn the ropes from Council's experienced Events Team before planning your next community event! Register via Eventbrite for one or both sessions, here...



Sessions @ Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia 5b Wills Terrace, Alice Springs CBD

For enquiries, please call 8950 0565 alicesprings.nt.gov.au





New Residents Information Session

Are you a new resident to Alice Springs? Come learn about how your local Council works. This FREE session will include information about Council events and services and how you can participate in the local community. WHEN? 5.30-6.15pm, Thursday 3 November.

Event Planning Session

Would you like to learn more about holding events? Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia (MCSCA) and Alice Springs Town Council are delivering a FREE events basics workshop for all community members. This session will include a take-home event guide for running events in Alice Springs. WHEN? 6.15-7pm, Thursday 3 November.

Sessions are FREE but registration is required. Please register online for one or both events prior to event, or call 8950 0565 to enquire.

CENTRALIAN AWARDS 2023 – NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Do you know an extraordinary Alice Springs resident? Maybe someone who always goes out of their way to make the community a better place for all, or gives their time freely to those less fortunate?

The Centralian Awards are presented at Council's annual Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, in celebration of the significant contributions to our Alice Springs community made by these upstanding individuals.

There are four categories in 2023:

- Centralian Citizen of the Year
- Young Centralian Citizen of the Year
- Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

"We all know there are so many incredible people in Alice Springs, and the Centralian Awards are a great way of recognising some of those incredible people in our community," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"Often these people are incredibly humble, so it's up to you to ensure they receive they receive they receive the credit they deserve. Make sure you put your nominations in today!"

Make your nomination TODAY by completing the form, available from Civic Centre Reception, or download one from the ASTC website, here...

alice.springs.nt.gov.au

2022 Volunteer of the Year Awards











October Paint the Gap Workshops















Children's Week 2022 activities by your Library!





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 your Community and

Alice Springs Town Council

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Click 'News'

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ABN 45 863 481 471

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93 Todd Street, Alice Springs

PO Box 1071 NT 0870

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Monday to Friday, 8am - 5pm

(ex. Public Holidays)

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

10 Speed St, Alice Springs

(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

Weekends, 9.30am – 2.30pm

(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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