



# Ordinary Council

## Business Paper for March 2023

Tuesday, 28 March 2023  
Civic Centre

Mayor Matt Paterson  
(Chair)

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**ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL**

**ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

**FOR THE**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL**

**TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**

**8.30AM (CONFIDENTIAL) & 11.00AM (OPEN), CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS**

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**22 MAYORAL REPORT**

**22.1** Mayor's Report  
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**22.2** Business Arising from the Report

**23 ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**23.1** That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

**24 MEMORIALS**

**24.1** Mr Chris Connellan

**25 PETITIONS**

**26 NOTICES OF MOTION**

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- 28.1.3** Social Media – Information Sheet and Guide  
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28.3.7 UNCONFIRMED Minutes of the Sports Facility Advisory Committee Meeting – 2 March, 2023

28.3.8 Business Arising from the Minutes

**28.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES**

28.4.1 Technical Services Update to Council Report No. 51 / 23 cncl

28.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

**29 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**30 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**31 MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION**

**32 NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 26 April, 2023**

**33 ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING**



**Joe McCabe – ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

**Petitions** – Pursuant to Clause 9 of the Alice Springs (Council Meetings and Procedures) By-law where a member presents a petition to a meeting of the council, no debate on or in relation to it shall be allowed and the only motion which may be moved is:

- that the petition be received and consideration stand as an order of the day for the meeting or for a future meeting;
- or the petition be received and referred to a committee or officer for consideration and a report to Council.

**Open Minutes of Council** – Unconfirmed Open minutes of the meeting and associated reports not prescribed as Confidential, will be available for public inspection within ten days after the meeting pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2019.

**Notice of Motions by Elected Members** – Notice must be given so that it can be included with the Business Paper circulation on the Tuesday prior to the Council meeting. Clause 6 of the By-Law requires that the Notice of Motion shall be included with the Business Paper.

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

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14. RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN OPEN

15. Opening of the Open Meeting by the Mayor (Chair) and Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **11.05am** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Mayor Matt Paterson acknowledged the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

Mayor Matt Paterson reminded that this meeting is being recorded and will be placed on Council's website. By speaking at a Council meeting, you agree to being recorded. Alice Springs Town Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council meeting.

Media present – ABC Alice Springs

PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson  
Deputy Mayor E. Melky (Chair)  
Councillor M. Banks  
Councillor A. Bitar  
Councillor S. Brown  
Councillor M. Coffey  
Councillor K. Hopper  
Councillor M. Liddle  
Councillor G. Morris

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr J. McCabe – Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services  
Ms N. Battle – Director Community Development  
Mrs N. Brennan – Acting Director Corporate Services  
Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)  
Ms L. Sebastiani – Finance Officer  
Ms. L. Dy Irwin – Finance Manager

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16. PRAYER

Pastor David Gilmore, Seventh Day Adventist Church

17. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

18. WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed the Acting CEO, Joe McCabe.

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

19.1 Sophie Marriot and Anastasia Byrnes, Todd Mall Traders

Ms Marriot and Ms Byrnes expressed their confusion around the Todd Mall plans and their opposition to a road being installed down the Mall.

Confusion around Todd Mall plans

The Mayor responded that the petition Ms Marriot commenced will be tabled later in the meeting but that Council are only at the tender stage of requesting concept designs.

Discussion ensued.

19.2 Sandy Taylor, Resident

Ms Taylor expressed her sorrow to the young council employee who was rear ended by a vehicle doing high speeds on Telegraph Terrace last week. Ms Taylor went on to ask when the slashing works on Ilparpa Road / Rural Area will re-commence.

Director Technical Services responded that since the accident involving the slasher, works are now behind but Council are looking at hiring / purchasing another piece of equipment.

Ms Taylor asked about the signage installation of Sydney Kinsman Drive at the Garden Cemetery.

Director Technical Services responded that signage is ordered and will be installed in the next month.

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Ms Taylor asked the following....."at the last meeting on 24th January, when I asked "Why aren't the Traditional Owners Speaking up?" Mayor Patterson responded, "that's a question for Lhere Artepe." I make the comment that that was a very valid response Mayor, one to which I wholly agree.

As you are all aware, there have been past advisory committees formed by Council as Advisory Committee's, two of these were Lhere Artepe, and Tangentyere. I know that during my own time on Council we had a MOU with Lhere Artepe, which I believe is still in place.

With the exception of a few, most Advisory Committees have failed over all the years, and they have failed for many reasons; notwithstanding a lack of quorum, and a waning of interest because of too many reasons to go into here, some political, and some more of a snub, or more of "mind your own business" to put it politely. Obviously, Council recognised the problems too when you decided to scrap all Advisory Committees; in favour of new community/urban/regional consultation groups.

Aboriginal Affairs are a vast and complex set of circumstances. As pointed out by Owen Cole, Managing Director of Yeperenye, and a representative of the Aboriginal Combined Organisations, he said that they are looking into a whole raft of issues concerning Alice Springs. The Arrernte people are the Traditional Owners of (Mparntwe (Alice Springs), and there can be no argument, that Lhere Artepe (LAAC) are the holders the native title rights of the Central Arrernte people over Alice Springs. (Ref ORIC 30 June, 2014).

I am aware that there is a motion proposed by Councillor Banks for the Establishment of a Traditional Owner Cultural Advisory Committee.

With this historical background in mind, and the response given to me at the meeting of 24 January, I say that this is a powerplay by other aggrieved Aboriginals in the town. I respectfully say to Council that we already have enough Aboriginal advisory committees, and enough Aboriginal organisations; that these issues which plague our town, are bigger than Council. You have done your job, throwing the spotlight onto Alice Springs and gaining more funding.

As a ratepayer, and a law-abiding citizen, I ask that Council reject this motion in its entirety."

The Mayor responded that this query will be responded to within the debate scheduled for later in the meeting.

19.3 Andrew Harrison

Andrew Harrison asked about the story published on Facebook by ABC Alice Springs regarding the community football being suspended for Alice Springs for the 2023 season.

The Mayor responded that this will be discussed later in the meeting.

20. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nil

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21. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

21.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 24 January, 2023

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 24 January, 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

CARRIED (22493)

21.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

21.2.1 Councillor Coffey asked that the name of the Chair at the start of the meeting be changed to the Deputy Mayor, not Mayor Paterson.  
The EA will make the amendment.

21.2.2 Councillor Hopper – MHACA Wall Graffiti

Councillor Hopper asked for an update on the removal of the graffiti on the MHACA external wall.

The Director Technical Services responded that it's sitting with MHACA who are awaiting the contractor.

Discussion ensued around the removal of graffiti and the responsibility of Council vs property owners.

21.2.3 Councillor Hopper – Notice of Motion

Councillor Hopper asked about the request for a Leaders Forum in February that came from the State of Emergency Motion that was presented in January.

Acting CEO responded took this question on notice.

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22 MAYORAL REPORT

22.1 Mayor's Report  
Report No. 21 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky  
Seconded – Councillor Brown

**That the Mayor's report be received.**

CARRIED (22494)

22.2 Business Arising from the Report

22.2.1 Councillor Banks – Item 2.3 – Mural Unveiling at Centralian Senior College

Councillor Banks asked if the translation was given of what has been included in the mural.

The Mayor does have the translation but will provide it following the meeting.

22.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Correspondence from Minister Lawler

Councillor Hopper asked when the meeting will take place as outlined in the content of the letter.

The Mayor responded that he will formalise a response requesting a meeting.

Councillor Banks asked that this request be progressed.

22.2.3 Councillor Bitar – Activate Alice

Councillor Bitar asked what Activate Alice involves.

The Mayor responded that the group includes a range of community stakeholders who meet to discuss activation of the town.

22.2.4 Deputy Mayor Melky – Media Engagements of the Mayor

Deputy Mayor Melky thanked the Mayor for getting the issues out to the wider national reach.

22.2.5 Councillor Banks – Acknowledgement of Matt Digby

Councillor Banks thanked Officers for providing a letter of to the Digby family acknowledgement the work of Matt Digby on the Parks Advisory Committee following his sudden passing.

*Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 11.39am  
Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 11.41am*

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22.2.6 Mayoral Minute (Electoral Boundary Redistribution)

Moved – Mayor Paterson

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

**That Alice Springs Town Council provide feedback to the Northern Territory Electoral Boundary Redistribution Committee requesting that a third seat be added for Alice Springs.**

CARRIED (22495)

Discussion ensued.

23. ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 23.1 That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

23.1.1 Councillor Banks – Meeting Room Access

23.1.2 Councillor Banks – CBD Revitalisation

23.1.3 Councillor Banks – LGANT Request for Motions

23.1.4 Councillor Banks – DIPL Works and CBD Road Works

23.1.5 Councillor Hopper – Heat Mitigation

23.1.6 Deputy Mayor Melky – Correspondence from Rob De Castella, Request for Colour Run

23.1.7 Deputy Mayor Melky - \$250million Funding and Accountability Regulator

23.1.8 Deputy Mayor Melky – Removal of 30,000 seats by Qantas

23.1.9 Deputy Mayor Melky – Economic Fightback Plan and Formation of a Business Group / Business Summit

23.1.10 Deputy Mayor Melky – Direct Flights to Yulara and Disadvantage for Alice Springs

23.1.11 Councillor Liddle – Monuments update

23.1.12 Councillor Coffey – Professional Development Allowance (Elected Member Policy)

24. MEMORIALS

Nil

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25. PETITIONS

Councillor Coffey presented a petition around the revitalization of the CBD

A petition consisting of approximately 1,000 signatures was tabled by Councillor Coffey in support of a road not being built through Todd Mall (*refer to Attachment A*)

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

**That the petition be received and referred to a committee or Officer for consideration and a report presented to Council.**

CARRIED (22496)

26. NOTICES OF MOTION

26.1 Councillor Marli Banks – Establishment of a Traditional Owner Cultural Advisory Committee (TOCAC)

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Morris

**That the Alice Springs Town Council:**

- A. Establish a Traditional Owner Cultural Advisory Committee (TOCAC) to provide advice and support regarding matters relating to Council business. The TOCAC will be made up of;**

**Mayor (Chair)**

**Deputy Mayor**

**Three (3) Elected Members**

**2 representatives appointed from Mparntwe Estate Group (One Male, One Female)**

**2 representatives appointed from Antukye Estate Group (One Male, One Female)**

**2 representatives appointed from Irlpme Estate Group (One Male, One Female);**

**and allow for further inclusions through a staged consultation process that may include (but not limited to) the Presidents of the Alice Springs Town Camps.**

- B. The TOCAC will meet four (4) times a year at an agreed time, that meeting fees will be paid by Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) for all ratified members, and that the ASTC will allow for this through the Annual Budget Process.**

- C. That allocated budget be determined through a report to Council; and**



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**D. Develop an Indigenous Workforce Strategy in collaboration with the TOCAC within the first 12 months of establishment of the Advisory Committee.**

LOST

26.2 Business Arising from the Motion

Discussion ensued.

*Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 12.18pm*

*Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 12.19pm*

Councillor Banks called for a division

DIVISION

Voting in Favour

Councillor Banks

Councillor Hopper

Councillor Morris

Voting Against

Mayor Paterson

Councillor Bitar

Councillor Brown

Deputy Mayor Melky

Councillor Liddle

Councillor Coffey

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Brown

**That the meeting recess for lunch**

CARRIED (22497)

**The meeting recessed at 12.37pm and resumed at 1.08pm**

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

**That the meeting resume**

CARRIED (22498)

The Mayor tabled a letter received from Sean Bowden, Chairman AFL Northern Territory and Sam Gibson, Head of AFL Northern Territory dated the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 re. Community Football (*refer to Attachment B*)

Discussion ensued.

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26.3 Councillor Liddle – Community Football in Alice Springs

Moved – Councillor Liddle

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

**That Alice Springs Town Council does not support an annual Community Football Competition to be played in Alice Springs for the 2023 season.**

CARRIED (22499)

26.4 Business Arising from the Motion

Discussion ensued.

*Director Community Development left the Chamber at 1.42pm*

*Director Community Development returned to the Chamber at 1.45pm*

*Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 1.48pm*

*Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 1.50pm*

Councillor Banks called for a division

DIVISION

Voting in Favour

Mayor Paterson

Councillor Bitar

Councillor Coffey

Councillor Brown

Deputy Mayor Melky

Councillor Liddle

Voting Against

Councillor Banks

Councillor Morris

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27. FINANCE

27.1 Finance Report  
Report No. 18 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Brown  
Seconded – Councillor Bitar

1. **That the report be received and noted.**
2. **That the funds for the budget shortfall of \$113,050 for the Regional Skate Park be taken from the Town Beautification Reserve, and not the Park Redevelopment Reserve (Parks & Playground Reserve) as per Resolution No. 22428.**

CARRIED (22500)

27.2 Business Arising from the Report

27.2.1 Councillor Coffey – TIO Sponsorship

Councillor Coffey asked about the TIO Sponsorship of \$45k – is this accurate and/or what the funds are for.

Director Corporate Services took the question on notice

27.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Revision Budget

Councillor Hopper asked if the revised budget had been supplied to Elected Members.

The Mayor responded that it was what they received in November.

27.2.3 Councillor Hopper - Capital Expenditure

Councillor Hopper asked about the operational items listed under the Capital Expenditure.

The Finance Officer gave an overview.

27.2.4 Councillor Hopper – EFT Report

Councillor Hopper asked about the energy monitoring item. Is this for equipment install or a one-off project?

Director Technical Services responded that this was for the yearly subscription for the energy monitoring.

27.2.5 Councillor Hopper – Christmas Tree Installation

Councillor Hopper asked about the cost around the Christmas Tree installation.

Director Technical Services responded that it was for the engineering certification which is required each year.

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27.2.6 Councillor Banks – Diesel Rebates

Councillor Banks asked about the diesel rebates.

Finance Officer responded that per the ATO, Council can claim fuel tax credits back from the Federal Government for operating large, heavy vehicles.

27.2.7 Councillor Hopper – Interest

The Finance Officer advised that there is a process at year end where interest is allocated or re-allocated.

28. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

28.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28.1.1 CEO Report

Report No. 22 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

**That this report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (22501)

28.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.1.2.1 Councillor Banks – Advocacy Statement

Councillor Banks asked for an update.

The Mayor responded that he believes work has commenced on this by the previous CEO.

28.1.2.2 Councillor Banks – Bar Brothers

Councillor Banks asked for an update.

Director Technical Services responded that the previous CEO has reached out with a response pending from Bar Brothers.

An update will be provided.

The Mayor advised that he has spoken to some of the members

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28.1.2.3 Councillor Banks – Summer Nighttime Sports Program

Councillor Banks asked if groups been approached as to why this didn't happen.

Discussion ensued.

Director Community Development responded that due to the lack of people in town over Summer, this program didn't proceed.

28.1.2.4 Councillor Banks – Leaders Forum

Councillor Banks asked for an update on this as the motion will lapse in February.

Discussion ensued.

28.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

28.2.1 CONFIDENTIAL – CEO Related Policies

Report No. 42 / 23 cncl

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.1)*

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

**That Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council Allowances and Other Benefits Policy (CEO) and the Gifts and Benefits Policy (CEO)**

CARRIED (22481)

28.2.2 CONFIDENTIAL – Privacy Policy

Report No. 43 / 23 cncl

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.3)*

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Morris

**That Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council Privacy Policy.**

CARRIED (22482)

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28.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

28.3.1 Community Development Report to Council  
Report No. 32 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky  
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

**That this report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (22502)

28.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.3.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Abandoned Trolleys

Councillor Hopper congratulated the Ranger Unit on collecting such a large amount of shopping trolleys.  
Director Community Development responded that the fines continue to be paid by the supermarkets for the return of the trolleys.

28.3.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Activation Grants

Councillor Hopper asked how many had applied.  
Director Community Development responded that 6 have been received with 4 being approved thus far.

28.3.3 Youth Programs Extended SummerSAM Program  
Report No. 33 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Morris  
Seconded – Councillor Bitar

**That this report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (22503)

28.3.4 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Banks asked for information on the outdoor concert.  
Director Community Development responded that this is conjunction with International Youth Week with confirmation pending.

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28.3.5 Community Development Calendar of Events  
Report No. 41 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

**That Council notes the Community and Cultural Development Unit's program of events and activities until 30 June 2023.**

CARRIED (22504)

28.3.6 Business Arising from the Report  
Nil

28.3.7 CONFIDENTIAL – Higher Education Scholarships  
Report No. 34 / 23 cncI  
*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.1)*

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Morris

**That Council endorse two applications for Higher Education Scholarships to the amount of \$2,500 each to Carol Anne Nungirayi and Molly Teefy.**

CARRIED (22483)

28.3.8 CONFIDENTIAL – Nepalese New Year Sponsorship  
Report No. 35 / 23 cncI  
*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.3)*

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

**That Council supports the application from Nepalese Community Alice Springs Inc to deliver Nepalese New Year on the 15 April 2023, to the value of the requested \$5,000 (incl. GST).**

CARRIED (22484)

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28.3.9 CONFIDENTIAL – International Women’s Day Fair Sponsorship  
Report No. 37 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.7)*

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

**That Council supports the application from Women’s Museum of Australia to deliver the Equal Futures International Women’s Day Fair on 5 March 2023, to the value of the \$1,500 requested (incl. GST)**

CARRIED (22485)

28.3.10 CONFIDENTIAL – Writers Festival Sponsorship  
Report No. 38 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.9)*

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

**That Council supports the application from NT Writers' Centre to deliver the NT Writers Festival on the 1-4 June 2023, to the value of the requested \$15,000 (incl. GST).**

CARRIED (22486)

*Councillor Hopper left Chamber after declaring a Conflict of Interest at 9.43am  
Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 9.44am*

28.3.11 Business Arising from the Report  
Nil

28.3.12 CONFIDENTIAL – Youth Summit Sponsorship  
Report No. 39 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.11)*

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

**That Council supports the application from No-one Left Behind to deliver the Alice Springs Youth Conference on 4 April 2023, to the value of the requested \$5,000 (incl. GST).**

CARRIED (22487)



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28.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

28.4.1 Technical Services Update to Council  
Report No. 23 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

**That this report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (22505)

28.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.4.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Recycled Water

Councillor Hopper asked if there is anything that the Elected Members can assist with.

Director Technical Services responded that it will be progressed to CEO level.

28.4.2.2 Councillor Banks – Greening Strategy

Councillor Banks asked for an update. Does this need to be re-submitted?

Director Technical Services responded that yes, it will need to be redone.

*Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 2.15pm*

*Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 2.18pm*

28.4.2.3 Councillor Banks – Madigan Park

Councillor Banks asked for an update.

Director Technical Services responded that it's progressing. An application needs to be submitted around change of use in the first instance.

Discussion ensued.

*Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 2.20pm*

*Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 2.21pm*

*Councillor Morris left the Chamber at 2.26pm*

*Councillor Morris returned to the Chamber at 2.30pm*

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28.4.2.4 Councillor Hopper – ASALC Concept Design

Councillor Hopper asked if the concept design will come to Council for consult.

Director Technical Services responded that it will.

28.4.2.5 Councillor Bitar – Tracking of Projects

Councillor Bitar asked about the tracking of projects.

Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

28.4.2.6 Councillor Coffey – Vandalism Data

Councillor Coffey asked about the data on vandalism.

Director Technical Services responded that up until now, the data has not been gathered due to staff shortages. Hoping to be resumed soon.

28.4.2.7 Councillor Coffey – NeatStreets

Councillor Coffey commented that the number of reports to NeatStreets has increased

Director Technical Services responded that he believes due to the discussion through SORT etc, residents are aware of its existence so are utilising it.

*Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 2.29pm*

*Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 2.40pm*

28.4.3 CONFIDENTIAL – Fire Services Report

Report No. 24 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.1)*

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

1. **That Triple3 be awarded the three-year contract.**
2. **That the three-year period contract Tender be awarded to Triple3 fire and electrical contracting for the sum of \$22,496.00.**
3. **That the decision in regards to the repairs and maintenance of Council's fire protection equipment at all facilities be moved from Confidential to Open to allow the contract to be awarded.**

CARRIED (22488)

*Councillor Brown left the Chamber after declaring a Conflict of Interest at 9.49am*

*Councillor Brown returned to the Chamber at 9.50am*

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28.4.4 CONFIDENTIAL – Provision of Pest Control Services, Maintenance & Treatment

Report No. 25 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.3)*

Moved – Councillor Morris

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

1. **That Centre Pest Management be awarded the three-year contract.**
2. **That the three-year period contract Tender be awarded to Centre Pest Management for the sum of \$99,000.00**
3. **That the decision in regards to the provision of pest control services at all facilities be moved from Confidential to Open to allow the contract to be awarded.**

CARRIED (22489)

28.4.5 CONFIDENTIAL – Netball Masterplan

Report No. 28 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.9)*

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

**That Council engage Sue Dugdale and Associates to complete the Netball Centre Masterplan.**

CARRIED (22510)

28.4.6 CONFIDENTIAL – Parks Shade Structures

Report No. 29 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.11)*

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Brown

**That Council approve the shade structure to be installed at Poeppel Park, Gillen.**

CARRIED (22511)

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28.4.7 CONFIDENTIAL – Dog Off-Leash Fence Installation  
Report No. 30 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred to Open Agenda Item 9.4.13)*

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Morris

1. **Installation of a low fence between Netball Courts and Ross Park Primary School (refer to Attachment A and Attachment B); and**
2. **Adjust the off-leash hours at Ross Park.**

CARRIED (22512)

28.4.8 CONFIDENTIAL – RWMF Liquid Waste Ponds  
Report No. 31 / 23 cncI

*(Item transferred to Open Agenda Item 9.4.15)*

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

1. **That Council approve \$568,000 from Regional Waste Management Facility Capital account, GL 176.12.205, to fund removal of liquid waste in the RWMF liquid waste ponds for the remainder of 22/23 Financial Year and for Officers to go out to tender for the liquid waste removal.**
2. **That Council note that funding will be required in 23/24 Financial Year to maintain the RWMF liquid waste ponds.**

CARRIED (22513)

29 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

29.3.1 Councillor Bitar – Skate Park

Councillor Bitar asked about the decommissioned water fountain

Director Technical Services responded that it was often being vandalized so the one inside ASALC has been made available with signage to be installed indicating this.

*Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 2.33pm*

*Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber 2.36pm*

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30 GENERAL BUSINESS

*Councillor Brown left the Chamber at 2.38pm*

*Councillor Brown returned to the Chamber at 2.39pm*

30.1 Councillor Hopper – Heat Mitigation

Councillor Hopper asked how this fits with other groups in the NT doing this work, especially Alice Springs. Can Council align with these other groups?

Director Technical Services responded that he's not aware of any projects etc. that the Northern Territory Government have underway.

Director Technical Services will write to the Northern Territory Government.

30.2 Deputy Mayor Melky – Correspondence from Rob De Castella, Request for Colour Run

Deputy Mayor Melky tabled correspondence received from Mr De Castella from the Indigenous Marathon Foundation requesting assistance with a "Return to Community" and Colour Fun/Run Walk (*refer to Attachment C*)

This will be managed at an Operational level.

*Councillor Coffey left the Chamber at 2.43pm*

*Councillor Coffey returned to the Chamber at 2.45pm*

30.3 Deputy Mayor Melky - \$250million Funding and Accountability Regulator

Deputy Mayor Melky raised concerns around the organisations receiving funding not being held accountable, especially the youth services and asked for a regulatory body be established.

Discussion ensued.

30.4 Deputy Mayor Melky – Economic Fightback Plan and Formation of a Business Group / Business Summit

The Deputy Mayor suggested that a group be created to encourage investment and positive opportunities within Alice Springs.

The Mayor asked that Deputy Mayor Melky provide something to the March meeting.

30.5 Deputy Mayor Melky – Removal of 30,000 seats by Qantas for Alice Springs and Yulara

Deputy Mayor Melky raised concerns about the removal of the 30,000 seats by Qantas and asked that a competitor(s) be introduced and work with other locations / tourism destinations to implement competition.

The Mayor responded that it's a disappointing move by Qantas and he intends to contact Rex and Bonza to introduce competition. The TCA CEO is continuing talks with Qantas to advocate for the community.

Discussion ensued.

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30.6 Deputy Mayor Melky – Direct Flights to Yulara and Disadvantage for Alice Springs

Deputy Mayor Melky raised concerns regarding the availability of direct flights to Yulara that are being diverted from Alice Springs.

Discussion ensued.

30.7 Councillor Banks – Meeting Room Access

Councillor Banks requested a report by Officers on the use of the Chamber, Arunta Room, Reception and Andy McNeill by Elected Members. Also, the implementation of a booking system (if not already available).

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

**That Council Officers provide a report around Elected Member access to meeting rooms.**

CARRIED (22506)

*Councillor Bitar left the Chamber at 3.03pm*

*Councillor Bitar returned to the Chamber at 3.04pm*

30.8 Councillor Banks – CBD Revitalisation

Councillor Banks referred to the October 2017 Council Meeting and Report No. 4263-TS, Resolution No. 19345 and asked for a report presented combining all the reports around this subject (Strategic Plan vs Masterplan)

Discussion ensued.

30.9 Councillor Banks – DIPL Works and CBD Road Works

Councillor Banks asked who is responsible for the current street works, especially the temporary crossings and traffic management.

Director Technical Services responded that a meeting is scheduled with DIPL. The initial understanding is that it would be carried out street by street but this hasn't happened.

Discussion ensued.

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30.10 Councillor Banks – LGANT Request for Motions

Councillor Banks asked that the CEO review the motion that she provided following the call for motion(s) by LGANT in preparation for their AGM in April.  
Discussion ensued.

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Morris

**That Alice Springs Town Council write to the Department of Local Government to seek advice on the NTG Public Sector Employment Instruction No. 12 - Code of Conduct.**

CARRIED (22507)

*Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 3.32pm*

*Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 3.36pm*

*Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 3.36pm*

*Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 3.38pm*

30.11 Councillor Liddle – Monuments update

Councillor Liddle asked for an update on the monuments.

Director Community Development responded that an EOI has been distributed and closes early March.

30.12 Councillor Coffey – Professional Development Allowance (Elected Member Policy)

Councillor Coffey tabled a report to Council following his attendance at the Company Directors Course in late 2022 (*refer to Attachment D*)

30.13 Mayor Paterson – Licensed Premises

Mayor Paterson raised his concern and disappointment around the treatment of licensed premises in Alice Springs compared to Darwin under the same Liquor Act, specifically section 258. Behaviour that is considered acceptable in Darwin is being punished in Alice Springs.

31 MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

Media matters will be covered via the media attendance at this meeting.

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32 NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 28 March, 2023**

33 ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Paterson declared the meeting closed at **3.40pm** to resume in the Confidential section.

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

**The Council stands adjourned.**

CARRIED (22508)

Confirmed on \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**REPORT**

Report No. 48 / 23 cncI

**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**

**SUBJECT: MAYOR’S REPORT**

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**1. MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- 1.1 Tourism Central Australia Strategic Planning
- 1.2 NT Cricket CEO, Gavin Dovey and Michael Trull, President - Alice Springs Cricket Association
- 1.3 Tourism Central Australia General Meeting
- 1.4 LGANT Strategic Planning session
- 1.5 LGANT Board meeting
- 1.6 Weekly meeting with Acting CEO, Joe McCabe
- 1.7 SORIC meeting
- 1.8 Skate Park community consultation
- 1.9 AFLNT Local Government Forum, Darwin
- 1.10 50+ Committee meeting
- 1.11 Kirsten Wilson, Justice Reform Initiative
- 1.12 CPTED and Lighting Masterplan Workshop
- 1.13 Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC)
- 1.14 Greg Hall, Webber Bros. Circus
- 1.15 Marion Scrymgour, Member for Lingiari
- 1.16 Outback Way General meeting
- 1.17 Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister
- 1.18 Lee Lorraine, Visage Productions re. Our Town television series
- 1.19 Justice Reinvestment
- 1.20 Robyn Lambley, Member for Araluen
- 1.21 Risk Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) meeting
- 1.22 AFLNT Community Football Summit
- 1.23 Dorrelle Anderson and Martina O’Brien, Office of Central Australian Regional Controller.
- 1.24 Paddy van der Geest-Hester re. Youth Round Table - Action Based Community Project (ABCP)

**2. FUNCTIONS ATTENDED & PARTICIPATED IN**

- 2.1 Imparja Cup with Clontarf Academy
- 2.2 Clean Up Mparntwe Day with Clontarf Academy
- 2.3 International Women’s Day Panel & Morning Tea
- 2.4 fabALICE Opening and Night Market

- 2.5 Central Australian Rugby Union presentation
- 2.6 Alice Springs Cricket Association presentation
- 2.7 Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony

**OATH**

No	Title	First Name	Last Name	Country of Origin
1.	Mrs	Annaluz Mayormita	Aparri	Philippines
2.	Mr	Lance Raymund Cabrerros	Aparri	Philippines
3.	Master	Zedhryx Iolo Mayormita	Aparri	Philippines
4.	Miss	Zulanna Iola Mayormita	Aparri	Philippines
5.	Mr	Patrick Dempsey Marcaida	Cunanan	Philippines
6.	Mr	Shanuka Madushan	Dewasirinarayana	Sri Lanka
7.	Mrs	Dann Ivy Reyes	Dominguez	Philippines
8.	Mr	Sanghoon	Han	South Korea
9.	Ms	Thi Le Trinh	Huynh	Vietnam
10.	Mr	Seeni Mohammed	Kajah Mohideen	India
11.	Mrs	George Manorani		India
12.	Mr	Joseph	Kizhakkedath Thomas	India
13.	Miss	Jewel	Joseph	Australia
14.	Master	Joel	Joseph	Australia
15.	Mr	Colin	Lillie	United Kingdom
16.	Mr	Kuothkel Puok	Luk	Ethiopia
17.	Mr	Renan Roldan	Mallari	Philippines
18.	Mr	Bior Pawuoi	Mayen	Kenya
19.	Mr	Pradeepbhai Shankarbhai	Patel	India
20.	Mr	Gaurang Manibhai	Patel	India
21.	Mr	Jignesh	Patel	India
22.	Mr	Jose Louie Celso	Sicat	Philippines
23.	Ms	Nyaluak Gattthak Koang	Top	South Sudan
24.	Mrs	Hiwot	Dire Lissanu	Ethiopia
25.	Miss	Elizabeth	Yihun Tamiru	Kenya
26.	Mr	Natanim	Yihun Tamiru	Kenya
27.	Mr	Yihun	Tamiru Gadamu	Ethiopia

**AFFIRMATION**

No	Title	First Name	Last Name	Country of Origin
28.	Ms	Areeya	Ativanichayapong	Thailand
29.	Miss	Anna Louise	Dakin	United Kingdom
30.	Mr	Md Omor	Faruq	Bangladesh
31.	Mr	Daniel	Ignacio Sartoratto	Brazil
32.	Ms	Sarita	Rosa	Brazil
33.	Ms	Vicky	Lee	Vietnam
34.	Mr	Christopher James	Keenan	United Kingdom
35.	Miss	Morgane Marie Angelina	Soquet	France
36.	Mrs	Samantha	Maharaj	South Africa
37.	Mr	Bimal	Maharaj	South Africa
38.	Mr	Rahul	Maharaj	United Kingdom
39.	Mr	Rohit	Maharaj	United Kingdom
40.	Mr	Keaton Brent	Masters	New Zealand
41.	Ms	Laura Natalia	Rosas Ortiz	Colombia

- 2.8 Police Investiture Ceremony
- 2.9 Democracy Dash

**3. INTERVIEWS / MEDIA COMMITMENTS**

- 3.1. ABC Alice Springs with Stewart Brash
- 3.2. Brekky with Andy, 8CCC

**4. DUTIES PERFORMED IN THE MAYOR'S ABSENCE**

- 4.1. Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Mayor's report be received and noted.**



Matt Paterson  
**MAYOR**

- Attachment A: Letter of Support from Mayor Paterson to ALEC re. Ecofair Funding Application*
- Attachment B: Letter from AFLNT to Mayor Paterson re. cancellation of community football*
- Attachment C: Letter from Mayor Paterson to AFLNT re. Community Football Decision*
- Attachment D: Letter of Support from Mayor Paterson to NTME re. Territory Day celebrations*
- Attachment E: Letter of Support from Mayor Paterson to Chris Wilkinson re. liquor licence application*



## Office of the Mayor

3 March, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

### Letter of Support

I'm writing on behalf of the Alice Springs Town Council to provide support for the application by the Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC) for funding through the Northern Territory Major Events Company grant round to support the 2023 Ecofair.

The Ecofair, has been a vibrant and popular sustainability event in Alice Springs for over 10 years, bringing expertise, a sense of community, and activities that showcase the positive environmental aspects of the town.

Alice Springs Town Council has supported the Ecofair in past years through sponsorship, workshops and venues.

Your assistance and support with this application is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Paterson".

Matt Paterson  
**MAYOR**

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Mayor Matt Patterson  
Alice Springs Town Council  
Via Email - [mpaterson@alicesprings.nt.gov.au](mailto:mpaterson@alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

6 March 2023

Dear Mayor,

AFL Northern Territory (AFLNT) has considered the decision made by the Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) on Tuesday 28 February 2023. In considering the decision and the impact it will have on the community of Central Australia in 2023, AFLNT doesn't support the decision in its current form.

We think it is the wrong outcome to take football away from the young men and women of Central Australia. Football is an important part of the culture and is integral to so many people's lives in Central Australia.

To date, AFLNT has been provided with no evidence that supports the notion that the community football competition contributes to social issues currently being experienced in Alice Springs. Since the decision on 28 February, we have had strong community feedback from people across the Territory who can't understand the ban on the community competition and who know how important a role football plays in providing a physical and emotional connection for young men and women in Central Australian communities.

AFLNT retains concerns about the impact of the council's decision, including how the decision seeks to exclude access to public facilities to people from remote communities in Central Australia. As such we remain committed to working with key stakeholders, including the ASTC, to address these concerns and on the best way forward.

We also remain committed to working to address significant infrastructure deficits in remote communities that will enable the sustainable delivery of football in these communities in the future. As has been discussed, we have committed to formalising a working group of motivated stakeholders to drive this forward.

Following feedback received since Tuesday, and consultation with others, we propose that a meeting is convened as soon as possible, to discuss an appropriate way forward. The meeting would include key representatives from the ASTC, AFLNT, the AFL, the Northern Territory Government, the Central Land Council and potentially others.

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

**Sean Bowden**  
Chairman – AFL Northern Territory

**Sam Gibson**  
Head of AFL Northern Territory



**Australian Football League – Northern Territory**

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## Office of the Mayor

7 March, 2023

Mr Sean Bowden, Chair AFLNT  
Mr Sam Gibson, CEO AFLNT  
AFL Northern Territory  
70 Abala Road  
MARRARA NT 0812

via email - [sam.gibson@afl.com.au](mailto:sam.gibson@afl.com.au)

Dear Chair and CEO,

I write in response to your letter dated 6 March 2023, around AFLNT's objection to Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) recent motion to withdraw support for the 2023 Community Football Competition season.

This decision has many layers and attributing it to solely anti-social behaviour is far too simplistic a summation.

Whilst I appreciate not everyone will agree with the stance ASTC has taken, I strongly believe it is the right approach and has been heavily supported by constituents in Alice Springs and more broadly in Central Australia. I am confused however about AFLNT's opposition.

I entirely reject your assertion that ASTC is "taking football away" from young men and women across Central Australia. It is the responsibility of AFLNT to ensure the health of the football competitions in Central Australia, not that of ASTC. A competition that is contingent on the use of grounds that are more than 300kms away from competing communities is clearly not a sustainable model and ASTC cannot be held accountable for the lack of planning around football. I also take exception to the statement as it was AFLNT that cancelled the under 18 competition for the 2022 season, so please understand my objections.

As mentioned, I am confused at AFLNT's objections to this decision, given that it is in line with your remote projects mission statement.

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On the AFLNT website under *"Remote Projects – Inspiring, educating, empowering and uniting communities through Australian Rules Football"*, AFLNT are quoted as saying – *"Remote based football initiatives are delivered by AFLNT to save extensive and dangerous travel time to access structured and supported sporting environments"*. ASTC strongly agrees with this sentiment but despite this, your organisation demands that teams travel past neighbouring communities, drive more than 300kms to Alice Springs, only to play against the community they have passed on their way.

These teams are then forced to travel home again late Sunday afternoon as the sun sets. While you quote that some Territorians can't understand ASTC's decision, I hope you explain to them the logistical challenges that your organisation puts competitors through on a weekly basis.

While your website clearly outlines that you aim to reduce unsafe travel, it also states that AFLNT's remote football programs *"...allow people to play their sport of preference on country of significance without the potential distractions of urban locations"*. Again, ASTC strongly endorses these comments and this is reflective in the resolution passed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28 February, 2023. It adds to our confusion as to AFLNT's objections given your priority to *"inspire, educate and empower communities"*.

I am glad to hear that AFLNT is working to address the infrastructure deficit in remote communities, something that hasn't been addressed for far too long.

This isn't a new conversation and has been a topical one for years. I'd suggest that there has been a lack of drive from AFLNT to have a serious discussion about how to make community football happen on community, something that is evident given the need for a 'crisis' meeting, as AFLNT have called for in the media.

I would be happy to attend any working group or meeting that you propose to address the challenges we have in Alice Springs and the region more broadly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Matt Paterson', with a long, sweeping underline.

Matt Paterson  
**MAYOR**



## Office of the Mayor

7 March, 2023

NT Major Events Company  
Level 1, 36 Todd Mall  
Alice Springs NT 0871

To Whom it May Concern,

### Letter of Support

I'm writing on behalf of the Alice Springs Town Council to provide support for the Northern Territory Major Events Company to host a free community event at Blatherskite Park on 1 July 2023 to celebrate Territory Day.

This event will incorporate a Colour Frenzy, followed by a concert and fireworks display.

Alice Springs Town Council is supportive of this proposal and wishes the Northern Territory Major Events Company all the best on the planning and delivery of this event.

Yours sincerely,

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## Office of the Mayor

13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Licensing NT  
PO Box 8470  
**Alice Springs NT 0871**

To Whom It May Concern,

### **Letter of Support – The Tropic of Capricorn Bar & Restaurant Liquor Licence Application**

I am writing on behalf of Alice Springs Town Council in support of the liquor licence application by Mr Chris Wilkinson on behalf of The Tropic of Capricorn bar and restaurant facility in Alice Springs.

The activation of spaces in the CBD is essential for the social and economic development of Alice Springs with this proposal for alfresco dining with lunch and dinner facilities in the heart of the Todd Mall being much needed. It will assist in attracting visitors to town as well as those considering relocating to Central Australia who are looking for a vibrant and relaxed lifestyle.

The proposal by Mr Wilkinson shows consideration of the potential impact of increased evening activities in the mall and to minimise risk, has placed strict operating guidelines on the bar and restaurant.

Mr Wilkinson owns and operates the Epilogue Lounge and Page 27 Café, both long-established venues in the mall, offering various services to locals and tourists. He has demonstrated a deep commitment to responsibly running a safe and welcoming environment for the current and increasing clientele. This proposed development will also see him invest in local trades and facilities, with empty building space being converted to accommodate the new venture.

It is pleasing to see development and growth amongst Alice Springs' current challenges. The hope is that this additional culinary venue will encourage other private investment in our town and I wish The Tropic of Capricorn all the success with this venture.

Yours sincerely,

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**Matt Paterson**  
**Mayor**

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**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**  
**SUBJECT: CHRIS CONNELLAN MEMORIAL**

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Chris was born in Alice Springs in 1948 and started grade one at the Catholic convent on Bath Street, followed by the bush school at Narwietooma Station. He was then sent to boarding school at Rostrevor Primary in Adelaide and later Xavier College in Melbourne, going on to complete an economics degree at Melbourne University.

Chris spent many years jackarooing and working in the stockcamp at Narwietooma from a very early age. Over the years while working and observing the land he developed a passion and reputation for his land and stock management and was the inaugural winner of the NT Landcare Award - Primary Producer in 1990.

Private and humble, Chris carved his own unique path even though he was always in his father and brothers shadow. A strong supporter of the community, Chris was involved with many Territorian organisations such as the Connellan Airways Trust, Central Australian Aviation Museum, Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Central Land Management Association, the Alice Springs Show Society, Alice Springs Gliding Club, Sleepy Hollow Yacht Club and more recently Land for Wildlife and the Field Naturalists Club.

In 1992 Chris moved his family to Central Queensland, for his children's education. During this time, he continued to develop and improve Narwietooma with assistance from Managers and staff. Chris later moved back to Narwietooma where he remained until 2015.

Chris then devoted the following years in developing the Mt Zeil Wilderness Park. It's a place for the wide-reaching community to experience and value the red desert country which defined his life. He particularly supported the education and wellbeing of the M'Bunghara community who the Connellan family have been friends and neighbours with for 4 generations. It was during this time developing Mt Zeil that he wrote and published his first book 'The Way It Was' about his experience growing up in Alice Springs as a child.

Chris had profound respect and connection with the Aboriginal community at M'Bunghara always seeking to come from a position of wanting to learn and understand through listening and sharing. Chris enjoyed working with the community and M'Bunghara school to develop many social / learning based excursions to Mt Zeil Wilderness Park. The M'Bunghara kids were so proud to show their school work and demonstrate their sporting skills. Chris had an endless knowledge of the Alice Springs Cultural / Social / Economic development but particularly a great respect for Aboriginal communities.

Chris was farewelled by family and friends on the 3 March 2023 where he was fondly remembered by his family and community for outrageous storytelling, contagious laughter, a vibrant sense of humour and his determination. He provided practical and motivational support to those who worked hard and showed true character and vision, while ever stoic about his own challenges in life.

*Thank you to Chris's partner, Julie Sutherland for providing this memorial.*

## REPORT

Report No. 50 / 23 cncl

**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

**AUTHOR: MANAGER FINANCE – LILY DY-IRWIN**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report includes the following financial information for the period ended 31 January 2023:

- Council Financial Position Reports
- Cash Reserves and Cash Analysis Reconciliation
- Monthly Payments Listing (EFT & Cheque)
- Investments report

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That this report be received and noted.**

### **REPORT**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

The **Council Financial Position Reports** are a summary of the above reports in the required format. These include:

- The **Income & Expenditure Statement** reflects how Council's overall income and expenditure is tracking against the budget.
- The **Balance Sheet** outlines what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities), with the difference (Equity) being Council's net worth.

The **Cash Reserves and Cash Analysis Reconciliation** provides the balances of the reserves and a reconciliation of cash.

The **Monthly Payments Listing** provides details of all expenditure (excluding payroll), listing who payments were made to and a brief description of the payment.

The **Investments report** shows the financial institutions Council has funds invested with, the term of the investment, the interest rate being received and also shows Council's compliance with its Investment Policy.

## 2. STRATEGIC ANALYSIS


<p><b>Noting Purpose</b></p>	<p>Results for the period ending 28 February 2023 are summarised as follow:</p> <p><b>Investments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council currently have a mix of A-1+ and A-2 investment rating term deposits. One investment matured during the month and was rolled over and invested for a further 12-month term. Interest income is above budget for the period and will exceed budget for the year due to higher interest rate yields.</li> </ul> <p><b>Profit and Loss</b></p> <p>Revenue from rates is slightly above budget for the period.</p> <p>Cash collections show that 75% of rates have been received year to date.</p> <p><b>Other operating Revenues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall user charges and fees income for all cost centres, including ASALC, Library and Rediscovery Centre (Tip Shop) continue to be ahead of budget.</li> <li>○ Other operating income is tracking above budget for the period.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rates as at 28 February 2023</b></p> <p>Rates were generated in July and third instalment fell due on 3/2/23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total rates outstanding is currently tracking at 25%. Total rates outstanding for Council is inclusive of amounts from prior financial years. (i.e. prior to 22/23 FY)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants and Contributions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grants received as at 28 February 2023 are ahead of the approved budget including grant payment of \$93k for FAA General Purpose and \$5k for Pop up park for the month of February.</li> </ul> <p><b>Financial System and reporting</b></p> <p>All transfers and rollovers have been made and no further adjustments pertaining to FY2022 are required.</p> <p>Council staff continue to improve the levels of functionality of Authority be supported by Civica.</p>
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<p><b>Monitoring Required</b></p>	<p><b>Operational Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall operational expenses are below budget for the period.</li> <li>Other operating expenses have exceeded budget and include: street lighting, utilities, insurance and consulting costs paid.</li> </ul> <p><b>Employee Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Below YTD budget due to vacant positions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Capital Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital expenditure for the period includes RWMF supply storage cabinet \$49,789.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reserves</b></p> <p>Noting Council resolution #22428 approving the budget shortfall of \$113,050 for the Regional Skate Park has been transferred from Town Beautification reserve. Other transfers include resolution #22403 for the public toilet shortfall amounting to \$120,000, Storm damage transfer of \$1,000,000 per resolution #22413 and public art transfer for \$6,980.</p>
<p><b>Priority</b></p>	<p><b>Ongoing upgrade to Civica, BIS and supporting IT Systems</b></p> <p>The issue of non-production of Balance Sheet continues to be worked on as well as Infringement issues is being followed up with Civica.</p>

The content and presentation of the financial reports are progressively being reviewed and updated to provide improved information to Elected Members and stakeholders.

### 3. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Council Financial Position Reports including Income & Expenditure Statement (Budgeted Statement of Financial Performance) and Balance Sheet
- Attachment 2: Cash Reserves and Cash Analysis Reconciliation
- Attachment 3: Monthly Payment listing
- Attachment 4: Investments Report



Lily Dy-Irwin  
**MANAGER FINANCE**



Naomi Brennan  
**ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICE**



**Certification by the Council CEO**

<b>Council Name:</b>	<b>ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL</b>
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	28-Feb-23

To the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:  
Per Regulation 17 (5) (a) (ii): the council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

**CEO Signed**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mohr", is written over a horizontal line.

**Date**

20/03/2023

*Note: If the CEO cannot provide this certification then written reasons are required for not providing the certification.*



**Table 1. Income and Expense Statement – Actual v Budget**

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 February 2023	28 February 2022 YTD ACTUAL	February 2023 YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Approved Annual Revised Budget \$	NOTE
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>						
Rates	23,403,591	16,973,152	16,961,433	11,719	25,442,150	
Statutory Charges	4,011,877	2,819,219	3,020,379	(201,160)	4,530,568	
User Fees and Charges	3,323,077	3,633,839	3,165,997	467,842	4,748,996	1
Operating Grants and Subsidies	3,864,888	4,317,927	2,219,935	2,097,992	3,329,902	2
Interest / Investment Income	228,469	311,473	242,350	69,123	363,525	3
Other Operating Revenue - Includes reimbursements, proceeds from sale of assets, fuel rebates, insurance claims, infringements etc	376,649	635,382	437,100	198,282	655,650	4
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>35,208,551</b>	<b>28,690,992</b>	<b>26,047,194</b>	<b>2,643,798</b>	<b>39,070,791</b>	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
Employee Expenses	12,310,774	11,585,686	13,095,094	1,509,408	19,642,641	5
Materials and Contracts	6,122,808	4,968,610	9,483,947	4,515,336	14,225,920	6
Elected Member Allowances	157,520	213,558	271,277	57,719	406,915	
Elected Member Expenses	13,516	2,607	25,850	23,243	38,775	
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	7,150,107	6,159,272	6,400,000	240,728	9,600,000	
Interest Expenses			0	-	-	
Other Operating Expenses - Includes advertising, contribution and grants made, electricity, freight, insurance, legal fees, postage, sewerage charges, telephone, travel & accommodation expenses, vehicle expenditure, water charges etc	3,445,622	5,924,014	3,459,371	(2,464,642)	5,189,056	7
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>29,200,347</b>	<b>28,853,747</b>	<b>32,735,538</b>	<b>3,881,792</b>	<b>49,103,307</b>	
<b>Capital Activities</b>						
Add : Capital Grants and Contributions	176,086	832,414	1,774,665	942,251	2,661,997	2
Less: Capital Expenditure	5,281,658	1,195,579	5,175,034	3,979,455	7,762,551	

**Reasons for the variation between Year to Date (YTD) actual performance and YTD budget**

**Note 1**

User fees and charges ahead of budget due to user charges across Council and RWMF weighbridge income increase against budget

**Note 2**

Grant Income has exceeded the expected revenue for the full financial year. Grants paid for February include \$93,000 for FAA General Purpose and \$5,000 for Pop up park. For grant funding to be recognised as income at the end of the financial year, funding must be expended. Unexpended grant funding will not be shown as income

**Note 3**

Variance in interest/investment interest older investments with lower interest rates coming to maturity, interest increasing as recent investments mature.

**Note 4**

Other operating revenue includes sale of assets \$209,421, diesel fuel rebates \$70,126, insurance claims of \$55,745, TIO Sponsorship \$45,000, Ranger fines \$51,666 and other income of \$203,425.

**Note 5**

Employment vacancies remain resulting in employment expense below budget year to date

**Note 6**

Materials and contracts are under budget to date. As at end of February, there is total of \$1.1M in committed expenditure (purchase orders) which will increase cost once invoices come in.

**Note 7**

Other operating expenses include other expenses totalling \$1,478,737. Software licencing, consumables and network costs for \$748,078, Insurance of \$1,207,739 including 3rd WC instalment, Consultant and legal fees of \$983,074 and Lighting/Electricity/Water/Sewerage costs of \$1,506,386. Insurance and software licencing costs have been brought forward to the earlier part of the year and so it is expected costs will equalise over the remainder of the financial year.

**Note 8 and 9**

Transfers from Reserve include \$120,000 for public toilet shortfall from Public Toilet Reserve, \$113,050 for skate park from Town Beautification reserve, \$6,980 for public art, and \$1,000,000 for Storm Damage from Disaster and Emergency Reserve.

Transfers are only undertaken through council resolutions

**Above net operating position is exclusive of:**

Committed expenditure (purchase orders) of \$3,770,811 would mean that when the commitments are realised the net operating position would be reduced by this amount



**Table 4. Monthly Balance Sheet Report**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28 February 2023	YTD Actuals \$	Note Reference
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank	50,434,875	(1)
Accounts Receivable	9,684,958	
-Trade Debtors	1,342,846	(2)
-Rates & Charges Debtors	8,283,410	
-Other Items/Tax	58,702	(3) & (5)
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
Inventories	252,635	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>60,372,468</b>	
<b>Non-Current Financial Assets</b>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	276,397,646	
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>276,397,646</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>336,770,114</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	281,873	(4)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities		
Current Provisions (Employee Leave Provisions)	1,943,124	
Accruals	0	
Other Current Liabilities	95,530	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,320,527</b>	
Non-Current Provisions (Landfill Rehab & Long Service Leave)	4,179,379	





## NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET

### Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Term deposit investment and cash at bank totals \$50,434,875 - investments are with major banks with A-1+ and A-2 ratings. Trust funds held total \$92,465 and are included in other current liabilities. Increase in cash and investments held is largely due to the payment received of \$3,294,000 from the NT Government in relation to Anzac Oval.

### Note 2. Statement on Debts Owed to Council (Accounts Receivable)

	1-30 Days	31-60 Days	> 60 Days	Total
Trade Debtors	4,722	434,645	1,183,653	1,623,019
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts				(280,174)
				1,342,846

### Note 3. Other Items/Tax

28-Feb-23

GST Payable/Receivable	-58,567
Accounts Payable GST Uninvoiced Control	-132
Cash Rounding account	-2
<b>Total</b>	<b>(58,702)</b>

### Note 4. Statement on Debts Owed by Council (Accounts Payable)

	1-30 Days	31-60 Days	> 60 Days
Trade Creditors	281,873	\$	\$
Other Creditors	\$	\$	\$

### Note 5. Statement on Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations

The GST and PAYG Withholding tax obligations were paid by the due date. All FBT obligations have been paid to date. All superannuation obligations have been paid to date. All insurance premiums, including Work Health and Directors and Office Holders' cover, have been paid to date.

### Note 6. Tied and Untied Funds

TIED AND UNTIED FUNDS	\$
Cash at Bank	14,444,494
Cash Investments Held	35,990,381
	50,434,875
<b>Less: Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	2,320,527
Non Current Liabilities	4,179,379
	6,499,906
	43,934,969
Less: Cash Restricted Reserves	(14,930,178)
Less: Operating funds	(14,444,494)
Less: Grant Funding Received for Specific Projects	(2,873,468)
<b>UNTIED FUNDS</b>	<b>11,686,828</b>

### MOVEMENT IN RESERVES

Reserve Balance at 28 February 2023	(14,930,178)
<b>Closing Reserve Balance at 28 February 2023</b>	<b>(14,930,178)</b>



Table 2. Capital Expenditure - Actual v Budget

Capital Spend per Revision budget FY 2022-2023	Revision 1 Budget for FY23	YTD Actual Expenditure \$	Unused Expenditure FY23	Note
Hartley Street Carpark Public Toilets	300,000	98,209	201,791	
Depot P&E	700,000	70,741	629,259	
35 Wilkinson Street	15,000	107,752	(92,752)	
Civic Centre Maintenance	50,000		50,000	
Road Reseal	650,000		650,000	
Road Reserve Development	54,000		54,000	
Parks	600,000	49,985	550,015	
RWMF Operational	710,000		710,000	
RWMF Operational P&E	1,360,000	56,679	1,303,321	
Library Operational	40,000		40,000	
ASALC Operational	235,000	22,618	212,382	
ASALC Outdoor Gym	300,000	19,176	280,824	
ICT Operational	122,250		122,250	
DAC Enterprises	560,000		560,000	
R2R	433,129	167,029	266,100	
Gap Youth Centre	202,000		202,000	
Todd Mall Revamp - LRCI Funding	611,114	552,650	58,464	1
ASALC Upgrade - LRCI Funding	756,258		756,258	
Granulator RWMF - Grant	63,800	50,740	13,060	
Hartley Street Carpark Public Toilets				

1 - None

\*\* Total expenditure is detailed in below tables (\$552,650+642,929=\$1,195,579)

Capital Expenditure Detail (projects over \$150K)	Actual \$	Grant Funded	Capex funded by Reserve
Todd Mall Revamp shade structures and backed benches	552,650	552,650	-
<b>Total Capital Expenditure (Over \$150K)</b>	<b>552,650</b>	<b>552,650</b>	<b>-</b>

Capital Expenditure Detail (below \$150K)	Actual \$	Grant Funded	Capex funded by Reserve
<b>July to October</b>			
Wilkinson Street Chemical Shed Compliances	107,752		107,752
Toyota Hilux 4x4 SR5 2.8 Diesel Manual Dual Cab	52,596		52,596
Toyota Hilux Linemarker Ute	41,799		41,799
Toyota Hilux Ute CCS Manager	39,936		39,936
Toyota Hilux Ute ASALC Manager	39,936		39,936
	37,110		37,110
Materials and contracts are under budget to date. As at end of February, there			
Flynn Church lighting upgrade	18,145		18,145
Ilparpa Roadworks	28,550	28,550	
ASALC Outdoor Gym	19,176	19,176	
<b>November</b>			
Concrete Path Ilparpa LRCI	135,289		135,289
<b>December</b>			
Dog Park Fencing	15,699		15,699
ASALC Operational			33,583
<b>January</b>			
Exeloo Replacement	98,209		98,209
RWMF Granulator	50,740	50,740	
Toyota Hilux Linemarker Ute	(41,799)		(41,799)
Toyota Hilux Ute CCS Manager	(39,936)		(39,936)
Toyota Hilux Ute ASALC Manager	(39,936)		(39,936)
RWMF Weighbridge indicator/converter reader enabled equip	(30,220)		(30,220)
Park Play equipment	15,311		15,311
Concrete Path Ilparpa LRCI	3,190		3,190
<b>February</b>			
RWMF Supply Storage Cabinet	49,789		49,789
Dog Park Fencing	18,975		18,975
ASALC heat pump/lighting (credit note due to faulty pump)	(10,965)		(10,965)
<b>Total Capital Expenditure (Under \$150K)</b>	<b>609,346</b>	<b>98,466</b>	<b>544,463</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,161,996</b>	<b>651,116</b>	<b>544,463</b>

NOTE 1: Costs coded to concrete path Ilparpa Road now recoded to Todd Mall Revamp.



**Table 5. Highest 20 Contractor Payments/ Items paid in the month**

The table is to include top 20 payments to contractors made in the month (excluding taxes and employment related costs such as superannuation, and utilities) distinguishing between payments to a local Territory enterprise or industry; and interstate / overseas supplier.

Supplier Name	Council Project Title	Territory enterprise or industry supplier \$	Interstate / overseas enterprise or industry supplier \$	TOTAL
MPH Carpentry & Constructions	Contract Materials & Labour	108,030		
Jaybro Group	Contract Materials & Labour		67,478	
Refuel Australia	Fuel		56,001	
Cleanaway Ltd	Waste	54,619		
Aertex Group Pty Ltd	Contract Materials & Labour	51,150		
FieldForce4	Professional services		43,036	
RIMFIRE Energy	Electricity	40,029		
Jackson Enterprises	Labour	39,165		
Deloitte Private	Professional services	33,660		
Davidson Executive & Boards	Recruitment		33,000	
Tierra Environment	Contract Materials & Labour		30,899	
AL Sawtell/Central Glazing	Contract Materials & Labour	30,590		
JACANA	Electricity	29,916		
Hastings Deering	Contract Materials & Labour	22,736		
DAC Enterprises	Contract Materials & Labour	20,700		
Vocus	Internet Services		20,186	
Moduplay Group	Contract Materials & Labour		19,993	
Living Turf	Materials		18,840	
Alice Springs Sand Supplies	Materials	17,915		
Alice Springs Animal Shelter	Pound Management	15,137		
Other (expenses to numerous to list but as per EFT listing not included above)		502,579		



**Table 6 - Member/CEO Credit Card**

Cardholder: Robert Jennings			
Transactions for Month	Council Expense	Personal Expense	Repayment Arrangements
Payee	Amount	Amount	
Woolworths	\$ 5.90		
Card Fee	\$ 9.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>

Card expenditure is for Council business purchases of a minor nature for catering and function purchases and for purchases made online where no other payment method easily available

Cardholder: Teresa Broderick			
Transactions for Month	Council Expense	Personal Expense	Repayment Arrangements
Payee	Amount	Amount	
Facebook	\$ 30.00		
Target Australia	\$ 500.00		
News Ltd	\$ 28.00		
Zoom	\$ 869.75		
Subway	\$ 315.00		
Facebook	\$ 30.00		
WP Engine	\$ 81.62		
Crazy Domains Hosting	\$ 54.45		
Facebook	\$ 30.00		
Aquastream	\$ 1,128.60		
Facebook	\$ 10.85		
Mailchimp	\$ 172.07		
Dropbox	\$ 130.35		
AS POL STN	\$ 77.00		
Zoho-Zoho Corp	\$ 1,148.40		
Darwin City Hotel	\$ 274.05		
Card fee	\$ 9.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,981.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>

Materials and contracts are under budget to date. As at end of February, there is total of \$1.1M in committed expenditure (purchase orders) which will increase cost once invoices come in.

Cardholder: Matthew Paterson			
Transactions for Month	Council Expense	Personal Expense	Repayment Arrangements
Payee	Amount	Amount	
Coles	\$ 51.60		
Kmart	\$ 147.50		
Woolworths	\$ 25.00		
Woolworths	\$ 70.00		
Target	\$ 43.20		
Page 27 Café	\$ 11.17		
The Precinct Tavern	\$ 22.00		
Uber	\$ 9.36		
Uber	\$ 27.90		
Fiddlers Green	\$ 20.00		
Card fee	\$ 9.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>436.73</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>

Card expenditure is for Council business purchases of a minor nature for catering and function purchases and for purchases made online where no other payment method easily available

Attachment 2

**Cash Reserves & Cash Analysis Reconciliation 28 February 2023**

INTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES	
<b>Assets Reserve</b>	
<b>1a - Asset Management, Maintenance and Renewal</b>	
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	788,604
Library IT Upgrade Reserve	58,350
Parks & Playgrounds	-
Cricket Wicket Replacement	44,694
	<u>891,648</u>
<b>1b Civil Works and Projects</b>	
Ilparpa Road capital works	545,861
Open Drains	350,792
Pedestrian Refuge	1,442
Town Beautification	719,346
Tree Planting Reserve	53,925
	<u>1,671,366</u>
<b>1c Waste Management Reserve</b>	
RWMF Future Landfill Site	3,023,332
	<u>3,023,332</u>
<b>Upgrades and New Developments</b>	
Capital (Infrastructure)	-
Todd Mall Redevelopment	508,118
Map Signage	52,823
CBD Revitalisation Project	1,281,835
Baler Concrete Slab	9,828
Civic Centre Upgrade	202,145
Garden Cemetery Future Development Plan Reserve	105,645
Netball Facility Upgrade Reserve	41,085
Public Toilet Project	58,410
City Deals Project	53,850
Security and Safety Lighting Upgrade	3,141,260
Kerbside Collection	955,952
Regional Waste Management Plant & Equipment	-
Major Projects Seed Funding Reserve	200,000
	<u>6,610,950</u>
<b>Operations, Community and Strategic Investment Reserve</b>	
Working Capital	50,000
Investment (Interest) Reserve-proportioned to the Reserves bi-yearly	88,283
Public Art Advisory Committee	2,790
	<u>141,073</u>
<b>Disaster Relief</b>	
Disaster & Emergency	940,801
	<u>940,801</u>
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL RESERVES (INTERNALLY RESTRICTED)</b>	<b>13,279,169</b>
<b>Externally Restricted (relates to external funding/restricted for specific purpose)</b>	
Sports Facility Advisory Committee (SFAC)	554,134
Developer Contributions	140,946
Employee Entitlements	284,067
Town Camp Waste Collection	132,214
Solar Initiatives	304,648
South Edge Estate Defective Works	50,000
South Edge Subdivision Concrete Footpath Works	75,000
Mount Johns Development Road Maintenance	110,000
	<u>1,651,009</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>14,930,178</b>
<b>CASH ANALYSIS RECONCILIATION AT 28 February 2023</b>	
Cash at Bank	14,444,494
Cash Investments Held (as per Balance Sheet)	35,990,381
	<u>50,434,875</u>
<b>Less: Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	(2,320,527)
Non Current Liabilities	(4,179,379)
<b>Total Liabilities (as per Balance Sheet)</b>	<b>(6,499,906)</b>
Less: Cash Restricted Reserves	(14,930,178)
Less: Operating Funds	(14,444,494)
Less: Grant Funding Received for Specific Projects	(2,873,468)
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>11,686,828</b>

## EFT Payment Summary Report for Month Ending Feb-23



Attachment 3

<u>EFT No.</u>	<u>Trans Date</u>	<u>Invoice/Ref #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Payment &gt;= \$100,000</b>					
4430.3702-01	17/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-3771	MPH Carpentry & Constructions P/L	Exeloo Replacement- Supply & Install at Hartley St30% Deposit	108,030.00
4422.5568-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	4177787	Jaybro Group Pty Ltd	RWMF - Supply Storage Cabinets, Temporary Fencing - Joiners & Bases	67,478.18
4430.5200-01	19/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	2209328	Refuel Australia	Depot - Diesolene 18,000ltrs, RWMF - 6000L Diesel, Stock - Diesolene Depot 5,000ltrs	56,001.00
4434.1296-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	15746078	Cleanaway Limited	RWMF -Domestic Clearances,Town Camps, Rent of Recycle Bins	54,619.17
4422.5833-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	27136	Aertex Group Pty Ltd t/a Arafura Li	Line Marking Rail Crossing, Conduct line marking works on various ASTC roads	51,149.56
<b>Payment \$10,000 to \$49,999</b>					
4430.6273-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FFW-5442	FieldForce4 Pty Limited	Provision for Works Depot Improvement Program	43,035.67
4430.5065-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	3221	RIMFIRE Energy	ASALC - Electricity Charges January 2023	40,028.94
4428.5315-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	26846	Jackson Enterprises Pty Ltd ta Cent	HR Admin Labour Supplied, casual labour hire mowing	39,165.30
4434.390-01	22/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	8003294090	Deloitte Private Pty Ltd	Fees for professional services	33,660.00
4434.6685-01	15/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	DEB4186	Davidson Executive & Boards Pty Ltd	Finders Fee - interim CEO	33,000.00
4428.2513-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	10421	Tierra Environment Pty Ltd	RWMF - 29/11/2021 - Long Term Planning INV # 1421	30,899.00
4430.5899-01	20/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-1063	A.L.Sawtell T/AS Central Glazing	ASALC Replace broken glass panels, Library Repair vandalised door	30,590.41
4434.4730-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	1011935010	Power Retail Corporation t/a JACANA	10245814 Todd St Civic Centre 31.01.2023	29,915.67
4434.257-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	40100474955	Hastings Deering (Australia) Ltd	Engine DPF for 826K Compactor, repair handbrake & replace transmission oil 53200, RWMF - 5000hr Service on CAT962M Loader	22,735.72
4430.6640-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	2941	D.A.C. ENTERPRISES PTY. LTD. t/a	RWMF - Supply & Deliver 4 x Water Tanks (2nd lot)	20,700.00
4430.5001-01	1/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	P968173	Vocus Pty Ltd	INTERNET SERVICES: Nov 21 to Feb 22- 4 months SIP, Work Land Phone Charges from VOCUS	20,186.48
4430.6625-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	617705	Moduplay Group Pty Ltd	Supply & Delivery of New Play Equipment	19,992.50
4434.5456-01	13/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	102571/01	Living Turf	Fungicide/Pesticide/Liquid Fertilisers	18,839.70
4430.47-01	19/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	6028	Alice Springs Sand Supplies Pty Ltd	Supply/deliver roadbase smith street yard, 60t jessie gap white sand to garden cemetery	17,915.03
4434.1238-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0222	Alice Springs Animal Shelter Inc	Pound Management - Jan 2023	15,137.10
4434.71-01	13/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	59487776/123837	The Northern Territory News	x3 Ads. The Australian , 2x Ads Road Reseal, Tier 3 Membership: 1/week QTR pg advert; Tender Alice Springs CBD Master, Tender	15,043.50
4434.6092-01	19/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	1028	Fibrelogue Pty Ltd	Technology Consultancy Service-Professional Advis	14,762.00
4430.4874-01	19/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-2789	Spectrim Pty Ltd	Shade Sail Repair at Araluen Park	14,740.00

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4430.6293-01	2/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	2304	Jennifer Anne Clarsen T/A Jenny Cla	Lyndavale Park Remaining works 25% Deposit	14,263.15
4434.3484-01	18/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	949	LTC Construction	ASALC - Repair ceiling, Conduct Maintenance at Pool House, patch & paint main entry wall at basketball, maintenance works, repairs at anzac oval toilet block, repair toilet braiitling childcare centre	13,305.00
4430.3942-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	4414	Cooling Plus Refrigeration &	ASALC - install water bubbler, Library- maintenance air-condition, Civic Centre - Server Rm: Split system no power, Gap Community	12,432.60
4434.4764-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	AU-PSI-187648	SoftwareONE Australia Pty Limited	Subscription Renewal for 1 year, License with 27 months SA coverage	12,178.54
4422.125-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	698	Marriott Agencies Pty Ltd	ASALC - Pool Operations	11,256.00
4434.6679-01	14/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	2200391	Thomson, Daniel Joseph Shine t/a To	Turf Supply and Delivery at Lyndavale Park	11,050.00
4434.5080-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	22816	Electricon Contracting PL t/a Pump	72" cutting deck #53560, ASALC - Repair Ozzi Steam Cleaner, parts and discharge covers #53560, flexi drive pump #53524	10,945.03
4434.4665-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	208435	Think Water Alice Springs	Depot - Stock of PPE, irrigation parts, RWMF - Materials, service honda #538375, service crack in bar oil tank, repair pull start on fs360	10,051.34
<b>Payment &lt; \$10,000</b>					
4430.5277-01	16/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	#67902	A2Z Services	ASALC - Bathroom cleaning -Weekend rate x2 & Weekdays x5	9,350.00
4434.5952-01	19/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	8138	J & J Plumbing and Gas Services Pty	install tap & drinking fountain in lyndavale park, Mercorella Circuit -	9,335.70
4434.4681-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	RKD10908	RK Diesel Services	RWMF - Replace DPF, temp sensors & pressure sensor, RWMF - Reset DPF light and replace RH HL ind globe	9,300.28
4428.5229-01	1/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	MIDFEB2023	Mayor M J Paterson	Mayoral Allowance Monthly Feb 2023	9,225.12
4430.5768-01	13/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-12797	Trlpl3 Fire Electrical & Contractin	Basketball - six month repair/replace fire equipme, routine servicing at	9,179.23
4434.2232-01	16/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	6775	Ace Treelopping & Tree Care	remove large limbs overhanging 8 hayes st, remove dead tree and	9,053.00
4434.4156-01	3/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	426	Get Physical	Healthy Communitis Programs Feb 2023, Healthy Communities -	9,022.00
4434.2366-01	2/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-52729	Talice Security Services Pty Ltd	Alarm Responses,Cash & Change Collections , Security at Anzac Hill, ASALC - security guards, Civic centre Car park, Council Chambers- Ordinary Meetings	9,011.22
4430.6225-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-4284	Alice Clothing and Uniforms	Depot - Stock of Uniform Shirts, Trousers & Cargo Shorts	8,767.30
4434.6018-01	13/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	0506	K M Christopher	Provision of Legal services	8,712.00
4430.4001-01	15/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	SINV-0121424/1	International Quandratics Pty Ltd	C5 Chlorine Dioxide 100 tablets, ASALC- Nilphos 20L + Freight	7,766.97
4434.6622-01	18/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0020	BOYLES STRIKING ACADEMY PTY LTD	CGEW Muay Thai Program	7,500.00
4431.3274-01	21/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	9654	Ronin Security Technologies	Repair of damages after breakin, Over 50's Club, multiple false alarm - backup battery, RWMF - Program Boxing day PH into alarm system, Traeger Park - alarm not arming	6,941.94
4434.5086-01	17/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	590	David Ashley Tiling	ASALC - Supply Grout	6,699.00
4434.31-01	16/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	SINV-012366	International Quadratics t/a Pool	PH Buffer ( bicarb) + Freight	5,813.13
4430.1782-01	20/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	6449561	CJD Equipment Pty Ltd	works carried out on council vehicle #52958, RWMF - 250hr Service on Water Truck, works carried out on council's vehicle #52778, Air	5,720.42
4431.582-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	243713	Carla Furnishers Pty Ltd	Furnishings for the Pool House-Quote #8217	5,642.00
4434.6633-01	22/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	325	SHIZANE PTY LTD t/a CDM Group NT	ASTC Strom Verge Clearing- Cost of Hiring Tipper	5,299.25
4430.953-01	25/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	31	MG Electrical Services Pty Ltd	ASALC Carpark Light Repairs from Storm Damage	5,290.46

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4428.6279-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	BI1193263	Ward Keller Unit Trust No 3	Professional Fees- Advice to ASTC on By-Laws 31	5,005.00
4434.5058-01	11/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	6619330	Ixom Operations Pty Ltd	CL2-920 DRUM, Service fee for Chlorine drum	4,983.79
4434.1366-01	5/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	49796	CKS Electrical Mechanical Serv. P/L	Supply & install split system in mechanic office, ASALC - Electrical	4,887.88
4430.228-01	19/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	I876193ALI	Metcash Trading P/L t/a Independent	Inspection for Australia Day, install meter box & gpo poepell gardens	4,737.76
4430.4389-01	27/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	727	8CCC Community Radio Inc	ASALC - Items for KIOSK sales, RWMF - Drink order	4,728.55
4430.4486-01	24/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	2325/99844784	Bunnings Pty Ltd	Stage Hire - Australia Day Pool Party, Supply of PA system for Australia Day Flag Raising	4,640.93
4434.6664-01	22/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	0011755	The Trustee for C J Hyland & CO Rea	Fence panels as required, Depot - Stock of assorted hardware, Various Tech Services materials & tools, RWMF - Materials, Paint,	4,620.00
4434.1338-01	22/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-4030	AA Signs & Designs Pty Ltd	ANZAC Oval Acquisition Valuation Advice	4,447.20
4434.3062-01	16/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-5533	The Trustee for Booth Family Trust	Safety Signs, Depot - Stock of Street Blades	4,235.00
4422.789-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	23944	Centralian Records Management	Xmas Tree Installation & Removal	4,155.00
4434.1583-01	13/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	92831	Principal Products	Destruction of Archives, Supply of Confidential Bins x 4	4,231.68
4434.433-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	16488	Territory Wrecking Repairs PTY LTD	Civic centre - Various cleaning materials, Large Latex gloves, ASALC - Jumbo toilet rolls, Library - Long handle toilet brush	4,066.00
4434.3083-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	666780	Our Town & Country Office National	Relocation of Vehicles - Impound to RWMF, Relocate various vehicles form locations	3,710.55
4422.6074-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0043	Alice Choice Caterers PL t/a Jai Ho	RWMF - Office items, Cash register rolls, ASALC Stationery Order, Civic Centre Stationery, TS, Library Stationery Order	3,575.00
4430.2607-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	186481	Greenhill Engineers Pty Ltd	Lunch Catering for Event	3,448.50
4422.4587-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	X-9501	Solace Consulting	Stormwater Investigation-48 Cromwell Drive	3,420.00
4422.6040-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0058	Lets Get Lit Pty Ltd t/a Watertank	Counselling Sessions	3,361.20
4430.1286-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	4602	Central Australian Driving School	Catering - Elected Members	3,300.00
4434.6569-01	14/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	142	Sandman Innovations c/o Peter Illma	Heavy Rigid Truck Licence, Licence to operate Heavy Vehicle Truck	3,273.60
4434.2966-01	15/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	11437	Michael Rice Consulting Engineers P	Over 50's Emergency Works - CCTV camera, Supply 600x600 mm hinged wall rack (9RU), Install ceiling data cabling between two wall	3,269.44
4434.3902-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	89395	ABC Transport Pty Ltd	RWMF - Power circuits tripping after storm, albrecht oval scoreboard	3,230.65
4434.3828-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB2023	Councillor E Melky	Concrete Pipes	3,181.08
4422.5776-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	4196175	Clayton Utz	Deputy Mayor Allowance February 2023	3,142.15
4422.6397-01	2/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0506	KERLUNA Pty Ltd t/a Central Drones	Professional Fee - Grievance Investigation, Professional Services - ASTC Land Acquisition	3,000.00
4430.6525-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-1468	Bushmob Aboriginal Corporation	Library: Drone Zone Sessions	3,000.00
4430.1783-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	502939657	SEEK Limited	Horsin'around Sessions - Healthy Youth, Healthy	2,928.20
4430.2571-01	17/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	179660	Alice City Tyrepower	Additional Ads- Contract 500996576	2,915.00
4430.4969-01	4/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	0196	AW Mclean Maintenance & Building	supply and fit new tyres #52957, RWMF - Replace tyre on Hook Truck, supply and fit tyre #53167, RWMF - Replace tyre on Manager repairs to brick work at basketball stadium	2,800.00



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4434.2797-01	17/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	109002	Sisandbros Unit Trust t/a Alice Spr	filters #52779, filters #538516, battery #53261 , filters #52958, filters #53725, filters #538382, filters #53725, filters #538380, Filter, led	2,769.14
4422.6650-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	23601_sa1	The Trustee for Wallis Family Trust	Concept Design and Detailed Drawings for	2,750.00
4434.89-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	94991774	HY-TEC Industries (Northern Territo	25x20x80 concrete deliver bradshaw drive, 25x20x80 concrete fibres civic centre	2,630.10
4434.6658-01	21/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV0028299	Aqua Cooler Pty Ltd	Civic Centre - PF400 Outdoor Pet	2,486.00
4434.5163-01	1/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0813	Desert Technologies Pty Ltd	Radio on network, NO Distress, Tracking etc x137	2,350.00
4434.6329-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB2023	Councillor M J Liddle	Councillor Allowance for February 2023, CEO Panel Extra Meetings	2,304.15
4422.4899-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	17942301ASTC-LF	Low Ecological Services	2022/2023 Sponsorship	2,200.00
4434.6702-01	23/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	173	Asset Management Council Limited	Full Registration	2,200.00
4434.5230-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB2023	Councillor M L Banks	Councillor Allowance for Feb 2023, Reimburse Ordinary Meeting	2,074.11
4430.161-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	SNOOo142310120:	Beames Family Trust t/a The Paper S	Newspaper Orders, Library- Journals & Periodicals	2,036.56
4430.1603-01	24/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	1867	Hardy Fencing Australia Pty Ltd	Variation- Maintenance gate to be added	1,981.20
4430.193-01	23/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	1080183	Alice Springs Locksmiths & Security	TPC Keys x10 & 1.3 Keys x20 for stocks, Araluen Park Toilet Block - Replaced damaged lock, replace lock & clinder on door at abrecht	1,952.50
4428.4920-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	32851923	United Petroleum Pty Ltd	Fuel Cards - January 2023	1,945.77
4434.575-01	14/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	37617	Northern Territory Chamber of Comme	Membership Subscription renewal: 01/03/2023 to	1,853.00
4434.6325-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB2023	Councillor A P Bitar	Councillor Allowance for February 2023	1,794.11
4434.6326-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB2023	Councillor K S Hopper	Councillor Allowance for February 2023	1,794.11
4434.6327-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB2023	Councillor M A Coffey	Councillor Allowance for February 2023	1,794.11
4434.6330-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB2023	Councillor S J Brown	Councillor Allowance for February 2023	1,794.11
4434.6638-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB2023	Councillor G J Morris	Councillor Allowance for February 2023	1,794.11
4434.5363-01	16/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	9030	Central Building Surveyors	Building & Occupancy Permit for Installation, Community Garden Solar light Pole Certification	1,694.00
4430.3102-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FPNT17316	Flavell Plumbing	RWMF - Leak at mulch area - INV # FPNT17316	1,625.74
4434.1381-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	123559	Central Communications (Alice Sprin	Monthly Turbo Tracking Jan, tjm tyre cord replacements	1,587.50
4434.571-01	24/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	83029	Kingswood Aluminium Pty Ltd t/a Nea	Library- Reset front doors & Reglaze x4 broken	1,463.00
4422.6567-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-00566	The Belrose Group Pty Ltd	Fee for professional services - P&C audit	1,375.00
4422.744-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	375694	INDERVON	15W40 R4L engine oil, RWMF - Supply unleaded petrol 200L	1,763.91
4434.2394-01	17/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	IN180919	Alice Hosetech	Parts for jcb backhoe #52841, RWMF - Materials, Service Grease Gun, hi-tec hydraulic 68 oil 20lt, nozzle ,valve and parts, air filter	1,748.06
4430.171-01	25/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	TI-000A4-CBE06	Woolworths Group Limited ( Woolwort	Nappies for KIOSK, Library - Splash Party Catering as per order, Replacement Items for Pool House,Fresh Fruit - Civic Centre,	1,448.10
4430.2311-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	695399	Red Centre Unit Trust t/a Red Centr	Shredder Call out & Labour Charge, Toshiba 3515 AC toners, Photocopier Readings	1,357.17
4428.6606-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-1179	Proedge Contracting Pty Ltd	Library- Cleaning 17.5hours for 12-16 December2022	1,355.20
4430.3623-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-6779	Reality Bites Catering	Catering for Workshops	1,331.00

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4428.1223-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	22-00025842	Desert Dwellers Pty. Ltd.	Rangers Accoutrements	1,289.80
4430.770-01	19/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	#8917	Brian Blakeman Surveys	RWMF - Benchmarks	1,245.75
4428.285-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	37547	NT Chamber of Commerce & Industries	Intensive Customer Service Training	1,240.00
4434.6477-01	21/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	SDCA000237	Nick Bell t/a SD Consulting Austral	Professional Fee- WHS and Risk Management	1,225.00
4434.6568-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	9011576493	ASAHI Beverages Pty Ltd	ASALC - Drinks to sell in kiosk	1,222.53
4434.34-01	16/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	32758	Alice Equipment Hire	Roller hire, Equipment Hire EWP	1,218.80
4434.3771-01	6/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	1157758	KL Media Pty Ltd /TA All Access	DVDs for General Collection	1,195.93
4434.5911-01	18/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	4II0005889	Trans Territory Foods Pty Ltd	ASALC items for Kiosk sales	1,141.15
4434.6173-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	3,964	OBD Systems Pty Ltd t/a Country Die	Replace hose on spitwater #538518 and replace nozzle on spitwater	1,119.95
4422.6575-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	7423	BOHARD Pty Ltd ta AUTOFIT88	Repair 12v system in bunded diesel tank	1,072.20
4434.119-01	19/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	2607694	B&S Home Timber & Hardware	RWMF - Materials, block door	1,050.30
4434.3430-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	73059	AN Electrical Pty Ltd	Find fault in ne light tower traeger park	1,044.45
4430.6460-01	3/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	2020179	SS & GA Pty Ltd t/a Central Fruit &	Depot- Fresh Fruit	992.26
4434.6627-01	17/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	59779	AGON ENVIRONMENTAL PTY LTD	Conduct Asbestos Awareness Training	990.00
4434.282-01	21/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	909322	St John Ambulance Australia (NT) In	ASALC- Adult Epipen, First Aid Training Course, Microbiology Lab Fees	982.02
4428.6529-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	6113	Remote Psych Pty Ltd	Psychology Consult Sessions	936.00
4431.6701-01	22/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	FEB222023	Staff Reimbursement	Reimbursement - Flights, Accomo, and Misc	920.93
4430.4208-01	13/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	56374	Autosparky (Workshop)	Issues with Tub Grinder # 53161, 12v Globe for Asset #538281, relay 12v changover mini #538282	905.25
4430.6522-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	#2827	V Dobson	x2 Arrernte Workshops	900.00
4434.1477-01	22/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	18297-2	Project Building Certifiers Pty Ltd	Amendment to Building Permit:	880.00
4430.688-01	4/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	1219	Bruce Patrick McEllister T/A Sadade	Australia Day 2023 - 26 Jan 2023 hire of plastic	860.00
4431.1682-01	14/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	12324	Alice Springs Cleaning Service	Cleaning for Pool House	825.00
4430.3105-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	18189	Al's Plumbing Service	plumbing repairs	808.75
4430.5681-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0656	Brushtech Painting Services	touch up painting on centaph at anzac hill	800.00
4434.5034-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	AU-536697/4	Tenderlink	5YR Waste collection service tender, Tender Launch - Lighting	782.50
4431.330-01	13/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	975/1	Hapke Pty Ltd T/A Outback Vehicle	relocate roller from petrick rd to jane rd, relocate nissan leaf #538317	781.00
4434.3365-01	22/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	424357-SER	Northern Territory Veterinary Servi	Microchipping Dogs x 12, Euthanasia's, Microchip Cats x 2	752.20
4430.325-01	16/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	6319	Direct Distribution (NT) Pty Ltd/ W	Steel cap work boots	750.70
4434.63-01	14/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	C101147	Alice Office Equipment Pty Ltd T/A	Oki's Printers Maintenance Including Toners &	743.81
4434.50-01	3/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	1012158536	Australia Post	Postage for January 2023	743.03
4430.441-01	31/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	2501642024	Australian Library & Information As	Library- ALIA Company Membership	740.00
4430.5523-01	3/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	5029	Western Grader Hire Pty Ltd t/a	Relocate - Various vehicles from locations	726.00
4434.57-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	5005979760	BOC Limited	Depot - Cylinder Hire, ASALC -Oxygen cylinder hire	684.82
4430.5324-01	16/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	21139	STEVE'S ELECTRIX	RCBO Check- did not replace, RWMF - WB lights not working,	680.00
4430.1125-01	18/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	53732	Springs Cleaning Supplies	ASALC - Gloves and Pumie's, Hand towel 2 Ply - 24cm x30xm; 24x	665.10

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4430.5009-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	2122	The Trustee for McDonough Family Tr	Disposal of x12 vehicles	660.00
4434.3522-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	32316	Hip Pocket Workwear & Safety - Alic	steel cap work boots, RWMF - Work pants	628.84
4434.3928-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	15300867	FIT2Work	Criminal History Checks	614.46
4428.5808-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	JAN2023	L R Jones	Delivery of Healthy Communities - Life Without	600.00
4422.6675-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	P248333	Reimbursement	Reimbursement - CDU Course	560.00
4430.4769-01	27/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	LTO79000048805	Integrated Land Information System	ILIS Land Search Fees	558.60
4434.6591-01	12/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-00192	OUTBACK PROJECTS PTY LTD	ASALC - Roller door repair	550.00
4434.6666-01	21/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	1011	Desert Plumber	Plumbing Service - Labour	539.00
4434.6670-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0411	Keystroke Learning Pty Ltd	Online Adobe Photoshop Introduction	517.00
4434.4982-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	58419	Territory Pest Control	Visual termite inspection brairting childcare, RWMF - 6 Monthly Maintenance	507.50
4422.5194-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	#207721	Keep Moving Pty Ltd	ASALC - Repair Pool Hoist batteries	499.10
4434.5103-01	3/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	929051117	Department of Industry, Tourism & T	ASALC - Water microbiological testing, D-Water Microbiology Lab	474.18
4428.6548-01	1/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	1275200	CMOBILE Pty Ltd	Council Work phone bill from CMobile	458.42
4434.131-01	5/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	JC14128781	Peter Kittle Motor Company	carry out 6 month service #538511	455.13
4422.1173-01	1/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	19/01	M Campbell	Town Crier Duties - Jan 2023	450.00
4430.1680-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	20573	WB Mobile Windscreens	supply and fit right front door glass #52957	450.00
4434.176-01	14/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	493205	DeNeefe Pty Ltd ta/ Norsign (NT)	300mm x 100mm- Forgotten Australians Plaque	447.52
4430.6287-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-1596	Advanced Plumbing and Gas Services	unblock sewer with drain machine flynn oval, plumbing repairs gap childcare	445.50
4422.2688-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-1738	Mental Health Association of Centra	Catering- Mental Health Event	436.18
4434.5430-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	3230056	SMS GeoTechnical	Conduct soil testing & provide report for Ilparpa	429.00
4430.6533-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	SQ-00006615	Essential Coffee Pty Ltd	ASALC -Slushy mix to sell in the kiosk	413.60
4430.6522-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	#175	V Dobson	1 x Arrernte Workshops	400.00
4422.6636-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	100198	ALICE SPRINGS BREWING CO PTY LTD	Mayor's Christmas Function	396.00
4430.6563-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	I23637	ACECOM NT Pty Ltd t/a ACECOM Fire &	Short Pillar Lid - Non vented	388.09
4431.4036-01	17/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	#165	Amelia Harris	IWD Cupcakes x 80	359.00
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4422.4633-01	3/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	PLAZ-1271	PlazArt Creative Metal Work	welding repair to mower pulley system #538529	342.50
4430.1142-01	15/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-3145	Alice Springs Reptile Centre	Library- School Holidays: Reptile Presentation	330.00
4422.492-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	565031	Alice Hospitality Supplies Pty Ltd	ASALC- Service of coffee Machine	323.25
4434.3687-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	5735	TDC Refrigeration	electrical issue at alice springs childcare centre	313.50
4434.32-01	13/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INA84739	Normist Pty. Ltd. t/a Alice Bolt	parts, s hooks m8 x 78, threaded rod, Hex nut and Spring washer	308.00
4434.83-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	CA71547	Colemans Printing Alice Springs Pty	Business cards	291.50
4430.1426-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	129992ADMIN	CYDAR Pty Ltd t/a Bath St. Family	Pre-Employment Medical	264.00
4430.61-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	12442971	BP Australia Pty Ltd	Fuel & Oils - January 2023	240.69

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<u>EFT No.</u>	<u>Trans Date</u>	<u>Invoice/Ref #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4430.3409-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	10754	Ozianka Nominees Pty Ltd t/a Brumby	ASALC- Bread for New Year Eve, x20 Loaves of bread for Functions	238.50
4430.5292-01	13/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	16857	Bluedust NT	RWMF - Auto Side Gate fault in Tipshop (15/11/22)	227.63
4434.1521-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	4320367184	Wurth Australia Pty Ltd	workshop consumables as quoted	226.60
4434.1025-01	17/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	144126	A J Services	ASALC - Repair AC in office ( loose wire)	204.00
4434.244-01	24/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	837685	Alicetronics Trust t/as iGear &	Site Call-out and Labour	202.50
4434.5848-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0681	Desert Minds Pty Ltd	Consultation on below dates -23/01/2023	181.50
4434.6700-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	685793	Reimbursement	Reimbursement - Life Guard Training	180.00
4434.2582-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	69888	Mereenie H2o T/A Alice Springs Gold	RWMF - Water Bottles	180.00
4430.1996-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	190096	Outback Batteries Pty Ltd t/a Outba	delkor battery	144.00
4422.930-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	65673927	TNT Australia Pty Ltd	Freight to Prominent Fluid	126.54
4422.402-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	2207860	Centre Canvas & Upholstery	ASALC - Webbing Roll x30m & Buckles	108.00
4434.430-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	586166-520	MM Electrical Merchandising	end key zinc alloy 4 way as quote 520-341851-000	102.89
4434.85-01	2/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	AS11-0000062798	CBC Australia Pty Ltd	cable ties, v belt #538529, master link for chain #51521	101.30
4422.6020-01	1/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	#339	Sophia Anne Marriott t/a Sugar & Sp	Library: Summer Reading Club Major Prize Preschool	100.00
4428.4116-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	4850	Western Desert Nganampa Walytja	Mayoral Awards Gift	100.00
4434.2877-01	15/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0421	John David Capper t/a Red Kangaroo	IWD Guest Speaker Gifts	100.00
4434.241-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	317801	Kmart Australia Ltd	Library -Multi-Purpose room Equipment	98.00
4431.6689-01	9/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	2002	Reimbursement	Reimbursement - Pool House Supplies	88.00
4430.6676-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	5779	Reimbursement	Reimbursement - Catering for Elected Members	80.04
4422.3094-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	151482	Reimbursement	Working w/Children - Reimbursement	76.00
4422.6678-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	29431	Reimbursement	Reimbursement - Working with children renewal	76.00
4434.6455-01	22/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	7891	Reimbursement	Reimbursement - for Icy Poles for Skating	75.50
4422.5790-01	6/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	3408	JW Lawrie Trust t/a Creative Gifts	Name Badges	66.00
4430.2413-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	581780	Securepay Pty Ltd	SecurePay - Webservice & Transaction Fee Jan 23	64.35
4430.5486-01	3/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	T117766	Territory Dry Cleaner Pty Ltd	Dry clean table cloths -Australia Day Citizenship	62.50
4431.6689-01	10/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	6119	Reimbursement	Reimbursement - Pool House Supplies	61.50
4430.3248-01	14/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV02889338	Messagemedia	Monthly Access Fee - Library, Monthly Access Fee - Civic Centre	60.50
4422.6532-01	7/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	#0033	E A Smith t/a Lemon Tree Media	Photograph Prints - Australia Day Falag Raising	60.00
4430.6676-01	8/2/2023 12:00:00 AM	774	Reimbursement	Reimbursement - Farewell Morning Tea	53.20
4430.4361-01	15/1/2023 12:00:00 AM	A285684	Peter Pal Library Supplier	Books for the General Collection	15.99
<b>Total Approval Cheques</b>					<b>1,255,658.36</b>

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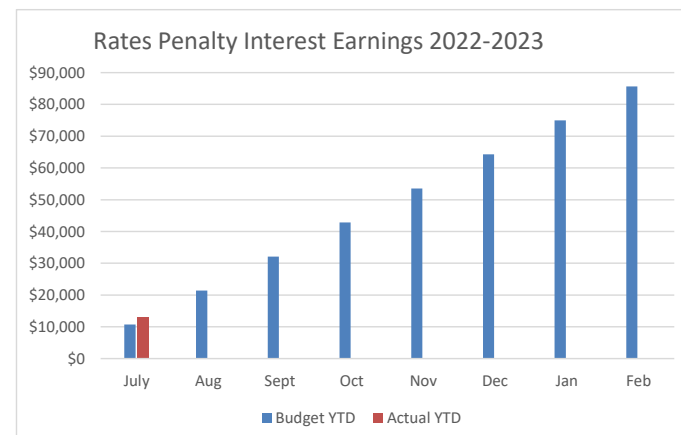
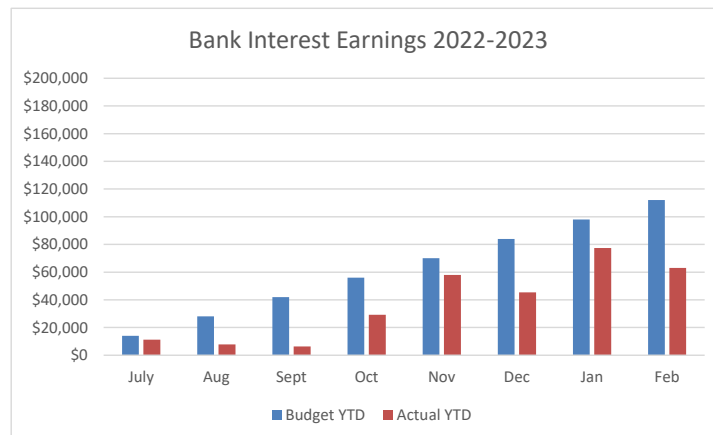
Attachment 4

Investments Report as at 28 February 2023

Term Deposit Details							
Date invested	Invested Amount	Time Invested	Invested with	Interest rate	Due date	Credit rating	Expected interest at maturity of term deposit
12/05/2022	\$ 3,118,314	365	NAB	2.75%	Friday, 12 May 2023	A-1+	\$ 85,754
30/05/2022	\$ 1,554,995	365	Bank of QLD	3.15%	Tuesday, 30 May 2023	A-2	\$ 48,982
25/07/2022	\$ 8,976,248	270	NAB	3.60%	Friday, 21 April 2023	A-1+	\$ 239,039
25/07/2022	\$ 3,055,297	270	NAB	3.60%	Friday, 21 April 2023	A-1+	\$ 81,363
25/07/2022	\$ 1,982,957	365	Bank of QLD	4.05%	Friday, 21 April 2023	A-2	\$ 80,310
4/11/2022	\$ 3,327,128	367	NAB	4.45%	Monday, 6 November 2023	A-1+	\$ 148,868
4/11/2022	\$ 1,500,000	180	Bank of QLD	4.20%	Wednesday, 3 May 2023	A-2	\$ 31,241
8/12/2022	\$ 5,000,000	90	NAB	3.80%	Wednesday, 8 March 2023	A-1+	\$ 46,849
5/01/2023	\$ 5,150,182	365	NAB	4.50%	Friday, 5 January 2024	A-1+	\$ 231,758
7/02/2023	\$ 2,325,260	365	Bank of QLD	4.40%	Wednesday, 7 February 2024	A-2	\$ 102,311
Total term deposits \$		35,990,381		Total Expected Interest on Maturity \$		1,096,476	

Short Term	Policy Max.	Actual Portfolio
A-1+	100%	80%
A-1	45%	0%
A-2	25%	20%
<A-2	10%	0%

<b>Interest Summary:</b>				<b>Cash &amp; Investment Summary:</b>			
Interest earnings as at month end were as follows:				Cash Holdings as at month end were as follows:			
Bank Interest:		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Cash at Bank :	\$	14,444,494	
Interest on Rates:		\$ 12,988	\$ 85,683	Short Term Investments :	\$	35,990,381	
	Totals	\$ 311,473	\$ 197,683		Totals	\$ 50,434,876	



**REPORT**

Report No. 49 / 23cncI

**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2022**

**SUBJECT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

**AUTHOR: JOE MCCABE – ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That this report be received and noted.**

**1. ELECTED MEMBERS ACCESS TO MEETING ROOM**

Council at its meeting on 28 February 2023 resolved as follows:

*“That Council Officers provide a report around Elected Members access to meeting rooms”*

The key issues taken into account in considering this matter are:

- Entitlement of elected members to have access to appropriate meeting facilities to meet with members of the public
- Safety of staff in the event that members of the public are escorted through the civic centre to a meeting room
- The need to formally sign in members of public who attend meetings in the civic centre (except for public areas) for safety purposes, including evacuations. The CEO has responsibility for the safety of all persons in Council facilities

Meeting rooms within the Civic Centre outside of the main secured staff areas are the rooms adjacent to the front customer service counter, the Andy McNeill room outside the main staff entrance and the Arunta room located near the Council chamber.

It is considered that utilisation of the Arunta room is not appropriate for meetings with members of the public for two reasons:

- It is an area that should be restricted to meetings that are recognised by Council e.g. committee meetings, Council forums and any other meetings discussing Council business.
- The presence of members of the public who access this area via the back entrance (rather than via the main front entrance) is not recorded as being present in the Civic Centre, which is a key risk in the event of an evacuation

Access to the other meeting rooms (i.e. those adjacent to the front customer service counter and the Andy McNeill room) for meetings with members of the public is considered appropriate.

Access arrangements can be made by the Elected Member contacting an Executive Assistant in the Mayor's and CEO's office who will book the room and provide access as required.

This arrangement is considered appropriate to meet the needs of Elected Members in meeting with members of the public.

## **2. COUNCIL OPEN RESOLUTIONS TRACKING SPREADSHEET**

Attached is the Council Open Resolutions tracking spreadsheet.

## **3. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

The following meetings were attended by the Acting CEO as well as other officers (not an exclusive list):

- CPTED & Lighting Masterplan Workshop
- Council Forums
- Bryan Whitefield – Cahir, Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting and Naomi Brennan – Acting Director Corporate Service, Alice Springs Town Council – discussion on Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting Agenda
- 2023 Risk Management and Audit Committee Meetings
- Dorrelle Anderson – Central Australian Regional Controller, Martina O'Brien – Central Australian Regional Controller, Chief Minister and Cabinet Office and Mayor Matt Paterson
- Community Football Summit
- 2023 Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony

## **4. COMMUNICATIONS UNIT ACTIVITY**

### **March 2023 – Media Office:**

Current community messaging being actively promoted by Council's Media and Communications Office through a number of methods including social media, liaising with local media, collateral and other promotional opportunities.

- Development of Council Connects content for April's edition.
- Continual evolution of staff internal newsletter
- Regular catch ups with members of the media.
- Promotion of Council events, including Night Markets and International Women's Day
- Photos of Council events and programs.
- Continual development of Council communications guide.
- Continual audit of information on ASTC website - ongoing

### **Council Connects data**

February edition:

- Council distributed approximately 350 printed copies of Council Connects. This is an increase on past months.
- A meeting was held with University of the Third Age to better understand how Council Connects can be meaningful to the community. Feedback was that the newsletter is useful and appreciated.
- The February edition had 340 online impressions and an average reading time of 3 minutes and 28 seconds.
- Making a concerted effort to approach more shopping centres/businesses to host copies in 2023.

**February/March 2023 – Marketing Office:**

Council's Marketing Office, servicing the organisation's internal business units and facilities by delivering corporate branding, promotional campaigns, advertising, design and marketing collateral.

- *Council Connects* March released 2 March 2023 – ongoing content development, design & production. NEXT ISSUE April 2023 edition first days of the month.
- Production of weekly NT News Ads.
- Finalised and approved Illustrated banner for Library Shelving LOTE
- Marketing assets for social media, Eventbrite, online calendar and posters:
  - Deadly Footy
  - Poetry Reading event at the library
  - March Night Market/fabAlice
  - IWD,
  - Begin to swim
  - Youth Skate Workshops.
  - Campaign graphics and collateral for Newland Park development and Skate Park Community consultation.
  - Cloth Nappy workshop
- Access Cards test and printing
- RHACA x7 Digital Screens (March)
- Library Direction signage
- Design and layout of Multicultural Action Plan
- Development Graphics and all collateral for Youth Recycle art prize.
- Tender ads for Newspaper.

**5. ATTACHMENTS**

*Attachment A: Council Open Resolutions Tracking Spreadsheet*



Joe McCabe  
**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



# Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 March, 2023 - Reports of Officers

## 2023 OPEN Resolutions

### 2022 Items Carried Forward

Name	Meeting	Agenda Number	Agenda Item Description	Resolution	Resolution No.	Assigned to	Status	Date of Update and Comments
23/03/2022	Ordinary	25.2	NOTICE OF MOTION Councillor Banks – Advocacy Statement	That the Alice Springs Town Council develop a best practice advocacy document that can be utilised to present on behalf of Council that is in line with any long-term, community or strategic plan.	22109	Joe McCabe	In progress	23/05/22 - This document will be produced after the Strategic Plan and Corporate Business Plan are completed 11/07/22 - With the completion of the Strategic Plan, the Corporate Business Plan has been commenced. 21/09/22 - The Corporate Business Plan is planned in a report format to the October Council meeting. 16/11/22 - Work on the Prospectus document has commenced with officers 5/12/22 - Prospectus meeting held by officers and potential projects being worked up to bring to Elected Members for their decision. 10/01/23 - Officer prospectus Document meetings to be continued once all back from holidays 16/03/23 - Timing for development of Advocacy statement to be assessed based on priorities and resource availability
29/06/2022	Ordinary	25.1	Notice of Motion - Aboriginal Monuments	For Council to design, consult on and then construct a series of monuments that commemorate the Aboriginal history of the area upon which Alice Springs now sits. Funding for this project is to be sourced from either the Capital (Infrastructure) or CBD Revitalisation Reserves.	22262	Nicole Battle	In progress	08/07 - Director of Community Development to liaise with Cr Liddle and other key stakeholders to develop a project plan in relation to this resolution. 01/02/23 - EOI circulated.
27/09/2022	Ordinary	27.1	Mayor's Report Report No. 140 / 22 cncd	1.That a review be conducted of the meeting agenda, meeting structure, finance paperwork and report structure as part of a future forum. 2.That Council write to the NT Electoral Commission to confirm Council's support of 'no change' to the Electorate boundaries as well as no creation of wards for the 2024 Council Election. 3.That the Mayor's report be received.	22342	Joe McCabe	In progress	18/10/22 - Forum on Meeting scheduled and letter to NT Electoral Commissioner sent 16/11/22 - An interview review of the meeting framework and papers is being conducted to present at a future forum 10/01/23 - Report being prepared to be presented to Feb 2023 forum 16/03/23 - Council Meeting Agenda System Discussion on paper prepared for Council forum on 21 March 2023
25/10/2022	Ordinary	19.	Public Question Time	Nic Carson asked for evidence and research that Council can base the ongoing consideration of 'tough on crime', punitive policing approaches and measures. Also, documentation to provide plans to avoid and mitigate the violence and racial discrimination that will come with increased policing, private security and dog squads. Council will provide a written response to Nic's questions.		Nicole Battle	In progress	
25/10/2022	Ordinary	19.	Public Question Time	Elaine Peckham asked that a born and bred local, why aren't the community coming together to form a solution rather than the town dividing. What can Council do in the space of trauma care for young people.		Nicole Battle	In progress	
25/10/2022	Ordinary	28.4.10	Teague Park Upgrades Report No. 163 / 22 cncd	1.That the CEO commence negotiations with DIPL around the transferring of ownership of Teague Park to Alice Springs Town Council. 2.That a report be provided to Council on an alternate use of funding for a park in another location	22379	Joel Andrew	In progress	16/11/22 - Conversations held with DIPL on transfer of ownership 10/01/23 - DTS proceeding with item 2. 13/1/2023 JA: This has been raised in December meeting with DIPL and awaiting response.
25/10/2022	Ordinary	28.4.14	Proposed CBD Revitalisation Master Plan Report No. 165 / 22 cncd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.1)	That Council fund for the concept design of the CBD Revitalisation from the Elected Member Projects budget.	22383	Joel Andrew	In progress	13/1/2023 JA: Current tender for consultants underway 22/03/23 JA: Tender assessment underway.

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22/11/2022	Ordinary	28.3.7	CONFIDENTIAL – ASALC Service Tender Report Report No. 177 / 22 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.1)	1.Trisley's Hydraulic Services be awarded the tender for Plant Room Preventative Maintenance at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre (ASALC) at a cost of \$337,238 (incl. GST) over a three-year period. 2.The Plant Room Preventative Maintenance Tender 2022-04ST instrument of agreement be endorsed. 3.The decision in regard to the Plant Room Preventative Maintenance Tender 2022-04ST be moved from Confidential into Open to allow the contract to be awarded.	22398	Nicole Battle	In progress	
22/11/2022	Ordinary	28.4.11	CONFIDENTIAL – Netball Stadium Ownership Acceptance Report No. 179 / 22 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.3)	Council accept transfer of ownership of the Netball Stadium at the Pat Gallagher Netball Complex to the Alice Springs Town Council, subject to final satisfaction of the outstanding cladding defects by the CEO.	22400	Joel Andrew	In progress	7/12/22 JA; Working with the NTG to work through handover.
22/11/2022	Ordinary	28.4.12	CONFIDENTIAL – Bar Brothers Outdoor Workout Station Report No. 182 / 22 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.5)	That Council, in principle, endorse Bar Brothers and Sisters request to install an outdoor gym within a Council park or sporting facility subject to Council's final approval of the design and an agreed location, subject to Bar Brothers and Sisters funding.	22401	Joel Andrew	In progress	13/1/2023 JA: Commencing discussion with BB&S
13/12/2022	Ordinary	26	26.NOTICES OF MOTION  Councillor Marli Banks – Summer Night-time Sports Program	That the Alice Springs Town Council contributes up to \$30K towards funding a Night Time Sports Program in collaboration with the Northern Territory Government Chief Ministers Department or relevant sporting bodies to compliment the school holiday youth program over summer. Funding may include in-kind support, access to sporting facilities, and/or cash transfers, which must be delivered in the month of January 2023 only.	22442	Nicole Battle	In progress	Discussions currently underway with AFLNT to run a six week competition commencing at the end of January.  Update by JM 16/03/23 - Agreement signed with NTG
13/12/2022	Ordinary	28.3.5	UNCONFIRMED Sports Facility Advisory Committee Minutes 1 December, 2022	That Council Officers investigate options for resurfacing the Tennis Courts as a matter of priority.	22448	Joel Andrew	In progress	17/1/22 JA: Options being investigated. 20/02/23 JA: Quotes being sought for replacement.

## 2023 - In Progress

Name	Meeting	Agenda Number	Agenda Item Description	Resolution	Resolution No.	Assigned to	Status	Date of Update and Comments
24/01/202	Ordinary	26.	Notice of Motion Councillor Marli Banks – Social Order State of Emergency	That Alice Springs Town Council calls on the Northern Territory Government and Federal Government to declare an immediate State of Emergency in regards to social order, and that the Alice Springs Town Council facilities a leader's forum to address the issue with the public in February 2023	22466	Joe McCabe	In progress	
24/01/2023	Ordinary	28.2.2	2022 By-Election Northern Territory Electoral Commission Report Report No. 15 / 23 cnd	That Council provide a report in response to the NTEC By-Election report that addresses the cost of by-elections, the number of polling stations and that Council considers by-laws for future by-elections.	22471	Naomi Brennan	In progress	
24/01/2023	Ordinary	28.3.3	Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC) Priority Works List Report No. 12 / 23 cnd	That Council endorse the updated priority works list for the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC).	22473	Nicole Battle	In progress	
24/01/2023	Ordinary	28.1.3	LGANT – Call for Nominations to the Northern Territory Planning Commission Report No. 17 / 23 cnd	A.That Council nominates a senior Council officer to be a member of the Northern Territory Planning Commission. B.That Council forwards the above nomination and a short biography to LGANT no later than Friday 24 February, 2023. C.That Director Technical Services, Joel Andrew be nominated for the Northern Territory Planning Commission.	22469	Emma Williams	Complete	Nomination for Joel Andrew sent in early February, 2023
28/02/2023	Ordinary	22.2.6	Mayoral Minute (Electoral Boundary Redistribution)	That Alice Springs Town Council provide feedback to the Northern Territory Electoral Boundary Redistribution Committee requesting that a third seat be added for Alice Springs.	22495	Joe McCabe	In progress	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	25.	Petitions	That the petition be received and referred to a committee or Officer for consideration and a report presented to Council.	22496	Joel Andrew	In progress	

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28/02/2023	Ordinary	26.3	Notices of Motion	That Alice Springs Town Council does not support an annual Community Football Competition to be played in Alice Springs for the 2023 season.	22499	Joe McCabe	Complete	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	27.1	Finance Report Report No. 18 / 23 cnd	1.That the report be received and noted. 2.That the funds for the budget shortfall of \$113,050 for the Regional Skate Park be taken from the Town Beautification Reserve, and not the Park Redevelopment Reserve (Parks & Playground Reserve) as per Resolution No. 22428.	22500	Naomi Brennan	Complete	08/03/23 NBr - Journalled on 07/03/23
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.2.1	CONFIDENTIAL – CEO Related Policies Report No. 42 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.1)	That Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council Allowances and Other Benefits Policy (CEO) and the Gifts and Benefits Policy (CEO)	22481	Naomi Brennan	Complete	08/03/23 NBr - Policies updated, saved in CM and requested to be on ASTC website.
28/02/2022	Ordinary	28.2.2	CONFIDENTIAL – Privacy Policy Report No. 43 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.3)	That Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council Privacy Policy.	22482	Naomi Brennan	Complete	08/03/23 NBr - Policy updated, saved in CM and requested to be uploaded to ASTC website.
28/02/202	Ordinary	28.3.7	CONFIDENTIAL – Higher Education Scholarships Report No. 34 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.1)	That Council endorse two applications for Higher Education Scholarships to the amount of \$2,500 each to Carol Anne Nungirayi and Molly Teefy.	22483	Kate Walsh	Complete	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.3.8	CONFIDENTIAL – Nepalese New Year Sponsorship Report No. 35 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.3)	That Council supports the application from Nepalese Community Alice Springs Inc to deliver Nepalese New Year on the 15 April 2023, to the value of the requested \$5,000 (incl. GST).	22484	Kate Walsh	Complete	KW 8/3/23 Agreement sent
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.3.9	CONFIDENTIAL – International Women's Day Fair Sponsorship Report No. 37 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.7)	That Council supports the application from Women's Museum of Australia to deliver the Equal Futures International Women's Day Fair on 5 March 2023, to the value of the \$1,500 requested (incl. GST)	22485	Kate Walsh	Complete	KW 8/3/23 Agreement sent
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.3.10	CONFIDENTIAL – Writers Festival Sponsorship Report No. 38 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.9)	That Council supports the application from NT Writers' Centre to deliver the NT Writers Festival on the 1-4 June 2023, to the value of the requested \$15,000 (incl. GST).	22486	Kate Walsh	Complete	KW 8/3/23 Agreement sent
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.3.12	CONFIDENTIAL – Youth Summit Sponsorship Report No. 39 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.11)	That Council supports the application from No-one Left Behind to deliver the Alice Springs Youth Conference on 4 April 2023, to the value of the requested \$5,000 (incl. GST).	22487	Kate Walsh	Complete	KW 8/3/23 Agreement sent
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.4.3	CONFIDENTIAL – Fire Services Report Report No. 24 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.1)	1.That Triple3 be awarded the three-year contract. 2.That the three-year period contract Tender be awarded to Triple3 fire and electrical contracting for the sum of \$22,496.00. 3.That the decision in regards to the repairs and maintenance of Council's fire protection equipment at all facilities be moved from Confidential to Open to allow the contract to be awarded.	22488	Joel Andrew	In progress	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.4.4	CONFIDENTIAL – Provision of Pest Control Services, Maintenance & Treatment Report No. 25 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.3)	1.That Centre Pest Management be awarded the three-year contract. 2.That the three-year period contract Tender be awarded to Centre Pest Management for the sum of \$99,000.00 3.That the decision in regards to the provision of pest control services at all facilities be moved from Confidential to Open to allow the contract to be awarded.	22489	Joel Andrew	In progress	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.4.5	CONFIDENTIAL – Netball Masterplan Report No. 28 / 23 cnd (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.9)	That Council engage Sue Dugdale and Associates to complete the Netball Centre Masterplan.	22510	Joel Andrew	In progress	

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28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.4.6	CONFIDENTIAL – Parks Shade Structures Report No. 29 / 23 cndi (Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.11)	That Council approve the shade structure to be installed at Poeppel Park, Gillen.	22511	Joel Andrew	In progress	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.4.7	CONFIDENTIAL – Dog Off-Leash Fence Installation Report No. 30 / 23 cndi (Item transferred to Open Agenda Item 9.4.13)	1.Installation of a low fence between Netball Courts and Ross Park Primary School (refer to Attachment A and Attachment B); and 2.Adjust the off-leash hours at Ross Park.	22512	Joel Andrew	In progress	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	28.4.8	CONFIDENTIAL – RWMF Liquid Waste Ponds Report No. 31 / 23 cndi (Item transferred to Open Agenda Item 9.4.15)	1.That Council approve \$568,000 from Regional Waste Management Facility Capital account, GL 176.12.205, to fund removal of liquid waste in the RWMF liquid waste ponds for the remainder of 22/23 Financial Year and for Officers to go out to tender for the liquid waste removal. 2.That Council note that funding will be required in 23/24 Financial Year to maintain the RWMF liquid waste ponds.	22513		In progress	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	30.7	Meeting Room Access for Elected Members	That Council Officers provide a report around Elected Member access to meeting rooms.	22506		In progress	
28/02/2023	Ordinary	30.10	Councillor Banks - LGANT Request for Motions	That Alice Springs Town Council write to the Department of Local Government to seek advice on the NTG Public Sector Employment Instruction No. 12 - Code of Conduct.	22507	Joe McCabe	In progress	

**REPORT**

Report No. 66 / 23 cncI

**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**

**SUBJECT SOCIAL MEDIA – INFORMATION SHEET AND GUIDE**

**AUTHOR: JOE MCCABE – ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information around the use of social media as provided by the Northern Territory Government Local Government Unit.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That this report be received and noted.**

**REPORT**

**1. BACKGROUND**

The Local Government Unit at the Department of the Chief Minister & Cabinet has been preparing an information sheet to provide guidance to Council members on their use of professional and personal social media accounts, and relevant legislation.

The information sheet has now been finalised and covers a range of issues, including:

- what is social media;
- mindfulness of content and image use;
- how to deal with work requests or feedback from the community; and
- FAQs.

**2. DISCUSSION**

A summarised two-page version (guide) on social media do's and don'ts has also been created to accompany the information sheet and assist local government council members for whom English is not their first language.

The information sheet is attached (*Attachment A*), and can be adapted by Councils into a policy, guideline or information sheet if desired.

At this stage it is not proposed to develop a Council policy on the matter however the information sheet and guide can be used to assist in compliance with the Code of Conduct.

As these resources have been developed for Council members, the Executive Director Local Government, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet requested that the information sheet and guide are both tabled at the next Council meeting.

**3. POLICY IMPACTS**

***Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030 - Alice Springs Town Council's Strategic Plan:***

***Pillar 5: Governance & Civic***

Demonstrating our rigorous and thoughtful decision-making process at every available opportunity.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

Nil

5. **SOCIAL IMPACTS**

Nil

6. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Nil

7. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Nil

8. **ATTACHMENTS**

*Attachment A: Information Sheet – Personal Use of Social Media*

*Attachment B: Guide – Social Media Do's and Don'ts*



Joe McCabe

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## Information sheet

# Personal use of social media

Social media is a powerful communication and networking tool that has become part of our everyday life.

This information sheet is designed to assist local government council members understand their obligations when using social media.

### Quick tips – think before you post and ask yourself these questions

- Could my comments cause the council, the community, residents, ratepayers or other stakeholders to lose confidence in my ability to perform my role in an impartial and professional manner?
- Are my comments consistent with how the community expects a council member to operate and behave?
- Can I share this information? You cannot share information that is confidential, or share a council decision that hasn't been publicly released by council administration.
- Could my comments damage or undermine the reputation of the council?
- Could my comments break the law? For example, do they comply with anti-discrimination legislation and laws relating to defamation?
- Would I be comfortable if the person am I commenting about read my comments?
- Would I change my comment if it was printed in a newspaper or news page on social media?
- Think and rethink before you post. Sometimes you can unintentionally say something hurtful or upsetting when you do not mean to. Consider how someone else may interpret what you say.

### What is social media

Social media consists of tools such as websites and applications that allow users to create and share content and to participate in social networking. Social media may include:

- Social networks such as Yammer, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- Media sharing networks such as YouTube, Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, Pinterest, Vimeo and Soundcloud.
- Bookmarking and content curation networks such as Pinterest.
- Corporate networks such as SharePoint and Skype.
- Blogging networks such as WordPress and Newshub.
- Micro-blogging networks such as Twitter, Mastodon and Tumblr.
- Discussion forums such as Reddit and Whirlpool.

## Personal use of social media

- Wikis such as Wikipedia.
- Online gaming networks such as World of Warcraft, Call of Duty and Fortnite.
- Sharing economy websites, such as Gumtree and Uber.

The term “post” in this guide refers to any shared or created content put on social media.

## What to do if you become a victim of online bullying

- Keep evidence of the offensive or harmful content (screenshots). This may be needed for an investigation.
- Contact the social media service provider and ask them to block the offensive content.
- You could contact the person who posted the offensive content and ask them to remove it.
- Seek advice and support from someone you trust. A family member, friend, fellow council member, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the council or a counselling service may help you to cope with particularly difficult or ongoing concerns.
- Take a stand. If someone is being disrespectful or offensive, let them know that you find their comment / content offensive. Remember, regardless of the severity of the content to which you are responding, an offensive response by you may still constitute a breach of the law.
- If the post is from a council member then you may want to lodge a Code of Conduct complaint. Always be respectful and model behaviours that align with the Code of Conduct for council members yourself.
- Posts which are threatening or imply unlawful activity should be reported to police.

## Purpose of personal and professional accounts

You may already have a number of personal social media accounts that allow you to connect with family and friends across the world. Social media can be an excellent way to stay in touch with people you may have lost contact with over the years and share your personal experiences, hobbies, and passions outside of work. Your personal account might use your real name or a nickname and have either a private profile or strict privacy settings.

A professional profile, on the other hand, is like an online resume. It can help give the public an idea of your role, provide a platform to build professional connections, and allow you to engage with the community, raise awareness about what's happening in your area, and share your professional interests or views. Your professional accounts should include your real name, position title, council / ward name, and location.

It's important to keep your personal and professional accounts separate, while treating both spaces as opportunities to present yourself in a positive light and maintain respectful and appropriate behaviour at all times. Remember that the Code of Conduct applies to both accounts and any posts, likes, shares, or interactions.

## What is public and what is private

You might mistakenly assume that your social media interactions and comments are private and anonymous, especially if you have set the highest level of privacy or security settings for your accounts. However, there is no guarantee of privacy.



## Personal use of social media

It is important to note that the content you create on some third-party sites is the property of the site where it is posted and may be reused in ways that you did not intend. Therefore, before posting anything on a social media site, it is crucial to understand the platform you are using, read the terms of service and user guides, and familiarize yourself with posting etiquette and cultural and behavioural norms associated with the site.

It is also important to remember that what you post online can stay there for a long time and can be shared beyond the intended audience, potentially causing damage to your reputation, another person's reputation, or your council's reputation. As a council member, it is crucial to maintain a clear distinction between your private online identity and your councillor identity.

If inappropriate comments or content become public, you will be accountable under the Code of Conduct and the *Local Government Act 2019*. Additionally, there are risks to your personal well-being, such as harassment and trolling, that you may face as a council member associated with a council or other organisations or issues.

This guide aims to provide you with information that will help you understand your behavioural obligations as a council member and support you in protecting yourself from avoidable risks.

## Council members expressing personal opinion

Council members have the right to express their personal opinions in public comments. However, they are prohibited from making any statements that could be interpreted as representing the official stance of their council. To avoid any confusion, it is suggested that council members preface any personal comments regarding matters or activities related to their council with a statement similar to the following: "As a [name of council] Councillor, the views expressed here are solely my own."

It is also worth checking your council media and social media policy to make sure your posts are compliant.

## Receiving works requests or community feedback

When council members use social media as part of their role, they may receive posts or comments from community members, such as requests for services, administrative inquiries, complaints, or compliments. It's important to remember that the community sees these communications as equivalent to letters or emails, and they expect a response.

However, council members are not responsible for finding answers or resolving community members' requests. That is the role of the council's administration. Council members should only receive the community member's communication and ensure that it is directed to the council's administration for action.

If council members are using social media to connect with their community, they should discuss and agree with the CEO on how to forward community requests to the council's administration for action. They should regularly review their social media and promptly forward community requests to the administration and provide information of council channels available to ensure requests or complaints are dealt with efficiently.

Council members should inform community members how their communication has been received and actioned. For example, they could say: "Thank you for contacting us. Your request has been forwarded to the [name of council] for response, and you can expect to hear back from us soon. For more information, please contact our Customer Service Team at [phone number] or [email address]."

## Do's and Don'ts for using photos, videos, images and infographics

### Do:

- Use relevant, engaging and high quality images or videos to draw more attention to your post.
- Ask permission from each person before taking their photo and explain the intended use of the photo.
- Ask permission to use an image or video that someone else created, even if you are pictured.
- Consider obtaining written consent to use a photo or video on your social media.
- Credit the person that took the photo or acknowledge the original source.
- Remove an image or video immediately on request.
- Request for photos of yourself to be removed from accounts if you did not give permission or feel it is no longer appropriate. Report the person if your image or video has not been removed after 48 hours.

### Don't:

- Use the image or video if you don't know the creator.
- Post stock photos without a caption or giving credit to the owner.
- Use the photo or video if you did not obtain permission from every person pictured.
- Use images from the internet without double checking the terms of use.
- Take or use photos or videos where the site, event or venue explicitly prohibits photo and video.
- Use inappropriate images or videos that may embarrass yourself, another person or your council.
- Use images that go against the platform's terms and conditions, council's policies or governing legislation.

## What happens if I have breached the requirements?

If you believe that you have previously posted comments or content that may breach your obligations, it is recommended that you remove (delete) the offending material as soon as possible after you become aware that the material may constitute a breach.

## Legislation

Council member behaviour and activity, including when using social media for professional or personal purposes is governed by:

- *Local Government Act 2019*
  - Code of Conduct at Schedule 1
- *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*
- *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021*
- *Information Act 2002*
- *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992 (NT)*

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- *Defamation Act 2006.*

Check your council's policies too as there may be specific policies which apply to communications and social media which you must comply with. For example:

- Public Relations / Media
- Election Caretaker Period.

## For more information

You will find answers to the most commonly asked questions on the page below. For further queries, please contact your council staff or alternatively you can contact the Local Government Unit, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet via [LGQuestions.CMC@nt.gov.au](mailto:LGQuestions.CMC@nt.gov.au).

## Frequently asked questions

### ***Why can't I say what I want if I post anonymously?***

Are you sure you are anonymous? You may not have identified yourself as a council member but many of us now have a digital footprint that makes it easy to find out who we are. Posting material anonymously or using a pseudonym does not guarantee your identity will stay hidden. Even if you do not identify yourself you can still be identified by someone else.

It is simply common sense to assume that anything you write or post can be linked to you and your council - whether you intend it or not.

### ***What if I have posted after hours?***

Your capacity to affect the reputation of your council does not stop when you leave the council chamber. The comments you make at any time can make people question your ability to be impartial, respectful and professional when you are acting as a council member.

The community expects council members to uphold the Code of Conduct behaviours at all times.

### ***What if I posted material from my private computer/tablet/phone?***

Posting material from your private equipment means that you do not have to worry about whether or not you've properly used the council information and communication technology (ICT) resources provided to council members. It does not; however, affect whether what you've said is acceptable or not. In the same way that posting material after hours will not always protect you, neither will using your own equipment.

Having said that, remember that any material posted or sent from ICT devices provided by your council may be accessed by the council. This right to access any material received or created by you when performing your duties as a council member is established in law through the council's obligations under the following legislation:

- *Local Government Act 2019*
- *Information Act 2002*
- *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992 (NT)*
- *Defamation Act 2006.*

Use of your council's ICT equipment must be in line with your council's policies and procedures.

### ***What about my right to freedom of speech?***

The common law recognises an individual right to freedom of expression and the Australian Constitution contains a right to freedom of political communication. For council members, these rights are subject to limitations imposed by the council's policies.

### ***Why can't I rely on privacy settings on my social media platforms?***

It is prudent to restrict the publication of your comments to those people who you actually want to see the comments.

You can set the privacy settings as high as you like. But it is not a complete protection, and it is a bad idea to rely on it. It will not stop another person deciding that something you wrote is particularly funny or insightful, taking a screenshot, and making it available for everyone to see.

## Personal use of social media

### ***What about 'liking', sharing and reposting?***

If you 'like' something on a social media platform, it will generally be taken to be an endorsement of that material as though you had created that material yourself.

'Sharing' a post has much the same effect. If, however, you are sharing something because you disagree with it and want to draw it to someone else's attention, make sure that you make that clear at the time in a way that does not breach the Code of Conduct. It may not be enough to select the 'angry face' icon, especially if you are one of thousands that have done so.

### ***If my social media pages are locked to friends only but one of my friends reposts one of my posts, could this be a breach?***

Yes. The breach occurs at the time you made your post. The fact that one of your friends chose to repost it does not create the breach, it just makes it easier to identify.

Public comment includes anything that you say in public or which ends up in public. This can include something you have said or written to one person. If your comment has an audience, or a recipient, it is a public comment.

### ***Will I breach the Code of Conduct if I send content in a private email to a friend?***

Potentially, yes. There is nothing to stop your friend forwarding the email or taking a screenshot of it, including your personal details, and sending it to other people or posting it all over the internet. Again, the breach of the Code of Conduct is not in their subsequent publication of your material, but in your emailing that material in the first place.

### ***Am I responsible for nasty comments made by someone else on my social media pages?***

Doing nothing about objectionable material that someone else has posted on your page can be seen in some circumstances as your endorsement of that material. If someone does post material of this kind, it may be sensible to delete it or make it plain that you do not agree with it or support it.

Any breach of the Code of Conduct would not come from the person making the post. It would come from how you reacted to it.

### ***Is it okay to share a petition about a political topic?***

It depends. The factors affecting this judgment might include the subject of the petition, or the terms in which it is expressed. The principles set out elsewhere in this guide and in your council's policies may help you come to a view in each case.

In any case, if a council member has been actively involved in a petition or has been a signatory to the petition, the council member will have a conflict of interest to disclose when the petition is presented to the council for consideration.

### ***Is posting to a closed mailing list making a public comment?***

Yes. The same principles apply in this case as posting to locked social media pages or sending private emails.

### ***What about just joining a Facebook group (or similar)?***

People will draw conclusions about you from a range of factors. This can include the nature of any online communities that you join.

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***Can I post comments about politics, issues and events in other council areas?***

Usually, yes, but the same concerns still apply. For example, council members may be seen to be commenting on behalf of their council and need to exercise sensible care in their comments.

You should think carefully before making comments about politics, issues and events in other council areas that might lead others to thinking less of your council.

***What about posts or comments I have made in the past prior to becoming a council member?***

These principles do not apply to posts made prior to you becoming a council member. However past posts could still affect the council's or your reputation, therefore it would be best to consider the appropriateness of your past posts on any social media accounts and remove any posts that are not appropriate.

***If I resign from being a council member, am I free to post anything I want?***

Former council members continue to remain bound by a duty of confidentiality in respect of information obtained in confidence during their time as a council member and cannot use the information to gain a benefit or cause harm to another. You should think about whether something you wish to post after leaving your council role might breach this duty.

# SOCIAL MEDIA DO'S & DON'TS



As a council member, it is really important to think about what you post on social media or what you say on social media.

Maybe you do not need to post on social media, every day or week.

- Do not post things, do not comment on things, or do not share information that is gossip or will lie to people.

Do not post / say bad comments about other people. Do not post / say bad things about people who work or used to work at council.

- Do not post things that maybe will embarrass you, embarrass other people or embarrass your council.

Do not get involved with requests or feedback from people in the community, unless the CEO says yes first.

- Do not post anything that will make people think it is from the Council.

Do not post personal / things that are not about work on your work account.

- Do not post anything confidential / secret, even if you don't work for council anymore.

- Stay safe.  
Do not post anything that

# SOCIAL MEDIA DO'S



Do read the RULES. They are called the Code of Conduct, the council policies and governing legislation (law for councils). These will say what you should do and how you should act online. Make sure the things you do online (actions and behaviour) are the same as what these RULES talk

Do not use council social media accounts to say anything bad about the council or its members.

- Do look for questions and messages from community and tell them their questions will be sent / passed on to council.
- Do ask your followers for their ideas on how to make the community a better place.
- Do say that you are saying just what YOU think and make sure that you say you are NOT speaking for the council.
- Do check what you are going to say first in your work posts – will the community or council be upset by your post?
- Do / always think about the things that you say / put on your personal social media accounts. Your personal social media posts can be linked with your work / position as a council member.
- Do delete any posts or comments from your accounts that might cause trouble / harm as soon as possible.
- Do think carefully about what you will say / comment about political issues and events in other council areas.
- You must always keep secret council information secret / not tell it. It is a rule / law called a duty of confidentiality. Even if you are not that job.
- Do report any posts which are bad trouble/ threatening.
- Do talk to someone / get advice if you are getting bullied online.



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## REPORT

Report No. 53/23 cncl

**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**AUTHOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NICOLE BATTLE**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a summary of recent key activities and achievements within the Community Development Directorate, as well as a detailed quarterly report from each business unit for the period December to February 2023.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Community Development Report be received and noted.**

## **1. REPORT**

In addition to the information contained within each of the attachments, the following highlights for the month of February may be of particular Councillor and/or public interest.

### **1.1 YOUTH PROGRAMS**

#### **Extended SummerSAM**

As part of funding received under the Territory Safer Places Program, Youth Programs recently launched two new programs under the banner of Extended SummerSAM.

On Wednesday 1 March, a five-week after-hours Deadly Footy competition engaging at-risk youth was launched. The program aims to support participants to develop positive relationships, to engage with relevant support services and pathways programs, and to increase ongoing school attendance. The competition has participating teams from Gap Youth centre, Tangentyere, Yipirinya School (Sunset Program) and Youth Outreach & Re-engagement. The first two sessions had over 50 young people in attendance as well as multiple service providers, and included a free dinner.

A weekly skateboarding and BMX program also commenced at the Speed Street Skate Park, with over 30 young people attending the first of these facilitated sessions.

### **1.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Launch of Todd Mall Activation Grants**

Funded through NTG's Territory Safer Places Program, Alice Springs Town Council launched its Todd Mall Activation Grants in late January. Following the commencement of the program, a total of nine successful project applications have been funded, with activities already beginning to get underway.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the first of four free Yin Yoga sessions was held in the Todd Mall. Over the coming weeks, there will also be author talks, as well as cultural activities for children and young people.



Free Yin Yoga in the Todd Mall

### 1.3 RANGERS

#### Impounded Vehicles

Following a successful EOI process, Council was able to sell eight of its impounded vehicles for a combined total of \$4,570.

### 2. POLICY IMPACTS

All projects relate to and reflect the appropriate components of the ***Alice Springs Town Council Liveability and Sustainability Strategic Plan 2030:***

#### ***Pillar 1: Liveability***

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPACTS

As per approved budgets

### 4. SOCIAL IMPACTS

As per individual projects and plans

### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

As per the projects and relevant plans

**6. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

As per individual projects and plans

**7. ATTACHMENTS**

*Attachment A: Manager Rangers Report*

*Attachment B: Manager Library Report*

*Attachment C: Manager Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Report*

*Attachment D: Coordinator Community & Cultural Development Report*

*Attachment E: Sports Development Officer Report*



Nicole Battle

**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**ATTACHMENT A**

**TO: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NICOLE BATTLE**

**AUTHOR: MANAGER RANGERS – LUKE ALLEN**

**SUBJECT: RANGER UNIT REPORT**

**REPORTING PERIOD: 1 DECEMBER 2022 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a quarterly update of the Ranger Unit within the Community Development Directorate. Highlights from this period include:

- Rangers have been working hard to reduce the number of abandoned trolleys on our streets, with 317 trolleys impounded during the reporting period.
- Abandoned vehicle response was particularly busy, with 57 vehicles being removed by Rangers during the reporting period.

**1. STRATEGIC PLAN**

This quarterly report will provide an informative update to the progress of works the Ranger Unit has been engaged in from the period of 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023. The works outlined are aligned with the *Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan – 2030*.

**Pillar 1: Livability**

<b>Effective Engagement with the Community</b>		
<b>Target</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Increase presence at Community Events to build positive community relationships and assist with their successful and safe delivery.	Christmas Carnival	The Ranger team provided a large presence at the 2022 Christmas Carnival, working with all parties to ensure that the night was enjoyable for all.
	Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony	Rangers were again present for the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, sharing a great moment with many new citizens.
Ranger Administration provides informative and professional customer service.	Ongoing	Achieved See table Permits Issued by Ranger Administration.

**PERMITS ISSUES BY RANGER ADMINISTRATION**

Permit Type	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023
Public Places Permits for Events/Activities other areas E.G. Civic Centre Lawns, Snow Kenna Park, Todd Mall & Flynn Church Lawns	0	0	12
Traffic Management Plan (TMP) Permits for Events	0	0	1
Banners	3	3	0
Busking	0	1	2
Painting Sellers	0	5	5
Shipping Containers/Skip Bins	0	0	1
Disability Parking Permits	31	27	42
Hartley Street Car Park	0	4	0
Kennel Licence	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>64</b>

**Total Permits Issued 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 139**

<b>Maintain Strong Relationships with Non-government and Government Agencies</b>		
Target	Measure	Progress
Meet with key stakeholders and organisations to share updates and understand needs and how we can best support and respond.	As required	Rangers are actively participating in Strategic Patrollers Meetings as part of the current Social Order Response being led by the Northern Territory Government.
	Operations with NT Public Housing Safety Officers (PHSOs)	Rangers have recently conducted several successful operations with PHSOs targeting animal management and unlawful camping.

<b>Consistently Achieve 100% Response to NeatStreets Notifications</b>		
Target	Measure	Progress
Rangers action each notification in an efficient and timely manner.	Actioned 100% within 24 hours (of receiving the report)	Achieved. See table NeatStreets Complaints
Forward reports to appropriate internal and external departments/organisations as appropriate.	8 Hours	Achieved

### NEATSTREETS NOTIFICATIONS

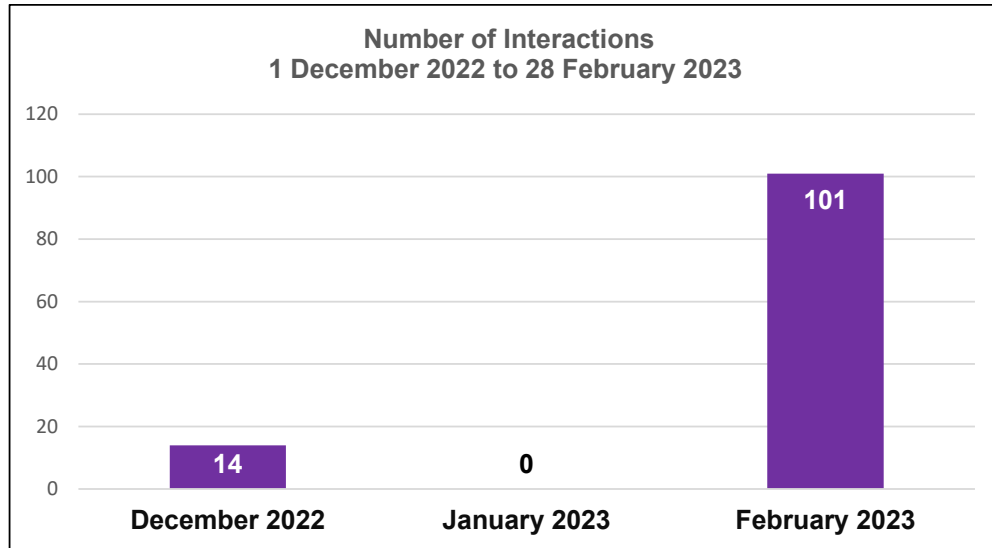
NeatStreets Complaint Type	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023
Illegal Parking	15	29	34
Abandoned Vehicle	5	11	6
Public Places	5	8	0
Deceased Animal	0	0	1
Litter/Dumped Rubbish	0	0	1
Abandoned Trolley	3	4	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>

**Total NeatStreets Complaints Received 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 126**

### Pillar 2: Safety

Regular Patrols of Public Places		
Target	Measure	Progress
Effective patrolling of public spaces evidenced by year on year statistics kept for Todd River, CBD and parking and various public spaces.	Community patrols	Achieved – Rangers patrol daily from Monday to Friday, responding to reported complaints and obvious by-law breaches.
	Public Places Patrols	Rangers have been conducting regular patrols with the Northern Territory Police Community Safety Social Order team to address issues such as rough sleeping in public places.

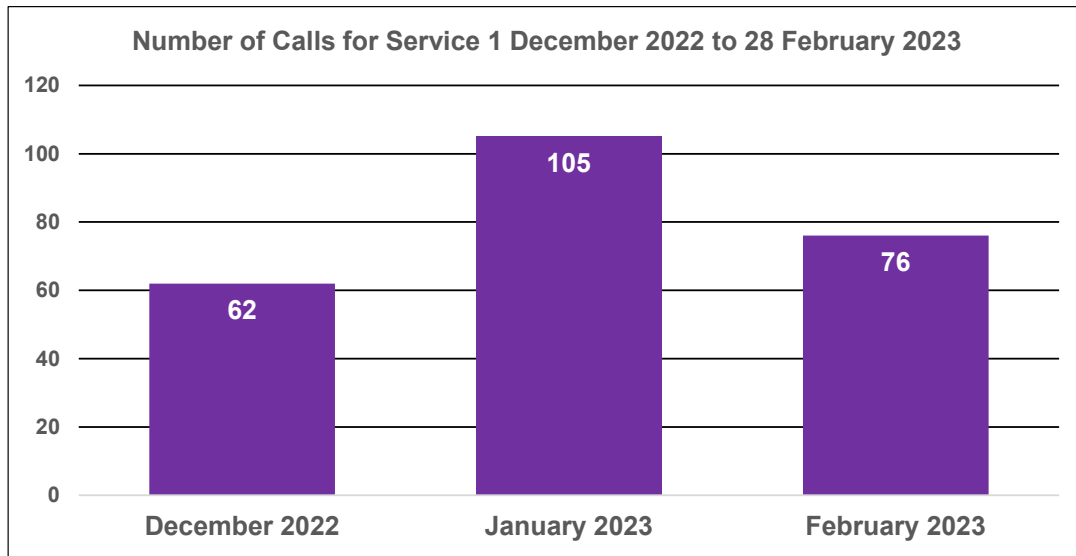
### COMMUNITY PATROL OF PUBLIC PLACES



\*Our public places by-laws patrols were put on hold for the month of January to address the influx of abandoned vehicles during that period.

Investigate all By-Law Complaints in a Timely Manner		
Target	Measure	Progress
All By-Laws (ASALC, Library, Animal Management, RWMF, Public Places) lodged by the community are processed in a timely manner.	24 Hours	Achieved. See graph and table, Number of Complaints for complaint numbers.
All complaints, with exception of barking dogs/nuisance animal to be actioned and closed in a timely manner.	Maintain 10-day turnover.	Achieved. See graph and table, Number of Complaints.
Infringement notices issued accurately and as required by Rangers, overdue payments to be monitored by Ranger Administration.	As required.	Achieved. See graph - Infringement Notices Issued

## NUMBER OF CALLS FOR SERVICE



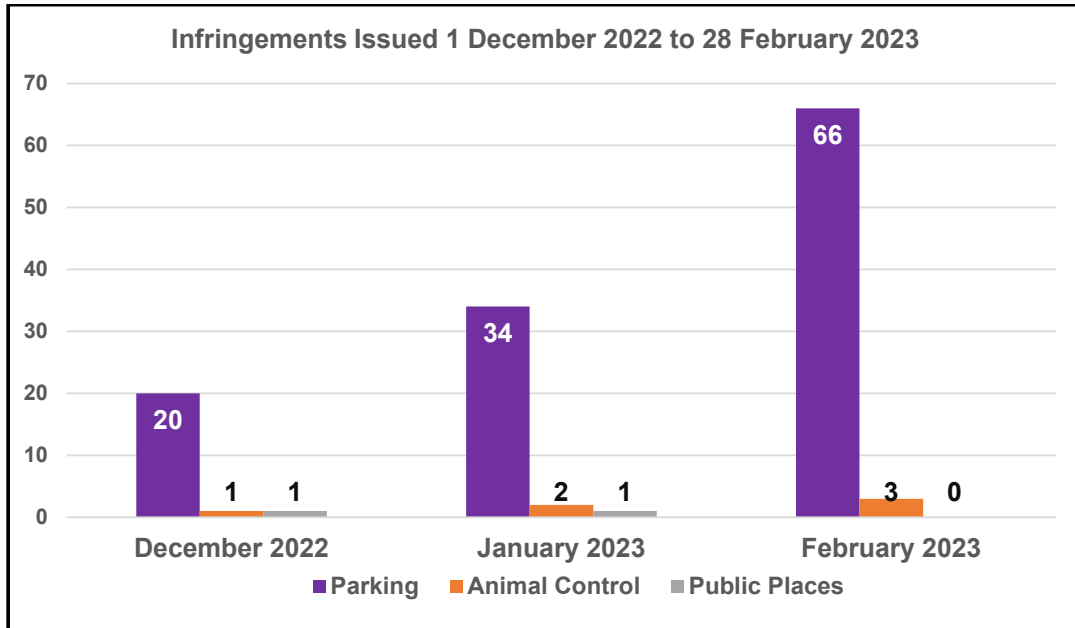
**Total Number of Calls to Service 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 243**

## CALLS FOR SERVICE RECEIVED BY TYPE

Calls for Service Type	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023
Abandoned Vehicle	22	39	20
Cat At Large	3	1	1
Cat Injured/Deceased	3	0	1
Cat Surrendered/Not Wanted	0	2	0
Cat Trap Own	4	5	1
Cat Trap Ranger	6	15	16
Dog At Large	6	13	11
Dog Attack Animal	1	3	2
Dog Attack Human	0	2	2
Dog Injured/Deceased	0	2	1
Dog Menace	2	3	6
Dog Not Contained	3	2	1
Dog Not Sterilised	4	0	0
Dog Nuisance	6	6	5
Dog Surrender/Not Wanted	1	3	2
Dog Unregistered	0	3	0
Dog Microchip Check	0	0	1
Kennel Licence	1	0	0
Other Animal	0	0	1
Dumped Rubbish/Litter	0	4	3
Public Places	0	1	1
Parking/Traffic	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>76</b>



**INFRINGEMENTS NOTICES ISSUED  
(PARKING / ANIMAL CONTROL / PUBLIC PLACES)**



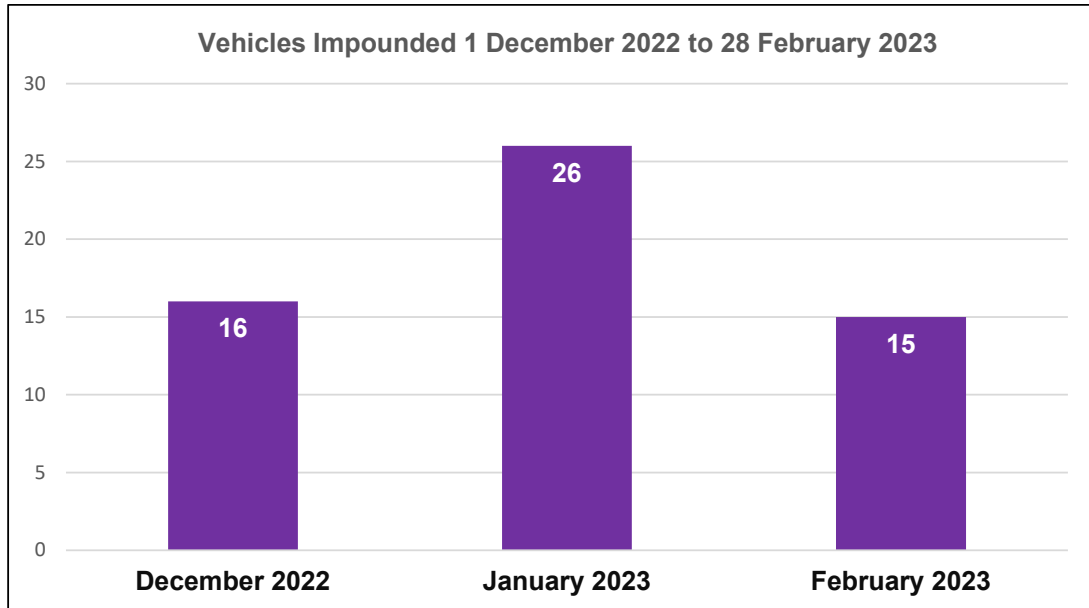
There were 128 infringements issued during this reporting period for various breaches of the by-laws or regulations in force within the municipality.

**PAYMENTS MADE BY FINES RECOVERY FOR MONIES RECOVERED**

Month	Recovered
December 2022	\$2,862.00
January 2023	\$1,787.29
February 2023	\$1,174.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,824.00</b>

Timely and Appropriate Response to Abandoned Vehicles		
Target	Measure	Progress
ASTC Rangers remove reported and dangerous abandoned vehicles from public spaces to ensure a safe community	All abandoned vehicles are assessed and removed in appropriate and legal time frames	Achieved. Rangers have removed 57 vehicles during the period of 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023  See graph Abandoned Vehicles Removed from Council Roads.

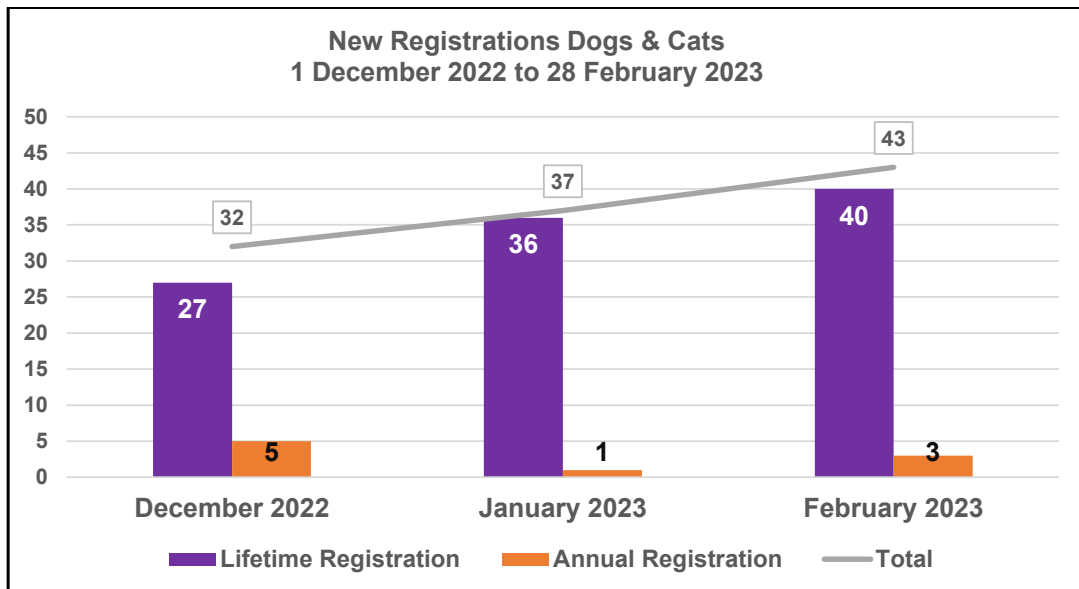
### ABANDONED VEHICLES REMOVED FROM COUNCIL ROADS



Total Number of Abandoned Vehicles 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 57

### Pillar 3: Environment

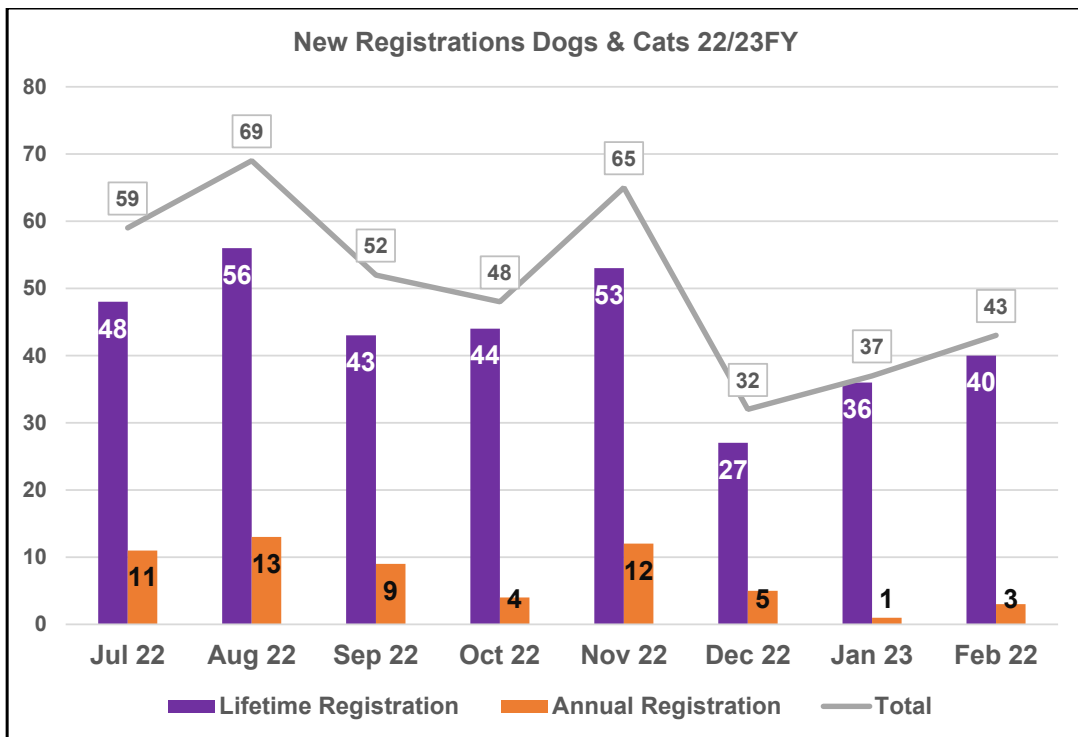
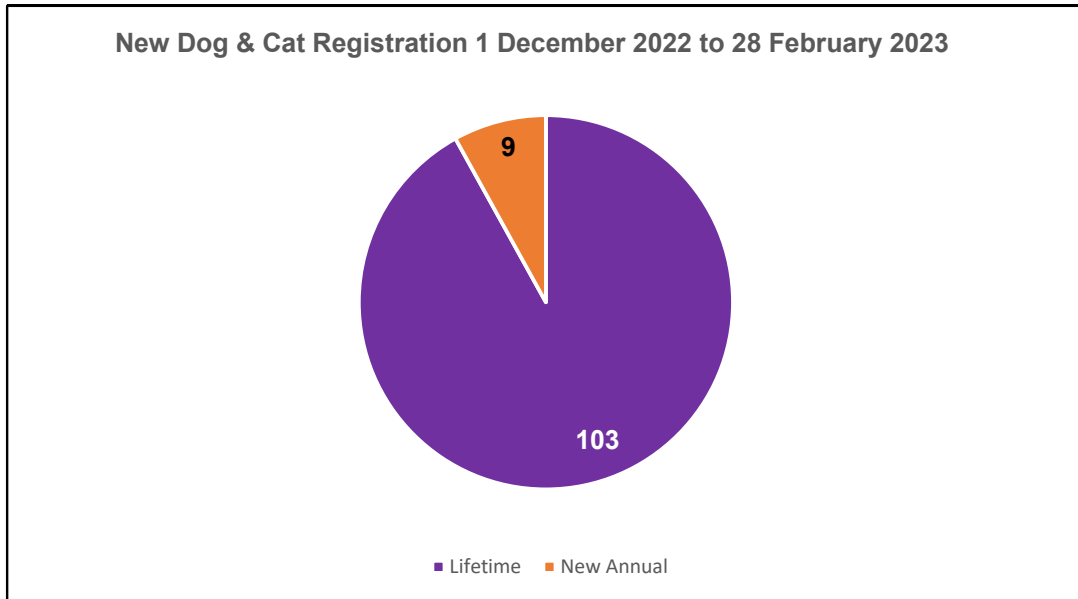
### DOG & CAT REGISTRATIONS PROCESSED BY RANGER ADMINISTRATION



Lifetime Registration 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 103

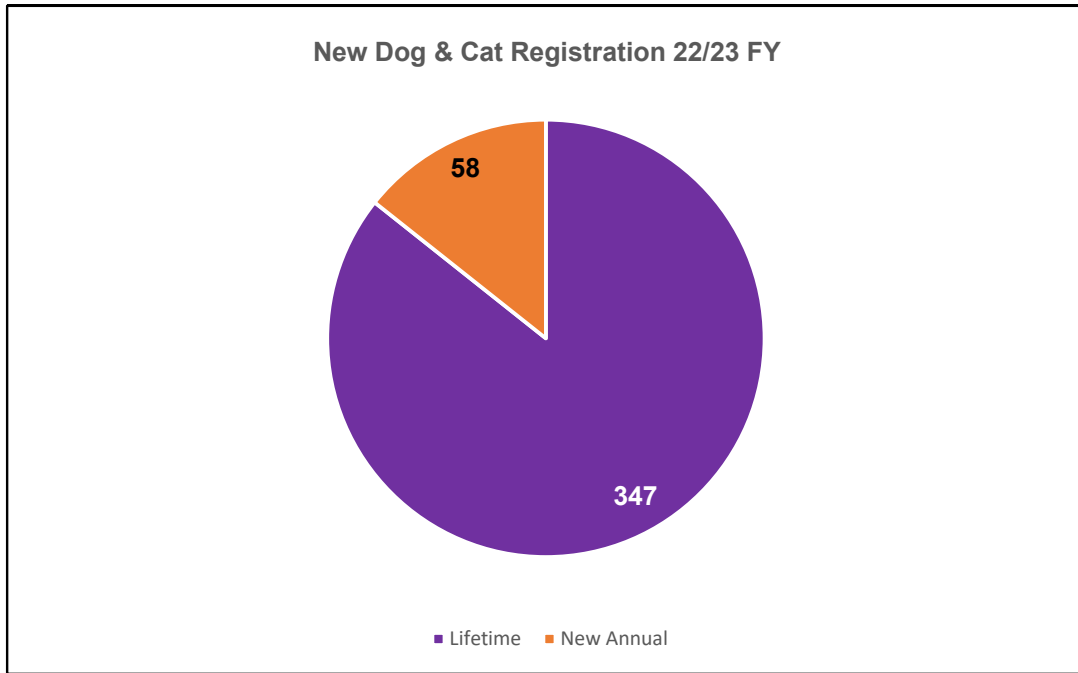
New Annual Registration 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 9

**Ratio Lifetime Registration to New Annual Registration is 11:1  
for 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023**



Lifetime Registration 1 July 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 347  
Annual Registration New Only 1 July 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 58

**Ratio Lifetime Registration to New Annual Registration is 6:1  
for 1 July 2022 to 28 February 2023**



**ANIMALS TAKEN TO THE ALICE SPRINGS ANIMAL SHELTER**

Month	Dogs	Cats
December 2022	11	22
January 2023	13	23
February 2023	27	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>66</b>

**Total Dogs and Cats taken to ASAS 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 = 117**

**Pillar 5: Governance & Civic**

<b>Retain a Suitably Qualified and Motivated Workforce</b>		
<b>Target</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Progress</b>
All Performance Appraisals are up to date as per Human Resources guidelines.	Implement a 12-month review with each employee.	All reviews are now up to date.
Onboarding reviews	Seek to improve and formalise the onboarding of new team members, including the delivery of 3 and 6-month review.	In Progress
Professional development opportunities available.	On request or recommendation and as identified via staff Performance Appraisals.	Staff training is being provided as a priority due to recent recruitment
Staff are provided with feedback individually and as a group.	Regular team meetings and fortnightly one-on-one with Manager.	Scheduled fortnightly team meetings occur every second Thursday.  Fortnightly one on one meetings with the Manager are conducted in an informal manner.

<b>Safe Systems of Work and Operation Maintained and Developed</b>		
<b>Target</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Progress</b>
All Incident Report Forms lodged on time and actions completed.	Within 24 hours of incident	Achieved
'Safety' is included as a regular standing item on the agenda of all staff meetings.	Every second Thursday.	Safety is a standing item on the fortnightly agenda.
Review safety procedures and update as required.	Annual	Achieved

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Identify Risks and Implement Appropriate Controls		
Target	Measure	Progress
Procedures discussed and reviewed by Rangers.	Annually reviewed	On track.
Professional and safe procedures.	Monitored daily	On track

Data to Support Timely and Accurate Reporting is Maintained		
Target	Measure	Progress
Data entry and administration team keeps accurate records of activity to enable high quality, comprehensive reporting.	On going Quarterly Unit reports to Ordinary Meeting.	Achieved
Complaints data bases reviewed for misrepresentation or omissions.	Weekly	Achieved
Improve asset management with accurate and precise maintenance.	Vehicles and on road operational equipment checked weekly, vehicles serviced as service records indicates.	Ongoing – on track

Ranger Unit Operates Within Allocated 2022-2023 Budget		
Target	Measure	Progress
Review of Ranger Unit income and expenditure, identifying and explaining variances in the budget.	Quarterly	Current expenditure is within the FY budget

## 2. QUARTERLY ROUND-UP

The Ranger Unit has been effectively responding to incidents, complaints and supporting ASTC events. During this reporting period the Unit has brought on several new Rangers, with a newly developed training program providing a firm foundation from which our newest Rangers can acquire the skills and knowledge that they need to provide important services to the community.

This reporting period saw the Ranger Unit conduct works in several high-priority areas, whilst maintaining appropriate response times for a large number of calls for service. These works include:

- Abandoned Trolleys

The Ranger Unit has continued to focus recent efforts to proactively address the issue of abandoned trolleys. The current operation targeting abandoned trolleys has seen 317 removed from our streets within the reporting period. As per the *Alice Springs (Shopping Trolley) By-laws 2008*, retailers are required to pay a release fee to retrieve impounded trolleys.

It is encouraging to note that all retailers are now actively working towards sustainable solutions for trolley retention and collection. To this end, the Ranger team will be testing the efficacy of their reporting and collection arrangements throughout the month of March. This will inform our ongoing approach moving forward.

- Abandoned Vehicles

The Ranger Unit has addressed a recent influx of abandoned vehicles throughout the municipality, with 57 vehicles being impounded during this reporting period, with a further 24 removed by their owners following interactions with Rangers. The Ranger team will continue to proactively identify and address abandoned vehicles as needed.



Luke Allen

**MANAGER RANGERS**

**ATTACHMENT B**

**TO: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NICOLE BATTLE**

**AUTHOR: MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES – DUNJA GANAMA**

**SUBJECT: ALICE SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT**

**REPORTING PERIOD: 1 DECEMBER 2022 – 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update of the Alice Springs Public Library within the Community Development Directorate. The parts covered within this report provide a high-level analysis covering progress against the Alice Springs Public Library Business Plan and compliance requirements.

**1. STRATEGIC PLAN**

This report provides a progress update of work that occurred from September to November 2022 in relation to the **Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan – 2030**. The below KPIs and measures have been developed as part of the Alice Springs Public Library Business Plan to address and meet the objectives of the strategic plan.

***OBJECTIVE 1: DYNAMIC COMMUNITY***

A dynamic, prosperous community where everyone is included, underpinned by safe, reliable infrastructure and social investment.

**1.1 Inclusiveness and support**

**1.1.1 Develop and enhance programs, as well as services**

<b>Library services delivered to a high standard and aligned to community needs</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Support positive growth in the community with Library Programs	<p>Alice Springs Public Library (ASPL) worked closely with local and national providers to support an active, involved and informed community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Library partnered with Menzies school of health to deliver workshops on diabetes and pregnancy for Aboriginal women. In our welcoming space we provided sessions to actively improve the health of Indigenous people and are contributing to Closing the Gap targets “Children are born healthy and strong” and “Everyone enjoys long and healthy lives”.</li> </ul>



Library services delivered to a high standard and aligned to community needs	
Measures	Progress
Support positive growth in the community with Library Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing and well received partnership with NBN to lift the digital capability of our senior citizens through workshops and one-on-one consultations.</li> <li>• Our “Read Write Chat” program has taken on new participants from various multicultural backgrounds to improve their reading and writing skills to better their chances to enter the workforce and to ease the migration process to Alice Springs.</li> <li>• Library responsible for children’s craft and entertainment, with 252 children attending, as well as “Turn on the Christmas Lights” competition.</li> </ul>
Up to date collection and service delivery	<p>Between 1 DEC 22 – 28 FEB 23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17,072 hard copies loaned out with collection maintained to Library &amp; Archive NT standards.</li> <li>• 4,070 PC bookings made.</li> <li>• 7,240 e-loans serviced.</li> <li>• 97 events held to promote literacy and lifelong learning, to inform and connect citizens, and to create stronger and more creative communities.</li> <li>• 522 opening hours providing a space to meet, keep, learn &amp; read.</li> </ul>
Ongoing analysis of collection and customer feedback	<p>Feedback primarily received via Social Media &amp; feedback form. Patrons very much got into the Christmas spirit with our various Christmas craft events.</p> <p>Some examples:</p> <p><i>“My girls love it, what a great way to interact with friends, nice cool save environment. Can get a little crowded someday.”</i></p> <p><i>“My kids loved the stories and especially the craft. Was well run and staff very friendly and helpful.”</i></p>

Library services delivered to a high standard and aligned to community needs	
Measures	Progress
Ongoing analysis of collection and customer feedback	<p>In order to contribute to Council's environmental initiatives, the Library ran multiple Bike Maintenance Classes, to keep bikes out of landfill:</p> <p><i>"It was informative and inclusive of all participants. Well organised with amazing instructors"</i></p> <p>Our main collection is well received:</p> <p><i>"Sometimes I dread coming to the Library, as I always end up taking way too many books home. Your collection is interesting and broad – love it"</i></p>
To be an integral part of the community and fill service gaps within the municipality	<p>The Library aims to act as an intermediary in assisting and formalising a structured approach to individuals that have no common point of contact.</p> <p>As a result, the Library has hosted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connectivity and Digital Access Classes for senior citizens</li> <li>• Nepalese Language Classes</li> <li>• Chess Club meetings</li> <li>• Book Club meetings</li> </ul> <p>The Library also assists patrons with Centrelink issues on a daily basis, as Centrelink refers them to us.</p> <p>We regularly assist patrons and visitors alike with applying for passports, income assistance, rent applications, freedom of information applications and all other forms, as many of our patrons do not have access to a PC elsewhere.</p>
Provide the community with space to conduct meetings for social and informative purposes	<p>Multiple childcare centres in Alice Springs utilise the Library as a regular excursion destination. Early exposure to learning in public libraries provides the perfect opportunities to build the foundation for optimal brain development in the first five years of a child. It broadens children's vocabulary and language development and fosters literacy and lifelong learning.</p>

**1.1.2 Promote community engagement, cohesion and safety**

<b>Alice Springs Public Library effectively engages with the community</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Participate in a minimum of four external outreach community events, i.e. Children's Week, Career & Skills Expo, markets and other expositions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library launched Summer Reading Club (SRC) at Christmas markets. It encourages all members to discover new and exiting ways to keep reading all summer long. On average, students' achievement scores decline over the summer break by one month's worth of school year learning. SRC assists to keep children reading throughout the break to assist maintaining their grade level skills and pushing forward development.</li> <li>Presentation to Old Timers Village residents about "Books on Wheels" – an outreach program delivering Library items to residents who are unable to visit us because of frailty, disability or limited mobility. A successful service that keeps participants connected and engaged with the Alice Springs community.</li> <li>Christmas market craft.</li> <li>Australia Day Summer Reading Club celebrations at ASALC.</li> </ul>
Collaborating with national partners to assist and inform the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnership with WorkFocus Australia, holding workshops to guide people through the rehabilitation process to return to healthy life and meaningful employment.</li> <li>Alice Springs Public Library (ASPL) member of a working group to develop a new Public Libraries Strategic Plan representing all of the NT's Public Libraries. The six areas in which libraries make a difference to their communities are identified as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Literacy and lifelong learning</li> <li>2) Informed and connected citizens</li> <li>3) Digital Inclusion</li> <li>4) Personal Development and wellbeing</li> <li>5) Stronger and more creative communities</li> <li>6) Economic and workforce development</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

<b>Alice Springs Public Library effectively engages with the community</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Developing new / regenerating old connections to community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Catholic Care NT to establish a meaningful collaboration to successfully engage regular library patrons, who experience homelessness and/or trauma, with the services Catholic Care NT offers. Library staff are frequently faced with all aspects of essential frontline works. Many patrons are dealing with challenges surrounding their employment, health, housing, social support and family cohesion.</li> <li>• A partnership with a service provider addressing acute issues and allowing a referral program for those in need of immediate assistance will be beneficial to ASPL and the community at large.</li> </ul>
Provide regular programs for all from under 5s to seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baby Rhyme Time</li> <li>• Preschool Storytime</li> <li>• Multilingual Storytime in Russian, Serbian &amp; German</li> <li>• Read. Write. Chat.</li> <li>• Chess for all ages</li> <li>• Navigating the Internet for Seniors</li> </ul>
Provide regular school holiday activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful delivery of the Summer School Holiday Program, with the launch of Summer Reading Club. Alice Springs recorded the second highest number of participants across all public libraries in the NT. This is a great reflection of the important role ASPL plays in our community and a tribute to our collection reflecting community needs.</li> <li>• In partnership with the Alice Springs Reptile Centre we have delivered informative and interactive reptile talks, which surprised to be our most popular activities this summer.</li> <li>• The sessions were conducted in the ASTC function room, as the library has no space for the numbers this activity attracted. The first session attracted over one hundred participants, the second was closed off after seventy people arrived.</li> </ul>

<b>Alice Springs Public Library effectively engages with the community</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No previous sessions in conjunction with the reptile center has ever attracted numbers like this and the assumption can be made that rising costs of living attract more families to free and fun activities.</li> </ul>

**1.1.3 Proactively embrace diversity, ensuring equitable participation opportunities**

<b>Provide equitable access to learning opportunities and resources</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Appropriate resources provided for customers with disabilities including but not limited to Spoken Word, Large Print, e-books, (Language Other Than English (LOTE))	Special Collections Coordinator to develop a new Collections Development Policy, following the outcome and recommendations of the significance assessment. Library currently updating LOTE collection, in particular a new series entitled "Our Yarning" - books produced by Libraries For All. These books are culturally relevant educational resources. Weeding old material and sourcing up to date and contemporary material.
Provide events and learning opportunities promoting multicultural diversity, including Aboriginal culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitation of Multilingual Storytime has raised awareness of the Library in various multicultural communities. This reflects in the increased usage of our LOTE collection</li> <li>Yipirinya Playgroup have included ASPL visitation as a regular activity. The playgroup participates in our Literacy and Lifelong Learning Programs, such as Pre School Storytime.</li> </ul>
Indigenous Services Officer (ISO) to represent library on relevant committees including NAIDOC Week	Position of Indigenous Services Officer currently vacant.

Provide equitable access to learning opportunities and resources	
Measures	Progress
Maintain an up to date Alice Springs Special Collection (ASCOLL) & Akaltje Antheme Collection of Central Australian Indigenous resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed comprehensive mending of Akaltje Antheme and local language collections, weeded all damaged items and added new purchases to OCLC WorldShare electronic cataloguing system.</li> <li>Looking at purchasing some new shelving and display shelves to further promote the collection. Replacing current DVD shelving to make the collection more accessible and attractive to patrons.</li> <li>Liaise with IT to make the ASCOLL Collection on Library PCS more accessible to Library staff and patrons. Update broken links.</li> </ul>

**OBJECTIVE 2: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE**

A great place to live that attracts and retains residents because of our unmatched leisure and healthy living opportunities and embrace of our unique landscape and culture

**2.1 Community life, promoting a healthy, vibrant culture**

**2.1.1 Provide sport, recreation and leisure opportunities, which maximise social capital**

Promote Alice Springs Public Library Nationally and within Central Australia	
Measures	Progress
Implement Library Media and Marketing plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library working on project with marketing team to develop and update new signage throughout ASPL. We are envisioning to complement written signage with universally recognised symbols to deliver to our growing membership group of multicultural background.</li> <li>Marketing plan for FY 24 in the planning stage.</li> <li>Early Lifelong Learning &amp; Literature programs promoted on social media.</li> </ul>
Library staff to submit presentations, papers and articles for local and national governing bodies, conferences and symposiums	Networking with the Lutheran Archives for a possible MOU to assist Library patrons with family history, as requests increasing.

## 2.3 Enhance life-long learning, library and technology services

### 2.3.1 Protect and promote local history and heritage

Maintain, develop and promote a collection of resources relevant to Central Australia's local history	
Measures	Progress
Local history information sessions / events	<p>Planning in progress for Heritage Week with the Library liaising with NT Heritage.</p> <p>Local poets will present their material in ASCOLL on 9 March 2023 as part of Australia Reads.</p> <p>Working with University of Melbourne to arrange workshops for local authors who wish to self-publish, which will result in toolkits being made available via the Library page.</p>
Literary / Cultural events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Library celebrated Library Lovers Day. An international library event, strongly supported by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).</li> </ul> <p>Library Lovers Day is celebrated annually to acknowledge the valuable role that libraries, and the people that work in them, play in the community.</p> <p>We created a five-day social media campaign with Mayor Matt Paterson, Councillor Hopper and Councillor Morris participating. It was great to see their support for all the important things the Library and its team deliver to the community.</p> <p>To watch some uplifting tales, I invite all Elected Members to follow your library on <a href="https://facebook.com/ASPLibrary">facebook.com/ASPLibrary</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hosted two Christmas Story Reading, followed by carol singing and Christmas Craft. The events attracted a total of 151 participants. To accommodate the high numbers, shelving was moved out of the Children's area. Whilst we were delighted to see that many people attending (meaning that there was high community interest in a Christmas event), it meant that patrons studying in the library or visiting for other reasons, were severely disrupted during that time.</li> </ul> <p>It was a timely reminder that we do not have enough space for all groups and individuals seeking the library for multiple reasons.</p>

<b>Maintain, develop and promote a collection of resources relevant to Central Australia's local history</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Publications	Special Collection Coordinator and General Collection Coordinator to work with media team on Social Media content promoting both collections to a wider audience.
Media promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABC promotion for the opening of Chief Minister's Reading Challenge, which encourages students to read more books for pleasure and assist with Literacy and Lifelong Learning. The opening will be in MAR23. Every student from Transition to Year 6 in the NT will be challenged to read 12 books in 24 weeks. The Public Library has ordered all items on the Chief Minister's book recommendation to assist the program and support and supplement school libraries.</li> </ul>
Advance proposal for renaming Alice Springs Collection to Central Australian Reference Collection	<p>Library informed of a project to rename Alice Springs Collection, the "Central Australian Reference Collection".</p> <p>Will require a significant investment in time, re-making signage and relabelling all items for cataloguing.</p>
Work with Library and Archive Northern Territory (LANT) to develop a new Digital Asset Management (DAM) system for Central Australia	<p>Ongoing – A grant was awarded for the amount of \$5,500 by the Library of Australia's Community Heritage Grant scheme (CHG), as recommended by Libraries and Archives NT, to fund a Significance Assessment for a new DAM.</p> <p>Dr Robin Gregory was appointed to undertake the significance assessment, which would establish the historical, social, community, research and financial value of the Library's historical and local language collections. The Special Collections Coordinator worked closely with Dr Gregory, assisting with metadata records, donation information and journal assessment.</p> <p>The final report will make recommendations for the collections' preservation needs, including a digitisation plan and Collections Development Policy.</p>



## 2.3 Enhance life-long learning, library and technology services

### 2.3.2 Diversify information resources and mediums

Provide access to the collection through a range of mediums and appropriate information via online resources	
Measures	Progress
Constantly changing community members needs evaluated through monthly Collection reports, monitoring customer usage and trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting and data collected monthly and evaluated by LANT.</li> <li>Monthly meetings with Collections Coordinator to assess collections.</li> <li>Currently ascertaining the need for private and quiet study area to meet Australian Library &amp; Information Association standards.</li> </ul>
Access to online collections through Borrow Box & Overdrive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Borrow Box magazine constantly growing its content, with patrons now able to request additional periodical publications to be added to the collection</li> <li>ASPL patrons now also have access to the online databases that NT Libraries subscribe to, which broadly widens our access to e-library content</li> </ul>
Library Collections Coordinator to attend quarterly Collection Development Committee meetings with Library and Archives Northern Territory	Library Collection Coordinator and Library Manager attended quarterly meeting FEB23.

Provide access to up-to-date technology, WiFi, printing and copying facilities	
Measures	Progress
Re-introduced "Print & Pick-up"	With COVID-19 restrictions easing, Print & Pick-up now returns to a basic service, where patrons can email material or come into the Library with their printing, scanning and copying needs. Offered to all patrons and visitors.
Educating library users on how to use the latest self-serve provision	Ongoing – currently working with ASTC's IT team to enable "Print from your Own Device". This would enable patrons to load funds on their membership card and activate printing from their own device. Currently patrons have to come to the Information Desk and pay for their job before it is released by a staff member. By national Australia Library Standard, this procedure is outdated and time consuming. By introducing updated technology to our patrons, we will free up front counter staff to do other essential tasks, particularly in a time of staff shortage.

**2.3.3 Offer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) training, education and support to establish a local digital culture**

<b>Science Technology Education Mathematics (STEM) related programs provided for all demographics</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
STEM, digital literacy and engagement sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Library's Summer School Holiday Program saw many families participate in various activities that incorporated STEM learning. One of these activities included a Robotics Workshop, where participants take an EV3 robot on an adventure, exploring the world of programming and coding using a Lego Mind Storm EV3 robotics kit supplied by the Library. The session went for an hour and a half and all of them were able to take a robot through a maze! A-maze-ing!</li> <li>We also partnered with the RoboCup committee to host a Robotics Soccer demonstration at Ross Park Primary School. After the demo, the students were put into groups and worked together to build a robot, then code and program it to play soccer. The demonstration saw more than 50 students participate in Robotics!</li> </ul>
Increase STEM and digital engagement event participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing delivery of 'Advanced Drones' – a progression from our popular 'Try &amp; Fly Drones' program</li> </ul>
Continue working with external partners to support the community with upskilling in the delivery of STEM workshops	Library currently working on partnering up again with Red Dirt Robotics to deliver workshop throughout the winter school holidays. Past programs had a big community uptake. The program is a regional and remote outreach program, hoping to continue its positive impact on young engineers across the NT.

**OBJECTIVE 4: A DYNAMIC COUNCIL**

A well governed Council that leads by example, advocates for our community, innovates and delivers excellent services, and works with others collaboratively to help create the community we want to live in

**4.2 People & workplace excellence**

**4.2.1 Attract a capable, skilled workforce**

<b>Alice Springs Public Library adequately promoted within the Library Industry</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Keep relevant memberships up to date and foster relationships with other Public Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASPL is a standing member of the Australian Library Information Association.</li> <li>Library Manager and Acting Library Programs Coordinator members of NT Libraries working group to positively contribute and impact the "Australia Reads" campaign.</li> <li>152 intra-library loans (loan requests from other libraries located in the NT) serviced.</li> <li>79 inter-library loans (loan requests from libraries located outside the NT) serviced.</li> </ul>
Library Manager to conduct regular meetings with LANT	On track – meetings held monthly.

**4.2.2 Retain a suitably qualified and motivated workforce**

<b>Alice Springs Public Library team adequately trained and supported to succeed in their roles</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Staff supported to attend internal and external training, workshops and networking opportunities	<p>On track:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted staff training for updates in the Library management System, which contains the national catalogue and patron information.</li> <li>Virtual training by LANT for the Library team to update us on the library referencing database.</li> </ul>
Encourage staff to access Study Support to attain higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All staff aware of Council's 'Training and Study' opportunities, as outlined in ASTC Enterprise Agreement</li> </ul>
Timely feedback provided and all Performance Appraisals completed by due dates set by Human Resources	On track – 70% completed as new team members onboard.

**4.2.4 Ensure a safe work environment**

KPI - Ensure the library is a safe work environment	
Measures	Progress
All building maintenance issues reported to appropriate officer within 24 hours	On track
Library Manager and Library HSR to attend monthly WorkSafe Committee meetings	Library currently without a HSR as person has left the organisation.
Semi-annual Safety Plan Checklist to adhere to and maintenance schedule kept up to date	Completed – and ongoing. Internal WHS audit still to be conducted.
All allocated actions on ASTC Risk Register followed up and completed by the identified due dates	Finalised. New register anticipated after internal WHS audit.

**4.3 Service excellence****4.3.2 Adopt and encourage innovative digital technology**

Utilise digital platforms to evaluate current library services	
Measures	Progress
Collection analysis conducted in collaboration with LANT	In progress and ongoing. Currently planning a diversity analysis of the general collection.

**4.4 Governance excellence****4.4.1 Responsible fiscal and asset management**

Alice Springs Public Library operates within allocated 2021/22 Budget	
Measures	Progress
Monthly review of Alice Springs Public Library Budget carried out	Completed monthly. Currently awaiting mid-year budget review.
Quarterly budgeting for programs	On track – Library Manager in regular meetings with Senior Library Team to evaluate project & collections budget. Currently awaiting budget review to ascertain if adjustments need to be made.
Implement an asset maintenance program	Completed – all Library assets added to an automated maintenance schedule program to ensure adequate budget is allocated for ongoing, regular works.

Identify alternative funding streams	
Measures	Progress
External funding and grant opportunities identified, actioned and acquitted within Timeframes set by funding bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting the recommendations arising from current Significance Assessment of ASCOLL, we envision to apply for the next round of the 3 stage Community Heritage Grants that support Australian cultural heritage collections which are publicly accessible and nationally significant.</li> </ul>

## 2. PROJECT PLANNER

### FUTURE PROJECTS

PROJECT	PROPOSED DATES	PROJECT DETAILS & STATUS
International Women's Day	Mar 2023	Livestreaming to Sydney Opera House for National Event
fabALICE	Mar 2023	Drag Storytime event at the Library
Harmony Week	Mar 2023	Multicultural events at the Library
Youth Week	Apr 2023	Youth engagement through physical activities
Easter School Holidays	Apr 2023	Delivery of School Holiday Program
National Trust Heritage Month	Apr 2023	Heritage Trivia & Tall Tales
Mental Health Week	May 2023	Delivery of Mindfulness Workshops
National Simultaneous Storytime	May 2023	Reading of "The Speedy Sloth"

*We invite all our Elected Members to join ASPL and visit us for some great programs and resources.*

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Position for Library Team Leader Operation has been filled.

Library Programs Coordinator backfilled.

Library Programs Officer not backfilled.

Library Officer x 2 vacant

**3. DETAILED ANALYSIS**

Not applicable for this reporting period

**4. BUSINESS UNIT REVIEW**

Finalised

**5. GOVERNANCE, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Alice Springs Public Library has the following procedures in place

**Work, Health and Safety**

- Participation in the WHS Committee
- Adhere to Occupational Health and Safety PSD requirements.
- Incidents reported correctly within allocated timeframes.
- Adhere to CHO COVID-19 directives

**Legislation Compliance**

- Council policies and procedures
- Local Government Act
- Copyright Act 1968
- Council by-laws

**Risks**

- Current low-level staffing
- Risk assessments developed for all projects, programs and events
- Event safety plans in place for all events over 500 people, as per NT Health COVID requirements
- Appropriate staff training and awareness.
- Ensure all Council's policies and PSD are followed.
- All information securely stored as per Council's guidelines.



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**MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES**

## 1. APPENDIX 1

### 1.1 Visitors



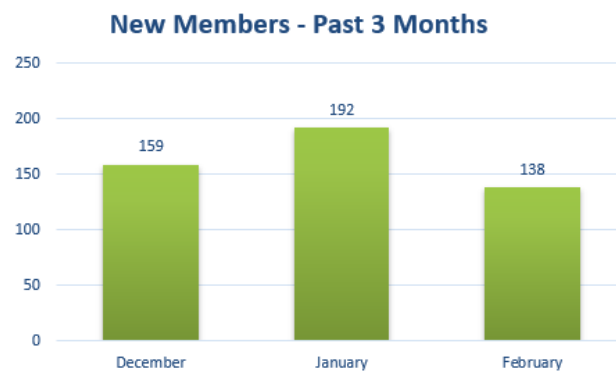
January has seen the highest visitation numbers for ASPL since May 2020

### 1.2 Highest Circulation Activity

Titles With Most Circulation Activity

Item Title	Item OCLC Number	Circulation Count
HELLO magazine.	751663564	87
Family news.	222274875	65
New scientist.	2378350	51
Caravan world and outdoor life.	217275734	39
Better homes and gardens : the idea magazine for better homes and families.	845777250	38
One piece /	953214660	38
Australian traveller.	173444144	32
Mojo.	35444923	32

### 1.3 New Members





#### 1.4 Baby Rhyme Time



With Baby Rhyme Time (occurring weekly) having gained immense popularity, it often impacts patrons wanting to study, as ASPL space does not allow for quiet study areas. Photo taken at regular Baby Rhyme Time 10 Feb 2023.

#### 1.5 Christmas Craft



The rare opportunity to facilitate popular craft sessions, as shelving has to be moved and public computer access restricted to allow for the space needed.



**1.6 Reptile Centre @ The Library**



**1.7 Library Christmas Markets- Craft Centre**



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1.8 Summer School Holiday Program

**Summer School Holiday Program 2023**

**DECEMBER**

**Monday 19**

- > CHRISTMAS CRAFT 10.15-11.30am (Ages 2-14) @Library
- > QUESTACON SCIENCE ACTIVITIES 10.15am-6pm (Ages 8-14) @Library

**Tuesday 20**

- > TRY & FLY DRONES 10.15-11.15am (Ages 8+) @Library
- > DRONE ZONE 1-3pm (Ages 12+) @Library

**Wednesday 21**

- > CHRISTMAS STORYTIME & CRAFT 10.15am-12pm (Ages 2-14) @Library
- > WET WEDNESDAY 2-6pm (All ages) @ASALC

**Thursday 22**

- > BIKE MAINTENANCE 10am-12pm (Ages 8+) @Library

**Friday 23**

- > BABY RHYMETIME 10am-12pm (Ages 0-2) @Library

**Saturday 31**

- > NEW YEAR'S EVE SPLASH PARTY 5.30-9.30pm (All ages) @ASALC

**JANUARY**

**Monday 2**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Monday 9**

- > LEGO 10.15-11.15am (Ages 4+) @Library

**Monday 16**

- > LITTLE BUILDERS 10.15-11.15am (Ages 2-5) @Library

**Monday 23**

- > LEGO 10.15-11.15am (Ages 4+) @Library

**Tuesday 3**

- > TRY & FLY DRONES 10.15-11.15am (Ages 8+) @Library
- > DRONE ZONE 1-3pm (Ages 12+) @Library

**Tuesday 10**

- > TRY & FLY DRONES 10.15-11.15am (Ages 8+) @Library
- > DRONE ZONE 1-3pm (Ages 12+) @Library

**Tuesday 17**

- > TRY & FLY DRONES 10.15-11.15am (Ages 8+) @Library
- > DRONE ZONE 1-3pm (Ages 12+) @Library

**Tuesday 24**

- > SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 10.30-11.30am (All ages) @Library

**Wednesday 4**

- > SCIENCE & STORYTIME 10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5) @Library

**Wednesday 11**

- > NTES STORYTIME & DRESS UPS 10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5) @Library
- > WET WEDNESDAY 2-6pm (All ages) @ASALC

**Wednesday 18**

- > SCIENCE & STORYTIME 10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5) @Library
- > WET WEDNESDAY 2-6pm (All ages) @ASALC

**Wednesday 25**

- > SCIENCE & STORYTIME 10.15-10.45am (Ages 2-5) @Library

**Thursday 5**

- > BIKE MAINTENANCE 10am-12pm (Ages 8+) @Library

**Thursday 12**

- > BIKE MAINTENANCE 10am-12pm (Ages 8+) @Library

**Thursday 19**

- > BIKE MAINTENANCE 10am-12pm (Ages 8+) @Library

**Thursday 26**

- > AUSTRALIA DAY POOL PARTY 2-7pm (All ages) @ASALC
- > SUMMER READING CLUB PRIZE DRAW @ASALC

**Friday 6**

- > BABY RHYMETIME 10.15-10.45am (Ages 0-2) @Library
- > REPTILE CENTRE @ LIBRARY 10.30-11.30am (All ages) @Library
- > FAB FRIDAY 2-6pm (All ages) @ASALC

**Friday 13**

- > BABY RHYMETIME 10.15-10.45am (Ages 0-2) @Library
- > REPTILE CENTRE @ LIBRARY 10.30-11.30am (All ages) @Library

**Friday 20**

- > BABY RHYMETIME 10.15-10.45am (Ages 0-2) @Library
- > MULTILINGUAL STORYTIME IN RUSSIAN 3.15-4pm (Ages 0-8) @Library

**Friday 27**

- > BABY RHYMETIME 10.15-10.45am (Ages 0-2) @Library

**Summer Reading Club**

**ADVENTURE AWAITS**

9 DEC 2022 - 26 JAN 2023

Registrations open from 9 December

**Questacon Tubs**

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE**

All summer long at the Library

Activities subject to change, please refer to FB @ASPLibrary & @AliceSpringsNTC to stay up to date. LIBRARY: Cnr Gregory & Leichhardt Tce. ASALC: 10 Speed St. Adults to accompany kids under the age of 11 years. No bookings required unless mentioned.

Please remember, if you're feeling unwell, please stay at home.

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AQUATIC & LEISURE



**ATTACHMENT C**

**TO: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NICOLE BATTLE**

**AUTHOR: MANAGER ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE - PETINA FRANKLIN**

**SUBJECT: ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE REPORT**

**REPORTING PERIOD: 1 DECEMBER 2022 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a quarterly update of the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre Unit within the Community Development Directorate. It provides analysis of progress against the ASALC business plan and other compliance requirements.

**1. STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030**

This update, KPIs and measures outlined in this report have been developed as part of the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre (ASALC) Business Plan 2020-21 to reflect and meet the objectives of the Alice Springs Town Strategic Plan 2030.



*Australia Day Event 2023 held at Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre entertained over 1300 members of the Central Australian community with Mulga Bore being the main act of the day.*

**OBJECTIVE 1: LIVEABILITY**

<b>ASALC Programs delivered to a high standard and aligned to community needs</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Quarterly reviews carried out internally by ASALC staff and recommendations implemented	Achieved – ASALC team have prioritised training plans, identified recruitment needs and are continuously updating program equipment.
Programs Coordinator to attend AUSTSWIM conference	Achieved – Annual Australian Swimming Teachers & Coaches Association 2022.
100% compliances met for Programs on annual RLSSA Safety Audit	In progress – 73 out of 92 actions from previous Audit has been addressed. Date for 2023 Audit to be confirmed.
Plan developed to grow programs, implement new initiatives and reach a greater number of customer groups	Achieved – Programs including Tai Chi, Adult Learn to Swim and “Station Families” learn to swim underway.

<b>Ensure opportunities for participation in aquatic activities supported</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Annual audit of mobility equipment by Keep Moving completed with any maintenance and actions implemented	Achieved – Mobility equipment regularly serviced and maintained.
Community members with special needs are enabled and supported to participate in Learn to Swim, Exercise classes or recreational activities	Achieved – exercise program ongoing in partnership with Healthy Communities.
Cultural Awareness or other relevant training provided to all ASALC Staff at least once and as required.	Achieved – Arrente language classes offered to all staff.
Provide opportunities for remote community groups to participate in water safety education programs.	Achieved – KITES – Kids in Town Engaged in Schools participated in weekly learn to swim program
Provide opportunities for multicultural groups to participate in aquatic education programs	Achieved – High proportion of multi-cultural population attend learn to swim classes



**Members of the multicultural community attending ASALC programs**

<b>Implement ASALC scheduled maintenance as per ASALC Asset Maintenance Register and update as required</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
ASALC scheduled maintenance completed within budget and on time	Achieved – Trisley's Services completed second service in December 2022.
ASALC "Service; Clean" Score Customer Feedback averages at least 8/10	Achieved - Over 3-month period customer service rating through online feedback shows 83% which was a 3% increase from last reporting quarter.
Clean Facility Hygiene Score Customer Feedback averages at least 8/10	Facility Hygiene 70% -- this represents a 3% drop within the current reporting period (based on 28 responses). Currently ASALC only has access to a part-time cleaner, although interviews for the fulltime role are scheduled for mid-March. The reporting period also saw the delivery of several large-scale youth/community events, which may have contributed to some of the negative feedback.

<b>Meet Core Indicator target of 5% increase in primary aged swimmers Level 5</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Develop Learn to Swim retention strategy	Ongoing – Classes fully booked Term One 2023
Increase communications with schools to increase Learn to Swim attendance	Achieved – OLSH Traeger campus attended water safety education and swim clinics February 2023 to enable safe participation in swim carnival. Ongoing
Liaise with Swim Club to increase swim school numbers.	Achieved – continuous liaising with swim club to increase numbers for both parties



**Term 1 2023 Saturday Learn to Swim**



Scheduled projects for 2022 /2023 in ASALC Business Plan (see appendix 1)	
Target	Progress
Additional facilities design/layout in precinct scoped, costed and determined	In Progress – Adventure Playground and toddler play area tender awarded to designer PLAYCE and Installer MPH

Offer new Programs/Events to enhance community participation & engagement	
Target	Progress
Arrow tag – for youth participation, Corporate team building, event activities	Arrow Tag has been identified as a winter season activity due to nature of activity.
Incorporate new activities at Splash Parties and ASALC	Achieved – Series of free art workshops planned for May 2023 at ASALC

**OBJECTIVE 3: ENVIRONMENT**

Energy Efficient technologies implemented at ASALC with year on year reduction in electricity use.	
Target	Progress
Investigation into heating outdoor learn to swim pool	Heating Unit installation completed with protective housing.
Solar systems under investigation to check performance	Achieved Maintenance of systems under review to ensure maximum efficiency. Small array under repair
Purchase/Use battery operated grounds equipment to reduce maintenance, fuel usage and greenhouse emissions where possible.	Achieved – equipment purchased based on demand.



*The outdoor learn to swim pool evo pump heating system has been installed and waiting for a new circulation pump to complete the project. This project will extend the usage of the pool to maximise pool space so the water temperature can be maintained.*

<b>Council recycling implemented at ASALC</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
To reduce waste and increase recycling	Achieved – recycling of paper, plastics, cans and wooden pallets. No organic waste program currently available. Organic products used in kiosk.

<b>Safe systems of work and operation maintained and developed</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
All Incident Reports lodged within 24 hours and Form actions completed	Achieved
95% compliances met in Annual RLSSA Safety Audit	In progress – 82% currently compliant. Signage currently being changed over to meet audit requirements.
ASALC Operations Manual reviewed and updated annually prior to RLSSA Audit	Achieved – new draft will be finalised by February 2023 prior to audit
ASALC Emergency Action Plan reviewed and updated quarterly	Achieved - Emergency Action Plan reviewed March 2023
'SAFE' score given by ASALC User Groups exceeds 8/10 average	In Progress – In comparison to last reporting period the SAFE score increased from 62% to 78% which is a great improvement. Lifeguard team meetings, training & professional development has supervision as main focus. Only 28 responses were recorded over this period.
At least 5% reduction in incidents and accidents compared to previous year	Achieved – Only 9 incidents were reported this period including minor first aid and antisocial behaviour in the car park and surrounds.
4 hourly pool tests within range at least 95% of the time Centre is open	Achieved - Water Balance Tests 95% within range.
Kiosk food service areas 100% compliant with Health Department requirements	Achieved - Compliant to date.

**OBJECTIVE 5: GOVERNANCE AND CIVIC**

<b>ASALC Team adequately trained and supported to succeed in their roles</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
All ASALC staff inducted through internal induction process within four weeks of start date	Achieved - Ongoing as new staff recruited.
Regular in-service training sessions and team nights (3 per annum) held	Achieved - Team nights and regular training on schedule. Inservice lifeguard training held on 23 February.
Staff training and qualifications register maintained	Achieved – Pool Lifeguard/CPR training completed 5 February 2023 and training register updated regularly.
Timely feedback provided and all Performance Appraisals completed by due dates set by Human Resources	Achieved



**ASALC lifeguard team attended a training session at the Centre after hours and included inductions for equipment that will be used over the cooler months.**



<b>Identify risks and implement appropriate controls</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
All allocated actions on ASTC Risk Register followed up and completed by the identified due dates	Achieved - Completed and monitored regularly via Smartsheet.
ASALC Operational Risk Register reviewed and updated on Smartsheet monthly	Achieved – Regular updating risk register. Updated February 2023.

<b>Digitise ASALC Timesheet and Checklist systems</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Identify suitable electronic timesheet system for permanent staff for implementation in 2020/21	Achieved - Electronic timesheets for all permanent staff implemented, December 2020.
Currently looking for timesheet system for Casual staff.	Manual timesheet system currently being used.

<b>ASALC operates within allocated 22/23 Budget</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Monthly review of ASALC Budget carried out	Achieved

<b>ASALC Asset Register and Tracking System established</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
ASALC assets onsite identified, labelled & updated quarterly	In progress – ASTC Assets Office completed a report identifying future projects to be planned and budgeted for.
ASALC asset register consistent with ASTC Finance format by February 2021	In progress.

## 2. **PROJECT PLANNER**

### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Proposed dates</b>
Heating of outdoor Leisure Pool	April 2023
Purchase Junior Inflatable (under review)	April 2023
2 thermal blankets LTS outdoor pool	April 2023
Grandstand remediation (under review)	June 2023
New shade sails 50m pool eastern side	April 2023
<b>FUNDED/GRANTS</b>	
Design/Install Adventure Playground	December 2023
Outdoor Gym (Grant)	April 2023

### **COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS/TASKS)**

<b>Capital</b>
Security Lighting – ASALC frontage/footpath
Replaced broken glass panels indoor centre
Slide inspection and report–AUDIT requirement

### **COMPLETED OPERATIONAL PROJECTS/TASKS**

#### **December 2022 – February 2023**

- Plantroom quarterly service expenditure and parts
- Re grouting of indoor bathrooms, entrance indoor centre
- Replacement of electrical components in indoor switchboard
- Replace drummy tiles, re-grout and silicon splash pad expansions
- Repair damaged ceiling front entrance
- Replace all accessibility bathroom locks
- Indoor hot water pipe repair
- Trisleys' quarterly service



***Ceiling collapsed 24 December (infrastructure failure) and repairs completed January 5 2023***

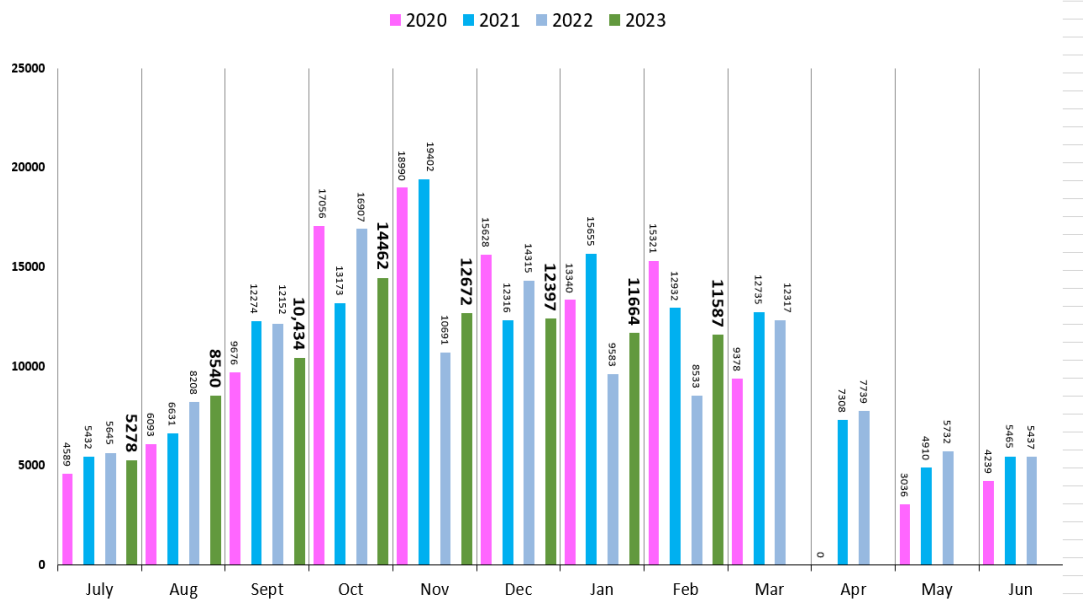
**3. DIRECTORATE UPDATE****TOTAL MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

December 2022	January 2023	February 2023
12,397	11,664	11,587

Attendance numbers for this reporting period shows a 13 % decrease for December 2022 compared to December 2021. Both January and February visits have increased which can be attributed to the youth events and Australia Day Pool Party.

**EVENTS BREAKDOWN FIGURES for December 2022 – February 2023**

EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE NO
Wild Wednesday	21.12.2022	538
New Year's Eve party	31.12.2022	467
Fab Friday	6.1.2023	325
Wild Wednesday	11.1.2023	410
Wild Wednesday	18.1.2023	733
Australia Day Party	26.1.2023	1309

**ASALC Monthly Patronage 2018 - 2023 Financial year**

**4. DETAILED ANALYSIS**

December 2022 was relatively quiet with schools finalising their swimming programs for the calendar year. Planning the holiday period took precedence this month with a big line up of youth events being organised for the summer break. Learn to Swim staff took a much-needed break over the school holidays with an intensive block of lessons timetabled for the week of 16 -20 January 2023. The biggest event of the year was the Australia Day Pool Party targeting entertainment and providing a safe venue for the community to enjoy the day. Enrolments for Term 1 2023 opened on the 28 January with a reduced team of instructors, but the program went ahead with instructors coming onboard later in February.

**PROGRAMS UPDATE – December 2022 – February 2023****Schools Program**

- Ross Park Primary
- OLSH Bath St

**Bush Schools**

- KITES: students from NT, WA and SA communities attend while in town have attended sessions on a weekly basis with instructors from ASALC to assist when available.
- Amoonguna – Teaching staff from Amoonguna commenced their own program at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre commencing in February 2023.
- Yipirinyi School has been holding their swimming program at the Centre due to their school pool being out of action for a period of time.

**Aqua**

Aqua continued to be popular with six sessions held over the week during December and January. Numbers fell slightly during the month of February, resulting in the decision to reduce to five classes per week.



*Wednesday morning aqua has maximum participation*

**Training courses over this period included:**

- Pool Lifeguard
- CPR
- Bronze Medallion
- Professional development inhouse – lifeguard training

**Current Pool Users:**

- Alice Springs Swimming Club
- Aussi Masters
- Royal Lifesaving NT
- Central Australia Institute of Sports (CAIS)
- University of the Third Age
- Canoe Polo

**5. GOVERNANCE, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre have the following procedures in place

**Work, Health and Safety**

- SEAs for contractors and staff
- Participation in the WHS Committee
- ASALC HSR
- Adhere to Occupational Health and Safety PSD requirements.
- Incidents reported correctly within allocated timeframes.
- Annual Tile Slippage Audit
- Compliance of signage
- All staff Qualifications and certificates current
- Breathing Apparatus serviced
- SOPs
- Manual handling
- Chemical SDS
- Inservice training
- Pest Control

**Legislation Compliance**

- Council policies and procedures
- Local Government Act
- Food Act 2001
- NT Health
- NT Guidelines for Aquatic facilities
- NT Fire Service guidelines
- Schedule 7: Authorisation for the use of Chlorine Gas

### Risks

These are outlined in detail in the 2022/23 ASALC Operational Manual under the following sub headings:

- Dangerous Goods and hazardous Substances Risk Assessment
- Supervision Risk Assessment
- ASALC OH&S Risk Assessment: Physical; Chemical; Environmental; Programs
- Emergency Action Plan
- Chemical Spill response
- Facility Design/ Equipment Operational Procedures
- Communication
- Events – under the ASTC risk assessment register
- No School No Pool Policy

### AUSTALIA DAY 2023 PHOTOS







*Petina Franklin*

Petina Franklin  
**MANAGER ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE**

**ATTACHMENT D**

**TO: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NICOLE BATTLE**

**AUTHOR: MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT – KATE WALSH**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT REPORT**

**REPORTING PERIOD: 1 DECEMBER 2022 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a quarterly update on the activities delivered by the Community and Cultural Development Unit (CCDU) within the Community Development Directorate.

**1. ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN - 2030**

A range of KPIs and actions were developed as part of the Community and Cultural Development Business Plan 2022/23 aligned with the *Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan – 2030*. This quarterly report details the progress for the period from 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023.



*Council's Arrente Language and Cultural Workshop February 2023*

**PILLAR 1: LIVEABILITY**

Community programs and events are delivered, evaluated and improved	
Measures	Progress
<b>Seniors</b>	
Successful delivery of Seniors Month activities: Seniors Morning Tea (80 attendance), support COTA's Seniors Expo and partner with other organisations and events.	Achieved Seniors Morning Tea and Seniors Still Got Rhythm in collaboration with COTA's Seniors Expo were held during Seniors Month. Healthy Communities Programs were promoted at the event, specific to Seniors.





*International Women's Day Panel Discussion March 2023*

Community programs and events are delivered, evaluated and improved	
Measures	Progress
<b>Seniors</b>	
Successfully deliver a dance class for participants over 50 years with a minimum attendance of 18	Achieved - Ongoing Regular new referrals are received for this program. Participants range from 50-85 years. Average quarterly participation was 16 due to some classes not delivered in December & January (Christmas Break).
Partner with local seniors' service providers and advocacy groups to promote World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Achieved Council partnered with COTA, Relationships Australian NT, Catholic Care NT and CAWLS to deliver a campaign for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
<b>Disability</b>	
Assist disability organisations and service providers to deliver programs or events for people with a disability in Alice Springs	Achieved Collaborated with NDIS to support the planning of a Disability Expo in Alice Springs to be held in 2023. Mayoral Awards was held 2 December. Healthy Communities commenced a weekly exercise program for CASA Services clients in February. Average weekly attendance was 18.
Run a weekly exercise program for Life without Barriers participants with an average participation of 17	Achieved - Ongoing A weekly exercise program is being delivered to Life Without Barriers. Average participation for the quarter was 15, due to a 3-week break over Christmas holidays.

Community programs and events are delivered, evaluated and improved	
Measures	Progress
<b>Community Grants and Sponsorship</b>	
Review and update Community Grants and Sponsorship policies and procedures annually	In progress Currently reviewing Community Grants and Sponsorship policy and procedures for updated process FY2023-24. Report to June Ordinary Council Meeting.
Increase understanding about Council's community grants and the application process with a minimum of one grants information session	Achieved One grants information session was held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> of February prior to applications closing in February 2023 with a total of 12 people attending.
Hold a grant writing workshop for the community, in collaboration with local funding bodies	Achieved Council's Community Grant content was shared with Tourism Central Australia for their 'Funding submissions and grant writing' workshop.



*Incite Arts Community Grant Recipient – Acquittal Image.*

Community programs and events are delivered, evaluated and improved	
Measures	Progress
<b>Community Events</b>	
Deliver pop-up community and arts activity in the CBD	Achieved The successful September Pop Up Park at Ross Park attracting up to 500 attendees for live entertainment, food, kids' activities with involvement of local community groups and Desert Festival. Todd Mall activation grants opened in November to support projects which drive visitation and activate the Todd Mall precinct.
Deliver a pop-up community and arts activity in Alice Springs suburbs with a minimum of four events, and average attendance of 250	In progress Delivered second Pop Up Park event this FY at Ross Park, in collaboration with Desert Festival and Football in Central Australia with a total of 500 people. Future Pop Up events for the current FY are in the planning stage.
Deliver a minimum of five Night Markets and a Christmas Carnival, with an average of 22 stalls per market. Investigate continued collaboration with Todd Mall Markets Association for Night Markets 2023.	In progress The second Night Markets this FY were delivered in September. The event was a collaboration with the Desert Festival opening, with large audiences and 23 stalls. November Night Markets cancelled due to severe weather. Christmas Carnival had 5000 attendees and 55 stalls with excellent community and stallholder feedback.
Deliver Centralian Awards to be presented at the 2022 Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.	Achieved. Centralian Awards were delivered at the Council's Citizenship Ceremony which had 200 people in attendance.
In collaboration with Ranger Unit and Alice Springs Animal Shelter support Million Paws Walk in 2023.	To be progressed, scheduled for 2023.



Image 4: Community consultation at Skate event

Support the capacity of local community organisations	
Measures	Progress
Participate in the NAIDOC Planning Committee and 50+ Management Committee	Achieved Staff attended NAIDOC Committee and 50+ Management Committee meetings. Staff will support the delivery of NAIDOC Community Day through in-kind support and assisting where needed, however, only Aboriginal organisations are on the NADIOC Committee for 2023, therefore, Council will be an ally to the Committee.
Launch an external event guide for the Alice Springs community	Achieved In November, CCDU delivered an events session to community members in collaboration with MCSCA. Event Guide has been finalised and published on Council's website to support local community groups to deliver successful and safe events. The guide was also shared through Council's social media pages.
Administer and organise in-kind support requests in line with community guidelines for local events and projects	Ongoing In-kind support, primarily equipment and venue hire and permit waivers, was provided to local community groups to the value of \$61,974.10, this reporting period.

Support the capacity of local community organisations	
Measures	Progress
Partner with local community organisations, including Volunteering SA/NT and Red Cross to help develop the volunteer sector and opportunities in Alice Springs	Ongoing In December- February, Council's volunteers assisted several Council events, including the Christmas Carnival (6 volunteers), Australia Day Pool Party (4 volunteers) and fabALICE launch event (2 volunteers).
Increase Council's volunteer database by 10%	Achieved From December to February, Council volunteers' contribution equated to \$5,050.95 and four volunteers were recruited, including three for the position of Community Events Support and one (1) for the position of Project Architect with Technical Services Department.
Conduct an annual survey of volunteers to identify areas for improvement	To be progressed. To be delivered later in FY.
Conduct a survey in collaboration with Red Hot Arts to identify the needs and priorities of local arts community, and areas for skills development and advocacy	To be progressed.
Build awareness for International Women's Day and support local women's organisations	Achieved. Council delivered an IWD Panel discussion and Morning Tea on the 8th of March with the support of a NTG grant. 55 students, teachers and individuals attended and found the panel speakers extremely impactful.
Support positive awareness of the Alice Springs LGBTQIA+ community and celebrate International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia	To be progressed. CCDU will hold a free LGBTQIQ inclusive language workshop for IDAHOBIT day at the Civic Centre.

Deliver a diverse range of health and wellbeing activities	
Measures	Progress
Increase participation in Healthy Communities activities by 5% from FY 21/22	In progress YTD participation is currently at 10% decrease comparative to 21/22, due to class break over Christmas period and Purple House program now sustainable post Healthy Communities pilot program.

Deliver a diverse range of health and wellbeing activities	
Measures	Progress
Deliver community exercise programs to external organisations, including but not limited to: Mental Health Association of Central Australia, Old Timers, Youth and Community Centre, 50+ Community Centre and Purple House	Achieved - Ongoing Programs currently being delivered to/at Old Timers, the Y, 50+ Centre and Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre. A new program commenced in February with CASA Services for people with a disability, delivered by Healthy Communities Coordinator.
Organise community activities for Mental Health Week in partnership with the Mental Health Association of Central Australia	Achieved 'Fun at the Pool' day delivered on 12 October including aquatic exercise, healthy lunch and information/stall about Mental Health. The event had 30 ASTC staff and 25 community member participants.
Seek opportunities to partner or deliver programs for under school age youth	To be progressed – no budget allocated Proposal received from the Y regarding an educational gym program for children aged 1-5 received by Healthy Communities Coordinator.
Diversify healthy communities' programs to encourage engagement with new organisations or key stakeholders	In progress New relationships with Health First Group, Desert Therapy and CASA Services Limited.
Establish a gentle exercise program at the Health and Wellness Centre for participants with cognitive conditions	In progress – no budget allocated Liaising with potential program facilitator for 2023.
Run a weekly Heart Foundation Walk, with an average of 30 people	In Progress Average participation YTD is 30. There were 8 new members registered in this quarter.
Maintain the Keep You Moving program at the Health and Wellness Centre in partnership with Get Physical	Achieved - Ongoing 9 classes per week currently delivered to people with chronic health conditions at the Health & Wellness Centre. 2 classes per week delivered by Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.
In collaboration with ASALC, promote access to the Health and Wellness Centre for organisations and community groups to increase water-based exercise (accessibility)	In progress Relationships developed with external organisations including Keep Moving, local NDIS providers, Desert Therapy, Health Group First and CASA Service to increase opportunities for accessibility with clients and allied health professionals, support workers and carers.



Deliver a diverse range of health and wellbeing activities	
Measures	Progress
Assist with long-term sustainability of the Baby, Set Go program	In progress Regular liaison with the Y regarding program feedback from parents. Financial contribution to the program is allocated for FY23.

Alice Springs Town Council invests in public art progress	
Measures	Progress
Run Upcycle, an adult Recycled Art Sculptural Prize at the Re-discovery Centre	To be progressed. Upcycle Art Prize budget to be sourced.
Two new public art works are developed and installed	Achieved Council launched an animated video of the Billy Kendra (Bindi Mwerre Anthurre artists) mural on the Public Library. In November, 5 Many Hands Art Centre works on steel panels were installed in CBD. EOI for Aboriginal Monument open currently, closing 10 March.
Create a maintenance schedule for Council's public art. Create an annual register of artists, where artists can self-register and will be contacted with public art EOI opportunities as they arise.	To be progressed.
Hold an annual workshop for local organisations so that they may develop their own public art initiatives, and create a document detailing steps to commission public art	To be progressed.
Conduct free public art walks in the CBD to encourage tourists and locals to learn about public art	To be progressed.
Develop a media strategy to promote each public art project throughout its key stages	To be progressed.

CCDU Team adequately trained and supported to succeed in their roles	
Measures	Progress
Fortnightly staff meetings held	Ongoing
Staff training requirements identified and approved are delivered, and performance appraisals are up to date	Ongoing

Safe systems of work and operation maintained and developed	
Measures	Progress
CCDU Manager to attend monthly WorkSafe Committee meetings	Not achieved No scheduled meeting in this reporting period
All CCDU Equipment tested and tagged six monthly, or as required	Achieved Equipment tested and tagged as required



Image 4: GUTS Dance Community Grant Recipient – Acquittal Image.

Safe systems of work and operation maintained and developed	
Measures	Progress
Promote the internal events guide for use by all Council departments to ensure Council events are run collaboratively, with correct processes	Achieved Guide has been finalised and is scheduled to be shared internally in March.
Ensure that all stallholders and contractors organised by CCDU follow legislated and Council required WHS policies and practices	Achieved - Ongoing Stallholders and contractors agree to WHS requirements in signed agreements. WHS walk throughs of each market conducted by HSR.
Ensure that all volunteers receive an induction to Council	Achieved - Ongoing Induction as per Council's Policy
Conduct all required checks for volunteers, including National Police Check, Working with Children and referee check	Achieved - Ongoing Background screening as per Council's Policy



Supporting the creation of a safe and inclusive work culture	
Measures	Progress
Support ASTC staff with activities for mental health week	Achieved Fun at the Pool Day delivered for ASTC staff and information on Mental Health available for all staff.
In conjunction with People and Culture Unit, provide staff training in the importance of inclusive language	In progress People and Culture have liaised with the NT AIDS Council and scheduled Inclusive Language Training for 2023. CCDU have scheduled to complete the <i>Introduction to Central Australian Aboriginal Cultures and Context</i> through Flinders University in April.

Identify risks and implement appropriate controls	
Measures	Progress
JSEAs and other documentation (contractor/performer declarations etc.) completed for all relevant tasks/events	Achieved - Ongoing Performance agreements required for all entertainers. JSEAs and WHS induction process followed for all public art contractors/artists.
Event risk assessments completed for all events	Achieved - Ongoing Risk assessments completed for all CCDU events.
COVID-19 regulations set by Department of Health are adhered to	Achieved - Ongoing COVID-19 regulations adhered to for all community events. Sanitiser and relevant safety precautions continued beyond the lift of Department of Health regulations.

CCDU unit operates within allocated 2022/23 Budget	
Measures	Progress
Quarterly review of budget carried out	Achieved

<b>Strengthen learning skills</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Develop more content and increase promotion to boost the young peoples' interest in utilising councils' facilities and engagement to the community.	Achieved – Ongoing Alice Springs Town Council provided a number of highly successful events during the winter school holidays, including Wild Wednesday at ASALC and a First Nations Skater workshop. Held during NAIDOC week, this event was extremely well attended by over 570 young people and their families.
Provide education support for young people who aren't attending school and in transits to enrolment or returning back to school.	Achieved – Ongoing AFL competition with local youth service provider teams, encouraging young people to increase school attendance (attendance required for program participation) and connection to service provider and pathway programs. Sessions of Council's Youth Empowerment Program have recommended, with the Co-ordinator, Nika and her team continuing to engage over 20 young people from across Alice Springs in order to re-engage them with mainstream engagement.
Continue to develop and enhance projects to meet the needs of young people in Alice Springs.	Achieved – Ongoing Extended SummerSAM program underway, including free, Term 1 Muay Thai and Boxing classes and weekly skate workshops. The 8 <sup>th</sup> Phoney Film Festival in July had over 20 entries and over 100 attendees.

<b>Support and work together with key stakeholders</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Provide awareness of programs regarding alcohol and other drugs.	Achieved – Achieved During the last quarter, Alice Spring Town Council successfully oversaw Healthy Youth, Healthy Community, with this program serving as an umbrella for a series of events including NINJA Warrior, dodge ball and horse riding across multiple locations including ASALC, CrossFit Alice Springs, YMCA and Bushmob.



Image 4: Food stall at 2022 Christmas Carnival

## 2. PROJECT PLANNER

### FUTURE PROJECTS (until June 2023)

PROJECT	PROPOSED DATES	PROJECT DETAILS & STATUS
<b>SKATE WORKSHOPS</b>	Weekly Tuesday sessions, ending 11 April	Weekly free, facilitated skate and BMX sessions at the skate park for young people aged 12-25 years.
<b>DEADLY FOOTY PROGRAM</b>	Weekly Wednesday sessions, ending 29 April	Five-week, Wednesday night football competition facilitated by Right Tracks. Participating teams from local youth service providers and groups including Gap Youth centre, Yipirinya and Tangentyere.
<b>YOUTH RECYCLED ART WORKSHOP</b>	Saturday 18 March	Free youth workshop, facilitated by a local artist, to support participants to make a recycled art piece entry for the Art Prize.
<b>YOUTH RECYCLED ART PRIZE</b>	Thursday 6 April – Friday 14 April	Annual youth recycled art exhibition including official opening event on Thursday 6 April, and public viewing during NT Youth Week 6-16 April.
<b>YOUTH CONCERT</b>	Saturday 1 April	Free youth concert for up to 700 young people. Line up including popular interstate artist, J-MILLA, and Mulga Bore Hard Rock Band. The event will have sports, food and involvement of local youth service providers.
<b>LGBTIQ INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE WORKSHOP</b>	Wednesday 17 May	Free community educational workshop facilitated by NT Aid Council to celebrate International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Lesbophobia and Transphobia.

**DIRECTORATE UPDATE**

This report provides an update of current Community and Cultural Development Unit projects, programs and events from 1 March to 30 June 2023.

***Recent Highlights*****Green Living Subsidy**

Council's Green Living Subsidy continues to support Alice Springs residents to reduce waste and consider sustainable alternatives. To date, Council has provided households a total of \$1,323.49 in subsidies for reusable cloth nappies.

Council has also delivered two of three, free community workshops, building participant's knowledge of cloth nappies, as well as their environmental and cost benefits.

**Community Events**

In September, CCDU delivered the final Pop Up Park event at Ross Park. The event was a collaboration with Desert Festival and Football in Central Australia, with up to 500 participants enjoying live entertainment, food, and kids' activities.

**Public Art**

An Expression of Interest (EOI) for an Aboriginal Monument was circulated to the Artist Register and other networks. The EOI will close on 10 March 2023.

**Extended SummerSAM**

In mid-2022, Council received grant funding through the Northern Territory Government's Safer Territory Places Program, to offer a number of additional activities and events, designed to increase perceptions of community safety through the activation of public space. A number of sport, art and music programs and events are underway as part of the Extended SummerSAM program.

In March 2023, a five-week after-hours Deadly Footy competition engaging at-risk youth was launched. The program aims to support participants to develop positive relationships, to engage with relevant support services and pathways programs, and to increase ongoing school attendance. The competition has participating teams from Gap Youth centre, Tangentyere, Yipirinya School (Sunset Program) and Youth Outreach & Re-engagement. The first two sessions had over 50 young people attending each week, and included a free dinner.

Weekly facilitated skate and BMX sessions are currently taking place with a local facilitator. The sessions activate the local Skatepark, with the first workshop having with 32 youth attendees.

**Youth Consultation for Newland Skatepark**

On Thursday 23 February, CCDU supported a youth consultation event at the Skate park. Up to 70 attendees engaged with the consulting company, Playce, to share their ideas and feedback for the development of a new skatepark at Newland Park, through surveys, conversations and activities. The event included local skate facilitators, music and food to activate the public space and engage attendees.

**COMPLETED EVENTS / PROGRAMS / PROJECTS (DECEMBER-MARCH)**

PROJECT	DATE	ATTENDANCE FY23	ATTENDANCE FY22
Christmas Carnival & Night Markets	9/12/23	NA	5000
Australia Day Pool Party	26/1/23	2000	NA
Grants information session	6/2/23	12	NA
Arrernte Language and Culture Workshop	7/2/23, 14/2/23	30,30,30	NA
ASTC Stallholder Information Session	16/2/23	13	NA
Skatepark consultation	23/2/23	60-70	NA
Skate workshops	8/3/23	40	NA
International Women's Day Panel & Morning Tea	8/3/23	55	NA
Deadly Footy program	1/3/23, 8/3/23	70, 70	NA
Multicultural Action Plan 2023-2026 (see attached)	21/3/23	NA	NA

**3. BUSINESS UNIT REVIEW**

*Not applicable for this business unit and reporting period.*

**4. GOVERNANCE, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Community and Cultural Development Unit has the following procedures in place:

**Work, Health and Safety**

- Participation in the WHS Committee
- Adhere to Workplace Health and Safety PSD requirements
- Incidents reported correctly within allocated timeframes.

**Legislation Compliance**

- Council policies and procedures
- *Local Government Act 2008*
- *Food Act 2001*
- *Copyright Act 1968*
- Council by-laws

**Risks**

- Following NT Health COVID directives for events, programs and projects
- Event safety plans developed and submitted for all events over 500 people, as per NT Health COVID requirements
- Appropriate staff training and awareness.

**5. CORPORATE PLAN**

*Not applicable for this reporting period.*



Kate Walsh

**MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**



# Multicultural Action Plan 2023-2026





## Acknowledgement of First Nations People

Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges the Central Arrernte People, the traditional owners and custodians of Mparntwe/Alice Springs, and pays respect to their Elders: past, present and future.

Alice Springs Town Council Mparntwe-arenye mape itele-areme, apmere nhenhe Arrernte-kenhe.  
Anwerne akaltirreme itneke. Anwerne arrwekelenye mape uthene apmereke-artweye mape uthene itele-aretyeke.

*Translation provided by the Alice Springs Language Centre.*

*Implicit in the development of this Multicultural Action Plan is the notion that our culturally diverse and socially inclusive community undertakes to work together for a united town that respects and values the contribution of all people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island heritage.*



## Mayor's Foreword

***Alice Springs Town Council is proud to present the 2023 Multicultural Action Plan. As a Council, we are proud to serve each and every resident of Alice Springs.***

I love Alice Springs and I can tell you that it is a unique and wonderful place to live. That's exactly why my wife and I have chosen to raise a family here. From the welcoming people to the easy-going and fun lifestyle, there are so many reasons to love our town.

I have often said that there is a lot to love about Alice Springs, but perhaps my favourite thing is the rich culture we have. The Central Arrernte People are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Alice Springs and that culture touches every part of our community.

We also have such a multicultural community with people from many countries calling Alice Springs home. Approximately one third of our residents were born overseas, or have a parent that was. It's heart-warming to see people from different backgrounds and different beliefs come together and live in unity.



This I think is one of the true strengths of our town, and why I love it as much as I do. We have a wonderful mix of cultures from across the world that all work in harmony together. It really is a special thing to see.

This also means Council has a responsibility to ensure people from all cultures feel welcome and supported in Alice Springs. This Plan will provide strategic direction and guidance to Alice Springs Town Council to promote cultural diversity and social cohesion. It will also help improve access to Council's programs, supporting the participation and inclusion of all communities.

# 1.

## Introduction

Alice Springs or Mparntwe (pronounced 'M-barn-twa') which is the Arrernte word for Alice Springs is a unique and culturally rich modern town located in the heart of Central Australia. It is home to approximately 25,912<sup>1</sup> people with 20.6% of the total Alice Springs LGA population being Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander<sup>2</sup>. Since settlement the town has welcomed people from a diversity of countries to make Alice Springs their home. At the 2021 Census, 32.9% or 8532 of the population were born overseas<sup>3</sup> and from 60 different countries.<sup>4</sup>

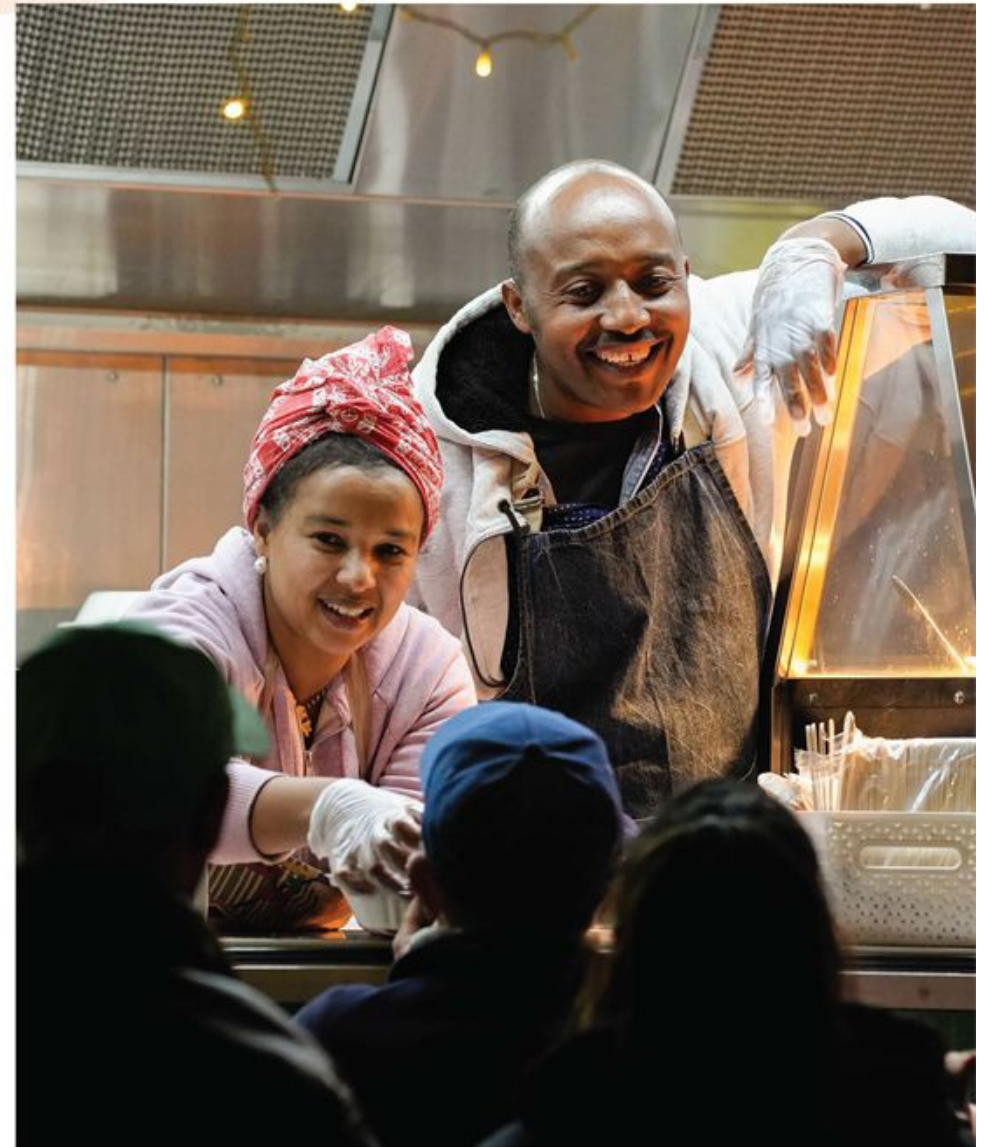
Alice Springs Town Council (Council) actively supports and celebrates multiculturalism in Alice Springs and strives to effectively engage with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups. Multiculturalism plays a key role in the character of Alice Springs being a welcoming and inclusive place and CALD communities make an important contribution to the Alice Springs economy, workforce, political, social and cultural participation and linguistic richness.

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2021). Alice Springs. Australian Government. [www.abs.gov.au/census](http://www.abs.gov.au/census)

2. Australian Bureau of Statistics. (1 July 2022). Northern Territory: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population summary. Australian Government. <http://www.abs.gov.au/articles>

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## 2. Alice Springs' Multicultural History

The traditional owners of the land in and around Mparntwe are the Central and Eastern Arrernte people who have lived here for tens of thousands of years. There is a strong Aboriginal presence and history in the surrounding hill lines and sacred landmarks. Grounded in the creation (altyerre) story these were formed by caterpillars, fighting dogs and beetles travelling in all directions.

A large waterhole, Atherreyurre (pronounce 'A-tuh-ree-oo-ra'), was named 'Alice Springs' in 1871 by the Government surveyor William Whitfield after Mrs Alice Todd, the wife of the man who attained the Government tender to build the Overland Telegraph line. In 1929 the town grew quickly once the Central Australia Railway (Ghan) was built and in 1933 the town changed its name from 'Stuart' after John McDouall Stuart to 'Alice Springs'.

One of the first migrants to Alice Springs were people travelling from the Middle East. People from the Middle East were hired to be cameleers by a South Australian pastoralist on a four-year contract, however many people married, had families and settled in the community. For more than half a century, brave cameleers made pioneering and settlement in the outback possible. There were two date palms planted in 1916 and a mosque built where the Alice Springs Town Council is now located. In 1993 a new mosque and Islamic centre was established in Larapinta and is now a place for worship and gathering for over four hundred people.



Yamini Gauba (left) and Store Manager, Gurdeep Singh (right)

### In Focus

Yamini Gauba first moved to Alice Springs in 2009 from Mumbai, India to live with her husband Ashish Batra.

She was very excited and at the same time anxious as she was leaving her home for the unknown.

"I came here because of my husband Ashish, who then was working at Kings Canyon and then he moved up to this beautiful town and that's how I landed here" she said.

"Moving here I realised there were very few Indians, so the sight of another Indian friend always made me happy!"

After over a decade in the Red Centre though, Yamini has become ingrained in the community and now owns two businesses in town.

"Living here, this town has grown on me and has given me opportunities and friends which I will always appreciate."

"Alice is such a multicultural town, it has people from everywhere in India from different communities. The Alice Springs community has welcomed everyone with open hands and has been supportive for their growth as well!"



### 3. Context

This *Multicultural Action Plan* aligns with the following core Northern Territory and Council plans and policies:

#### The Northern Territory Government's Multicultural Policy (2020-2025)

This policy acknowledges that multiculturalism is shaped by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, newly arrived migrants from all parts of the world as well as established multicultural communities. This policy is underpinned by the following principles:

- » Valuing Our Diversity
- » Supporting Accessibility
- » Ensuring Participation and Inclusion

#### Council Strategic Plan- Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030

- » Under Pillar One: Liveability
  - Develop and Implement a *Multicultural Action Plan*

#### Council Arts and Cultural Policy (2017-2021)

- » Diversity is one of the policy's guiding values.

#### Council Multicultural and Diversity Policy (2019)

This policy focusses on seven key areas. These policy priorities form the framework for the *Multicultural Action Plan*:

- » Community Harmony
- » Access and Equity
- » Consultation
- » Engagement
- » Advocacy
- » Diversity
- » Funding

The *Multicultural Action Plan* has been developed with the guidance of MCSCA (Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia) and we thank them for their time and contribution. We also acknowledge the participation of community members, especially those of the Alice Springs CALD community, a community representative from Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs, Council staff and community service agencies in the consultation informing this plan.

## 4. ABS Data on Alice Springs



**20.6%** <sup>(2021) 5</sup>

Population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander

**250,635** <sup>(2022) 6</sup>

Total Territory Population

**32.9%** <sup>(2021) 7</sup>

Population of Alice Springs were born overseas

**25,912** <sup>(2021) 8</sup>

Alice Springs Population

**29.8%** <sup>(2021) 9</sup>

Population of Australia were born overseas

**67.1%** <sup>(2021) 10</sup>

People were born in Australia

**3.7%** India  
**3.2%** New Zealand  
**2.7%** USA  
**2.4%** England  
**2.3%** Philippines

Most common countries of birth

**27.8%** <sup>(2021) 11</sup>

Households do not use English as their first language

**1.8%** Arrernte, nfd  
**1.7%** Malayalam  
**1.6%** Punjabi  
**1.1%** Tagalog  
**1.1%** Warlpiri

Other languages spoken at home

5. 2021 <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA70200>

6. 2022 <https://nteconomy.nt.gov.au/population>

7. 2021 <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA70200>

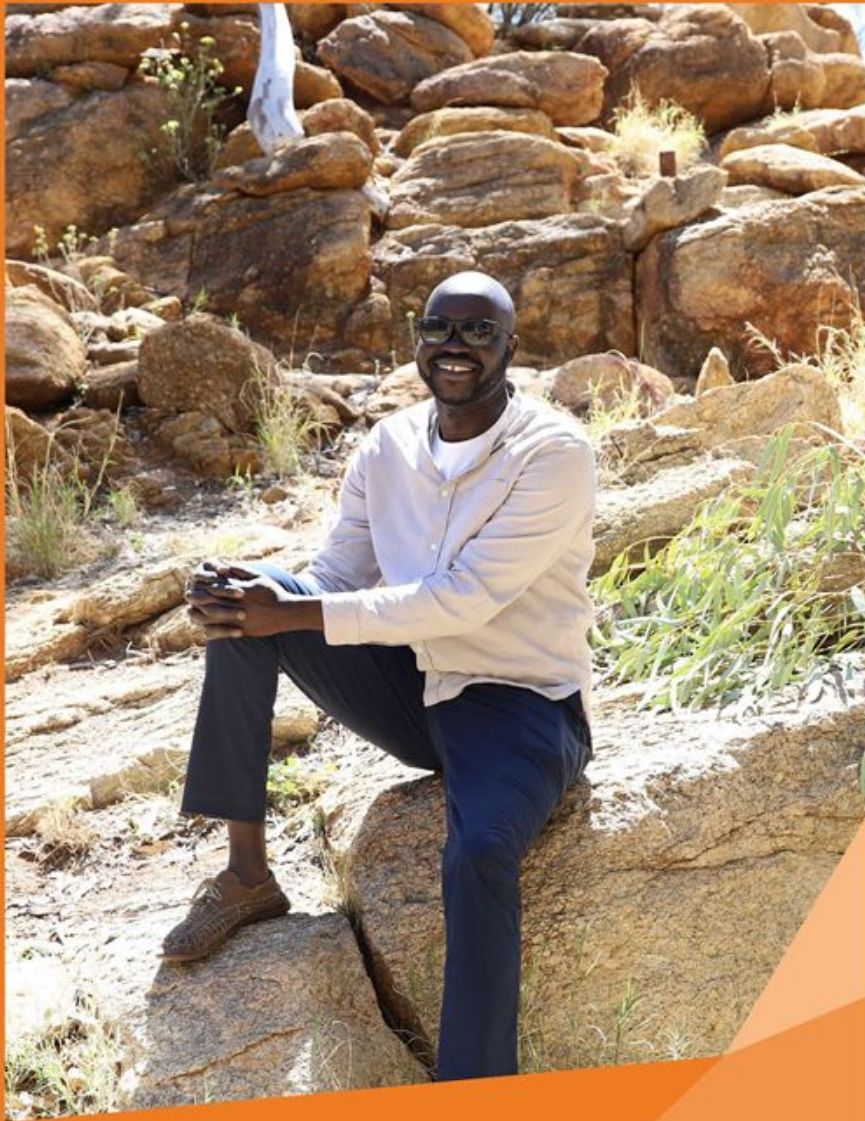
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Zak Deng along Lhere Mparntwe (Todd River)

### In Focus

For some, the journey to Alice Springs is straightforward. For Zak Deng, it took a little bit longer.

Born in Sudan, Zak moved to Egypt in 2008 before an opportunity to shift his life down under came about in 2009. It's fair to say he hasn't regretted his decision to move half way across the world.

"It's been a long journey (to get to Alice Springs), I had to travel from Egypt through sponsorship," Zak said.

"In 2009 I got a sponsorship to come to Australia. I lived in Brisbane for six years and I had to study the English language to be able to get a job. That was a big challenge but here we are!"

"My partner moved (to Alice Springs). She convinced me to move out here so I did and never looked back."

Now working as a Financial Capability Worker with Lutheran care, Zak now considers himself well and truly a Territorian at heart.

"One thing (I love) is the weather, the climate is beautiful," he said.

"Secondly, we've started a family and now have a family of four. My youngest one was born here so he's become a local! I love Alice, it's a beautiful place."

"In Alice, you get a lot of opportunities. You can move out here and get a job the next day if you're keen."

## 5. Methodology

The development and community engagement phase of the Multicultural Action Plan has four parts:

The Alice Springs Town Council initiated the following actions to support the development of the plan.



### 1) Focus groups with community members

The two focus groups targeted migrants and refugees which took place at MCSCA on Thursday 28th April and Saturday 30th April 2022.



### 2) Public Survey

The development and distribution of a tailored online public survey including 16 questions. The survey was live from the 18th April till the 11th June 2022 (8 weeks) with a total of 113 surveys received.

Migrants and refugee individuals and organisations were targeted to complete the survey while 59% of survey participants spoke another language at home other than English.



### 3) Review of local and state government actions

Previous and current Multicultural Policies and Action Plans by the Northern Territory Government and multiple Australian local governments were collated and examined.



### 4) Interviews with stakeholders

The four interviews were with professionals whom have a deep understanding of the Alice Springs specific barriers CALD people experience.



### 5) Meeting with Council Managers

The meeting was primarily to test emerging *Multicultural Action Plan* ideas and actions.



## 6. Action Plan

### Policy Principle 1: Community Harmony

Objective	Actions	Priority/ Timeframe	Responsibility	Measures
Proactively support and encourage the participation and visibility of migrants and refugees across Alice Springs, including opportunities for meaningful cultural exchange.	Continue to support and develop targeted multicultural programs and events such as Big Day Out in Harmony, Multicultural Movement Month and Citizenship Ceremonies.	High/Ongoing	Community Development/ Marketing	» Number of events and programs supported or facilitated – 10 percent increase each year
	Investigate opportunities to support other multicultural festival and events, including Chinese New Year, Diwali, Holi, Ramadan and Eid.	High/Ongoing		» Number of promotional posts – 10 percent increase each year
	Increase visibility and community awareness, by continuing to promote relevant programs and events via Council's various communication channels, including the ASTC website, Council Connects and social media.	High/Ongoing		
	Investigate opportunities to create Sister City relationships founded on the global Sister Cities movement.	Medium/ December 2023		» Report prepared for Council for its consideration
To increase feelings of cultural safety and belonging amongst migrants and refugees in Alice Springs.	Investigate the possibility of Alice Springs becoming recognised by the Refugee of Council of Australia as a 'Refugee Welcome Zone'.	Medium/ Ongoing 2023	Community Development	» Report prepared for Council for its consideration

## Policy Principle 2: Access and Equity

Objective	Actions	Priority/ Timeframe	Responsibility	Measures
Enable access and equity to Council services, facilities, events, communication information and promotional materials in order to support cultural maintenance and celebration.	Develop a strategy to provide access to additional community space to accommodate the needs of both multicultural and multi-faith groups.	High/ December 2023	Community Development/ Marketing/ People & Culture	» Development of strategy for Council's consideration
	Increase accessibility of Council website for CALD communities by improving navigation, increasing the use of Simple English and more translation options.	Medium/ September 2023		» Updated website, including more translation options as required
	Provision of regular training for staff and Elected Members with regards to: - Cross cultural communication (in addition to First Nations Cultural Competency training) especially for community facing roles - Unconscious bias	Medium/ Ongoing		» Number of training sessions held – i.e. at least two per annum
	Provision of free orientation sessions by Council for migrants and other new arrivals to assist with their transition and to ensure that they are aware of relevant programs and services offered by ASTC.	Medium/ Ongoing		» Number of sessions held – i.e. at least 3 per year

### Policy Principle 3: Consultation

Objective	Actions	Priority/ Timeframe	Responsibility	Measures
Ensure that the CALD community is meaningfully consulted in relation to Council planning and decision-making processes.	Ensure that Council works collaboratively with MCSCA, government bodies and non for profits (NFPs) to facilitate regular consultation mechanisms with the CALD community.  Ensure that all consultation is undertaken in an accessible and culturally appropriate manner to enable maximum engagement, including support for translators, advance notice etc.	High/Ongoing	Community Development	» Number of meetings held » Attendance/ participation by the CALD community
	Maintain regular communication with MCSCA to ensure the needs and perspectives of migrants and refugees continue to inform Council decision making, including the ongoing participation of a Council delegate as a non-voting member of MCSCA's Board.	High/Ongoing		» Number of meetings held/ attended

### Policy Principle 4: Advocacy

Objective	Actions	Priority/ Timeframe	Responsibility	Measures
Advocate on behalf of migrants and refugees who visit and live in Alice Springs to ensure access, equity and safety.	Work collaboratively with MCSCA and other NFPs to advocate to other areas of government on pertinent issues as required.	Medium/Ongoing	Council/ Executive	Advocacy undertaken

### Policy Principle 5: Diversity

Objective	Actions	Priority/ Timeframe	Responsibility	Measures
Acknowledge the strengths and opportunities which cultural diversity provides to both Alice Springs Town Council and the broader community.	Council to survey its staff with a view to ensuring that its workforce continues to reflect the cultural diversity of Alice Springs – i.e. people from CALD communities currently make up 23 percent of the population of Alice Springs.	Medium/ Ongoing	People & Culture/ Marketing	» Diversity of Council Staff is reflective of the local population
	Ensure Council utilises images that appropriately represent the Alice Springs CALD community for use in its promotional materials, fliers, posters and corporate reports.	Medium/ Ongoing		» Diversity of Council marketing material
	Actively support initiatives that serve to strengthen relationships and cross-cultural understanding by bringing together First Nations, migrant and refugee groups. Where possible, make resources available to enable such initiatives including the use of appropriate venues and/or participation by Council staff.	Medium/ Ongoing	Community Development	» Number of events and/or meetings held
	Develop and promote Council's Language Aides (both telephone and face-to-face) guidelines and support implementation.	Medium/ Ongoing	People & Culture/ Community Development	» Roll-out of Language Aides program within Council

### Policy Principle 6: Funding

Objective	Actions	Priority/ Timeframe	Responsibility	Measures
Maximise access and engagement with Council funding programs to support CALD group programs, events and activities.	Increase visibility and access to information about the Community Grants Program, including application support and training, in order to increase the number of CALD individuals and groups who apply.	Medium/Ongoing	Community Development	» Number of grant applications received from CALD groups



## 7. Plan Implementation and Review

The Alice Springs Town Council *Multicultural Action Plan* implementation will be led by the Community and Cultural Development team, however, will be a Council wide strategy.

The Plan will be reviewed every 12 months and have a significant mid-term review in late 2024.







## 8. Key Terms

### **Multiculturalism**

Multiculturalism is a principle designed to promote and celebrate many cultures living alongside each other. The term emerged in Australia late 1960s to encourage migrants to retain aspects of their 'home culture' while living in their new community to cultivate a sense of belonging. Multiculturalism aims to ensure equal access to opportunities without people being disadvantaged due to their ethnicity or aspects of their culture<sup>11</sup>.

### **Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)**

CALD as a term and acronym was introduced in 1996 in attempt to be more inclusive to individuals in policy discourse<sup>12</sup>. Academic research and Government reports use the term CALD while referencing migrant groups. Identifying features can include but are not limited to:

- » Family ties
- » Languages spoken at home
- » Country of origin
- » Cultural and religious background, and
- » Self-identification<sup>13</sup>.

By utilising the term CALD in this *Multicultural Action Plan* it does not aim to group unique cultures and societies together. The term is used to celebrate and embrace ethnic groups and individuals who differ from the English-speaking majority in regards to religion, culture, language, race, beliefs or values.

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Syed Shahzeb Ali taking a break from his work at Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation.

## In Focus

For some people it takes a lifetime to find their perfect home, but Syed Shahzeb Ali (Ali) has already found the place he wants to be.

Originally moving to Alice Springs for a job in 2018, Ali has quickly fallen in love with Alice Springs following stints in Darwin and Sydney beforehand.

A member of the Alice Springs Islamic Society, it took Ali no time at all to settle in to life in the Red Centre.

"It's been a really good experience here, we have a little community here in Alice Springs with the mosque here, which is the best part of living here," Ali said.

"We have no mosque for 1500km to Darwin and 1500km to Adelaide, this one here is the only one.

"As soon as we moved here we met everyone in the mosque, that's how I was introduced to the community and made friends. We have a really close-knit community, everyone knows everyone."

While he is involved in the Islamic community in Alice Springs, Ali is also entrenched in the wider Red Centre community as well. He is particular fond of the shorter commutes compared to his time in Sydney!

It's a quiet place to live, and from my place to work it's only a five-minute drive," he said with a grin.

"I've got everything here I need, it's the best thing for me to be in this town. The people are really friendly and welcoming too."





# Multicultural Action Plan 2023-2026

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**ATTACHMENT E**

**TO: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NICOLE BATTLE**

**AUTHOR: SPORTS OFFICER – TAMA WAKELIN**

**SUBJECT: SPORTS DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**REPORTING PERIOD: 1 DECEMBER 2022 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a quarterly review of Sports Facilities within the Community Development Directorate.

**1. STRATEGIC PLAN**

This quarterly report will provide an informative update as to work undertaken by the Sports Development Officer for the period of 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023. All of the works outlined align with the *Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan – 2030*.

<b>Ensure equal availability of ovals during summer and winter seasons for sporting bodies.</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Timely processing of incoming bookings	<b>Achieved – Ongoing</b> Multiple premier events held including the Imparja Cup.
Staging of premier events	Work with clubs to ensure equal access to facilities as required
Prioritisation of peak sporting body bodies, with other bookings processed according to availability.	<b>Bookings Payment</b> 2018/19 = \$9,576.00 2019/20 = \$9,671.36 2020/21 = \$7,497.71 2021/22 = \$17,188.96 2022/23 = <b><u>In progress</u></b>

<b>Ensure that facilities are accessible to all members of the community.</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Prioritisation of recurring users of the facilities – i.e. sports clubs, schools etc.	<b>Achieved – Ongoing</b>

<b>Ensure that facilities remain fit-for-purpose and are maintained to a high standard.</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Regular inspections of all facilities	<b>Achieved – Ongoing</b> Weekly spot inspections undertaken as required
Ensuring functional handover of sports between seasons	Meetings held to ensure smooth transition between winter and summer sports, including facility inspections.

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<b>Advocate for and assist in the delivery of national sporting matches and events and facilitate state and national sporting bodies matches and events.</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Ensure that facilities and grounds are maintained to a high standard at all times	<b>Achieved – Ongoing</b> <b>Achieved</b> – The 2023 Imparja Cricket Cup held at various grounds.

<b>Ensure maximum participation on the SFAC of peak sporting bodies.</b>	
<b>Measures</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Scheduling of regular FAT meetings	<b>Achieved – Ongoing</b>
Scheduling of bi-monthly SFAC Meetings	<b>Achieved – Ongoing</b>
Collection of participation levies	<b>Participation levies</b> 2021/22 = <b>\$58,145.82</b> [Winter]  2021/22 = <b>\$17,609.88</b> [Summer]  2022/23 = <b><u>In progress</u></b> Invoices have been raised and issued.

**Trends/Analysis**

Quarterly financials are showing an amount of \$17,188.96 from bookings and lighting invoicing. This is a significant increase compared to 2021-22, which only recorded \$7,497.71. This is largely due to outstanding invoices that was carried forward from the end of the previous financial year.

Next round of bookings and lighting invoices to be raised and issued by the end of April 2023.

## 2. PROJECT PLANNERS

### **Sporting Facility Days in Use; Trainings and Competition:**

The below table provides an overall indication of the bookings/usage [Including Sporting Clubs Training Sessions] of ovals and facilities.

**Please Note: On premier ovals there are re-occurring bookings for the Winter Season [AFL, Rugby League].**

Venue	Sports Clubs			Schools			Private			Major Events			in use (per qtr)
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Dec	Jan	Feb	Dec	Jan	Feb	Dec	Jan	Feb	
Albrecht Oval	18	26	28	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	0	0	102
Anzac Oval	6	20	22	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	50
Jim McConville [Softball Diamonds]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8
Jim McConville Oval	12	15	22	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	5	60
Lyle Kempster Baseball	16	16	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	51
Rhonda Diano Oval	12	12	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Ross Park Football [Soccer]	8	10	10	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	5	39
Paul Fitzsimmons Oval [Sadadeen/CDU]	8	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
TIO Traeger Park Oval	10	12	12	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	10	48
Traeger Hockey Pitch	8	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Traeger Hockey Grass	0	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Flynn Drive Oval	8	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	44
Total bookings													518

### **Major Events at Council Facilities**

#### **2022 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

- **Sunday 11 December** at TIO Traeger Park Oval.

#### **2023 NICC / IMPARJA CRICKET CUP**

- **Sunday 19 February**  
Opening Ceremony of the 2023 Imparja Cup, 5pm, Traeger Park
- **Monday 20 – Thursday 23 February**  
Imparja Cup round games played at Albrecht Oval, Jim McConville Oval, Ross Park and Flynn Drive.
- **Friday 24 February**  
Men's Community Grand Final, Flynn Drive Oval  
Women's Community Grand Final, Flynn Drive Oval  
Major Centres Grand Final, TIO Traeger Park Oval

**3. QUARTERLY ROUND-UP**

**Sporting Bodies**

- Sports Participation Levy fees invoices issued to summer sports season 2022/23.
- Lighting usage readings have now been accurately downloaded, invoicing commencing for last quarter of 2022/23.
- Ongoing process of ensuring compliance with Sports Public Liability Insurance requirements for 2022-24.

**Sporting Facilities**

**Tennis**

- Quotes obtained for 'patch up' resurfacing of all 10 tennis courts. Currently waiting on the outcome of a funding application that was submitted by Tennis NT to the Community Benefit Fund.

**4. BUSINESS UNIT REVIEW**

Not applicable for this reporting period for the Sports department.



Tama Wakelin  
**SPORTS FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

**REPORT**

Report No. 57/23 cncl

**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC ART UPDATE**

**AUTHOR: MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT – KATE WALSH**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update of Public Art for Financial Year 2022/2023.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That this report be received and noted.**

**REPORT**

**1. BACKGROUND**

This report provides an update on current and completed Public Art projects for Financial Year 22/23.

**2. DISCUSSION**

The Public Art Advisory Committee dissolved in 2022. Officers still continue to action items from Councils Public Art Action Plan, derived from the Public Art Masterplan 2030.

**Updates include:**

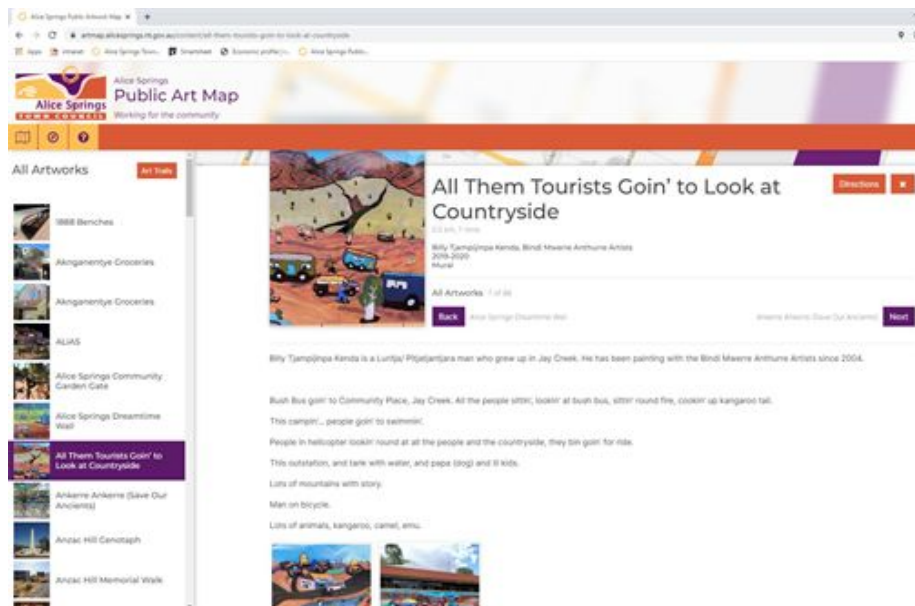


Installation of the Itjja Ntjarra Many Hands Art Centre panels in Hartley Street Carpark were completed. A celebration and launch were held for the community on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022.





Art in Parks – The Art in Parks successful applicant was selected in April 2022 with two Kurrkurra (owls) installed at Lyndavale Park in conjunction with the Lyndavale Park upgrades.



Public Art Map – Council's online public art map continues to be available on Council's website and is updated as required. Officers are looking to run free public art walks promoting the online map during the 2023 Desert Festival. The printed public art map proved very popular with over 3,000 distributed and taken from various organisations and centres around Alice Springs.





Animation of the Billy Kenda Mural – a successful Grant through Regional Arts Australia allowed an animation clip to be produced from a mural titled ‘All them Tourists goin’ to look at Countryside’. The mural is located outside the Alice Springs Public Library and showcases the landscape and culture of the region and has been brought to life through the animated clip. This clip features the artist Billy Tjampijinpa Kenda telling the story behind the mural. This project was a collaboration between the Alice Springs Town Council, Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists, and a local animator.

#### [Animated Clip - Billy Kenda Mural](#)

- Aboriginal Monument – In June 2022, Council approved the construction of ‘a series of monuments that commemorate the Aboriginal history of the area upon which Alice Springs now sits.’ Funding for this project is to be sourced from either the Capital (Infrastructure) or CBD Revitalisation Reserves. An Expression of Interest (EOI) for the development of a monument or series of monuments that commemorate the legacy of Aboriginal people and culture within Central Australia was circulated through various channels. The EOI closed on Friday 10 March, with only one application being received. The assessment process will now occur.
- The Upcycled Art Prize for Adults will not take place in 2023 due to budget constraints.
- Officers are continually liaising with the Technical Services Directorate to ensure public art is incorporated within the new projects or builds such as the regional skate park at Newland Park and ASALC adventure play park. Discussions have commenced with Lhere Artepe on suitable artwork themes for both projects.

### 3. **POLICY IMPACTS**

Alice springs Town Council’s Arts and Cultural Policy 2017-2021 provides strategic direction in making arts and culture an intrinsic part of the character, economy and appeal of Alice Springs. The policy supports and guides future Council decisions in relation to arts and cultural programs, facilities and investments.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

The remaining Public Art budget for 2022/2023 is \$25,940 (including GST).

**5. SOCIAL IMPACTS**

Nil

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Nil

**7. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Public art serves to celebrate our heritage and cultural diversity by creating visual landmarks, which act as natural gathering places for local storytelling and information-sharing. Public art also enhances the visual experience for visitors and encourage emotional connections with our uniquely creative town.

**8. ATTACHMENTS**

*Attachment A – Public Art Action Plan*



Kate Walsh

**MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

No.	Action	Status	Year	Progress Comments
<b>ACTIONS</b>				
<b>Policy activation and ambition</b>				
1	Advocate for an increase to the ASTC public art budget to develop larger scale and distinctive artworks.	Ongoing	2021	Proposed budget and plan was put forward for each Council budget
2	Implement Alice Springs Town Council's existing policy that a target of two per cent of the Council's total capital works program should be used to commission works of public art, where the total project budget is over \$250,000. If the project budget is under that amount, it is recommended that the percentage is pooled towards an integrated design solution, intended for inclusion in a number of projects where the combined total budget is above that figure.	Ongoing	2020-25	Discussions with Technical Services regarding public art for Newland Park Regional Skate Park and ASALC Adventure Play Park
3	Organise at minimum quarterly meetings with Technical Services and Community Development departments to discuss potential upcoming projects to ensure integration of public art into eligible capital works projects.	Complete	2020-25	First meeting held Feb 2022. Will continue quarterly
4	Develop a matrix system for selecting EOIs to ensure a robust and consistent decision-making process	Complete	2020	Have incorporated into the new EOI submission documentation
5	Develop a project brief template to ensure stronger briefs so experienced artists are engaged to delivery high quality art projects.	Complete	2020	EOI documentation has been expanded to ensure a proper project brief is provided to artists.
6	Develop an online form for EOI submissions to improve EOI submission processes.	Complete	2021	Online EOI form created through Smartsheets. Was made available for the first time for the ASALC artwork EOI.
7	Consider the environmental impacts of all public art, as per Council's climate action resolution.	Complete	2020-25	Include as part of EOI documentation. This is also included in the Public Art Masterplan. Input into CAP for 2021 and 2022-2025
8	Review the Arts and Cultural Policy and Plan 2017 - 2021 to ensure alignment with Public Art MasterPlan 2020-2030.	Complete	2022	Arts and Cultural Policy will be updated to be in-line with existing Policy templates. Art and Cultural Plan - Cultural actions will be included in Council's Multicultural Action Plan 2022 - 2025 and Art actions to be captured in Public Art Action Plan and other related plans and documents.
<b>Increased knowledge</b>				
1	Investigate hiring a part time Arts Officer, with expertise in public art commissioning, to effectively deliver on the Public Art Masterplan and manage the commissioning process of new artworks.	In Progress	2020-25	Proposal for a part time Arts Officer was submitted to the 21/22 budget discussions but declined. Will re-submit for 22/23 budget discussions
2	Engage experienced public artist/s to present workshops to Council staff on the artistic and practical considerations when creating public art. Develop an information booklet from these workshops for ongoing use, and staff turnover.	In Queue	2020-25	Selected artists were contacted Feb 2022 - need to identify budget
3	Add an Arrernte organisation or artist as a member role on the Public Advisory Committee to ensure custodians and Arrernte people are included in public art decision making processes.	Complete	2020-25	Included in the EOI that was sent out for PAAC in October 2020. No applicants received. Ittja Ntjarra / Many Hands Art Centre are considering applying for membership to the Public Art Advisory Committee. Membership EOI from Arrernte artists presented to PAAC March 2022 and accepted by Council.
4	Investigate the use of technology to integrate digital elements in both new and existing public art to increase accessibility by offering multiple languages and the ability to tell a more in-depth story	In Queue	2023	To investigate mobile apps, walking tours, podcasts, interactive graphics

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Partnerships				
1	Establish a checklist and calendar of funding opportunities to identify new partnerships that extend Alice Springs Town Council's funding.	Complete	2022	Manager CCDU and Grants Officer discussed all possible funding opportunities. As guidelines and eligibility consistently change, subscriptions to funding bodies were completed rather than a calendar.
2	Liaise with Tourism Central Australia, Red Hot Arts, Northern Territory Government, and Chamber of Commerce to encourage the private sector to engage in public art at their sites of business. Hold an annual workshop for local organisations so that they may develop their own public initiatives, and create a document detailing steps to commission public art.	In Progress	2023	Council's online public art map will be included in the 2022 TCA Red Centre Trails - Art Guide
3	Liaise with Tourism Central Australia, Red Hot Arts, Northern Territory Government, and Chamber of Commerce to ensure local businesses have buy-in regarding public art when communicating with visitors. Create a public art marketing guide to promote art to locals and visitors.	Complete	2021	Organise as part of launching an updated public art map printed version. The printed public art map was launched in September 2021. Manager CCDU will continue work with local tourism and business organisations regarding public art in Alice Springs, and the benefits of encouraging visitors and locals alike to engage with the artwork.
4	Be project ready to take advantage of funding and sponsorship opportunities, with project plans developed for priority works.	Ongoing	2020-25	Project briefs to be developed based of Action Plan for key works and provided to PAAC
5	Create an annual register of artists, where artists can self-register and will be contacted with public art EOI opportunities as they arise.	Complete	2021	An Artist Register form has been created in smartsheet, Council's Media Team to identify the most appropriate location on Council's website. Once published, the Artist Register form will be distributed to artist networks of all mediums. Artist register live on Council website
6	Identify and capitalise on opportunities for local agencies and businesses to support (directly or through in-kind contributions) Alice Springs Town Council public art projects.	Ongoing	2020-25	IWD Mural in collaboration with local Woman's Associations/groups installed March 2022
Upskilling and supporting artists				
1	Develop a professional development program to inform local artists of public art practice in collaboration with Red Hot Arts and the Northern Territory Government, including: the stages from concept to construction, preparing a concept proposal, costing public art projects.	In Queue	2023	No updates
Professional pathways				
1	Ensure ASTC actively ensures national standards are employed when they are released.	Complete	2020-25	Have become a member of National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) - the national peak body protecting and promoting the professional interests of the Australian visual and media arts, craft and design sector.
2	Review artist contract template.	Hold	2022	Review of Council contracts and agreements on hold until recruitment for a Governance Officer takes place.
3	Appoint experienced project managers to oversee fabrication and completion of commissioned works.	In Progress	2020-25	Working with Council's Project Management Office to see if this can be included within their scope. Workshop with artist to upskill current Technical Services staff and PMO and create document to ensure knowledge is passed on to future staff members
4	Invest time and resources in getting project briefs right. Understanding the project requirements at an early stage is essential and will save time later in the process.	Complete	2020-25	EOI documentation has been expanded to ensure a proper project brief is provided to artists.

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	Community engagement			
1	Develop a media strategy to promote each project throughout its key stages.	In Progress	2023	Have met with Media and Comms Unit. The Unit will be developing a marketing strategy for Council - this will be included as part of this project.
2	Stage unveiling events to acknowledge artists, sponsorship, community members, funding bodies etc. involved in the project.	Complete	2020-25	Unveiling event held for Library Wall Mural, and media event for Traeger Wall. ASALC Mural images shared and prominent in ASTC Annual report
3	Develop a promotional strategy to raise awareness on the value of public art in Alice Springs.	Complete	2021	Launched Public art map printed version. Manager CCDU will continue to liaise with local tourism and business organisations regarding public art in Alice Springs, and the benefits of encouraging visitors and locals alike to engage with the artwork.
4	Conduct public art walks during cooler months/peak season (lunchtime walks and talks) to encourage people to learn about public art. Pay local artists to run the walks.	Complete	2021	2 x free Public Art walks were organised in September 2020 as part of the Online Public Art Map launch. 2 x Public Art Walks in mid July taking place focusing on the CBD, and another 2 to coincide with Desert Festival and the printed art map launch
5	Develop an online public art map, including CBD public art trails.	Complete	2020	Launched September 2020. Over 60 works are listed on the map. Used 1000 z-cards of the printed public art map. reordering more April 2022
6	Foster community cohesion by incorporating community consultation into Public Art commissions	In Queue	2022	
	<b>PROPOSED ARTWORKS</b>			
	Online public art map	Complete	2020	Launched September 2020
	Outdoor sculpture festival	Complete	2021	Initial planning work currently being completed. The festival will be held in June 2021, as the Upcycled Prize and Festival, also as part of the Climate Action Plan. CAP Funding has been secured for Upcycle 2022
	Parks or suburban public spaces: sculptures or street art	Complete	2022	Art in Parks project EOI submissions have been received. 1 Artist selected to progress to the Design Development Stage. Installation of artwork completed late 2022 at Lyndavale Park
	Banner art	Hold	2022	Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee looking to install an additional 10 bannerconda systems. Need to Source funds for artwork EOI and purchasing of bannerconda flags in FY 22/23 budget.
	Mural	Complete	2022	Mural being created by local female artist to celebrate IWD. EOI's closed 3 Jan 2022. Mural to be installed at Flynn Drive Oval from 8-18 March 2022, and launched at Council's Pop-Up Park Series on Friday 18 March. Funded by NT Government.
	Todd River function art seating	In Queue	2023	Council Officers will work with the Grants Officer to explore funding options. Consultation with Lherre Artepe to occur.
	Todd River sculptures	In Queue	2023	
	Todd River Corridor Signage	In Queue	2022-2023	
	Parks or suburban public spaces: sculptures or street art	In Queue	2023	
	Roundabout art	In Queue	2023	
	Mural	In Queue	2024	

## REPORT

Report No. 58/23 cncl

**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 28 MARCH 2023**

**SUBJECT: COUNCIL'S VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM**

**AUTHOR: VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – ROMAN KHITIAEV**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Volunteering Program at Alice Springs Town Council for the period December 2022 – February 2023.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the report be received and noted.**

### **REPORT**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

Volunteering is of great benefit to the community, and as such has a key role to play in Council's community development activities.

The Families and Communities Program Volunteer Management Activity Grant Opportunity guidelines were released on 27 April 2021. These funding guidelines are active for five (5) years.

The funding focuses on three priority Volunteer sectors which include:

- People with Disability
- First Nations Peoples
- Newly Arrived Migrants

To utilise this funding, a partnership between Council and Volunteering SA&NT enabled shared employment costs of a Volunteer Coordinator. Recruitment took place late 2021 with a Volunteer Coordinator commencing employment shortly after. The partnership agreement and funding for the coordinator role was extended for financial year 22/23, however due to the Volunteer coordinator being successful in an application for an internal vacancy, their resignation was tendered to Volunteering SA&NT in February 2023.

After discussion with Volunteering SA&NT, it was agreed the partnership would not be renewed for a further financial year as Alice Springs Town Council now has procedures in place to support volunteers and will continue to liaise with and support Volunteering SA&NT in other capacities. It was discussed that the same partnership model could be applied to another Regional Council in the Northern Territory.

#### **2. DISCUSSION**

During the period December 2022 to February 2023, four (4) volunteers were recruited, including three (3) for the position of Community Events Support and one (1) for the position of Project Architect with Technical Services Department.

During the reporting period Council's volunteers donated 111.5 hours. The total dollar value that volunteers donated to Council was \$5,050.95.

Volunteers were able to support such Council's areas as Alice Springs Public Library, Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre and various community events, including Christmas Carnival and Australia Day Pool Party. Moreover, Council's volunteers supported fabALICE Launch event in February of 2022.





*Council's volunteers Janny and Basant supporting Christmas Carnival – 09 December 2022*



*Council's volunteers Jensen and Billy supporting Australia Day Pool Party event at ASALC – 26 January 2023*



As part of Council's volunteer recognition initiative, all Council's volunteers were invited to the Council's Staff Party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December of 2022 where the new "Alice Springs Town Council Volunteer of the Year" award was presented together with the "Employee of the Year" award. Angelique Glasson who volunteers with Public Library's Books on Wheels Program was the winner in this category. The post on Alice Springs Public Library's Facebook page received positive feedback, while local residents praised Angelique's work and contribution to the Alice Springs' community.



*Post on social media about Angelique winning the Award – 21 December 2022  
(Alice Springs Public Library Facebook page)*

Volunteer Coordinator also continues working on the recruitment of volunteers.

### 3. **POLICY IMPACTS**

Volunteering supports Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030 Strategic Plan.

### 4. **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

With the Volunteering SA&NT partnership agreement not being renewed for a further term, volunteering will be absorbed into relevant roles within Council with the Community Development team providing support where needed. Managers will be upskilled to ensure recruitment and retention of Council volunteers continues to increase.

Volunteer hours for the reporting period totalled a cost saving to Council of \$5,050.65.

### 5. **SOCIAL IMPACTS**

Volunteering is shown to provide positive social benefits to people, including reducing stress, learning new skills, and giving people a sense of belonging. The Alice Springs community benefits from a more robust volunteer sector, through stronger community organisations and events, and supporting people to be more connected and included in the community.

6. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

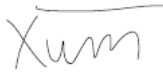
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7. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Volunteering is providing positive media opportunity and impact for the municipality, and helps to increase the quality and number of Council's initiatives conducted in Alice Springs.

8. **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



Roman Khitiev  
**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**



Kate Walsh  
**MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

SFAC 02/03/2023

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC) HELD ON THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2023 – ARUNTA ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE.**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Matt Paterson (A/Chair)  
Mr Tim Pearson  
Mr Gavin McGargill  
Mr Aaron Blacker  
Ms Kelli Zaleski  
Mr Orin Harrison (Proxy)  
Mr Patrick Coburn  
Mr Michael Trull

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms Nicole Battle – Director Community Development  
Mr Joel Andrew – Director Technical services  
Ms Lily Dylrwin – Manager Finance  
Ms Naomi Brennan- A/Director Corporate Services  
Mr Tama Wakelin – Sports Facilities Officer (Minutes)  
Ms Diana Pevec – EA to Director Community Development (Minutes)

14 <sup>th</sup> Alice Springs Town Council Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Attendance List 2021 / 2023						
	15 Nov 21	03 Mar 22	19 May 22	11 Aug 22	1 Dec 22	2 Mar 23
Mayor Matt Paterson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Steve Brown	✓	✓	A	A	✓	-
Councillor Mark Coffey	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A
Councillor Michael Liddle	✓	A	✓	A	--	-
Aaron Blacker– Rugby Union/ league	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓
Joel Crawford – ASP Tennis	A	--	✓	✓	✓	A
John Gaynor – ASP Netball	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	-
Gavin McGargill – NTG Sport & Rec	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓
Tim Pearson – ASP Touch Football	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Phillip Preece – ASP Basketball	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	-
Michael Trull – ASP Cricket	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kelli Zaleski – AFL NT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PJ Mabasa – Hockey	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	-

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Attended

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Apology received

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No attendance and no apology recorded

Not a member of the committee at this time (Visitor)

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The Meeting opened at **12:05pm**.

MAYOR Matt Paterson (Acting Chair) commenced the meeting, welcomed everyone and facilitated introductions.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Mark Coffey  
Mr Joel Crawford – Alice Springs Tennis - Orin Harrison proxy  
Mr Ben Smede – Alicia Tomlin - Football in Central Australia

**2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

NIL

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**3.1. Minutes of the SFAC Meeting held on 1 December 2022**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of SFAC held 1 December 2022 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**3.2. Business arising from previous meeting minutes**

**3.2.1 Shared Facilities Cleaning scheduled**

Tim Pearson raised issue with cleaning and booking facilities

**ACTION:**

EA to Director Community Development to organise meetings between all Peak Bodies, Director of Community Development and Sports Development Officer in order to explore other options.

**3.2.2 Correction to minutes re Tim Pearson – Completed**

**3.2.3 Clarification from finance re budget figures - Completed**

**3.2.4 Amendment to SFAC priority Work list – Completed**

**3.2.5 Repairs to disability access toilet at ASP Tennis – Completed**

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#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **4.1. Email from Tennis NT to Sports Officer regarding SFAC support for resurfacing of the tennis courts**

Discussion around the resurfacing of tennis courts, with a number of different options posited. Least expensive option currently being pursued by NT Tennis. Correspondence attached.

##### **4.2. Email from Aaron Blacker regarding ANZAC oval light towers**

Questions raised with regards to the lights that had been purchased using SFAC funds for installation at Anzac Oval - noting that as a result of NTG's acquisition of this facility, such works were never completed. In the event that Council is still in possession of the lights, should SFAC have some ability to determine their use moving forward.

##### **ACTION:**

Sports Development Officer to investigate.

#### **5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

##### **5.1. Finance Report for the period Ending 2 March 2023**

Finance Officers attended. A/Director of Corporate Services explained the structure of the new-look finance report. Suggestions on how to further reformat the report were made for consideration by the Finance team.

#### **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Sports officer provided the following updates for general Business

##### **6.1. Sports Facility Priority Works list (Attached)**

Updated Priority Works List was endorsed by Council at the January Ordinary Council Meeting.

##### **6.2. Facilities Bookings**

Tim Pearson raised issue with cleaning and booking facilities

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**ACTION:**

EA to Director Community Development to organise meetings between all Peak Bodies, Director of Community Development and Sports Development Officer in order to explore other options.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

NIL

**8. NEXT MEETING**

NEXT MEETING

**27 APRIL 2023 @ 12:00pm**

ALICE SPRINGS CIVIC CENTRE - ARUNTA ROOM

**The Meeting Adjourned at 12:44 pm.**

**REPORT**

Report No. 51 /23 cncd

**TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**  
**SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**AUTHOR: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES – JOEL ANDREW**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: MARCH 2023**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a summary of key activities, in addition to the detailed reports by various work areas.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That this report to be received and noted.**

**REPORT**

**1. ENVIRONMENT**

Staffing

We currently have a vacancy for the Environmental Officer position with recruitment underway to fill this position.

FOGO

Procurement of the BioBin is underway which will provide the initial infrastructure at RWMF to undertake a FOGO trial.

Greening Strategy

Due to staff resignation the re-tender for the strategy has not progressed and we are working within the existing team to find an Officer to progress this tender.

**2. INFRASTRUCTURE**

Shade Structures in Parks

There is currently 12 of the 13 shade structures complete and Council is now working to complete the 13<sup>th</sup>

Parks Masterplan Review/update

The draft masterplan report has been received and is currently being reviewed with distribution to Elected Members to take place by the end of March.



### Regional Skate Park

The designers of the skate park, Playce, have commenced with concept design incorporating feedback from the site visit and community feedback.

### Masterplan Implementation ASALC

MPH Projects is currently working with their designers to undertake concept designs. The current estimate for completion of this project is October 2023.

Site works for the gym installation has begun with installation due to be completed in May.

### Hartley Street Toilet Replacement

Council awarded this tender to MPH Projects and procurement of the Exeloo is complete with final installation expected in May 2023.

### Madigan Park

A planner has been appointed and is preparing the planning applications.

### Parks Upgrades

Play equipment has been ordered for both Walmulla Park and Gilbert Place Park. Walmulla Park is expected to be complete in May and Gilbert Place Park in June.

### Netball Court Resurfacing

A designer has been appointed and has commenced the design to resurface the netball courts. Works are currently being coordinated with the Netball Association.

## **3. RWMF**

### Granulator

Council was awarded a grant from the Northern Territory Government as part of NT Recycling Modernisation Fund for the purchase of a granulator at the RWMF. Procurement for this is currently underway and we are waiting on final date for the machine.

### Masterplan

Final costing of the Masterplan is underway with a draft report due to Council in early April.

### Liquid Waste Ponds

A response has been received from Power and Water Corporation CEO, Djuna Pollard, which is positive about working with Council, but doesn't provide any short-term solutions.

The Mayor has also sent a letter to the Minister for Essential Services, Selena Uibo, requesting the assistance of her office in finding a solution with a formal response pending.

4. **WORKS**

Lyndavale Park

A contractor has been engaged and works are underway with the final opening date expected in April.

Depot Transformation Project

The Depot transformation project is 85% complete. Standard estimates for work and annual works plan is underway to put in place steps to begin tracking this and collecting data.

5. **POLICY IMPACTS**

All projects relate to and reflect the appropriate components of the ***Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030 – Alice Springs Town Council's Strategic Plan.***

6. **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



Joel Andrew  
**DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES**