

Ordinary Council

Business Paper for November 2023

Tuesday, 28 November 2023
Civic Centre

Mayor Matt Paterson
(Chair)



ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023
8.30AM (CONFIDENTIAL) & 11.00AM (OPEN), CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

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Andrew Wilsmore – Chief Executive Officer

Wednesday 22 November, 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
24 OCTOBER 2023 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

14. RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN OPEN

PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson (Chair)

Deputy Mayor A. Bitar

Councillor S. Brown

Councillor M. Coffey

Councillor K. Hopper

Councillor M. Liddle

Councillor E. Melky

Councillor G. Morris

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A. Wilsmore – Chief Executive Officer

Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services

Ms N. Battle – Director Community Development

Mr J. McCabe – Acting Director Corporate Services

Ms M. Woods – Executive Support Officer (Minutes)

Mrs K. Sanders – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

Media present – Nil

15. Opening of the Open Meeting by Phuong Xuan Le from Centralian Middle School and the Mayor (Chair) and Acknowledgement of Country

Phuong Xuan Le declared the meeting open at **11:12am** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Phuong Xuan Le acknowledged the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

Mayor Matt Paterson advised 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.

16. PRAYER

Pastor Janet Dales – Desert Life Church

17. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Marli Banks

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the apology from Councillor Banks be received and accepted.

CARRIED (22795)

18. WELCOME

Mayor Paterson welcomed members of the public in the gallery.

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

19.1 Student, Centralian Middle School – Services and Facilities for Homelessness and Support

Student asked what is Council's support on services and facilities for homelessness and people requiring support and are there any plans to address this?

The Mayor responded that Council is in continuous negotiations with the Northern Territory Government in addressing homelessness in Alice Springs. Council will continue to advocate to Northern Territory Government and Federal Government to provide adequate housing and assistance for homelessness in Alice Springs.

19.2 Phuong Xuan Le, Centralian Middle School – Facilities and Opportunities for Academic Based Interests

Phuong asked what facilities and opportunities are available in Alice Springs for residents that have more academic based interests?

The Mayor responded that Council's Library is open to members of the public and a masterplan of the Library underway to understand what the future of the Library will look like and ways to increase the services run through the Library. The Mayor mentioned there is Federal grant funding for regional hubs available for Council to explore, and that Council provides academic prizes each year.

19.3 Ezra Filibeck, Centralian Middle School – Newland Park

Ezra asked if there are any plans for a skate park in Newland Park?

Mayor responded that there is a survey on the Alice Springs Town Council website and Facebook page with 3D concepts of the planned development to include a large skate park, pump track, social areas, half a basketball court and shade areas.

19.4 Stephene Jacob, Centralian Middle School – Preventing Bushfires

Stephene asked what the Council's plans are to prevent bushfires continuing around Alice Springs.

Director Technical Services responded that Council has a mowing crew currently focusing on the river, due to the high fuel load, then will proceed to slash rural area, with help from the Corrections Department.

19.5 Audax, Centralian Middle School – Public Transport and Sacred Trees Protection

Audax asked what the Council's plans were to incentivise people to use public transport, whilst making public transport better which will reduce emissions, from people using their cars.

Mayor advised that public transport was managed by the Northern Territory Government.

Audax asked are there any actions in place to protect sacred large trees from fires?

Mayor responded that work is being carried out to create a rim around the trees with Council working to ensure they do as much as possible to save the trees. The Mayor then went on to explain that Council was currently reviewing a greening strategy which will assist in deciding what trees to plant and their location.

19.6 Margaret McHugh – Proposed Development Lot 6916, 86 Sturt Terrace

Ms McHugh said that residents were assured by Lands Department that the land would never be built on due to being a flood plain of the Todd River. Now with the Caravan Park Village proposal the policy of not building on a flood plain seems to have changed and is concerned about the increased risk in flooding. If a Colorbond fence was erected around the Caravan Park it would dam up the river, blocking its natural drainage into the river of sediment.

A request was put to Council to ask the Development Consent Authority (DCA) and Northern Territory Government:

- 1 Rezoning of Lot 6916 to tourist commercial and why residents were not informed.
- 2 How and when did rezoning happen? What is the Northern Government policy of building on floodways and the Todd River bank?

The Mayor asked if Ms McHugh had made a submission to DCA. Ms McHugh confirmed that she had.

19.7 Christine Burke – Proposed Caravan Park Development

Ms Burke asked if there was a hearing loop in the Chamber.

The Mayor acknowledged the concern and will have it investigated.

Ms Burke then asked the following questions:

- 1 Will Alice Springs Town Council be supporting the proposed development and has Council discussed this before?

The Mayor responded that there will be a meeting following this Ordinary Council Meeting to discuss the proposed development.

- 2 Do Iris Capital have a number of developments in our town already?
The Mayor confirmed they own a number of properties in Alice Springs and have development plans.
- 3 In regards to past applications from Iris Capital are Council involved in decisions?
The Mayor advised that DCA are the decision makers, with Council offering suggestions. Council has had a presentation from Iris Capital around some of their proposed developments.
- 4 What is the decision-making process Council is going through in relation to these processes and what is Council's commitment to residents and land for the future of the town?
The Mayor responded that decisions are not just based on the here and now but for future residents as well, and reiterated Council does not make planning decisions, DCA do.
- 5 Council's decision on land development by Iris in Stott Terrace?
The Mayor responded Council have not decided on the proposed development and have extension for submission until Friday week.

19.8 Mairead Hetherington – Proposed Caravan Park Development

Ms Hetherington referred to the development being called a Caravan Park when obviously permanent dwellings were going to be on it.

The Mayor responded that was a question for the DCA.

19.9 Hans Gram – Proposed Developments

Ms Gram asked for Council's thoughts and how Council felt about the timeframe of 2 weeks to object to the development. Was Council aware of a 2 weeks' notice period, as it doesn't seem realistic for developments?

The Mayor took this question on notice.

20. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nil

21. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

21.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 26 September 2023

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 26 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22796)

21.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

21.2.1 Councillor Morris – The Voice Referendum

Councillor Morris asked for an amendment to the minutes where it states Councillor Morris spoke in support of the Voice, and requested an amendment be made to reflect that Councillor Morris provided a rationale for both sides of the argument.

CEO agreed to amend the minutes accordingly.

22. MAYORAL REPORT

22.1 Mayor's Report
Report No. 192 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Bitar

That the Mayor's report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22797)

22.2 Business Arising from the Report

22.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Correspondence from the Hon Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education

Councillor Hopper asked if Regional University Study Hubs are on the radar for Council to be involved with or promote?

The Mayor responded that it will be put on the agenda for the CEO to workshop and bring back to Council.

22.2.2 Councillor Coffey – Correspondence to the Hon Kate Worden, MLA, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Councillor Coffey asked that after supporting free entry to the Aquatic Leisure Centre in the summer school holidays if a response has been received or discussion taken place about the support from Northern Territory Government for the initiative?

The Mayor advised that no response had been received to date.

Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 11:45am

Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 11:46am

22.2.3 Councillor Liddle – Aboriginal Monuments

Discussion ensued about the meeting with Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) regarding the statues.

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 Melky – Taxi Rank

23.1.2 Councillor Melky – Trains

23.1.3 Councillor Melky – Graffiti on Bradshaw Drive

23.1.4 Councillor Melky – Antisocial Issues

23.1.5 Deputy Mayor Bitar – Street Cleaning in CBD

23.1.6 Councillor Brown – Seniors Village

24. MEMORIALS

Nil

25. PETITIONS

Nil

26. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

27. FINANCE

27.1 Finance Report
Report No. 186 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22798)

27.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

28.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28.1.1 CEO Report
Report No. 193 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Melky
Seconded – Deputy Mayor Bitar

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22799)

28.1.2 Business Arising from the Report
Nil

Councillor Morris left the Chamber at 12:06pm
Councillor Morris returned to the Chamber at 12:07pm

28.1.3 Economic Development Plan
Report No. 205 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Coffey
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

Council resolves to approve the Scope of Works for an Economic Development Plan. Council write to Northern Territory Government to request funding opportunities towards the plan.

CARRIED (22800)

28.1.4 Business Arising from the Report
Nil

28.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

28.2.1 Municipal Plan 2023/2024 Quarterly Review
Report No.194 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Bitar

That the Municipal Plan 2023/2024 Quarterly Review Report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22801)

*Councillor Morris was out of the Chamber when voting occurred.
Councillor Morris left Chamber at 12:29pm
Councillor Morris returned to the Chamber at 12:31pm*

28.2.2 Business Arising from the Report
Nil

28.2.3 Adoption of 2022/2023 Alice Springs Town Council Annual Report
Report No. 202 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Melky

1. **That Council receive and endorse the draft Alice Springs Town Council Annual Report 2022/2023.**
2. **That Council adopt and publish the Alice Springs Town Council Annual Report 2022/2023 as provided in Attachment A, with the audited financial statement and certification to be included upon adoption by Council.**
3. **That Council forward a copy of the Alice Springs Town Council Annual Report 2022/2023 to the Minister for Local Government no later than 15 November 2023.**
4. **That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments.**

CARRIED (22802)

Councillor Morris was out of the Chamber when voting occurred.

28.2.4 Business Arising from the Report

28.2.4.1 Councillor Hopper - Photos of Workforce

Councillor Hopper asked to promote gender equity and diversity in our photos.

The CEO took the suggestion on notice.

28.2.5 Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference
Report No. 204 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That Council adopt the updated Risk Management and Audit Committee's Terms of Reference as provided in Attachment A.

CARRIED (22803)

*Councillor Melky was out of the Chamber when voting occurred
Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 12:35pm
Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 12:43pm*

28.2.6 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28.2.7 Audited Financial Report
Report No. 203 /23 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. That Council resolves to accept the audited Annual Financial Statements as amended and the Chief Executive Officer's Certification of the audited Annual Financial Statements which are to be subsequently included in the Alice Springs Town Council's Annual Report.
2. That Council note the certified audited Annual Financial Statements are to be forwarded to the Northern Territory Grants Commission no later than 15 November 2023.
3. That the Alice Springs Town Council Year End Report 2023 (Year End Report), provided as Attachment B, be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. That the Year End Report remains confidential and that the resolution and the certified audited Annual Financial Statements be moved from Confidential to Open at the end of the confidential section of the meeting.

CARRIED (22775)

28.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

28.3.1 Community Development Update
Report No. 198 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Morris

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That this report will be received and noted.

CARRIED (22804)

Councillor Liddle was out of the Chamber when voting occurred.

Councillor Melky was out of the Chamber when voting occurred.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 12:42pm

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 12.43pm

28.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28.3.3 Multicultural Action Plan 2023-2026 Update
Report No. 199 /23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22805)

28.3.4 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28.3.5 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Sports Facilities Advisory Committee – 27
September 2023

Moved – Councillor Liddle

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the minutes of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee held on 27 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22806)

28.3.6 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28.3.7 Recommendations of Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC) – 27
September 2023

28.3.7.1 SFAC Income and Expenditure - 31 August 2023 (Agenda Item
1.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the SFAC Finance Report be received and accepted.

CARRIED (22807)

28.3.7.2 Participation Levies – (Agenda Item 6.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the adult participation levies be increased by 10% to \$34.27 for 2023/24 with the junior participation levies to remain the same.

CARRIED (22808)

28.3.7.3 Tennis Infrastructure Update (Agenda Item 6.2)

That a paper be submitted to Council on behalf of SFAC requesting that additional funding of up to \$370,000 is made available to complete required remediation works at the Alice Springs tennis courts.

This recommendation was not considered by Council.

28.3.8 Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Nominations
Report No. 189 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That Council endorse the following nominations for the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC):

Summer Sports

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| a. Alice Springs Cricket Association | Michael Trull |
| b. Central Australian Rugby Union | Aaron Blacker |
| c. Alice Springs Baseball Association | Peter Dorambo |

Winter Sports

- | | |
|--|----------------|
| a. Australian Football League Northern Territory | Kellie Zaleski |
| b. Central Australian Rugby Football League | Aaron Blacker |
| c. Football in Central Australia | Allison Huhs |
| d. Alice Springs Hockey Association | Peter Mabasa |
| e. Alice Springs Netball Association | Jenny Nixon |

All Year Sports

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| a. Alice Springs Basketball Association | Phillip Preece |
| b. Alice Springs Tennis Association | Joel Crawford |
| c. Alice Springs Touch Association | Tim Pearson |

CARRIED (22809)

28.3.9 Business Arising from the Report
Nil

28.3.10 Liquor Licence Application
Report No. 195 / 23 cncI

Moved – Mayor Paterson
Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That no objection is lodged by Council against the liquor licence application for the Tropic of Capricorn.

CARRIED (22810)

28.3.11 Business Arising from the Report
Nil

Council recessed for lunch at 12:48pm and resumed the meeting at 1:20pm.

28.3.12 Proposed Upgrade to Alice Springs Tennis
Report No. 197 / 23 cncI
(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Brown

- 1. That Council approve the tendering of resurfacing works at Alice Springs Tennis.**
- 2. That this item be moved from Confidential into Open.**

CARRIED (22778)

28.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

28.4.1 Lhere Mparntwe Management Strategy Performance Review
Report No. 200 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That this report be received and noted and Director Technical Services investigates deficiencies in the resourcing requirements and investigate alternative models for managing the Todd and Charles River.

CARRIED (22811)

28.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 1:29pm

Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 1:30pm

28.4.2.1 Mayor Paterson – By-laws

The Mayor asked whether Council by-laws and issuing of infringements can occur on Crown land and the wider Todd River and Charles River?

If another area of crown land would council have capability to issue any by-law infringements in the wider Todd River?

Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

28.4.3 Underground Drain Cleaning 2024-2026
Report No. 201 / 23 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.3)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

- 1. That Council approve the commitment to the budget for the underground stormwater system in the 2025 and 2026 financial years.**
- 2. That this item be moved from Confidential into Open.**

CARRIED (22780)

28.4.4 Councillor Melky – Rates Notices and Road-side Rubbish Removal Costs in Rural Areas

(Item transferred from 26 September 2023 Confidential Agenda Item 11.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. **That Elected Members receive a report in relation to the current waste vouchers system to residential rate payers.**
2. **That this item be moved from Confidential into Open.**

CARRIED (22752)

28.4.5 Mercure Caravan Park, Alice Springs – PA2023/0330; and Gap View Hotel Caravan Park, Alice Springs – PA2023/0331

(Items transferred from Confidential Open Agenda Item 11.1)

Moved – Mayor Paterson

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Bitar

1. **Council endorses the letters to Development Consent Authority regarding Lot 6916 and Lot 9305 with the removal of points 6 and 7.**
2. **That this item be moved from Confidential into Open.**

CARRIED (22782)

28.4.6 Desert Springs Telstra – PA2023/0310

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 11.3)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

1. **Council has no objections to the proposed development at Lot 5782.**
2. **That this item be moved from Confidential into Open.**

CARRIED (22783)

28.4.7 Kilgariff Area Plan Amendment – PA 2023/0274
(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 11.4)

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

1. **Council endorses the letter to Development Consent Authority regarding Kilgariff area plan amendment.**
2. **That this item be moved from Confidential into Open.**

CARRIED (22784)

29 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

29.1 Councillor Melky – Graffiti on Bradshaw Drive

Councillor Melky asked if the Graffiti has been submitted to Neat Streets?

Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

29.2 Deputy Mayor Bitar – Civic Centre Lawns

Deputy Mayor Bitar asked if officers could investigate options to prevent cars driving on Council lawns?

Director Technical Services confirmed he would investigate and provide recommendations.

30 GENERAL BUSINESS

30.1 Councillor Melky – Taxi Rank

Councillor Melky asked with works in the CBD, taxis have been moved. Could taxis utilise Todd Street as their temporary taxi rank?

Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

30.2 Councillor Melky – Trains

Councillor Melky raised concerns around the trains blocking the peak hour commute due to arrival and departure times of 8am and 3pm and proposed that Council write a letter addressing traffic management.

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

Council write a letter to the railway line owners/operators requesting a review of train arrival and departure times into Alice Springs terminal.

CARRIED (22812)

Councillor Liddle was out of the Chamber for voting.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 2:02pm

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 2:03pm

30.3 Councillor Hopper – Commercial buildings

Councillor Hopper asked what can we do to ensure owners of commercial buildings keep their areas clean?

CEO advised Council had both visual pollution and hazard by-laws it could use.

30.4 Councillor Brown – Seniors Village

Councillor Brown requested an update on the Seniors Village.

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

Council to consider Seniors Village as part of wider precincts and partnerships grant program in a future Forum.

CARRIED (22813)

Councillor Morris left the Chamber at 2:18pm

Councillor Morris arrived back in the Chamber at 2:20pm

30.5 Councillor Liddle - Coles and Woolworths closing times

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 10.3)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

Council to write to Coles and Woolworths Alice Springs asking them to review their closing hours.

CARRIED (22781)

31. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

32. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28 November 2023

Councillor Morris left the chamber at 2:31pm and did not return to the Open meeting.

33. CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETING

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Brown

The Council meeting be closed.

CARRIED (22814)

Mayor Paterson declared the meeting closed at **2:31pm**.

Confirmed on (date) _____

CHAIR _____

UNCONFIRMED

REPORT

Report No. 210 / 23 cncI

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL – TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: MAYOR'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report be received and noted.

1. MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

1.1 Newland Park Redevelopment Community Consultation

Community consultation at Newland Park with residents, skaters and user groups.

1.2 Council Forums

Weekly Council Forums

1.3 Damien O'Brien, General Manager, Atomic 212 Group and Andrew Wilshire, Chief Executive Officer, Alice Springs Town Council

Discussed the opportunities in Alice Springs, will bring it up to December's Council Forum for discussion.

1.4 Construction Industry Briefing

Briefing from DITT regarding consultation in Central Australia.

1.5 Tourism Central Australia board meeting

Monthly TCA board meeting

1.6 Charlie Shandi, Regional Director North, Department of Home Affairs

Mr Shandi is a delegate for Home Affairs. Met to discuss how DHA and ASTC can collaborate to have more continuity in Multicultural events.

1.7 Leslie Manda, Chief Executive Officer, Adrian Dixon, President, Central Desert Regional Council, Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer, Roxanne Kenny, President, MacDonnell Regional Council and Andrew Wilshire, Chief Executive Officer

Met to discuss how Council can collaborate with neighbouring Councils. Was largely discussed around anti-social behaviour. Both CEOs will take back to responsible Councils and then will have a supplementary meeting.

1.8 Dog Park Fencing at Ross Park Public Consultation

Community consultation at Ross Park with residents, stakeholders and user group.

1.9 Lori Ventura – Resident

1.10 David Williams

Witness signing for Justice of the Peace Oath.

- 1.11 **2023 LGANT Convention**
Annual LGANT convention and AGM meeting.
- 1.12 **Hon Joel Bowden MLA, Minister for**
Discussed tourism and infrastructure in Alice Springs.
- 1.13 **Maree Corbo, Organization Manager, Santi Griffin-Achmad, Social Work Student, Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation**
Discussed opportunities for ASTC to work with stakeholders for “16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence”.
- 1.14 **Stuart Dwyer, Senior Director Education Central, Cassie Arnold, Director Regional Central and Emma Deanne, Director Regional Coordination Central, Department of Education**
To discuss around the \$40 million commitment from Hon Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education, for education in Central Australia. The \$40 million is part of the \$ 250 million package for Central Australia.
- 1.15 **Ken Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet**
Mr Davies is now CEO of DCMC, a discussion regarding the school holiday program and Summer in Alice Springs.
- 1.16 **Hon Brent Potter MLA, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Michael Murphy, NT Police Commissioner**
Met with the new Minister to discuss ongoing issues in Alice Springs. Met with businesses to discuss anti-social behaviour problems.
- 1.17 **Janelle Tonkin, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Community Safety, NT PFES**
Discussed Summer in Alice and ongoing anti-social behaviour issues.
- 1.18 **Voluntary Assisted Dying Expert Advisory Panels**
Update on the VAD current consultation that is happening in the community.
- 1.19 **Jake Quinlivan JP, Regional Executive Director, Territory Regional Growth – Big Rivers Region, Alice Faulk, Senior Project Officer, Territory Regional Growth – Central Australia, Department of Chief Minister Office**
Discussed opportunities for collaboration and funding opportunities.
- 1.20 **Michael Sitzler- Resident and Business Owner**
Discussion around CBD works.
- 1.21 **Dy Kelaart – Resident**
Discussing ongoing issues and East Side laneway closure.
- 1.22 **NT Remuneration Tribunal**
Discussion around Remuneration for Elected Members.

- 1.23 **Melissa Monkhouse, Executive Officer, Georgina Johnson Head of Operations and Chloe Watts Head of Corporate Partnerships, Ronald McDonald House Charities**
Discussion on opportunities to work with RMHC in Alice Springs for the next financial year.
- 1.24 **Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Leader of the Opposition, Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling, Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira and James Perrin, Senior Media Adviser**
General catch up.
- 1.25 **Hon Eva Lawler MLA, Minister for Education and Tanya Moran, Policy Advisor, Office of the Hon. Eva Lawler MLA, NTG**
Met with Minister to discuss funding requests currently active.
- 1.26 **TCA Annual General Meeting**
Chaired TCA Annual General Meeting at Alice Springs Airport

2. FUNCTIONS ATTENDED & PARTICIPATED IN

- 2.1 ASTC Halloween Street Party
- 2.2 2023 NT Central Australia Mental Health and Wellbeing Awards
- 2.3 2023 NT Volunteer of the Year Awards Central Australia
- 2.4 50th Anniversary of Relationships Australia NT
- 2.5 Opening of Yiperenya Gallery
- 2.6 Fundraising for McGrath Foundation
- 2.7 Democracy Dash
- 2.8 St Philip's College Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
- 2.9 McHappy Day
- 2.10 Christmas Show
- 2.11 Rotary Club Palliative Care Unit Launch
- 2.12 Open Day Launch of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence and the International Day for the Elimination of VIOLENCE Agent Women Campaign
- 2.13 Jim McConville Oval Workout Station Public Opening

3. INTERVIEWS / MEDIA COMMITMENTS

- 3.1. Royston's Sporting Round-up 8CCC
- 3.2. ABC Drive Interview
- 3.3. ABC Alice Springs with Stewart Brash
- 3.4. ABC National News
- 3.5. 8CCC Breakfast Show with Andy
- 3.6. NICC Announcement Photo Shoot
- 3.7. Photo Shoot at Adventure Park
- 3.8. 9 News Darwin.

4. DUTIES PERFORMED IN THE MAYOR'S ABSENCE

Flinders Rural and Remote Health NT Supervisor Recognition Award 2023

Clontarf 20203 Alice Springs Academies Award Ceremony

Diwali Festival

Remembrance Day 2023

COUNCILLOR DUTIES PERFORMAED IN THE MAYOR'S ABSENCE

Councillor Melky, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Ceremony

Councillor Morris, Alice Beat Festival



Matt Paterson
MAYOR

- Attachment A: Letter from Minister Ah Kit to Mayor Paterson re. 2023 Mayoral Awards & IDPwD Celebrations*
- Attachment B: Letter from Mayor Paterson to Minister Ah Kit re. Invitation to 2023 Mayoral Awards & IDPwD Celebrations*
- Attachment C: Letter from Minister Paech to Mayor Paterson re. Meeting with Tangentyere Council*
- Attachment D: Letter from Mayor Paterson to Coles Supermarket re Review of Operation Hours*
- Attachment E: Letter from Mayor Paterson to Woolworth Supermarket re Review of Operation Hours*
- Attachment F: Letter from Mayor Paterson to Journey Beyond re Review of Train Arrival and Departure Times*
- Attachment G: Response Letter from Journey Beyond to Mayor Paterson*
- Attachment H: Letter from Mayor Paterson to Chief Minister of Northern Territory re. The Economy Development Plan*
- Attachment I: Letter from Minster King to Mayor Paterson re. Local Government Road Funding*



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Mayor Matt Paterson
Alice Springs Town Council

Via email: mpaterson@alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Dear Mayor Paterson *Matt*

Congratulations to The Alice Springs Town Council successful International Day of People with Disability Grant application. I understand the council has been awarded \$3,500 (GST exclusive) for your activity, IDPwD Mayoral Awards and Day of Fun.

I would be grateful if you could please provide me with details of your event by emailing the information to: Minister.AhKit@nt.gov.au. If my diary permits, I will endeavour to try and attend your event to celebrate this very important day in the disability calendar.

Well done to you and your team.

Yours sincerely

NGAREE AH KIT

02/11/2023



Office of the Mayor

21 November 2023

Hon Ngaree Ah Kit MLA
Minister for Disabilities
GPO Box 3721
Darwin NT 0801

Via email: Minister.AhKit@nt.gov.au

Dear Minister, *Ngaree*

Thank you for your correspondence on 2 November 2023, in which you confirmed that Alice Springs Town Council had been awarded \$3,500 in Northern Territory Government funding for our upcoming IDPwD Mayoral Awards and Day of Fun.

Certainly, in the event that your diary permits, we would welcome your attendance on Thursday 30 November 2023. Please be advised that festivities will commence on the Council lawns from 8:30 am onwards and will feature a range of interactive stalls from local organisations, inclusive sporting activities and live music.

At 10:30 am, Alice Springs Town Council will then host the 2023 IDPwD Mayoral Awards, designed to highlight the significant contribution made by people with lived experience of disability, as well as those who support them. Also included in the ceremony, will be a speech from retired Paralympian, Blake Cochrane, who successfully represented Australia at the Beijing, London, Rio and Tokyo Paralympics. It should be noted that Alice Springs Town Council is currently working closely with Blake, in his role as State Manager for Sports4All, to roll out a partnership program targeted at increasing the number of people with disabilities participating in community sports in Alice Springs.

Once again, we thank you for your support of this important event and hope to see you on the day. It would be great you are able to join us and to have you to say a few words or present an award to one of the award recipients.

Yours faithfully

Matt Paterson
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His Worship the Mayor
Mr Matt Paterson
Alice Springs Town Council

Via email: eaexecutive@astc.nt.gov.au

Dear Mayor *Math,*

Thank you for your letter of 5 October 2023, regarding Alice Springs Town Council's (the Council) resolution of 26 September 2023 that "Council request assistance from the Northern Territory Government to broker a meeting with Tangentyere Council to address service delivery within the municipality of Alice Springs and community concerns around safety".

I appreciate the Council's frustration with apparent failed attempts to meet with the Board of Directors and acknowledge the importance of resolving this issue to ensure more effective delivery of services to the community. However, I do not have the power to compel an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation, such as Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation, to meet with or adhere to a Memorandum of Understanding with a local government council.

I have asked Ms Maree De Lacey, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, to contact you to offer the Department's assistance in relation to this matter. Ms De Lacey can be contacted at Maree.DeLacey@nt.gov.au or 08 8999 5115.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I hope that the Council is successful in building a stronger relationship with Tangentyere Council to deliver joint initiatives for the Alice Springs community.

Yours sincerely


CHANSEY PAECH



Office of the Mayor

14 November, 2023

[REDACTED]
Coles Supermarket
Alice Springs

Via email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Review of Operation Hours

The decision to close Coles Supermarket at 7 pm was one of a number of measures taken by businesses and the Government during an incredibly difficult time for the town following the ceasing of Stronger Futures protections.

We appreciate the importance you place on the safety and well-being of your team and customers which led to your decision in January of this year to make changes to your trading hours.

Now that those measures have been largely reintroduced and with the NT Government's commitment to avoid a repeat of the past year with its *Summer in Central Australia Plan*, we invite you to review your trading hours.

At the 24 October 2023 Meeting of Council, the following resolution was made:

"Council to write to Coles and Woolworths Alice Springs asking them to review their closing hours."

Resolution (22778)

As a town, we rely heavily on both major supermarket chains for access to comparable price food and groceries as other parts of Australia. Having the availability to access these goods across an extended set of hours will be very beneficial to our community, especially those who are involved in shift work, or are visitors or tourists to our town.

We invite your consideration of this request on behalf of the citizens and visitors of Alice Springs.

Yours sincerely

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Office of the Mayor

14 November, 2023

[REDACTED]
Woolworth Supermarket
Alice Springs

Via email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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Office of the Mayor

14 November, 2023

[REDACTED]
Journey Beyond
Alice Springs

Via email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Review of Train Arrival and Departure Times

At the 24 October 2023 meeting of Council, the following resolution was made:

“Council write a letter to the railway line owners/operators requesting a review of train arrival and departure times into Alice Springs terminal.”

Resolution (22798)

Our town recognises and appreciates the importance of the train network through our town and how it opens us up as a major tourist destination, and its importance as part of the freight corridor.

As a town, we rely heavily on being able to cross the train lines that intersect our town so we can go about our daily lives – whether it be for work, life or play.

Particularly long train carriages often result in waits at crossings of over 15-20 minutes, which can back traffic up considerably and create significant congestion.

We appreciate the difficulties inherent in managing the logistics of a train network that encompasses such large geographical parts of Australia, but invite you to undertake a timely review to consider scheduling changes that would improve the livelihoods and liveability for residents of our town.

In particular, we ask you to consider what can be done to avoid trains going through town during our peak traffic periods of 8am – 9am and 3pm – 5.30pm of a weekday.

We invite your consideration of this request on behalf of the citizens and visitors of Alice Springs.

Yours sincerely

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24th November 2023

Matt Paterson
Mayor
Alice Springs Town Council
Northern Territory

Dear Matt,

Thank you for reaching out to us in regard to the Ghan timetables and the concerns from the community over the train times in and out of Alice Springs. We welcome the opportunity to open a dialogue with Council on how we may work together to the mutual benefit of the Alice Springs community as well as our guests, crew, and businesses.

I appreciate the frustration the blocking of level crossings would cause residents and we will continue to work with Alice Springs council to help mitigate any of these exasperations from the community.

Looking at our current schedule we see that on a Thursday when arriving in from Darwin we are through the rail crossing on Lovegrove Dr about 9:05am for a 9:10am arrival into the station and noting our other train arrivals / departures are outside of the Town's peak times.

In terms of changes to the rail timetable, as we are not actually the network owner, we are subject to some constraints in terms of freight traffic on the network. Having said that, we have been working on making a change to our timetable with Aurizon (the track owners) and would be pleased to incorporate your feedback into our request.

Like many other local Alice Springs businesses, we have also experienced challenges in 2023 and have been affected by damage and vandalism to our trains and terminal. Moving forward Journey Beyond are exploring increasing our presence in Alice Springs and would like to be a more active part of the community to work with local vendors and businesses to deter acts of vandalism and to see the Town of Alice Springs continue to flourish with tourism for the long term.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss any future collaborations and actions we can be a part of, please reach out with a time to meet and we look forward to discussing further with you.

Many thanks,

Destinations Manager, The Ghan





Office of the Mayor

22 November 2023

Hon Natasha Fyles
Chief Minister of Northern Territory
GPO Box 3146
Darwin NT 0801

via email – Chief.Minister@nt.gov.au

Dear Chief Minister, *Natasha,*

As you would be aware, the focus in Alice Springs over recent years has been on dealing with social issues. Despite economic matters being the flip side of that coin, this has been an area that has not received the same level of attention or focus.

Recently our CEO and I were pleased to receive a presentation from Shaun Drabsch as part of a roundtable discussion with the department's senior leaders which focussed on future growth and aspirational opportunities for the Territory.

What was apparent was the opportunity that would be presented through the development of an Economic Plan for Alice Springs to complement the wider work and goals being pursued by the Northern Territory Government.

In developing the Alice Springs 2030 Liveability and Sustainability Plan, Councillors recognised the importance of the economy being central to a brighter future for Alice Springs residents and included the development and implementation of an Economic Development Plan for Alice Springs as a key action under its Economy Pillar.

To that end, we have finalised a scope of works (Attached) to go to tender that seeks to work with all local stakeholders, and in particular key commercial operators, to grow the economy of Alice Springs by both a collective approach of what is within our own hands to deliver, and by partnering with Governments to unlock our full potential.

To be clear, while we will be the authors, the Plan is not one to be titled or branded "ASTC". It must be a vision for the entire value and supply chain operating in the local Alice Springs economic zone and a driver for new investment into the region.

It is our intention to provide \$200,000 funding from our reserves as part of our Budget Revision process, but anticipate developing this plan to cost significantly more than this due to the economic analysis that will be involved.

As a result Council resolved to:

"Write to the Northern Territory Government to request funding support towards the plan"

We believe the development of this Economic Development Plan aligns exceptionally well with your Government's principles, objectives and governance structure under its Regional Development Framework.

Alice Springs Town Council
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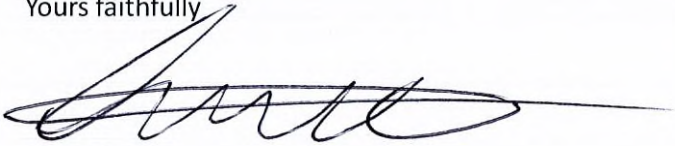
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On behalf of our Elected Members, regional businesses, and community members, we would appreciate your consideration of funding to support this important initiative.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Matt Paterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Paterson
Mayor



ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN **SCOPE OF WORK**

Executive Summary

Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) seeks proposals from suitably qualified and highly reputable economic consultancies to assist in the development of an Economic Development Plan ("The Plan") to build growth and resilience for business and industry that operate in Central Australia. Importantly, it will be a Plan that showcases opportunity and a driver for new investment from outside the region.

To be clear, while we will be the authors, the Plan is not one to be titled or branded "ASTC". It must be a vision for the entire value and supply chain operating in the local Alice Springs economic zone and a driver for new investment into the region.

The engagement of an economic consultancy will be critical to the substance and credibility of the publication. Specifically, ASTC seeks the following to enable the success of the project.

1. The **facilitation of workshops** to finalise key policy priorities and ambitions for a whole-of-Alice vision. These workshops will include ASTC staff, ASTC elected, business, Government, and indigenous groups and other key parts of the Alice Springs value-chain. Their success will also be driven by the consultant bringing a fresh perspective to propose and challenge ideas to ensure The Plan is credible, relevant and achievable.
2. An **economic impact study** that highlights the economic contribution of the Alice Springs region and relevant supply chains: primary production; minerals; manufacturing; Government procurement and investment; marketing and advertising; retail; tourism; exports, etc. The study will need to capture the current economic footprint of our industries as well as forecasts for 2035 under different policy scenarios.
3. **Development of written content** to ensure consistency of tone and language in the report.

The ultimate scope of work is flexible and be dependent upon factors including the economic consultant demonstrating value for each aspect of the project. It is envisaged that the economic consultant will be required for the economic impact study at a minimum. It is also highly likely that the project will benefit from the consultant facilitating workshops as described in paragraph (1) above in order to inform the economic impact study.

ASTC may ultimately elect to develop written content in-house or use a communications consultancy to do so, but there may also be synergies in the economic consultant completing this aspect of the project.

Background and context

The enormous social changes that has occurred around Alice Springs in the past two years has created both a need and an opportunity for our local economy to provide to the Northern Territory and Australian Governments an economic, environmental and social vision which highlights our current and future impact on the importance of the Central Australian economy to the National and Northern Territory interests with regard to employment, productivity, sustainability and positive economic impact.

Importantly, as the key driver of this Project, the Plan should also identify areas that the Alice Springs Town Council can lead improvements in the attraction and retention of economic interests within its role and responsibilities of the Local Government Act 2009.

The Alice Springs community is challenged with a lack of competition and its isolation. These challenges are not uncommon for remote communities, however, with Alice Springs acting as a hub for all of Central Australia, these barriers often find us in a reactive mode: complaining about lack of service, high prices, and time and project delays.

As a result, the Alice Springs community has a challenge in telling our story as to how things have changed, our importance to the wider Australian economy and culture, and the value we can bring for the future.

Negative news stories about crime, and youth disengagement have created perceptions about Alice Springs that do not reflect contemporary reality.

Our business, government and indigenous leaders are forward thinking, committed to the responsible growth of the region, promoting diversity and at the forefront of sustainable practices. Our offerings, particularly the unique 'red centre' iconography of the region and our deep connection with indigenous culture make us synonymous to how Australians and overseas visitors view Australia.

We need to change the narrative about Alice Springs being unsafe and pigeon-holed as dealing with crime, police and liquor problems to one which is an integral part of the Australian way of life and necessary for future economic prosperity. This require a broadening of our remit and a diversification of issues relevant to all Australians.

Positively, when it comes to the dealing with issues around crime and youth disengagement, our local community plays a strong and active role. The collaboration that exists between Australian, Territory and Local Government in dealing with the social issues of the region is rarely seen anywhere else in Australia.

This project will enable Alice Springs and surrounding regions to present a positive, engaging, forward-looking vision to government, media, potential investors and other stakeholders to facilitate greater engagement, more favourable perceptions and ultimately an improved business environment for Central Australia over the next decade.

About Alice Springs

The Aboriginal Arrernte (pronounced arrun-da) people are the traditional custodians of Alice Springs and the surrounding region. Mparntwe (pro-nounced m'barn-twa) is the Arrernte name of Alice Springs.

Following the path of Scottish explorer John McDougall Stuart, the Overland Telegraph was constructed to enable pastoralists to take up leases in the red centre. Completed on 22 August 1872, the Overland Telegraph is considered 'the greatest engineering feat of 19th century Australia'.

Between 1871 and 1933, Alice Springs was simply the name of a waterhole adjacent to the telegraph station, until the township of Stuart was officially gazetted by government administrators in Adelaide on 31 August 1933.

In more modern times, life in Alice Springs has boomed with an increase in tourism and the introduction of large events. Today, Alice Springs is a home to close to 30,000 people from many countries and cultures, with an Aboriginal population of 17.6% and almost 19% of residents speaking a language other than English at home.

ASTC Economic Develop Plan

As outlined in the Executive Summary of this document, ASTC seeks to produce a document that sets out an economic, social and environmental vision for what Alice Springs could look like in 2035 with the right policy settings.

The publication must be a positive, forward-looking vision aimed at our key stakeholders: Government Ministers, bureaucrats, investors and entrepreneurs, and media.

It must not be a recital of challenges Alice Springs and the region faces with its remoteness; or a 'laundry list' of requests of Government.

It must be about commitments from industry to achieve certain outcomes (e.g. Indigenous employment to increase by 10 per cent; a certain amount invested in the training of hospitality staff, etc). And what could potentially be 'unlocked' above and beyond business-as-usual with the right partnership policy setting by Governments.

Whilst the policy priorities of The Plan will be settled through stakeholder engagement facilitated by the consultant, some likely areas of interest are:

- Tourism
- Employment (current/future, footprint by state, urban v regional, industrial relations reform)
- Trade (overcoming remoteness barriers, export opportunities)
- Competitive taxation (but not individual sector taxation)
- Infrastructure
- Investment
- Planning laws and development constraints
- Renewable energy
- Mining
- Sustainability and Environmental stewardship
- Water security and drought resilience
- Competition and Regulation (e-commerce/delivery, supply chain competitiveness, access, licensing, "buying local" policies)
- Indigenous enterprise
- Community and culture (local and regional identity, cultural customs)

Language will be critical in the drafting of the report. It must use emotion and place people at the centre of our economic and strategic direction. The report will be supported by appropriate imagery and graphic design.

Deliverable(s)

1. Workshop facilitation

Part A: Strategic objective setting

The economic consultant will be required to facilitate a workshop to develop overall strategic priorities for The Plan. This initial workshop will include a broad range of stakeholders across all major sectors of the Alice Springs economy and will ensure the bigger picture for the entire region is represented, understood and prioritised.

To prioritise business interests and ensure the highest level of buy-in and contribution, ASTC will ensure those with “actual skin in the game” are present for these workshops to set overall strategic direction. It is expected that there will be 10 to 12 strategic priorities.

Part B: Policy priority development

Upon the strategic priorities being settled, the economic consultant will facilitate workshops on each key policy area with subject matter experts from local industry and, where desirable, the economic consultancy.

For example, the tourism policy focus would involve tourism operators and representative bodies to provide information on access, supply, capacity, etc; and then develop policy for what reforms or enabling environment is needed to achieve certain positive outcomes. The knowledge of a subject matter expert from the economic consultancy could also be leveraged to assist in these workshops.

Where possible, a ‘champion’ would be identified within the local economy who would co-host and lead the session.

To help guide each workshop, a short background paper will be required to be prepared by the economic consultancy on each identified topic area.

2. Economic Impact Study

Building upon the key policy priorities, an economic impact study will be required to support The Plan. Data and information that may be required from the economic impact study may include, but not be limited to:

- The number of jobs supported by the Alice Springs region, both overall and within certain demographic and geographic groups;
- The regions contribution to GDP;
- Taxes paid by the industry (corporate income tax, mining royalties, excise, duties, etc);
- Capital investment of the industry (e.g. historic and future);
- The cost to industry of certain forms of red tape (e.g. licensing, development restraints, and planning approval);
- Quantification of the benefits of certain policy priorities being implemented
- Change in the demographic of town, FIFO/Short-term workforce, and how these changes can be best utilised to drive growth.
- Northern Territory \$40B Economy Plan and how that aligns to economic future of Alice Springs
- Any other statistic or estimate the economic consultant may view as useful, in consultation with the ASTC Project Team.

ASTC has source material and data for some of these areas, but this may need updating to be contemporary or generated directly.

Most importantly, the economic impact study must be relevant to the Pillars of ASTC's *Liveability and Sustainability 2030 Plan*, and assist the ASTC and the local business community in justifying the case for a more favourable regulatory environment in order to realise the whole-of-region vision.

The Plan must create a “baseline” for where we are today, and where we will be by 2035 with no change and normal growth projections. The most important piece of work will be developing the delta – the difference – in a ‘no change’ scenario compared to what would be the case for all levels of Government and industry to adopt the key recommendations for policy and regulatory change developed as part of the vision.

The economic consultancy will need to engage with key stakeholders to develop a headline “goal” (and sub-goals) that the delta will achieve and lead to a partnership approach with Governments. For example, this may be an overall industry value, export sales number, tourism visitor number, or key jobs, social or environmental hurdle(s) to be achieved.

3. Written content development

The economic consultancy may also be required to prepare written content for the ASTC publication to ensure consistency of tone and language. This will need to commence following the settling of key policy priorities and the economic impact statement.

Whilst not forming an essential component of this Scope of Works, consideration will also be given to any relevant support that can be provided for the launch of The Plan; in particular, public advocacy at a launch event or through the media.

Timeframes

Project Component	Timing	Lead
Workshop facilitation <i>Part A: Strategic objective setting</i> <i>Part B: Development of policy priorities</i>	February 2024 March – April 2024	Economic consultancy
Economic Impact Study Part A: Baseline Part B: Delta from Policy	December 2023 June 2024	Economic consultancy
Content development	June – July 2024	Economic consultancy
Review of content by ASTC Elected Members	Mid July 2024	ASTC Project Management Office
ASTC Council approval	July 2024	ASTC Council
Launch of The Plan	August 2024	ASTC Project Management Office

Project Governance

The governance framework for the project is as follows:

<i>Project Sponsor:</i>	Matt Paterson, ASTC Mayor
<i>Project Manager:</i>	Andrew Wilsmore, ASTC CEO
<i>Steering Committee:</i>	ASTC Member Council
<i>Project Management Office:</i>	ASTC staff, external consultants

Format of responses to this Tender

Responses to this Tender should ideally be presented in PowerPoint format. Proposals should also be prepared with the following requirements:

- A clearly defined scope for each component of the project that align to fixed fees.
 - Scope and fees should be provided with as much granularity as practical.
 - For example, the cost of each workshop should be delineated from the preparation of a background paper for those workshops, etc.
- Detail of any relevant experience in relation to working with remote communities of scale and/or similar regional areas.
- Detail of any relevant experience in driving consensus amongst external organisations (including industry associations) that have diverse interests and commercial priorities.
- Confirmation that the project can be undertaken and completed within the timeframes referred to above.
- Examples of any similar work produced for other clients (to the extent publicly available) or published by the economic consultancy.
- Examples of demonstrated influence of project team leaders on public policy debates in Australia, whether on behalf of clients or as an opinion shaper more broadly.
- Government relations services or the development of a government relations strategy for the ASTC publication should not form part of any proposal.

Responses to this Tender are due by **15 November 2023**.

For further information, please contact Andrew Wilsmore, Chief Executive Officer, Alice Springs Town Council at awilsmore@astc.nt.gov.au or +61 492 800 821.

From: [Roads toRecovery](#)
Cc: [Roads toRecovery](#); [Black Spot](#); [HVSPP](#); [BridgesRenewal](#); [CZAJOR, Melony](#)
Subject: Funding boost for local government roads [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 22 November 2023 10:08:31 AM
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THE HON CATHERINE KING MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional
Development and Local Government

THE HON KRISTY MCBAIN MP
Minister for Regional Development,
Local Government and Territories

Dear Mayor

We write to advise you of important changes to local government road funding following the Government's response to the Independent Strategic Review (the Review) as it relates to the local government sub-programs.

Roads to Recovery

We are pleased to announce that Roads to Recovery funding will be doubled from \$500 million to \$1 billion a year.

We know how important the Roads to Recovery Program is for local governments. We have heard your advocacy for more direct funding for local road maintenance and upgrades.

Black Spot Funding

Black Spot Program funding will also progressively increase from the current annual commitment of \$110 million to \$150 million per year.

Bridges Renewal and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity

In addition, we are merging the existing Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) into a single application-based ongoing funding stream for local governments – the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

Local governments will be able to apply for funding through this new program to address emerging road infrastructure priorities in their communities.

The amount of funding for the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program will also gradually increase, so that \$200 million will be available per year, up from the current \$150 million total annual investment in HVSPP and BRP.

We recognise the role of local government

These decisions recognise that the infrastructure you manage represents over 75 per cent of Australia's road network. We understand that it requires additional investment and is suffering from the increasing frequency of severe weather events.

We know how important these programs are to local communities, especially in our regions, and the Government continues to deliver for communities in the best way possible over the long term.

That is why we remain committed to a 10-year, \$120 billion pipeline of infrastructure investment and have introduced these changes - to ensure the projects we deliver actually get built and provide lasting benefits for Australians.

We are committed to working with state, territory and local governments to ensure investment settings are sustainable, well-targeted and aligned to market capacity and resource availability.

We will soon start consultation to inform enhancements to these sub-programs to ensure the additional funding is appropriately targeted and provides the support that councils like yours need to improve local roads infrastructure.

The increased funding available for local governments under these sub-programs will start to be available from 1 July 2024, and increase progressively across the forward estimates, so as to not put pressure on inflation. We look forward to working with you to deliver safer, more resilient roads across Australia.

If you have any questions, please contact Melony Czajor, Acting Assistant Secretary - Targeted Infrastructure Programs, in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts via Roads.toRecovery@infrastructure.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

THE HON CATHERINE KING MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

THE HON KRISTY MCBAIN MP

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

22/11/2023

Notice of Motion



I, Deputy Mayor Bitar hereby give notice of my intention to present the following motion at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, scheduled for 28 November, 2023.

MOTION:

1. That the Council review the agreement with Araluen for storage and exhibition of the Alice Springs Art collection and provide a report to Council.
2. That the Council develop a policy for the Alice Springs Art Collection.

Supporting information to Motion:

The Alice Prize and the Alice Springs Art Foundation were set up in the 1970s to bring contemporary Art from across Australia to Alice Springs for the benefit of the Alice Springs Community. The first exhibition was held in Rumball Hall at the show grounds in October 1970. The Prize began as a non-acquisitive prize, it soon became acquisitive, with the winning piece acquired each year by the Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC). But one would not know of the history of the Alice Springs Town Council's involvement in the Prize if you were to look at the Art Foundation's website.

After intensive lobbying from the Art Foundation, Araluen was built to have a more distinguished venue and storage facility. At that time, Araluen was managed by the ASTC and the collection was stored for free. Management of Araluen was handed over to the Northern Territory Government (NTG) and the storage was to remain for free, in exchange for use of the collection in exhibitions.

Over the years, this arrangement has seen the NTG charge for storage of the collection. This issue was taken up by the ASTC back in 2014 and a thank you to Kieran Finnane, for their diligent coverage of Council. Things come around again and almost 10 years later, we are having the same discussion.

Whilst storage fees have been set out, loan fees for the NTG's use of the Alice Springs Collection, have not been forthcoming.

A portion of the Alice Art Prize is currently on exhibition at Araluen from October 2023 until February 2024. ASTC was not informed that this would happen, despite exhibition schedules being set more than a year in advance.

Regional councils (for example, Bendigo, Mackay, Bunbury) have their own exhibition spaces, collections and budget lines for acquisitions. I'm not suggesting that ASTC divest of the collection, but the agreement needs to be reassessed, with clear guidelines/policy for the NTG to follow for the use of the collection, with loan fees payable by the NTG.

The second part of this motion is for Council to develop a policy for the Alice Springs Art Collection. I can go on Bunbury Council's website and view the policy for their art collection. The policy tells me the history of their collection, how to donate to their collection, how they deaccession and how to request a loan from their collection. The majority of residents of Alice Springs would not know that there is an Art Collection. It's mentioned by one line only buried in the Arts and Culture Policy 2017-2021. Aside from being transparent about the governance around the Alice Springs Collection, a public facing policy is one way ASTC can celebrate the collection and share our good news stories.

MOVED by	SECONDED by
Deputy Mayor Bitar	

Allison Bitar

Date: 20th November, 2023

Notice of Motion



I, Councillor Hopper hereby give notice of my intention to present the following motion at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, scheduled for 28 November, 2023.

MOTION:

That Alice Springs Town Council write to the Minister for Environment requesting a Class A weed declaration for Buffel Grass within the municipality of Alice Springs, extending into a 'buffer zone' on the municipal boundary to reduce the threat of fire to infrastructure and life in Alice Springs.

Supporting information to Motion:

A key function of Council under The NT Local Government Act is to carry out measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate such hazards. By advocating for the strongest weed control of Buffel Grass Council is performing its duty to protect the residents of Alice Springs.

The Northern Territory Government has known about the wildfire risks of buffel since the 1970s but has not addressed this risk.

Buffel promotes larger, hotter and more frequent wildfires by;

Increased Fuel Load: Buffel grass is known for its rapid growth and ability to form dense grasslands. As an invasive species, it often outcompetes native vegetation and can significantly increase the fuel load in affected areas. The accumulation of dry, highly flammable grass biomass can lead to hotter and more intense fires.

Altered Fire Regimes: Buffel grass alters the natural fire regime in ecosystems where it becomes dominant. It has been observed to create continuous, homogenous stands that carry fire more efficiently across the landscape compared to the patchier and less continuous fuel loads of native vegetation.

Changes in Fire Behaviour: Research conducted in Australia, particularly in arid and semi-arid regions, has shown that areas invaded by buffel grass experience fires that burn more intensely and at higher temperatures. These fires can result in larger flame heights, increased fire spread rates, and longer fire durations compared to fires in areas with native vegetation.

Council has struggled especially after recent periods of good rain to reduce the fuel load risk to the built and green infrastructure in the municipality. Continuing with 'business as usual' will not address the underlying problem of Buffel Grass infestation nor will it attract resources to deal with the risks it poses.

The Weeds Management Act 2001 (the Act) enables the following weed declarations: Class A (to be eradicated); Class B (growth and spread to be controlled); and Class C (not to be introduced into the Northern Territory).

There are currently 142 declared weeds in the Northern Territory 40 of which are 'Class A'.

By declaring Buffel Grass a Class A weed, Council will be eligible for Federal and other funding to garner the resources required to eliminate Buffel Grass from the municipality. There is currently a \$9.6 million package to address Gamba Grass in the Top End.

By not addressing the hazards of Buffel Grass, Council is working against its own Liveability and Sustainability goals, specifically our ambition to increase tree canopy cover in the municipality. The loss of tree canopy to grass fires can take decades to replace and coupled with loss of trees from storm damage may actually mean our greening goals head backwards

MOVED by	SECONDED by
Councillor Hopper	Mayor Paterson
<i>Kim Hopper</i>	
Date: 21 st November, 2023	

Agenda item 27.1

REPORT

Report No. 206 / 23 cncl

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 October 2023

AUTHOR: MANAGER FINANCE – LILY DY-IRWIN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides financial information for the period ended 31 October 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this report be received and noted.

REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

2. PREVIOUS APPLICABLE RESOLUTIONS

Nil

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 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.

3.2 STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

<p>Noting Purpose</p>	<p>Results for the period ending 31 October 2023 are summarised as follow:</p> <p>Investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council currently have a mix of A-1+ and A-2 investment rating term deposits. Interest in the books is showing as \$36,942 as it included last financial year's accrued interest adjustment. Actual interest as of October is \$400,410 with average interest rate sitting at 4.89%. <p>Profit and Loss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total operating income is below budget by about \$592,000. This is principally due to the delay in receipt of Library funding payment. Funding for first quarter of about \$169,917 will be paid by November, bringing Operating Grant in line with budget. The other major variance is interest income. As mentioned above, actual interest is showing lower currently due to the effect of year end accrual from last financial year. Investment schedule shows forecasted interest income from future maturing term deposit totals \$1,162,000 approximately as of October. ○ Cash collections show that 45% of rates have been received to date, being higher than previous year's 37%. Second instalment due date will be 3/11/2023 so payment rate will still increase by then. <p>Other Operating Revenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RWMF weighbridge User Fees and Charges for October \$1,343,000 exceeds budgeted income of \$1,106,000. <p>Rates as at 31 October 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More payments from rates second instalment will be received by due date of 3rd November 2023. ○ Total rates collectible is currently tracking at 55% as of October. Approximately 12% of this relates to previous year's outstanding amount. The receivables should go down next month as more payments come in by second instalment due date. <p>Grants and Contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library grant for 2023/2024 of \$624,860 has not been received as of October, but payment has come through in November. Capital grants will be paid as works get completed. <p>Financial System and reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Civica online leave application works in progress and training ongoing for implementation with finance and IT teams to track progress and any issues that may need to be addressed before it gets implemented to various business units.
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Monitoring Required	<p>Operational Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials and Contracts expenditure is slightly below year to date budget. Committed costs total \$2,245,614 as at October will be incurred in the future. Other Operating Expenses include utilities of \$721,967 and prorated insurance premiums of \$464,605. Over all, it is tracking in line with budget. <p>Employee Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee Costs are below budget for the period. Some salaries expenses relating to unused leave for redundancy payments have been journaled out of salaries against liabilities. <p>Capital expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital expenditures for the period include park swing sets for 3 parks and park concept design, as well as RWMF articulated dump truck for \$694,000 as well as hydraulic excavator for \$542,538. Note: Items listed in top 20 Contractor Payments report are shown as GST Inclusive, however financial reports amounts are all GST exclusive. <p>Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer to Reserve was processed for \$200,000 for Elected Members Projects.
Priority	<p>Ongoing upgrade to Civica for BIS reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrades being discussed to go explore cloud based Altitude but continue to liaise with Civica for GL structure for more functional financial reporting capabilities. IT is also exploring options in looking at other software in the market.

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

4. ALIGNMENT WITH ALICE SPRINGS LIVEABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

This item pertains to relevant components of the *Alice Springs Town Council Liveability and Sustainability Strategic Plan 2030* as follows:

Pillar 5 – Governance and Civic

5. FUNDING, WHOLE OF LIFE COSTS & RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS

This report provides an overview of the budget and resource implications.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* requires the CEO each month to give Council a report setting out the actual income and expenditure for the year to date; the most recently adopted annual budget; and details of any material variances between the most recent actuals and the most recently adopted annual budget.

There are no other risks, legal and legislative implications relating to this report.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Nil

8. STATUTORY MATTERS / DELEGATIONS

The financial reporting documents are developed in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

9. COUNCIL POLICIES

Nil

10. STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT / PUBLIC RELATIONS

Financial reports as listed are in the Open Council with the aim of ensuring public transparency.

11. CONCLUSION

This report provides financial information for the month-end figures as at 31 October 2023.

12. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A:** *Council Financial Position Reports including Income & Expenditure Statement (Budgeted Statement of Financial Performance) and Balance Sheet*
- Attachment B:** *Cash Reserves and Cash Analysis Reconciliation*
- Attachment C:** *Monthly Payment listing*
- Attachment D:** *Investments Report*



Lily Dy-Irwin

MANAGER FINANCE



Joe McCabe

ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES



Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
Reporting Period:	31-Oct-23

To the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate: and
- (2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

CEO Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "D. M. M.", written over a horizontal line.

Date Signed

21 Nov 23

Note: The monthly financial report to council must either be accompanied by a written certification by the CEO to the council, as set out above, or the CEO is to provide written reasons for not providing the certification. (Regularion 17(5) of the General Regulations)



Table 1.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure Statement

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 October 2023	October 2023 YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Approved Annual Budget \$	NOTE
OPERATING INCOME					
Rates	9,108,015	9,137,770	(29,756)	27,413,311	
Statutory Charges	1,518,794	1,516,814	1,979	4,550,443	
User Fees and Charges	2,064,192	1,960,831	103,361	5,882,492	1
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,434,970	1,601,384	(166,414)	4,804,152	2
Interest / Investment Income	99,228	557,246	(458,018)	1,671,738	3
Other Operating Revenue - Includes reimbursements, proceeds from sale of assets, fuel rebates, insurance claims, infringements etc	150,214	193,721	(43,507)	581,162	4
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	14,375,412	14,967,766	(592,354)	44,903,298	
OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
Employee Expenses	5,524,017	6,629,874	1,105,857	19,889,621	5
Materials and Contracts	4,135,601	4,343,903	208,302	13,031,709	6
Elected Member Allowances	142,619	139,833	(2,786)	419,500	
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	3,190,520	3,190,519	(1)	9,571,557	
Other Operating Expenses - Includes advertising, contribution or donation made, electricity, freight, insurance, legal fees, postage, sewerage charges, telephone, travel & accommodation expenses, vehicle expenditure, water charges etc	1,941,594	1,855,264	(86,330)	5,565,792	7
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	14,934,351	16,159,393	1,225,042	48,478,179	
OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	(558,939)	(1,191,627)	632,688	(3,574,881)	

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

Note 1

Revenue from RWMF Weighbridge for October \$1,343,064 has exceeded YTD budgeted income. Some ASALC income like Casual Visits, Multi Pass Income and Venue Hire are tracking higher than budgeted income.

Note 2

Total grant as of October is \$4,304,910 including funds rolled over from last year's unspent funds \$3.9M. YTD income is shown as \$1,434,970. Grant received for October is \$101,500 for first instalment for Town Camps.

Note 3

Interest rates are sitting at average of 4.9% for October. Interest Income includes interest income for investment and rates.

Note 4

Other operating revenue includes Insurance Claims for workers compensation for \$40,000 and income from Traffic Management RCN parade \$19,118.

Note 5

Employment expense is tracking below budget. Redundancy leave payout previously coded to Salaries has been journalled out of salaries against liability for total of \$130,418, thereby reducing the salaries expenditure for October.

Note 6

Materials and contracts are under budget as of October. However, a total of \$2,245,614 in committed purchase orders reflects future expenditure as at October.

Note 7

Other operating expenses include utilities for \$721,967, street lighting \$112,340, fuel and oil \$157,704 and some grants/contributions.

Above net operating position is exclusive of:

Committed expenditure (purchase orders) of \$4,531,151 is showing at the end of October.



Table 1.2 Monthly Operating Position

	October 2023 YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Approved Annual Budget \$	NOTE
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	(558,939)	(1,191,627)	632,688	(3,574,881)	
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS					
Add Back Non Cash Expenses - Depreciation	3,190,520	3,190,520	0	9,571,557	
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	3,190,520	3,190,520	0	9,571,557	
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS					
Capital Expenditure	2,121,007	3,683,544	1,562,537	11,050,633	4
Transfers to Reserve	500,000	166,667	(333,333)	500,000	1
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	2,621,007	3,850,211	1,229,204	11,550,633	
Capital Grants Income	0	564,652	(564,652)	1,693,957	3
Transfers from Reserve	9,398,795	1,286,667	8,112,128	3,860,000	2
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	9,398,795	1,851,319	7,547,476	5,553,957	
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	9,409,369	(0)	9,409,369	-	

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

Note 1

Transfers are only undertaken through council resolutions.

Transfers to Reserve include \$200,000 for Major Project Seed Fund, \$200,000 for Elected Members Projects and SFAC budgeted transfer \$100,000, being Council's contribution.

Note 2

Transfers from Reserve refer to last financial year's rollover funds to this year's budget allocation.

Note 3

Funding for capital works will be received upon progress works and/or completion. Cromwell Drive will be finished by November so funding will be expected to be paid by March 2024 after second quarter application. Other works like ASALC LRCI Phase 3 funding, we received 50% payment last financial year and carried forward to this financial year.

Note 4

Capital expenditure is underspent by \$1.5M as most technical works take time to plan and procure while also awaiting tender process.



Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding by class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

Capital Spend per budget FY 2023-2024	YTD Actual Expenditure \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$	NOTE
Land and Buildings	418,091	417,778	(313)	1,253,333	1
Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture)	154,605	2,299,667	2,145,062	6,899,000	
Plant and Machinery	1,495,335	844,100	(651,235)	2,532,300	
Fleet	52,977	0	(52,977)	0	
Other Assets (including furniture and office equipment)	0	122,000	122,000	366,000	
Leased Assets	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	2,121,008	3,683,544	1,562,536	11,050,633	
Capital Expenditure Detail (projects over \$150K)	Actual \$	Grant Funded	Funded by OPEX	Capex funded by Reserve	
Hartley Street Public Toilets works in progress	399,964			399,964	
RWMF 24T Articulated Dump Truck	694,000		694,000		
RWMF hydraulic excavator	542,538		542,538		
Total Capital Expenditure (Over \$150K)	1,636,502	-	-	399,964	
Capital Expenditure Detail (below \$150K)	Actual \$	Grant Funded	Funded by OPEX	Funded by Reserves	
July					
Elevating Work Platform	21,450			21,450	
Granulator	55,814	55,814			
ASALC Adventure Play initial works	54,545			54,545	
2 x Hooklift Bins	25,560			25,560	
Depot Key Safes	7,942		7,942		
August					
Road linemarking	31,275			31,275	
Crimsafe to external windows Civic Centre	18,127			18,127	
Library Study Booth	12,114			12,114	
Park Concept Design	1,000		1,000		
September					
Granulator	11,004		11,004		
Netball courts design	25,235			25,235	
Toyota Hilux	52,977		52,977		
Elevated Work platform x 5	85,798		85,798		
Recycling granulator	14,366		14,366		
Park concept design	22,000	22,000			
Fire Alarm system-deposit	24,749		24,749		
October					
Park New Swing seats and swing sets - 3 parks	10,550		10,550		
Park concept design	10,000		10,000		
Total Capital Expenditure (Under \$150K)	484,506	77,814	218,386	188,306	
TOTAL	2,121,008	77,814	218,386	588,270	

Note 1 - This includes purchase this month of major equipments for RWMF for dump truck and excavator.



Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 October 2023	YTD Actuals \$	Note Reference
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	52,805,828	(1)
Accounts Receivable	20,841,121	
-Trade Debtors	791,381	(2)
-Rates & Charges Debtors	19,837,364	
-Other Items/Tax	212,376	(4)
Other Current Assets		
Inventories	288,327	
Prepayments and accrued Income	0	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	73,935,275	
Non-Current Financial Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	290,800,261	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	290,800,261	
TOTAL ASSETS	364,735,536	
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	327,109	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities		
Current Provisions (Employee Leave Provisions)	1,911,238	
Accrued Expenses	0	
Other Current Liabilities	428,669	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,667,016	
Non-Current Liabilities		
Long Service leave provision	767,202	
Provision for the Rehab/Cap of the Landfill Site	18,954,531	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	19,721,733	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,388,749	
NET ASSETS	342,346,787	
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	292,272,474	
Reserves	14,785,116	(5)
Accumulated Surplus	35,289,197	
TOTAL EQUITY	342,346,787	



NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Term deposit investment and cash at bank totals \$52,805,828. Investments are with major banks with A-1+ and A-2 ratings. Trust funds held total \$425,604 and are included in other current liabilities.

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

	1-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 DAYS	>90 DAYS	Total
Trade Debtors	15,955	340,391	181,714	533,495	1,071,555
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts					(280,174)
					791,381

Note 3. Statement on Debts Owed by Council (Accounts Payable)

	1-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	> 90 Days
Trade Creditors	327,109	\$	\$	\$
Other Creditors	\$	\$	\$	\$

Note 4. Statement on Australian Tax Office, Payroll and Insurance Obligations

GST Collected	275,851
GST paid	(63,609)
	212,242

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 5. Reserves Movement

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES	
Reserve Balance at 30 September 2023	14,585,116
Elected Member Projects	200,000.00
Closing Reserve Balance at 31 October 2023	14,785,116



Table 4 - Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month

Cardholder: Matthew Paterson

Transaction Date	Amount	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
13/10/2023	\$ 11.76	Uber Trip	14th Asia Pacific Summit/Mayor's Forum Brisbane October 10-14, 2023
16/10/2023	\$ 12.06	Uber Trip	
27/10/2023	\$ 9.00	Card Fee	
TOTAL	32.82		

Cardholder: Andrew Wilshire

Transaction Date	Amount	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
11/10/2023	\$ 23.30	Woolworths	Catering for RMAC Meeting on 11/10/23
11/10/2023	\$ 15.70	Brumbys	Catering for RMAC Meeting on 11/10/23
17/10/2023	\$ 1,173.34	Rydgcs	Mayor's accommodation-14 th Asia Pacific Cities Summit & Mayor's Forum in Brisbane from 10-14 October 2023
20/10/2023	\$ 1,540.00	ACMA	Australian Communications & Media Authority Licence Renewal
24/10/2023	\$ 50.38	Coles	Ordinary Council Meeting Lunch on 24 October 23
26/10/2023	\$ 182.64	Mailchimp	Monthly Plan
27/10/2023	\$ 44.00	Licensing NT	Mayoral Christmas Function & OAM Christmas Lunch Liquor License Application Fees
27/10/2023	\$ 169.00	Subway	Catering for MindStreet Cultural & Leadership Workshop on 30/10/23
27/10/2023	\$ 9.00	Card fee	
TOTAL	3,207.36		

Table 5. Highest 20 Contractor Payments/ Items paid in the month of October 2023

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

Supplier Name	Council Project Title	Territory enterprise or industry supplier \$	Interstate / overseas enterprise or industry supplier \$	TOTAL
Hastings Deering (Australia)	RWMF Heavy Equipment & Contract Materials & Labour	1,431,879		1,431,879
Power & Water Corporation	Water & Sewerage	139,518		139,518
Trisley's Hydraulic Services	ASALC Plant Room		104,665	104,665
NT Recycling Solutions	RWMF Removal of Liquid Waste	103,785		103,785
Deloitte Private Pty Ltd	Professional Services & Preparation GPFS	99,267		99,267
LGANT Ltd	LGANT Annual Member Subscription	74,810		74,810
Cleanaway Pty Ltd	Waste Services	71,919		71,919
RIMFIRE Energy PL	ASALC - Electricity Charges	47,719		47,719
Geraldton Fuel Company PL	Fuel		45,051	45,051
Paolo Innocente t/a PBI Haulage	Contract Materials & Labour	39,300		39,300
PlazArt Creative Metal Work	Contract Materials & Labour	39,032		39,032
MMCK Pty Ltd t/a Jensen Plus	Professional Services		35,957	35,957
Outback Highway Development Council	OHDC Inc Membership- Alliance of Councils		33,000	33,000
AON Risk Services Australia Ltd	Insurance - Workers Compensation	32,966		32,966
Cooling Plus Refrigeration	Contract Materials & Labour	30,000		30,000
The Trustee for Byrnes Family Trust	Contract Materials & Labour	28,060		28,060
TRIPL3 FIRE ELECTRICAL & CONTRACTING	Contract Materials & Labour	26,554		26,554
Jacana	Electricity	25,939		25,939
The Trustee for N & MA Ibrahim Family	Professional Services		25,625	25,625
Origin Energy Retail	Natural Gas		24,728	24,728
Other (expenses to numerous to list but as per EFT listing not included above)		150,133		150,133
TOTAL		2,340,681	269,026	2,609,907

Cash Reserves & Cash Analysis Reconciliation 31 October 2023

INTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES	
Assets Reserve	
1a - Asset Management, Maintenance and Renewal	
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	788,604
Library IT Upgrade Reserve	58,350
Parks & Playgrounds	-
Cricket Wicket Replacement	44,694
	<u>891,648</u>
1b Civil Works and Projects	
Ilparpa Road capital works	133,207
Open Drains	350,792
Pedestrian Refuge	1,442
Town Beautification	719,346
Tree Planting Reserve	53,925
	<u>1,258,712</u>
1c Waste Management Reserve	
RWMF Future Landfill Site	3,023,332
	<u>3,023,332</u>
Upgrades and New Developments	
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	400,000
	<u>6,810,950</u>
Operations, Community and Strategic Investment Reserve	
Working Capital	50,000
Investment (Interest) Reserve-proportioned to the Reserves bi-yearly	88,283
Elected Member Projects	200,000
Public Art Advisory Committee	2,790
	<u>341,073</u>
Disaster Relief	
Disaster & Emergency	940,801
	<u>940,801</u>
TOTAL COUNCIL RESERVES (INTERNALLY RESTRICTED)	
	<u>13,266,515</u>
Externally Restricted (relates to external funding/restricted for specific purpose)	
Sports Facility Advisory Committee (SFAC)	421,726
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>1,518,601</u>
Total Reserves	
	<u>14,785,116</u>

CASH ANALYSIS RECONCILIATION AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

Cash at Bank	16,857,669
Cash Investments Held (as per Balance Sheet)	35,948,159
Total Cash	52,805,828
Less: Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	(2,667,016)
Non Current Liabilities	
Provision for Landfill	18,954,531
Long Service Leave Liability-Long Term	767,202
	<u>(19,721,733)</u>
Total Liabilities (as per Balance Sheet)	(22,388,749)
Net Cash after liabilities	30,417,079
Less: Cash Restricted Reserves	(14,785,116)
Less: Operating Funds for a quarter	(10,080,000)
Less: Grant Funding Received for Specific Projects	(3,553,404)
	<u>(1,998,559)</u>
Total Unallocated Funds	13,461,427
Add: Long Term Landfill Rehabilitation provision net of annual amortisation	13,461,427
Less: Expenditure forecast for the year	
Committed Expenditures as at 31 October 2023	(4,518,492)
	<u>(4,518,492)</u>
Unrestricted/Unallocated Funds	10,941,493



EFT Payment Summary Report for Month Ending Oct-23

<u>EFT No.</u>	<u>Trans Date</u>	<u>Invoice/Ref #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payment >= \$100,000					
4534.257-01	4/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	40100528060	Hastings Deering (Australia) Ltd	RWMF - 24t ARTICULATED DUMP truck VP -357920, RWMF - Caterpillar 336-xzpi Hydraulic Excavator, RWMF - Major repairs to 928G Loader, RWMF - Operator station removal, Replace final drive, hydraulic, transmission oils, x1 Alternator - Asset # 53529, RWMF - Batteries for 928 loader, RWMF- 826K- Replace DEF Purge Light	1,431,879.48
4534.1752-01	9/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	84658366	Power & Water Corporation	Water & Sewage - Various sites	139,517.85
4527.3905-01	3/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	22201122/1	Trisley's Hydraulic Services Pty Ltd	ASALC - Plant Room Preventive Maintenance Tender	104,665.00
4527.6838-01	12/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	40607	NT Recycling Solutions Pty Ltd	RWMF Removal of Liquid Waste Tender 2023-07ST	103,785.00
Payment \$50,000 to \$99,999					
4529.390-01	6/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	8003968413	Deloitte Private Pty Ltd	Preparation of GPFS, Professional Services - Engagement, Tirra Report Financial Analysis - RWMF	99,266.82
4533.209-01	23/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0047	LGANT Ltd	2023-2024 LGANT Annual Member Subscription	74,810.08
4534.1296-01	17/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	15761804	CLEANAWAY PTY LTD	RWMF- Domestic Clearances - Sept 2023, RWMF- Town Camps- Sept 2023, ASALC - September 2023 Bin Rental x 2, Portaloos clean for Sept 2023, RWMF- Rent of Recycle Bins Sept 2023	71,919.02
Payment \$10,000 to \$49,999					
4528.5065-01	5/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	11155	RIMFIRE Energy PL	ASALC - Electricity Charges September 2023	47,718.68
4527.5200-01	18/9/2023 12:00:00 AM	02380375	Geraldton Fuel Company PL	Depot - Delivery of 20,000ltrs of Diesolene, 2 Stroke x 200Ltrs	45,051.38
4534.6926-01	4/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-1258	Paolo Innocente t/a PBI Haulage	Evacuate & Supply 60tonne Harrison Dam Clay	39,300.03
4526.4633-01	5/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	PLAZ-1405	PlazArt Creative Metal Work	Artist Fee Roundabout Art, Infill tailgate hatch #52778, Repair trailer	39,032.00
4534.6800-01	9/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	P3023/4	MMCK Pty Ltd t/a Jensen Plus	CBD Revitalisation Master Plan Stage 1 works, Variation - Optional Task: Retail & Governance	35,956.80
4527.4247-01	12/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0052	Outback Highway Development Council	220, OHDC Inc Membership- Alliance of Councils	33,000.00
4528.4450-01	17/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	I00777713	AON Risk Services Australia Ltd	Workers Compensation NT 30.6.22 to 30.6.23	32,966.47
4527.3942-01	12/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	4614B	Cooling Plus Refrigeration	ASALC - AHU Repair/Re-Work	30,000.00

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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>
4526.3274-01	26/9/2023 12:00:00 AM	10371	The trustee for Byrnes Family Trust	DEPOT - New Alarm System (Fire alarm system), Depot: Investigate automatic arming & low battery, Over 50s Club - Review Alarm system after Break-in, Reprogramming of Auto arm times & Systems check, ASALC - Alarm System Automatic arming changed, Ross Park Soccer Oval - Investigate Comms failure	28,059.51
4529.5768-01	10/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-14686	TRIPL3 FIRE ELECTRICAL & CONTRACTING	Library: Replace Fire detectors past service life, Annual Replacement of Fire Equipment, Carried six monthly testing & Equipment Replace, Yearly Service, repair & test, Fire Service - Various sites, Routine Fire System Checks and Annual Various Sites	26,554.31
4534.4730-01	9/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	1011935010	Power Retail Corporation t/a JACANA	Electricity - Various Sites	25,938.97
4534.6913-01	9/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	674-01	The Trustee for N & MA Ibrahim Family	2023 - 10ST AS Greening Strategy	25,624.50
4529.267-01	2/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	39567172	Origin Energy Retail Limited	ASALC - Natural Gas 22.6.23 to 20.9.23	24,728.04
4529.5001-01	1/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	P1066079	Vocus Pty Ltd	Internet Services October 2023, Work Land Phone Charges	21,372.68
4534.6839-01	6/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	10	Ronald William Jacobs t/a A1 Strategy	Review of Sporting Ovals in Alice Springs	18,300.00
4533.5788-01	24/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	10544	NT Friendship & Support Inc	Park Maintenance - Jul & Aug 2023	15,525.16
4523.6347-01	27/9/2023 12:00:00 AM	821564975	KPMG	Audit Fee -2023 & Out of pocket expenses	15,483.60
4534.1238-01	2/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-0253	Alice Springs Animal Shelter Inc	Pound Management - Sept 2023	15,243.80
4527.5182-01	5/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	INV-749	Uber Air Pty Ltd	Feature & Level Survey, GPR to be used	14,531.00
4527.5229-01	10/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	MIDOCT2023	Mayor M J Paterson	Mayoral Allowance Oct 2023, LGANT Convention DRW, Mayoral Travel Allowance & Incidentals, Airfare Charges Sept 2023	13,677.07
4523.2772-01	3/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	70320	Our Community Pty Ltd	12 Months Subscription Fee - Sep 2023 to Sep 2024	12,500.00
4533.6869-01	13/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	1149	Oversight Consulting Pty Ltd	Workplace Health & Safety Management System	12,499.30
4527.6650-01	11/10/2023 12:00:00 AM	23601_sd1	The Trustee for Wallis Family Trust	Concept Design and Detailed Drawings for Regional Skatepark	11,000.00
Total EFT					2,609,906.51

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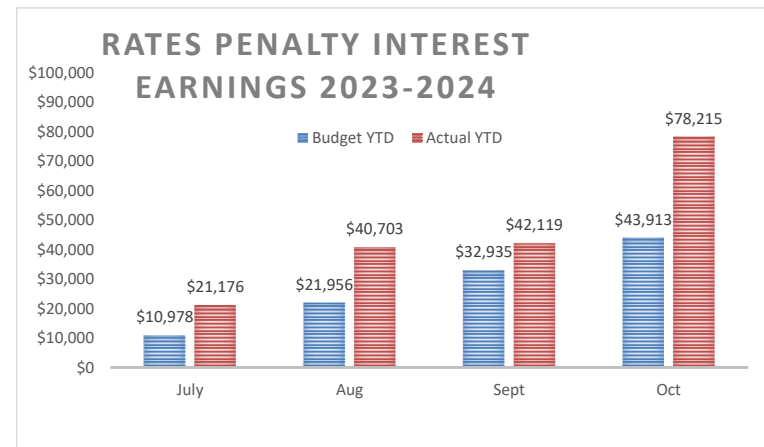
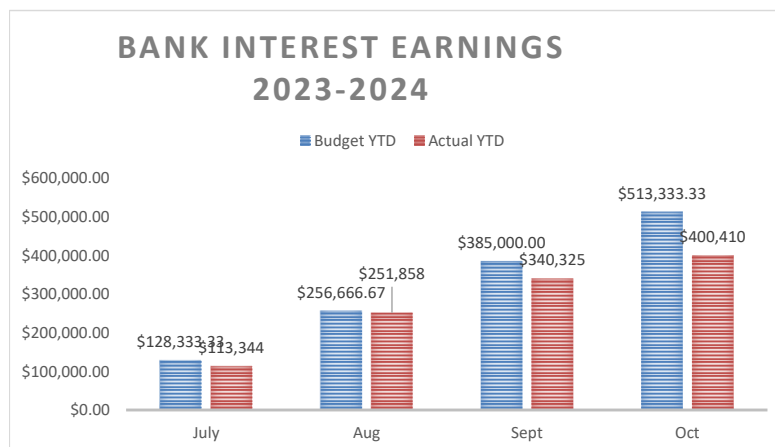
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Investments Report as at 31 October 2023

Term Deposit Details							
Date invested	Invested Amount	Time Invested	Invested with	Interest rate	Due date	Credit rating	Expected interest at maturity of term deposit
15/05/2023	\$ 3,204,538	182	NAB	4.75%	Monday, 13 November 2023	A-1+	\$ 75,899
30/05/2023	\$ 1,603,978	184	Bank of QLD	4.95%	Thursday, 30 November 2023	A-2	\$ 40,025
18/10/2023	\$ 3,207,042	180	NAB	5.10%	Monday, 15 April 2024	A-1+	\$ 80,659
21/08/2023	\$ 8,000,000	122	NAB	5.12%	Monday, 19 February 2024	A-1+	\$ 204,239
25/07/2023	\$ 2,063,265	272	Bendigo	5.45%	Monday, 22 April 2024	A-2	\$ 83,797
4/11/2022	\$ 3,327,128	367	NAB	4.45%	Monday, 6 November 2023	A-1+	\$ 148,868
4/05/2023	\$ 1,532,000	300	Bendigo	4.95%	Wednesday, 28 February 2024	A-2	\$ 62,329
31/10/2023	\$ 1,534,767	154	NAB	5.15%	Tuesday, 2 April 2024	A-1+	\$ 33,349
6/06/2023	\$ 4,000,000	181	NAB	5.00%	Monday, 4 December 2023	A-1+	\$ 99,178
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		\$ 35,948,159	Total Expected Interest on Maturity				\$ 1,162,413

Short Term	Policy Max.	Actual Portfolio
A-1+	100%	79%
A-1	45%	0%
A-2	25%	21%
<A-2	10%	0%

Interest Summary:			Cash & Investment Summary:		
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 :	\$	16,857,669
Interest on Rates:	\$ 36,942	\$ 513,333	Short Term Investments :	\$	35,948,159
	\$ 78,215	\$ 43,913			
Totals	\$ 115,157	\$ 557,246	Totals	\$	52,805,828



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REPORT

Report No. 209 / 23 cncl

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

AUTHOR: ANDREW WILSMORE – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and noted.

REPORT

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHIEF OFFICERS GROUP MEMBERSHIP

I was approached by Central Desert Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Leslie Manda to become a member of the Local Government Chief Officers Group. It was noted that a number of other CEOs across Northern Territory are already a member of the group, or in the process of applying for membership.

The objectives of the group are:

- To act as a forum for the exchange of experience and information between Chief Officers to benefit their councils in particular and local government in general.
- To utilise the experience and knowledge of Chief Officers at various government and organisational levels.
- To facilitate the professional development and training of Chief Officers.

The group meets three times a year in different locations with members offering their councils as hosts. Applying for membership in this group will be beneficial in representing Alice Springs Town Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the CEO applying for membership of the Local Government Chief Officers Group and associated attendance requirements.

2. 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (LGANT) CONVENTION

With the focus for this year on infrastructure, Darwin hosted the 2023 LGANT Convention on 8-10 November 2023. Elected Members and senior officer representatives from across most Councils in the Northern Territory came together to discuss and share ideas.

I was honoured to be provided the opportunity on day one of the convention to address the Municipal's Forum on my first 100 days at Alice Springs Town Council.

3. **ACTIVATE ALICE**

After a hiatus, the Activate Alice Working Group recently met on 1 November 2023 to be updated on recent planned activations and to work through a draft 12-month operational plan. As it has been over 12 months since the Working Group was established and according to the Terms of Reference, the Working Group will need to re-appoint the Chair (see extract below):

The ASTC Chief Executive Officer and CM&C Regional Executive Director will Co-Chair the Working Group for an initial period of 12 months, after which the Chair will be appointed on a rotating basis. The Chair will be nominated by the Working Group and approved by consensus. Appointments will be for one year or adjusted for subsequent appointments to be in line with the initial appointment term.

After discussion with the Mayor and at the urging of one of the Working Group members, I nominated for Chair and was appointed.

Due to a desire for the Working Group to be more active, it was further determined to hold meetings fortnightly until Christmas.

4. **LAUNCH OF SUMMER IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA PLAN**

The Chief Minister released the Summer in Central Australia action plan on 14 November 2023, setting out the coordinated strategy for Alice Springs and surrounding communities to help combat crime and antisocial behaviour.

The release included a school holiday activities calendar featuring Council organised events and also provided the Chief Minister the opportunity to announce her support and funding for Council's proposal to open up the pool for free during the school holiday period.

Further information regarding the announcements can be found here:

<https://cmc.nt.gov.au/news/2023/whats-on-this-summer-in-central-australia>

I represent Council on the Committee that has had carriage of bringing this Action Plan together and monitoring its progress.

Council has responsibility for graffiti removal, abandoned vehicle removal, engaging with rough sleepers, and its summer holiday program as part of the Plan.

5. **CENTREROC / LEADERSHIP MEETING**

Following 17 October 2023 Council Forum, the Mayor and I met with Central Desert Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Leslie Manda and MacDonnell Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Belinda Urquhart. Unfortunately, their Presidents were both a late apology on the day.

It was agreed that both Council's would consider Alice Springs proposal at a meeting between them on 13 December 2023. There was recognition that Elected Member views among their Councils did vary on getting involved in social order issues, with many Councillor's wanting to ensure their Council was solely focussed on their main responsibilities under the Act.

Items for a future CentreROC meeting were also discussed.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

7. **MEETINGS ATTENDED**

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

- Ian McCallum – Director, Sherrey Quinn – Director, Libraries Alive Pty Ltd, Joel Andrew – Director Technical Services, Nicole Battle – Director Community Development and Joe McCabe – Acting Director Corporate Services, Alice Springs Town Council – Library Masterplan
- Future Direction of Local Government Reference Group hosted by Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Northern Territory Government.
- Damien O'Brien – General Manager, Atomic 212 and Mayor Matt Paterson – Signage
- Work Health and Safety Revolution Launch BBQ for National Safe Work Month
- Erika Hamilton – Chief Operations Officer, HutSix, Joel Andrew – Director Technical Services, Peter Walsh – Operations Manager, Stephen Baloban – Manager Infrastructure and Sabin Awal – Technical Officer Infrastructure and Assets, Alice Springs Town Council – demonstration on asset maintenance delivery system
- Bill Sankey – Executive Director, Territory Engagement and Delivery, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Northern Territory Government – discussion on CPTED Coles shopping centre complex and Economic Development Plan
- Steven Simionato – Lead Partner, Deloitte and Joe McCabe – Acting Director Corporate Services, Alice Springs Town Council
- Pop up Parks Halloween Street Party in the Todd Mall
- Cultural and Leadership Workshop with Alice Springs Town Council Directors and Managers. Hosted by Sam Mead – Managing Director and Karen Delvin – Executive Coach and Lead Culture Strategist, Mind Street
- Buffel Grass Technical Working Group – Potential Outcomes Briefing hosted by John Gaynor – Regional Director Southern, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security
- 2023 Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards
- Venita Poblocki – Director, This is Aboriginal Art and Sophie Marriott – Director, Sugar and Spice - CBD Plan
- Activate Alice Working Group Meetings
- Council Forums
- Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (NT) 2023 Nominated Recipient Forum
- Leslie Manda – Chief Executive Officer, Central Desert Regional Council, Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, MacDonnell Regional Council and Mayor Matt Paterson – discussion on leadership dialogue and CentreROC agenda
- Cake Auction for McGrath Foundation hosted by Mayor Matt Paterson
- 2023 LGANT Convention
- Erika Hamilton – Chief Operations Officer, HutSix, Shaun Nell – Senior Business Advisor, Scott Wilkinson – Senior Business Advisor (Project Lead), The Strategic Directions Group and Jason Atherinos – Manager ICT, Alice Springs Town Council

- Shaun Nell – Senior Business Advisor, Scott Wilkinson – Senior Business Advisor (Project Lead), The Strategic Directions Group and Jason Atherinos – Manager ICT, Alice Springs Town Council
- Monthly catch-up meeting with Sarah Fairhead – Executive Director Southern Region, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics, Northern Territory Government
- Jenelle Tonkin – Acting Assistant Commissioner, Catherine Coyne – Policy Officer, Territory Community Safety Coordination Centre, Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Mayor Matt Paterson – preparation for summer season update
- Central Australia Regional Coordination Committee Meeting
- Mel Forbes – General Manager, Outback Highway Development Council Inc – discussion on Outback Way Outdoor Gallery
- Meeting with Voluntary Assisted Dying Advisory Panel Members and Mayor Matt Paterson
- Suzana Bishop – Chief Executive Officer, NT Major Events and Nicole Battle – Director Community Development, Alice Springs Town Council – Discussion on Masters Games
- Central Australia Regional Coordination Committee Summer in Central Australia Meetings
- Jake Quinlivan – Regional Executive Director, Territory Regional Growth – Big Rivers Region, Alice Faulks – Senior Project Officer Territory Regional Growth – Central Australia, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet and Mayor Matt Paterson
- Tour of Desert Knowledge Precinct with Jimmy Cocking – Chief Executive Officer, Desert Knowledge Australia and Mustafa Durmus – Environment Officer, Alice Springs Town Council
- Connecting Communities videoconference hosted by Linda Weatherhead – Director, Policy and Projects, Local Government, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
- Frances Paterson-Fleider – Chief Executive Officer, Community Housing Central Australia and Joel Andrew – Director Technical Services, Alice Springs Town Council – land opportunities for affordable housing
- Mparntwe Alice Springs Community Foundation Celebratory Sundowner Event
- Robert Clarke – President, Redtails Pinktails Right Tracks Program and Nicole Battle – Director Community Development, Alice Springs Town Council – discussion on federal funding
- Maree De Lacey – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Territory Regional Growth, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Karen Kennedy – Senior Manager Performance Reporting and Improvement, Power and Water Corporation, Joel Andrew – Director Technical Services, Alice Springs Town Council
- Joseph Kuhn – Senior Director, Industry Strategy, Pallavi Andrade – Senior Project Officer, Industry Strategy, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Northern Territory Government, Joel Andrew – Director Technical Services and Mustafa Durmus – Environment Officer, Alice Springs Town Council – discussion on circular economy
- Bi-monthly catch-up meeting with Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager – Local Government Central Australia, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
- Jim McConville Workout Station Public Opening

8. COMMUNICATIONS UNIT ACTIVITY**Marketing and Communications Office - November 2023**

Council's Marketing and Communications Office actively promotes the vision and values of Council. We display authenticity and respect in all communications from Council, promoting a brighter future for our community while celebrating the unique place of Alice Springs.

Website accuracy and accessibility

Council's Marketing and Communications Unit places a great deal of emphasis on communicating messages to the public through the official Council website. This ensures these messages can be delivered in the most accurate and clear way possible, reducing the risk of incorrect information being distributed. It also reduces dependency on outside organisations driving Council messaging. Directing people directly to the ASTC website has been a key goal of the Marketing and Communications Unit in recent months and we will continue to develop strategies and ideas to enhance this.

With this increased focus comes a need to ensure our website remains up to date with the most current information. The Marketing and Communications Unit will work closely with Managers across Council on a monthly basis to ensure information about their business unit is correct and up to date. This has already led to us successfully identifying areas that needed amendment and we will continue to do so as needed.

We are also aiming to make the website as accessible and easy to navigate as possible. The unit is collaborating with the ICT unit to discuss opportunities to improve website accessibility to ensure residents can easily navigate through important information.

Focusing on more video content

The Marketing and Communications Unit are constantly looking at ways to create more engaging and innovative content to communicate with residents of Alice Springs. An avenue the Unit is currently planning on expanding further is production of video content to both advertise Council programs and events, as well as communicating key information to the wider community as a whole.

Creating more video content will significantly enhance the Unit's ability to market Council in more unique ways, reaching a wider audience on a range of platforms. It gives Council the ability to tailor messages to different demographics in engaging ways, positioning Council as an energetic and enthusiastic organisation.

Video will form part of a range of different marketing initiatives moving forward, both internal and external. We envisage it assisting in recruitment campaigns, team member inductions and specific program/event promotions.

Council Connects

October edition:

- Council distributed approximately 250 printed copies of Council Connects, consistent with previous months. We also continue to encourage distribution through other channels, including NT Government departments as part of our collaborative approach. The October edition had 351 online impressions at time of print.

Facebook & Instagram data – October

A significant uptick in engagement through the month of October can be attributed to increased staffing, resulting in a more strategic and consistent approach to posting. We aim for this to continue moving forward.

Reach:



Page visits:



Website data – October

Council's website had a total of 31,793 page views for the month of October with 10,367 unique users. The homepage, Library page and Jobs page were the top three landing pages within the month. This remains consistent with previous months. The Marketing and Communications unit use Council's website as the primary source of truth for all Council information and as such, monthly audits of content will be conducted. There is also an emphasis within the team to drive members of the community to the website for all Council information to ensure the correct information is accessed by the public.

Landing page	↓ Sessions *****	Users *****	New users *****	Average engagement time per session *****
	16,705 100% of total	10,367 100% of total	9,262 100% of total	6s Avg 0%
1 /	3,619	2,326	1,825	7s
2 /recreation/library	1,783	1,051	988	1s
3 /council/opportunities/jobs	1,098	495	363	5s
4 /recreation/aquatic-leisure-centre	1,001	789	655	9s
5 /about-alice-springs/calendar/alice-springs-rodeo	717	548	502	4s
6 /about-alice-springs/calendar	644	463	320	5s
7 /about-alice-springs/more/a-brief-history	398	318	313	0s
8 /about-alice-springs/council-events/todd-mall-markets	394	272	254	0s
9 /contact-us	358	254	202	8s
10 /about-alice-springs/council-events/night-markets	288	189	150	7s

9. ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil



Andrew Wilsmore
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT

Report No. 217 / 23 cncl

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PRECINCTS AND PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (rPPP)

AUTHOR: ANDREW WILSMORE – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Elected Members to endorse the preparation of an application to the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) that focuses on the development of a Master Plan for the Alice Springs Central Business District.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Council resolve applying to the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program for a grant to develop a Master Plan for the Alice Springs Central Business District.

REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The rPPP application would seek to unlock up to \$5million in grant funding to create an integrated Master Plan for the CBD and require Partnerships with a range of stakeholders.

2. PREVIOUS APPLICABLE RESOLUTIONS

Not Applicable.

3. DISCUSSION

Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) support transformative investment based on the principles of unifying regional places, growing economies and serving communities.

Unlike traditional grant programs, the rPPP will focus on a partnership approach, bringing together governments and communities to deliver regional precincts that are tailored to local needs and have a shared vision for how that precinct connects to the region.

The rPPP is an always open grants process that will provide funding through two grant streams to support both precinct development proposals and the delivery of construction-ready precinct projects.

- Stream One: Precinct development and planning. Grants of between \$500,000 to \$5 million will be available for master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment.
- Stream Two: Precinct delivery. Grants of between \$5 million and \$50 million will be available to help deliver one or more elements of a precinct. It could be enabling infrastructure (roads, pathways, underground infrastructure), public infrastructure, or open spaces between elements or a particular building that activates other investment.

The development of a CBD Masterplan will require an application to be made under Stream One.

The application would seek to create an integrated Master Plan for the CBD and require Partnerships with:

- Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics and the National Aboriginal Art Gallery (NAAG) to ensure a smooth flow of design elements, wayfinding, and lighting from the new gallery through the CBD
- Tourism Central Australia (TCA) and location of a new Visitor Information Centre
- Charles Darwin University (CDU) on both the potential to co-locate a new joint CDU-Alice Springs Council library; and on their plans for a CBD campus
- Uniting Church and additional partners including major property or hotel developer / operator and Todd Mall Traders focusing on combining recommendations from CBD Regenerating Project with development of abutting Uniting Church property and Council property and revisiting previous *Meeting Place* concepts.
- Major health providers (Department of Health / Central Australian Aboriginal Congress) and major sporting codes (Tennis, Hockey, Baseball, Basketball, AFL, Cricket) in exploring the potential expansion of a health precinct into the Traeger Park area and the creation of a new purpose-built sporting precinct with high performance and accommodation facilities.

Once this Plan is developed, Council can then consider which of the elements from the Master Plan should be prioritised and form the basis for an application under Stream Two.

While not all elements of the Master Plan could be funded under Stream Two, the development of an overall Master Plan for the CBD will be instrumental for other grant programs to realise its full potential.

4. **ALIGNMENT WITH ALICE SPRINGS LIVEABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item pertains to relevant components of the *Alice Springs Town Council Liveability and Sustainability Strategic Plan 2030* as follows:

Pillar 4 – Economy

- *Work with the Northern Territory Government on a long-term plan for Alice Springs Town Council to take on an increased role in planning discussions within the municipality.*

5. **FUNDING, WHOLE OF LIFE COSTS & RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS**

It would be anticipated that a Master Plan for the Alice Springs CBD with the number of elements and partnerships proposed would require Council to review the scope and obtain cost estimates to inform the grant application and amount being sought.

The application for the grant requires a substantial amount of work and resourcing to develop. At present, Council is fully committed with the deployment of current team members on executing existing strategy and workplans.

The CEO has asked Manager People & Culture to explore whether a University student may be interested in undertaking this work as part of a placement during the upcoming Semester break. Initial advice from Charles Darwin University has been very positive.

This will allow for the development of an initial draft of the application that can then be further professionally developed with the assistance of Regional Development Australia Northern Territory (RDA NT) who specialise in improving grant applications for maximum success.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The development of a Master Plan for the CBD is expected to garner a wide variety of diverse opinions and ideas. It will be important that Council develop strong positive relationships with key partners and to engage broadly across the community to ensure ratepayers views are incorporated through a consultative approach.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The CBD Master Plan may result in initiatives or ideas that have environmental impacts. In finalising the Plan, these impacts will need to be considered

8. STATUTORY MATTERS / DELEGATIONS

Not Applicable.

9. COUNCIL POLICIES

Not Applicable.

10. STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT / PUBLIC RELATIONS

Key identified partners will need appropriate governance and structures to be developed to aid in Project Management

Public consultation/engagement will be required in the formative/ideation stage and in final commentary on the Draft Master Plan prior to finalisation.

11. CONCLUSION

The rPPP represents a singular moment for Alice Springs to develop and establish a Master Plan for its CBD and connect many disparate ideas and projects into a cohesive single vision to improve the liveability and sustainability of the town.

12. ATTACHMENTS

Nil



Andrew Wilsmore

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT

Report No. 211 / 23 cncl

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

AUTHOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NICOLE BATTLE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides a summary of recent key activities and achievements within the Community Development Directorate.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That this report be received and noted

REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Not applicable

2. PREVIOUS APPLICABLE RESOLUTIONS

Not applicable

3. DISCUSSION

Community & Cultural Development

Halloween Pop-Up Park

On Friday 27 October, Council held a Halloween Themed Pop-Up Park Activation in the Todd Mall and CBD. Approximately 1,000 people attended the event with a significant number of families dressed up in theme for the occasion. The event included a Halloween scavenger hunt with clues that led to local CBD traders and an activation at the library, a roving MC, and best dressed person and pet costumes. There were also arts and crafts and face painting activities for children and a number of pop-up performances including a flash mob dance performance. Positive feedback was received by traders and the community, with many calls for this to become a regular event on the Council calendar.



Yoga in the Mall

On Saturday 28 October, Council held a Yoga in the Mall session to raise funds for the McGrath foundation during October Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The session was facilitated by popular local Yoga teacher, Fiona Gordon, and was attended by 38 yogis on the day. Over \$500 was raised for the McGrath Foundation.

**Men's Minds Matter**

Council has recently commenced a 5-week Men's Minds Matter program to address Men's Mental Health. Conducted within the ASALC indoor gym, sessions include 30-minutes of exercise and 30-minutes of mental wellbeing education, followed by a light lunch. Ten men attended the most recent session, with numbers continuing to grow every week.

Diwali Night Market

On Thursday 9 November, Council held a night market to celebrate the Diwali Festival. Activities included decorating Diya lamps, free Henna tattoos, Bollywood dance workshops and cultural performances. The event culminated in a firework display to celebrate the festival of light. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event, with 35 stalls and over 70 CALD community members participating on the main stage. To date all of the feedback has been extremely positive, with many people indicating that this had been their first time attending a Council Night Market.

Youth Programs

In addition to its regular skatepark and after-school art workshops, the Council Youth team have recently launched a new Lift and Yarn program, focused on attracting young men to participate in exercise and discussions around mental health.

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

Following the recent announcement of free pool entry over the summer school holidays, ASALC has been extremely active in seeking to train and recruit as many new Lifeguards as possible, including the provision of free Bronze Medallion training.

Alice Springs Public Library**Author Talk – Tony Liddle**

On 26 October the Library was excited to host an author talk with Tony Liddle. This highly respected and well-known Territorian introduced the audience to his book “From two-wheel tracks to bitumen highways”, which is an account of Tony’s life in the Territory. His humbleness, humour and dedication to friends, family and the Centre made sure that there was not a dry eye in the room. Alice Springs Public Library is honoured to have his memoir included within the Alice Springs Collection.

**Spooky Storytime**

As a warm up for the Halloween Pop-Up Park, the Library hosted a Spooky Storytime. Dressed up and teaching our specially choreographed skeleton dance to kids and their families in the Library was super fun. They all then headed off to join the entertainment in the Todd Mall.

RoboCup Junior

Another amazing RoboCup Junior Competition in Alice Springs has come to an end! Over forty students from years 3 to 9 recently gathered for the annual RoboCup Junior Competition. These young minds showcased their coding, robotics, teamwork, and sportsmanship skills forming 14 teams to compete in three events. Once again, the Library was instrumental in bringing this event to life along with the dedication of fantastic teachers and volunteers!



Rangers**Current Operations**

Rangers have worked to ensure a prompt response to abandoned vehicles coming into the summer period. During the month of October, Rangers removed 13 vehicles, with several more being removed by their owners following Ranger intervention. With a large number of community events throughout October, Rangers have also been busy helping out wherever possible.

4. **ALIGNMENT WITH ALICE SPRINGS LIVEABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item pertains to relevant components of the *Alice Springs Town Council Liveability and Sustainability Strategic Plan 2030* as follows:

Pillar 1 – Liveability

5. **FUNDING, WHOLE OF LIFE COSTS & RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS**

As per approved budgets. Major expenditure for the quarter most notably included:

Item	Amount Expended
Halloween Pop-Up Event	\$6,700
Diwali Night Market	\$8,300

6. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

As per individual projects and plans

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

As per individual projects and plans

8. **STATUTORY MATTERS / DELEGATIONS**

All work undertaken as per Alice Springs Town Council Register of Delegations Policy

9. **COUNCIL POLICIES**

- Alice Springs Town Council Municipal Plan 2022/203
- Alice Springs Town Council Four-Year Business Plan 2022/23 – 2025/26

10. **STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT / PUBLIC RELATIONS**

As per individual projects and plans

11. **CONCLUSION**

This report has sought to provide Elected Members and residents of Alice Springs with an overview of recent work undertaken by the Community Development Directorate.

12. ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Nicole Battle

DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Agenda Item 28.4.1

REPORT

Report No. 212 / 23 cncl

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL

AUTHOR: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES – JOEL ANDREW

REPORTING PERIOD: AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2023

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

Alice Springs Town Council Water Strategy

The Alice Springs Town Council Water Strategy will provide a framework for more sustainable water use at Council owned facilities. A request for quotation for this project went to Market in November with assessment of responses and award is expected in December 2023.

Greening Strategy

The project is progressing well with consultations taking place in early November 2023. Development of the draft strategy is now underway with the first draft of the strategy expected early in 2024.

Kerbside Recycling Business Case

This project will provide a business case for the implementation of kerbside recycling in Alice Springs. A request for quotation to develop the business case went to market in November. Responses are currently being assessed with award expected in December 2023.

2. INFRASTRUCTURE

Parks Masterplan Review

A draft implementation plan is being prepared for Council endorsement in early 2024. This plan will provide a 5-year program of upgrades to the majority of Council owned parks within Alice Springs.

Parks Upgrades

Work is underway with planning on the new 23/24 FY playgrounds and shade. The current park upgrades for the 2024 FY progressing with tender closing for the works in November.

Regional Skate Park

Consultation on the proposed design has taken place in August and October. The cost estimates of the further developed iteration of design is currently underway.

Madigan Park

The planning application was submitted in May 2023 to sub-divide the park is being reviewed by the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Logistics and Council is awaiting a response.

Masterplan Implementation ASALC

Works have commenced onsite with initial site clearing, set out and excavation taking place. Final aspects of design are being finalised between the Contractor and Council Officers.

Netball Court Resurfacing

The Tender for the resurfacing of the netball Courts has closed and tender assessment are currently underway. The cost received from tender exceeds the budgeted amount for the project and alternative funding options are being investigated. It's expected the tender will be awarded in early December.

Francis Smith Park Pump Track

Council has signed an MOU Central Australian Rough Riders (CARR) and endorsed funding to assist with the development of a mountain bike pump track at Francis Smith Memorial Park. Council Officers are currently working with CARR to develop the designs for the project.

Bar Brothers and Sister Gym

The gym has been installed by Bar Brother and Sisters at Jim McConville Oval and the opening took place on the 24 November. The outdoor gym was provided by Bar Brothers with assistance of a grant from the Northern Territory Government.

CBD

Concept Design Development is underway following the consultation in October. It's expected that the concept designs will be released in late January 2024 with community consultation taking place in February 2024.

CBD Lighting

Final cost for installation of lights in Parson Street have been received and the award of the tender took place in November 2023. Council Officers are working with the Contractor to confirm a start date for the works.

Strengthening Community Safety in Central Australia Grant

Tender for the lighting portion of the project was completed in early November 2023 and awarded in late November. Officers have completed initial letter drop to the neighbours regarding the works at Ross Park and will provide further notice to affected residents and sporting groups prior to the works.

Cromwell Drive Stormwater Rectification

This project was completed in early November 2023 which rectifies an ongoing drainage issue in the affected area of Cromwell Drive.

Tennis Court resurfacing

Tender documents and design specification are currently being developed for 6 Courts.

ASALC Plant Maintenance

Following a inspection of any asbestos within the ASALC plant rooms, the tender for maintenance of the ASALC pool plant equipment went to market for in mid-November 2023. Submissions will be assessed with award planned in Mid-December.

Sealing of Jane Road

Design specification and tender documents are being prepared with plans to tender the works once funding for the project is secured.

Ross Park – Dog Park

The consultation for the Ross Park dog fencing at the western end of the park took place on 2 November 2023 with good attendance from residents, dog owners and sporting groups. A report summarising the feedback on the proposed fence and recommendation of next steps will be presented to Council at the December Ordinary Council Meeting.

Swings Replacement

Swings identified for replacement have arrived in town and are currently being installed.

Cemetery Niche Wall

Alice Springs Garden Cemetery niche walls has limited free spaces. Council staff are working to recertify the existing niche wall design in preparation of tender of the 2 new walls in February 2024.

Depot Amenities Upgrades

Depot facilities are tired and in need of replacement. Council officers are undertaking design to refresh the lunchroom and toilets within the Depot.

Disaster Ready Fund Grant Funding

The second round of the Disaster Ready Grant Fund has opened. Officer are working on a grant proposal to upgrade some vacant office space at the Depot to provide business continuity in the event staff couldn't work in the Civic Centre.

3. RWMF

RWMF Masterplan

Quotations on the peer review of the masterplan have been received and awarded and the peer review is underway.

Work is underway on the scope for the RWMF Long Term Financial Plan which go to market once the peer review has been completed.

RWMF Machinery

The new machinery for the RWMF arrived in early October 2023. The efficiency gains of the larger plant are already noticeable around the facility.



RWMF – Hazard Chemical storage facility

Work is underway to improve the compliance and efficiency of the Hazard Chemical Storage Facility at the RWMF and this work is expected to be complete in first quarter of 2024.

RWMF – Kerbing repairs/ signage upgrade

Maintenance work is underway to repair and improve the RWMF including kerbing and signage. This work is being done by the Council's Concrete Crew from the Depot.

RWMF Line-marking

A number of Council facilities are getting renewed line marking to improve safety for both staff and visitors. This includes the RWMF which will have line marking completed in early 2024.

4. DEPOT

Todd and Charles River

Council works crews have been underway with cutting grass away from larger and significant trees within the Todd and Charles River. This work is still ongoing but the majority of larger trees have now been addressed. Crews are also focusing on cutting the grass back across the banks and islands of the river and this is being undertaken in conjunction with Corrections works crews.

Stormwater Side Entry Pits

The Depot Concrete Crew is working to renovate a number of failed stormwater side entry pits across town. This work is ongoing, but crews have had success in addressing the majority of the pits identified in an audit earlier in the year.

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

Attachment A: Manager Infrastructure Report
Attachment B: Manager Works Report
Attachment C: Manager Regional Waste Management Facility Report
Attachment D: Manager Developments Report
Attachment E: Environment Report



Joel Andrew
DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

ATTACHMENT A

TO: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES – JOEL ANDREW

AUTHOR: MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE - STEPHEN BALOBAN

SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: AUGUST 2023 – NOVEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a quarterly review of the Infrastructure unit within the Technical Services Directorate.

1 PROJECT PLANNER**CURRENT MAJOR PROJECTS**

PROJECT	BUDGET / FUNDING	STATUS	COMPLETION DATE
A. Sub-divide and Upgrade Madigan Park	\$104k	Awaiting Land and Planning response to Council's Planning Application made in May 23.	July 2024
B. Reinvigorating the Alice Town Centre Concept Design	\$20M	Concept design options being prepared by designers, Jensen Plus.	April 2024
C. Stormwater at Ragonesi Road	RTR funding	Procurement underway for design of stormwater system to rectify a surface flooding issue.	November 2024
D. Tennis Court resurface	TBF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design investigations underway with tender expected in January 2024. - On 31 October 2023 advised they are requesting additional funding from Tennis Australia for remaining 4 courts 	August 2024
E. Community park including skate park	\$7.2m (Est.)	Concept design costing being prepared.	May 2025
F. Cromwell Drive stormwater upgrade	Grant RTR	Works to be completed in early November 2023	November 2023
G. CBD Street lighting upgrade	Grant \$500k	Revised tender for the Parson St lights received and awarded	July 2024
H. Regional playground at ASALC	Grant + Council funded \$2M	Works have commenced onsite with set out and site preparation progressing.	March 2024

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I. Parks Masterplan	\$64k	Parks Implementation Plan draft complete and final version expected to go to Council in February 2024 for endorsement.	Feb 2024
J. Lions Walk Anzac Hill	\$25k	Anzac Hill walking track from Wills Terrace to Cenotaph path classification and assessment has been completed. Procurement of contractor has been completed and confirming that existing AAPA Certificate for the site covers proposed works.	March 2024
K. Upgrade safety within Alice Springs	\$2.8M Grant	Tender for lighting currently being assessed with award in December 2023. Fencing tender expected to be released in December 2023 for fencing upgrades.	Dec 2024
L. ASALC Plant rooms	ASALC budget	Tender released in mid-November for works.	June 2024
M. Road Reseal	\$650k	Tender being prepared for procurement in January 2024	May 2024
N. Parks Upgrades FY23/24	\$433k	Procurement underway with tender closing on 30 November 2023	Aug 2024
O. Cemetery Niche Wall	\$200k	Recertification of existing Niche Wall Design. Procurement documents being prepared for tender in January 2024	May 2024

* Denotes further information provided on this project within Section 3 Directorate Update

COMPLETED PROJECTS / TASKS August 2023 to November 2023

PROJECT	LOCATION	TASK
A. Park Shade Structures	Various locations	Install 13 shade structures in various parks



Stephen Baloban
MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

ATTACHMENT B

TO: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES – JOEL ANDREW

AUTHOR: MANAGER WORKS – PHILIP FEAVER

SUBJECT: WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a quarterly review of the Works department within the Technical Services Directorate.

1 STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Pillar 1: Liveability

Continue to develop, maintain and renew Council-owned assets that encourage active lifestyles.

MEASURE	FY 23/24 PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Any faults presenting a safety issue immediately sectioned off to prevent public access	Notification filtered through to the depot, team respond immediately understanding the risks the community	Target being achieved
Parks and sporting ovals mowed once weekly in warmer months. In cooler months, parks once per month and sporting ovals fortnightly	In line with Mowing schedules and hierarchy of parks.	Target being achieved
Irrigation leaks repaired within 24 hours	On-call officers, action accordingly based on notification.	Target being achieved
Playground inspections carried out	In-line with daily Parks services	Included in zoned maintenance
Keep Memorial Cemetery to an acceptable standard in conjunction with heritage guidelines	Memorial Cemetery high traffic areas are maintained.	Target being achieved
Maintain all flora and fauna within the Anzac Hill precinct weekly	In-line with Mowing schedules and hierarchy of parks.	Target being achieved
Maintain trees of significance and heritage identification	Conducting comprehensive tree audit to feed into tree maintenance planning.	Included in zoned maintenance

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Pillar 3: Environment

Investigate opportunities to improve regional waste, sewerage and water systems, including food waste and recycling.

MEASURE	FY 23/24 PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Annual oval renovations carried out (verti-drain and scarifying)	Carried out after season changes and before major events	Renovations completed on time
Water use regularly monitored and efficiencies identified	Water managed according to temperatures and park usages.	Water usage monitored by Council staff
Rainbird irrigation system maintained across all Council sites	Ongoing maintenance	All sites monitored and repairs and maintenance carried out
Flow rates set up by staff and monitored on Rainbird irrigation system	Completed	Flow rates monitored weekly

Develop and implement a greening strategy for Alice Springs.

MEASURE	FY 23/24 PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Weeds maintained in Todd and Charles river annually	In line with AAPA clearances and Todd River Management groups.	Mexican Poppy inspection monthly. Some small outbreaks identified and monitored
Litter collected daily from Todd River (weekly in Charles River)	In line with Daily Municipal services	Target being achieved
60 trees per month planted throughout the municipality	Greening Strategy to inform	On-hold
Verge trees watered weekly	On track	2 trucks currently operating

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Pillar 5: Governance & Civic

MEASURE	FY 23/24 PROGRESS	
All Incident Report Form actions completed	On track	Actions completed as required
Monthly toolbox Meetings held with 'safety' standing item	Meetings scheduled for remainder of FY24.	Team Leaders have monthly tool box meetings. WHS Officers assisting with format.
Depot risk management plan reviewed- Ongoing	Ongoing	All works to be completed during warmer months by all team leaders
Review safety procedures, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and Job Safety and Environmental Analysis (JSEA) documents and update as required	SOP's reviewed Ongoing	Team leaders and HSR to undertake reviews and training programs Environmental officer WHS officers assisting with format
All required reports submitted by due dates	On track	Reports submitted on time.
Quarterly review of Depot income and expenditure carried out	Quarter 2 review underway	Depot completes monthly budget reviews.

Increasing utilisation and maintenance of Alice Springs Town Council assets.

MEASURE	FY 23/24 PROGRESS	COMMENTS
All footpaths comply with Australian Safety	Design and construction in line with Australian Standards	All works completed are to Australian Standard
Emergency potholes repaired within 2 working days	In line with Council Neat Streets response time	Works completed in timeframe
All damage to road infrastructures is repaired. All non-emergencies are prioritised and added to scheduled works.	On track, rolling zone maintenance works plan	Works prioritised through rolling zone maintenance program

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Roads and road shoulders maintained as per the maintenance program.	Rural Road shoulders maintained 6-monthly or as required	Completed as per programmed maintenance
CBD streets swept by street sweeper 5 days per week.	In line with daily Municipal Services	Targets being achieved
Each suburban street swept a minimum of once per quarter	In line with weekly Municipal Services	Targets being achieved
Facilities maintained as per appropriate conservation management plans	Implemented in line with conservation management plan maintenance schedules	In-line with zoned maintenance program

2 PROJECT PLANNER

Works projects are separated between daily, operational, scheduled works, capital projects, and reactive works.

DAILY MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

- Facilities Maintenance
- Street/Footpath Cleaning and Sweeping
- Footpath Maintenance Program
- Concrete Repairs
- Municipal Grading Works
- Litter Control
- Waste Disposal
- Fleet Maintenance
- Municipal Bitumen Repair Works
- Graffiti Control
- Event Support
- Line Marking
- Municipal Service Supervisor 24 hour on-call duties bi-weekly
- Neat Streets

DAILY PARKS AND GARDENS:

- Municipal Mowing (Parks and Verges)
- CBD Cleaning and Maintenance
- Ovals Mowing
- Weed Spraying
- Cemetery Works
- Cricket and Oval Works
- Tree Maintenance, Removal and Watering and Reactive
- Playgrounds Maintenance and Reactive

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- Irrigation Maintenance and Reactive
- Banner Installs when required (Tree Crew)
- Parks and Gardens Supervisor 24 hour on-call duties bi-weekly
- Neat Streets

CAPITAL - MUNICIPAL SERVICES

PROJECT	LOCATION	STATUS	COMPLETION DATE
Side Entry Pit Lid Repairs	Municipality	Audit completed February 2023. 40 stormwater side entry pits identified requiring lid + lintel replacement. Lintel stock arrived mid-April. Concrete crew to start May 2023 40% completed	March 2024

PROJECT	LOCATION	STATUS	COMPLETION DATE
New Footpath Francis Smith Park from Kurrajong Dve to Burke st	Francis Smith Park near Community Garden	New footpath identified, high foot and bicycle traffic between Kurrajong + Burke Street. Awaiting final Mountain Bike Pump Track Design for coordination.	December 2023
Footpath Extension Between Van Senden Ave and Larapinta Dve	Van Senden Ave	New footpath extension identified between Van Senden Ave and Larapinta Dve. Due to commence November 2023	December 2023
Todd River Flood Gate Repairs	Todd River crossings	Infrastructure auditing boom gates for repair or replacement.	December 2023

CAPITAL - PARKS AND GARDENS

PROJECT	LOCATION	STATUS	COMPLETION DATE
Irrigation Audit and Update	All irrigated areas	Irrigation monitored weekly with work undertaken as required. All irrigation controller routers to be upgraded to the 4G network before June 2024	June 2024 Deadline for existing 3G service Ongoing 40% complete
Rural Slashing	Rural	Slashing recommenced May 2023 New Kubota Tractor ordered within 22/23 budget to replace written off vehicle – 12 to 18month wait	Ongoing
Verge Mowing	Municipality	School areas, parks and main connector road verges prioritised. NT Corrections engaged.	Ongoing Zoned Maintenance within precincts

3 DIRECTORATE UPDATES**DEPOT EVENT IN-KIND SUPPORT**

A total of 23 events supported between 1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023.

MONTH	PUBLIC EVENTS
JULY 2023	Yirara College
	Naidoc community day
	CADRA
	Territory Day
AUGUST 2023	Freedom of Entry parade
	Henley on Todd
	Winter chill
	Run Larapinta
	Red Centre Nats
	ASMCC 2023
SEPTEMBER 2023	IPSC 2023
	Bush Bands Bash
	Iberoamerican
	Desert Song Festival
TOTAL EVENTS	14
MONTH	INTERNAL EVENTS
JULY 2023	FIFI Womens' World Cup
	Artship Youth mural
	ASTC Show
AUGUST 2023	NT Youth round table
	Reconciliation Week pop-up cinema
	NT Writers Week
SEPTEMBER 2023	Desert festival
	NT Writers Week
TOTAL EVENTS	11

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NEAT STREETS**JULY 2023:**

Notifications	49 NEATSTREETS RECEIVED IN JULY
46	ASTC Depot responsibility (17 completed by the Depot team)
2	Ranger responsibility
0	Technical Services
1	NT Government responsibility
0	Telstra responsibility
0	Power & Water
0	Private Property
0	Crown Land

AUGUST 2023:

Notifications	57 NEATSTREETS RECEIVED IN AUGUST
43	ASTC Depot responsibility (14 completed by the Depot team)
5	Ranger responsibility
0	Technical Services
3	NT Government responsibility
0	Telstra responsibility
4	Power & Water
1	Private Property
1	Crown Land

SEPTEMBER 2023:

Notifications	95 NEATSTREETS RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER
85	ASTC Depot responsibility (34 completed by the Depot team)
8	Ranger responsibility
0	NT Government responsibility
2	Technical Services
0	Telstra responsibility
0	Power & Water
0	Private Property
0	Crown Land

*Some data may vary due to new staff being trained in the Neat Street System.

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TREES

Month	Planted	Removed*
JULY 2023	0	3
AUGUST 2023	4	18
SEPTEMBER 2023	1	23

*Awaiting Greening Strategy

SMART BIN COLLECTIONS

Month	Anzac Hill	Todd Mall	McCoy Park
JULY 2023	3	2	0
AUGUST 2023	4	2	0
SEPTEMBER 2023	3	2	1

VEHICLE PLANT REPLACEMENT

2022/2023 Vehicle replacement, purchase orders completed.

2 x TOYOTA RAV4 GXL-2WD HYBRID – CIVIC CENTRE

2 X TOYOTA HILUX SR DUAL CAB 4X4 TRAYBACK UTE - RANGERS 1 X RECIEVED

2 X KUBOTA F3690SN-72 DECK MOWER – DEPOT

1 X ISUZU NLR45-150 AMT MWB – DEPOT

1 x LE70-920 FIELDQUIP SLASHER – DEPOT

1 X CAVALLUCCIO SAND SIFTING MACHINE – DEPOT RECEIVED

1 X KUBOTA M8540 TRACTOR – DEPOT

1 X HYDRALADA 802 MAXI ELEVATED PLATFORM – DEPOT RECEIVED



Philip Feaver
MANAGER WORKS

ATTACHMENT C

TO: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES – JOEL ANDREW

AUTHOR: MANAGER REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY - OLIVER ECLIPSE

SUBJECT: REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JULY 2023 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a quarterly review of the Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF) unit within the Technical Services Directorate.

1. STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Pillar 3: Environment

Investigate opportunities to improve regional waste, sewerage and water systems, including food waste and recycling

MEASURE	FY 23/24 PROGRESS	COMMENTS
20% of recyclable waste presented is processed and sorted	Tracking at 15% through Q1	Options for increased recycling being reviewed.
10% of items salvaged for resale and reuse at Tip Shop	On track	Salvaging crew is meeting it requires percentage. Transfer station team working well in finding items.
Incorporating ASTC Media team to inform and educate the community about RWMF	Multiple Media platforms engaged through Q1	Keeping the Media team up to date with RWMF operations and information for the public. (Good news stories)
19% Total recycling rate achieved (measured in tonnage)	Tracking at 15% through Q1	Options for increased recycling being reviewed.
RWMF complex to progress against Master Site Plan	Ongoing	Progress is being made with Stage 4, Stage 5 is being cleared and preparing.
Mapping and surveying of RWMF is in line with EPA and licensing requirements	4 out of 5 drone flights are completed	Survey has been Completed by FYEY. GPS of Existing landfill foot. Ongoing surveys to determine volume of landfill being undertaken.

Adhering to EPA licensing conditions	Adhering to Licensing EPL206	Licensing conditions are being followed.
Appropriate RWMLFEMP addendums updated as required	Update when required	Required update will be made as required.

Pillar 5: Governance & Civic

MEASURE	FY 23/24 PROGRESS	COMMENTS
All Incident Report Form actions completed	All incident actions completed Ongoing	Actions are completed
Monthly toolbox Meetings held with 'safety' standing item	11 meetings out of 12 have occurred. Meetings scheduled for remainder of FY23/24	Meetings held with; Top crew, Bottom crew and All Staff meetings being held each month.
Review safety procedures, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and Job Safety and Environmental Analysis (JSEA) documents and update as required	7 JSEA's reviewed in Q1	These are live documents and with a new WHS officer these will continue to be reviewed.
75% of customer feedback received is positive	Out of 90,044 people across the weighbridge during this quarter, only 3 customers were unsatisfied.	A new QR system has been put in place to help measure this KPI. All customer feedback considered, and addressed as appropriate.
Customer feedback form in Re-discovery centre	Out of 23 QR transactions at the Rediscovery Centre and W/B. 20 people left feedback and was all positive.	A new QR system has been put in place to help measure this. Started 23.6.21
Training needs for customer facing staff identified	This has been identified and working with People and Culture to organise	Training is provided when required. Fire Wardens/ First Aids up/HSR training up to date.
All required reports submitted by due dates	On Track to due dates	Quarterly reports provided for Ordinary Council. Data is added and submitted by due dates.
Quarterly review of RWMF income and expenditure carried out	Reviews are regularly carried out.	Monthly budget meeting is held. (@ RWMF) Refer to section 4 Detailed Analysis in Q1
RWMF income matches or exceeds expenditure	Income is Exceeding by 2% Q1	Rediscovery Centre income is lower than estimated due to low staff numbers. Shop is now Closed Mon-Tues.

Re-discovery Centre increased by 10% per annum	Re-discovery Centre tracking at 2% through Q1	Rediscovery Centre is tracking well at this time. But will not make 10% increase due to lower staff numbers
Scheduled maintenance carried out as per manufacturers maintenance schedules	Maintenance is scheduled and Ongoing. 3 pieces of machinery need constant repairs due to age. Tipper, 928 Loader, Salvaging truck. 2 New pieces of machinery have arrived.	Schedules are in place and being followed. Daily checks are being carried out and servicing at hours required. Old machines work 7 day per week.

2. DIRECTORATE UPDATE

This report provides an update of current waste management and recycling initiatives and projects, by financial year. Reporting dates are from the 1 Jul 2023 to 30 Jun 2024.

CARDBOARD:

Table 1: Total month by month recycled cardboard

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total Cardboard</i>
<i>Jul 2023</i>	<i>24.1 Tonnes</i>
<i>Aug 2023</i>	<i>0 Tonnes</i>
<i>Sep 2023</i>	<i>22.70 Tonnes</i>

* No Cardboard bailed in Aug due to bailer being out of action and staff shortages.

STEEL:

Table 2: Total month by month recycled steel

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total Steel</i>
<i>Jul 2023</i>	<i>1.4 Tonnes</i>
<i>Aug 2023</i>	<i>8.28 Tonnes</i>
<i>Sep 2023</i>	<i>1.96 Tonnes</i>

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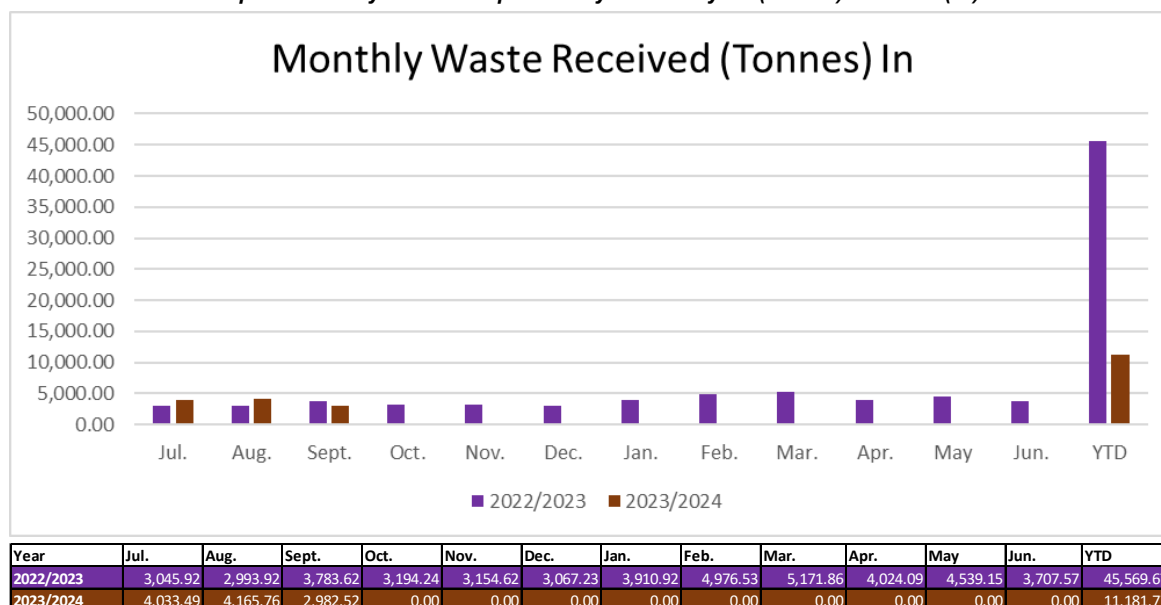
Table 3: Total month by month recycled 10c containers

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total 10c Containers</i>
<i>Jul 2023</i>	<i>2.01 Tonnes</i>
<i>Aug 2023</i>	<i>10.11 Tonnes</i>
<i>Sep 2023</i>	<i>1.92 Tonnes</i>

WEIGHBRIDGE WASTE - FINANCIAL YEAR:

A total of 11,181.77 Tonnes of waste (including clean fill) was collected at the RWMF and a total of 1,732.61 was recycled out Table (6)

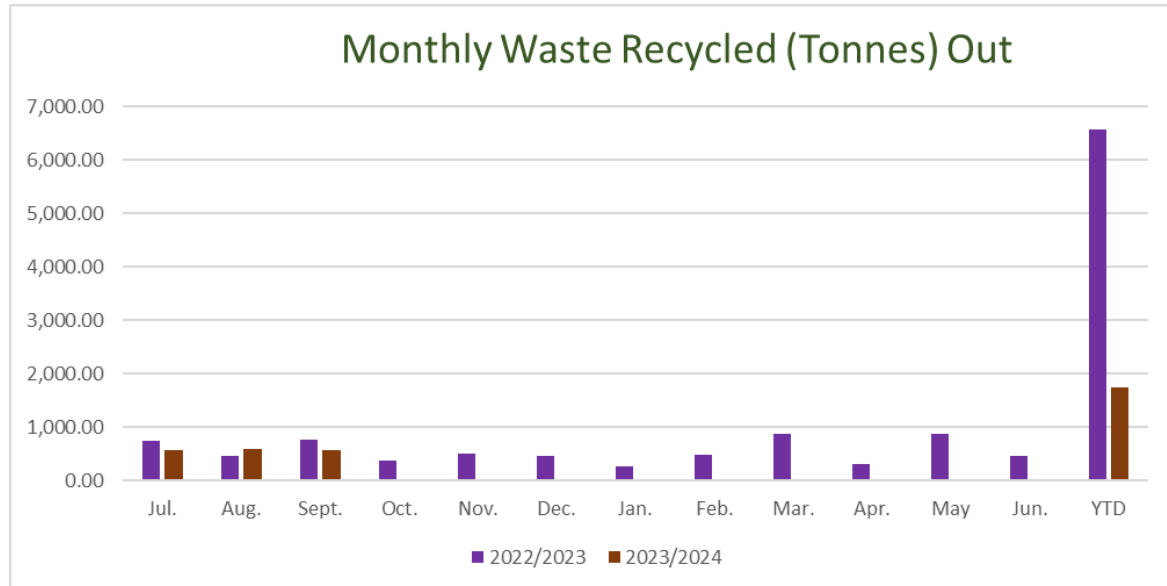
Graph 1: Monthly waste comparison by financial year (tonnes) received (IN)



Monthly waste recycled IN - current year to date	2023 / 24	11,181.77 Tonnes
Same period previous year (total previous year):	2022 / 23	9,823.46 Tonnes

Table 6: Recycling totals through the weighbridge during the financial year (see also Graph 2)

Financial Year	Tonnes
July 2023 to June 2024	1,732.61
July 2022 to June 2023	6,581.45

Graph 2: Monthly waste comparison by financial year (tonnes) recycled (OUT)

Year	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	YTD
2022/2023	739.99	450.34	770.14	381.37	510.84	457.48	265.24	486.26	879.55	310.91	874.49	454.84	6,581.45
2023/2024	563.01	591.46	578.14	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,732.61

WEIGHBRIDGE WASTE AND RECYCLING TOTALS – MONTHLY COMPARISON:

A total of 11,181.77 Tonnes of waste (including clean fill) was collected, of which 15% of waste was recycled out from 1 July 2023 to Jun 2024

Table 8: Monthly comparison of waste totals Jul 2022 - Jun 2023 and Jul 2023 - Jun 2024.

	Jul-22		Aug-22		Sep-22		Jul-23		Aug-23		Sep-23	
	Tonnes IN	Tonnes OUT	Tonnes IN	Tonnes OUT	Tonnes IN	Tonnes OUT	Tonnes IN	Tonnes OUT	Tonnes IN	Tonnes OUT	Tonnes IN	Tonnes OUT
Animal Carcass	0.53		0.55		0.42		0.44		0.52		0.41	
Asbestos	4.94		5.62		3.12		11.24		17.12		6.48	
Building Material		13.67				8.84		7.16		13.11		78.28
Cardboard & Paper	42.8		37.18	46.48	41.88		18.14	24.1	25.72		46.72	22.7
Chemicals	0.23				0.04		0.04	3.36	0.44		0.29	5.22
Clean Fill	219.13	410.18	258.15	257.32	1,037.97	591.19	738.94	345.45	410.42	233.49	468.07	11.63
Concrete	394.84		252.21		197.24		627.13		632.7		321.9	
Container Deposit		1.46		1.45		1.57		2.01		10.11		1.92
Council Supported			0.24		35.76		10.52		0.4		0.08	
Demolition Materials	578.42		505.72		605.89		806.66		1257.67		501.78	
Domestic Bins	535.22		617.38		580.07		545.56		601.16		537.56	
Drop off Zone* (Shop)		4.6		12.39		6.31		14.31		19.62		16.67
Electronic waste	9.17		15.59	10.54	19.92		12.72		18.54		10.52	
FOGO						34.44			0.12			
Glass **		11.28	6.78	3.18	5.1	8	13.64	14.06	3.95	11.46	4.33	11.3
Green Waste	90.34	210	127.67	100	132.76	111	112.95	100	66.22	80.11	78.18	376
Household Goods		6.17	3.55	12.32		5.23	2.95	3.24		8.08		12.66
Liquid Waste	146.82	66.04	75.84		122.3		109.16	29.84	125.98	205.1	105.2	36.52
Mattresses	5.16		10.64		9.06		8.32		8.28		9.56	
Metals ***	48.44	2.81	39.44	2.14	34.7	2.3	48.59	1.4	84.83	8.28	32.24	1.96
Mixed Waste ****	932.26		977.39		922.06		922.18		899.28		840.73	
Paint												1.76
Timber & Pallets	35.48	13.78	46.86	4.52	32.34	1.26	40.86	18.08	11.11	1.78	16.79	1.52
Tyres	2.14		13.11		2.99		3.45		1.3	0.32	1.68	
Total	3,045.92	739.99	2,993.92	450.34	3,783.62	770.14	4,033.49	563.01	4,165.76	591.46	2,982.52	578.14
Total minus clean fill	2,826.79		2,735.77		2,745.65		3,294.55		3,755.34		2,514.45	
Percentage recycled		24.29%		15.04%		20.35%		13.96%		14.20%		19.38%

Key:

* Drop off Zone - Goods dropped off by the public at the Rediscovery Centre

** Glass Categories

*** Metal categories - include other categories (e.g. whitegoods etc.)

**** Mixed Waste - includes other categories (e.g. confidential burial; food surrender; transfer station, general waste; street clean, contaminated rocks)

***** Timber & Pallets includes other categories (e.g. Firewood)

***** Building Material includes other categories (e.g. Salvaging)

Yellow Highlights is to show Recycled good out from RWMF

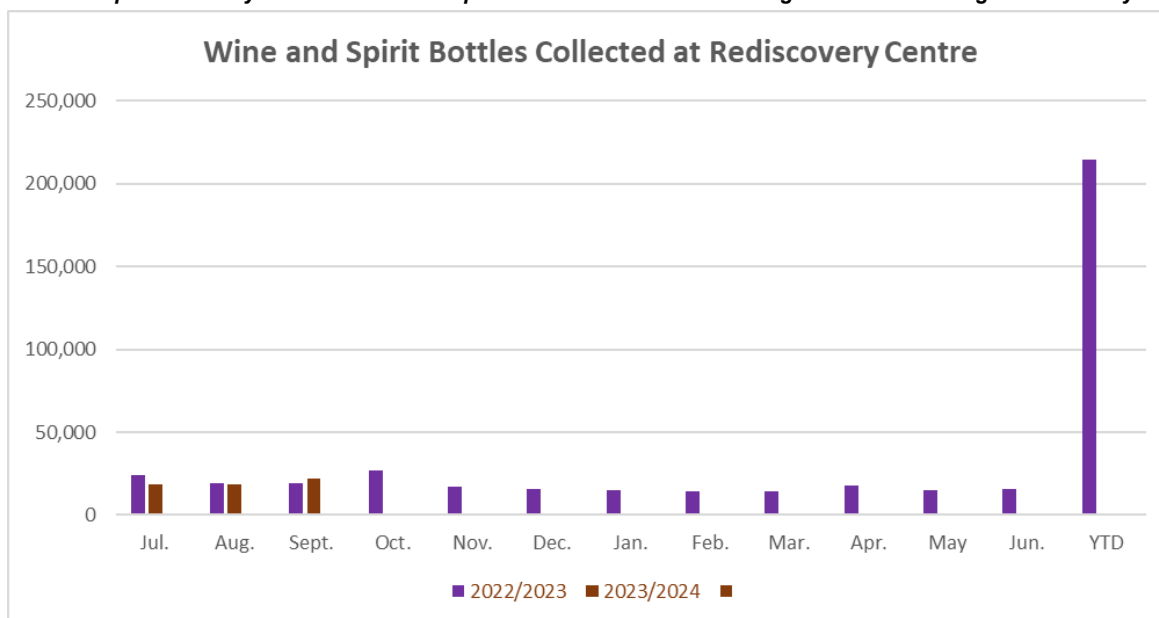
Blue Highlight is to show an abnormally in waste amount in RWMF

CASH-FOR-CONTAINERS:

This graph provides a total for the number of Wine and Spirit bottles collected at the Regional Waste Management Facility between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and compares the results to the last financial year (Graph 3).

The wine bottles are crushed and used as part of Council's projects.

Graph 3: Monthly totals of wine and spirit bottles collected at the Regional Waste Management Facility



Year	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	YTD
2022/2023	23,959	19,204	19,204	27,083	17,078	15,503	15,317	14,002	14,611	18,089	14,956	15,792	214,798
2023/2024	18,592	18,293	22,017										

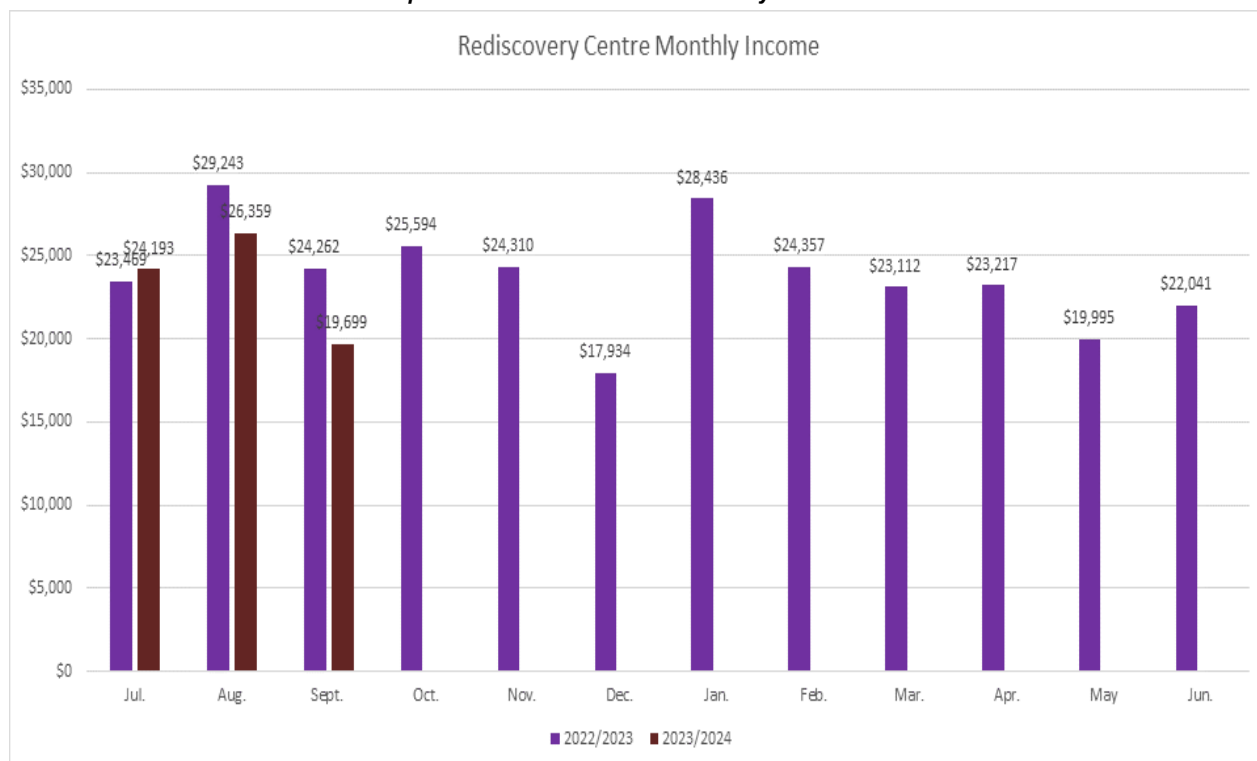
Bottles collected - current year to date:	2023 / 24	58,902 Bottles
Same period previous year (total previous year):	2022 / 23	214,798 Bottles

REDISCOVERY CENTRE:

The graph below (Graph 4) shows \$70,251 income at the Rediscovery Centre for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, compared to \$76,974 for the same period in 2022/23.

Total stock intake at the Rediscovery Centre for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 was 163.19 Tonnes.

Graph 4: Income from the Rediscovery Centre



Year	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	YTD
2022/2023	\$23,469	\$29,243	\$24,262	\$25,594	\$24,310	\$17,934	\$28,436	\$24,357	\$23,112	\$23,217	\$19,995	\$22,041	\$285,970
2023/2024	\$24,193	\$26,359	\$19,699										

Income from the Rediscovery Centre (year to date):	2023 / 24	\$70,251
Same period previous year (year to date):	2022 / 23	\$76,974

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MANAGER REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

ATTACHMENT D

TO: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES – JOEL ANDREW

AUTHOR: DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER – GEETH HERATH

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS DEPARTMENT REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: AUGUST 2023 – OCTOBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a quarterly review of the Development business unit within the Technical Services Directorate.

1 PROJECT PLANNER

The timelines are governed by the DCA as per the Planning Act and the type of application lodged with the planning team. All Development applications have a default response timeframe of 14 days which is the minimum period of advertisement for a development application. All Exceptional Development applications to be considered by the Minister have a default response time frame of 28 days which is the minimum period of advertisement for an exceptional development application.

2 DIRECTORATE UPDATE

3.1 Major Development Works – Currently Under Construction

- 3.1.1 Kilgariff Subdivision - Stage 2 application has been referred to council and construction is underway. This has been lodged by Land Development Corporation as the developers. Future stages are being negotiated as a part of the Kilgariff Masterplan through DIPL. – *Ongoing development*
- 3.1.2 Lot 9914 – 127 Todd Street - proposed development is for the new Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Offices, medical clinic and child care centre – *Ongoing Development*.
- 3.1.3 Lot 4565 – 10 Speed Street - Alterations and additions to an existing Leisure and Recreation facility (Alice Springs Leisure and Aquatic Centre) – *Ongoing Development*.

3.2 Major Development Work – This Reporting Period

- 3.2.1 Lots 666, 667, 668 - 43, 45, 47 Gap Road - 36 x 2 bed room multiple dwellings in 6 x 3 storey buildings to be constructed in 2 stages – *Pending status - 117: Appeal by a third party in respect of Dev App (superseded 31.07.20)*
- 3.2.2 Lot 2663, 19 South Terrace - Revised application for 30 x 3-bedroom multiple dwellings in 1 and 2 storey townhouses in 3 stages. Building construction has commenced – *Ongoing development*
- 3.2.3 Lot 9107 – 112 Barrett Drive – Staged redevelopment & expansion of hotel, casino and entertainment complex and 235 dwellings-multiple in buildings of up to 5 storeys – *Ongoing Planning Application*
- 3.2.4 Lot 6916 – 86 Sturt Terrace - Caravan Park (Cabins) extension to an existing hotel (Mercure Alice Springs Resort)

- 3.2.5 Lot 9305 – 60 South Terrace – Caravan Park (Cabins) extension to an existing hotel/caravan park (Gap View Hotel)

3.3 Minor Development Work – This reporting period

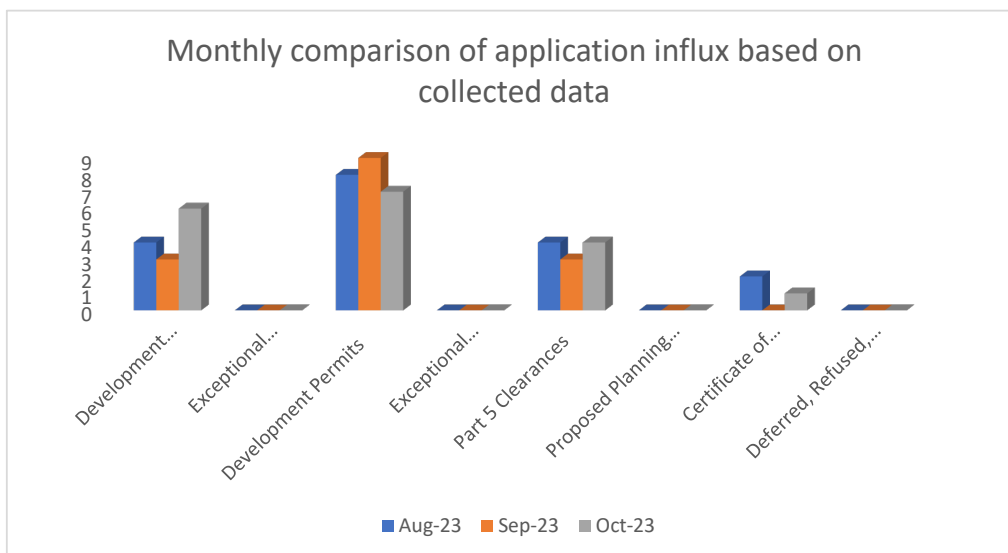
The Minor Development activities typically carports, sheds, subdivisions, house extensions, and rezone projects there has been 24 permits issued for these activities from August 2023 to October 2023 which reflect a commitment to enhancing residential development. These endeavors collectively contribute to a more functional, aesthetically pleasing, and adaptable environment that caters to the developing needs of the community.

Detailed Analysis

The tracking table below provides an update of development activity in the last 3 months from *August 2023 to October 2023*.

Type of Application	Count
Development Applications	13
Exceptional Development Applications	0
Development Permits	24
Exceptional Development Permits	0
Part 5 Clearances	11
Proposed Planning Scheme Amendments	0
Certificate of Compliance	3
Deferred, Refused, Concurrent/ Others	0
Total	51

The chart below provides a monthly overview of development activity in the previous 3 months.



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During the previous three months, there were no notable concerns regarding development activity as only minor developments have been approved.

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Geeth Herath

DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

ATTACHMENT E

TO: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES – JOEL ANDREW

AUTHOR: MUSTAFA DURMUS, ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT OFFICER QUARTERLY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a quarterly review of the Environment unit within the Technical Services Directorate for Quarter 1, July – September.

1. DISCUSSION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Council Officers organised an event on Saturday 16 September 2023 to contribute to Great Spring Clean-Up. Approximately 45 participants started to walk from Council lawns through Todd Mall, Parsons Street, Todd River and arrived back to Council Lawns. Council provided all the equipment for participants to successfully collect +50 bags of litter.
- Environment Officer organised a home composting workshop on Saturday 26 August 2023 at Eastside Community Garden as part of the Green Living Subsidy Program. Approximately 20 people contributed to the workshop.
- Environment Officer was invited to an ordinary meeting of the Rotary Club of Alice Springs to talk about recycling options in Alice Springs. Club members had an informative morning about how to increase their recycling contribution.
- East Side Community Garden approached Council to help building of the new 'kids area' at the garden and Council contributed 3.28t of logs to the project.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

1. The contract for Alice Springs Greening Strategy has been awarded with the consultant undertaking the first site visit. The community engagement agenda was prepared with the following sessions taken place in November:
 - Sunday 12 November – General public and families workshop
 - Monday 13 November – Traditional Owners meeting, practitioners meeting, general public meeting
 - Tuesday 14 November – Elected Members Forum
2. The Environment Officer has worked with Power and Water Corporation to move from paperless billing for water which saves high amount of paper and work load. This should also assist Council to more accurately track water consumption.
3. Council Officers undertook an initiative and had an internal Clean-Up event on the river with a pizza gathering following on Friday 8 September 2023.

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4. The Environment Officer recently attended the Waste Expo Australia conference as an opportunity to gain insight into waste practices in the industry. Officer made connections from different councils and waste industry professionals. Key points of the Expo were:
- Contamination in FOGO waste is a nationwide problem and ways to reduce the contamination.
 - Gained knowledge about locations, bin size, location numbers, promotion details, contamination and odor reduction methods from Port Phillip City Council's Communal FOGO Hubs project.
 - Gained knowledge about facility that was built as part of the Merri-Bek Council's 4th Kerbside Bin Implementation Project. Discussed education and communication methods, encountered problems prior and during the project, system for bin allocation.
 - Gained knowledge of City of Holdfast's successful Green Living Subsidy Programs that has potential to be success in Alice Springs like Cool Roof (rebate for switching from dark to light roof for heat reflection) and EV charger as well as reasonably uncontaminated FOGO collection (Education and communication).
 - Develop an understanding of the suppliers and services available related to Alice Springs Town Council waste management initiatives.
 - Increased understanding of waste hierarchy.
 - Gained understanding of waste reduction practices like charities' and 2nd hand material companies' role, campaigns and how ASTC can contribute to waste reduction like running a waste reduction campaigns, support charities.

Cash for Containers

As noted below, Council's Cash for Wine and Spirit Bottles recycling scheme continues to be a success.

Recycling	Q1 23-24 FY
Cash for wine (t)	30.92
Car batteries (kg)	8444
Household batteries (kg)	168.4
Mobile phones (kg)	3.2
Floro tubes (ea)	1362
Printer cartridge (kg)	447.9
Firewood out (t)	9.8
Crushed glass out (kg)	97
Metals recycled (kg)	2012

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Water

Council's water consumption showed 22% decrease compared to the Q1 FY22-23

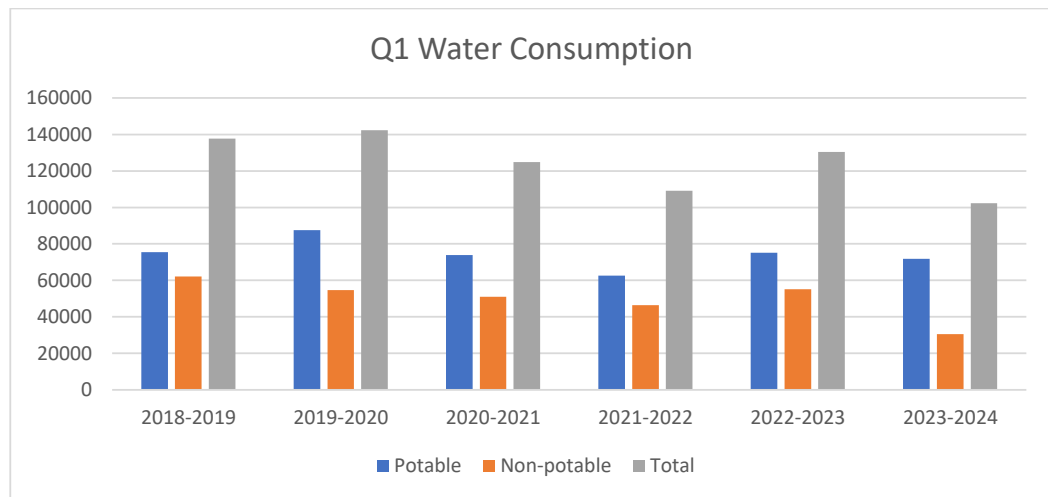


Figure 1 Q4 water consumption across financial years

Energy

Council's energy consumption across all assets for Q4 FY22-23 totals 3714 GJ. This is a decrease of 6.21% compared to Q4 FY21-22

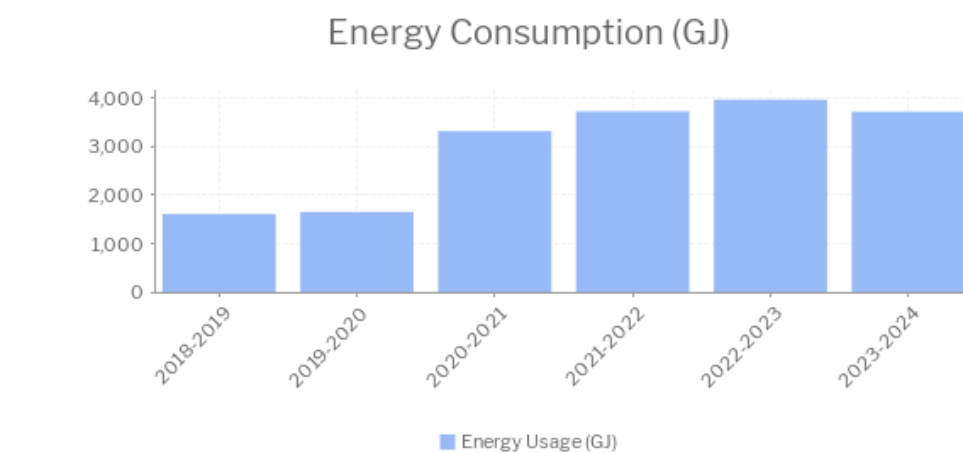


Figure 2 Q1 energy consumption across financial years

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Renewable & Electricity

Council's grid consumption across all assets for Q1 FY23/24 is 661,487kWh. This is an increase of 30% (150,802 kWh) compared to Q1 FY22/23. This seems like caused by ASALC to use electricity instead of natural gas as ASALC has 188,507 kWh increased electricity usage for Q1 FY23/24 compared to Q1 FY 22/23. Please be advised ASTC's total energy consumption is decreased as stated a section before. During Q1 23/24FY, Council's solar assets generated 80,833kWh of electricity which covers 10.9% of Council's electricity demand. Across all Council assets, 7.3% of energy was supplied by renewables.

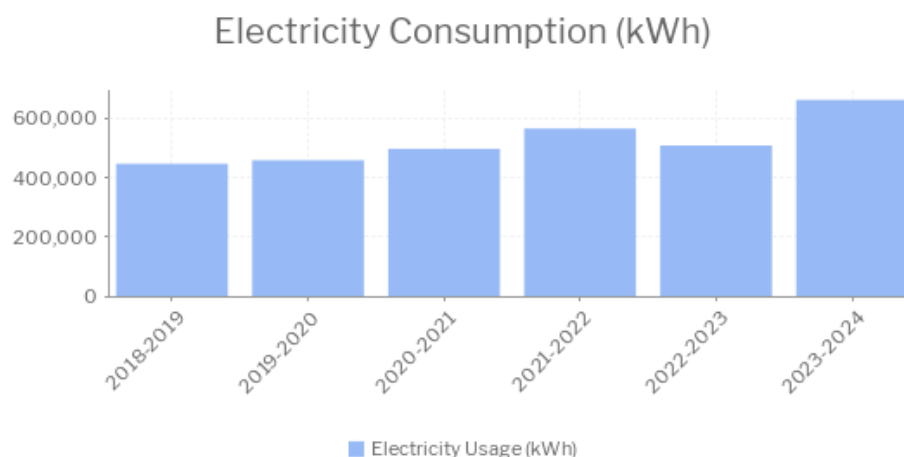


Figure 3 Q1 electricity consumption across financial years

	Total	% of Solar
Solar generation	80,833 kWh	
Electricity demand where solar present	637,589 kWh	12.70%
Electricity demand across all assets	742,320 kWh	10.90%
Energy demand	4005 GJ	7.30%

Officers noticed both solar units at ASALC have faults. 99 kWh had 3/5 inverters down. 2 of the inverters have been replaced with replacement of the last faulty inverter in progress. 175 kWh is completely off. Trades people have been to site and identified the problem. Officers are investigating most suitable solution. These faults are the reason for the decline of Council's solar percentage. These ongoing faults are software related and Council is putting in place solutions to provide ongoing resolution.

GAS

Council's gas use totaled 1,333,443 MJ across all assets for Q1 FY23-24. This is a decrease of 37% compared to the Q1 FY22-23. Officer is not able to observe gas consumption by assets. However, this seems like caused by ASALC using more electricity instead of natural gas during Q1 FY23/24. ASALC's energy consumption only changed 0.6% despite 85.3% increase of electricity consumption.

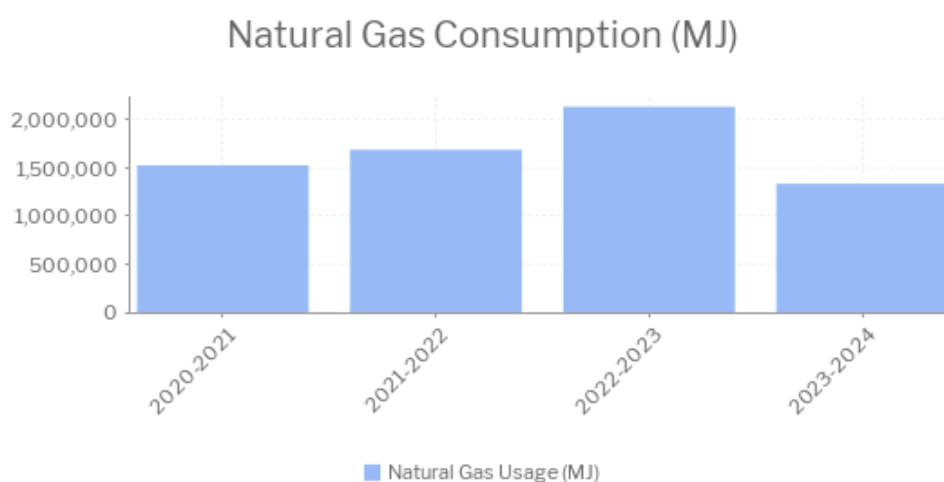


Figure 3 Q4 natural gas consumption across financial years

2. **ALIGNMENT WITH ALICE SPRINGS LIVEABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item pertains to relevant components of the ***Alice Springs Town Council Liveability and Sustainability Strategic Plan 2030*** as follows:

Pillar Three: Environment

- ***Develop and implement a greening strategy for Alice Springs***
- ***Investigate opportunities to improve regional waste, sewerage and water systems, including food waste and recycling***
 - FOGO underway with Biobins started to operate at Transfer Station. Community promotion and education programs have taken place.
 - Scoping of the Alice Springs Town Council Water Use Strategy has taken place with the request for Quotation to go to market on Friday 10 November.
 - Scope of works for Kerbside Recycling Business Case has been developed and the request for quotation has gone to market on Friday 10 November
 - A new fridge magnet is designed and produced to clearly identify available recycling options at RWMF.
- ***Investigate ways to be proactive in adapting to climate change and implement a heat mitigation strategy that increases the liveability of Alice Springs***
 - Development of Alice Springs Greening Strategy is in progress. The first draft is expected to be delivered in early December.

- ***Actively participate in emergency management planning, preparation, response and recovery activities***
 - Application to continue sand removal operation in the Todd River has been applied for and Council is awaiting a reply.
- ***Engage and work with Traditional Owners (through Lhere Artepe) to improve ecosystem management***
 - Council officers have met with Lhere Artepe regarding the Greening Strategy.
- ***Contribute to the Northern Territory Government's 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030 target***
 - 7.3% of energy used at Council assets was generated by renewables. Significant investment will be required if Council's target for 50% renewable energy is to be met by 2030.



Mustafa Baran Durmus
ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

REPORT

Report No. 215 / 23 cncl

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 28 NOVEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: PERCY COURT PROPOSED RE-NAMING

AUTHOR: STEPHEN BALOBAN - MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report relates to the proposed re-naming of Percy Court

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council note the report and has no objections to the renaming of Percy Court.

REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Not Applicable

2. PREVIOUS APPLICABLE RESOLUTIONS

Not Applicable

3. DISCUSSION

The Alice Springs Town Council has received a request from Mark Smith, of St Frances House, in regards to changing the name of Percy Court to Percy Smith Court to provide less ambiguity about the person the street is named after.

Percy Court is located off the Stuart Hwy just before the Alice Springs racecourse (refer below)



Percy Court has 5 properties adjoining it:

No 1 – Territory Housing (Housing)

No 2 – Australian Regional and Remote Community Services Ltd

No 3 – Indigenous Land Corporation

No 4 – Central Australian Aboriginal Congress

No 5 – The Synod of the Diocese of the NT Incorporated

The Northern Territory Place Names Commission has advised Mark Smith to seek the views of the Alice Springs Town Council. Noting that Council is not a decision maker in this matter but the opinion of Council should be sought as a key local stake holder.

4. **ALIGNMENT WITH ALICE SPRINGS LIVEABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item pertains to relevant components of the *Alice Springs Town Council Liveability and Sustainability Strategic Plan 2030* as follows:

No applicable strategy goal relating to this paper.

5. **FUNDING, WHOLE OF LIFE COSTS & RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS**

No cost to Council.

6. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

If Council approves the renaming of Percy Court to Percy Smith Court this will cause financial impacts to the 5 adjoining owners of Percy Court e.g. Changing the address on legal documents such as Land Titles they may look to Council to fund these costs.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Not applicable

8. **STATUTORY MATTERS / DELEGATIONS**

Place Names Commission has this statutory obligation.

9. **COUNCIL POLICIES**

Not applicable

10. **STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT / PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Northern Territory Place Name Committee will need to consult with other affected parties on the renaming in alignment with the statutory obligation.

11. **CONCLUSION**

The Alice Springs Town Council is requested to support the name change of Percy Court to Percy Smith Court.

12. ATTACHMENTS

<i>Attachment A:</i>	Letter from St Francis' House Project to Council
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Andrew Wilshire
Chief Executive Officer
Alice Springs Town Council

Dear Mr Wilshire

RENAMING OF PERCY COURT ALICE SPRINGS

I write to you as a key stakeholder in Alice Springs.

I have been engaging with residents of Percy Court in Alice Springs regarding my proposal to consider changing the name to Percy Smith Court.

The NT Place Names Commission has advised that I need to seek the views of the Alice Springs Town Council. I understand that ASTC is not the decision maker in this matter, rather the Place Names Commission has this statutory obligation, but the opinion of council should be sought as a key local stakeholder.

I would appreciate it if you could consider adding this item to the agenda of a future council meeting.

I am requesting for the NT Place Names Commission to consider the name Percy Court formally being renamed to Percy Smith Court to provide less ambiguity about the person the street is named after.

Percy Smith was my grandfather and was involved in the establishment of St Mary's as part of his work as the first resident Anglican Priest in Alice Springs. He worked in the Centre for more than 20 years and helped bring a number of Aboriginal children to Adelaide to access further education in the 1940s and 1950s. Among those boys were the late Charles Perkins AO first Commonwealth Indigenous Government Secretary, First Indigenous Soccerroo and artist John Moriarty AM, Mr Bill Espie, Vincent Copley AM, Les Nayda AM, Brian Butler OAM and the late Gordon Briscoe AO, some of whom became leaders of the Civil Rights Movements of the 1960s. Some of the first Indigenous people to go to university. In fact Gordon was the first to achieved a PhD at the ANU in 1997. He sadly passed away in July 2023.



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I have been advised by the NT Place Names Commission that consultation with property owners is required to seek their views on the proposed name change and to allow them to consider how this might impact on the organisation, in terms of changes to your address, letterhead, website and other formal documentation. I understand that changing an existing place name will set a new precedent in the NT.

The name change was a project that was being pursued by my late father for many years. Sadly, my father passed away suddenly last year. Here is a media report on his work with Indigenous people:

<https://alicespringsnews.com.au/2022/12/05/how-to-reach-the-top-promoter-of-achievers-dies/>

Among my father's papers I discovered his efforts to update the naming of Percy Court and also lobby for the naming of a more prominent landmark in honour of his father.

For further background information you may be interested to review the website - www.stfrancishouse.com.au, which traces the history of Percy Smith's work in Alice Springs and later at St Francis' House in Adelaide and the record of achievement by former Indigenous residents of the home who became leaders in government, education, sport and the arts.

Local historian Jose Petrick has advised me to point out that most streets in Alice Springs only have the nominated person's surname and street identifications such as Todd Street. However, there are four streets in Alice Springs with further identification.

- Col. Rose Drive, Connellan. This street was originally named Rose Drive after Col Lionel Rose. I understand that visitors to the town thought it was named after the famous boxer so the 'Col' was added.
- Herbert Heritage Drive, Stuart. This street runs from the North Stuart Highway to the Telegraph Station. I understand that Mr McCrae who had the lease of the Telegraph Station Shop wanted to name the road Heritage Drive. However, the Town Council had named an area south of the town a Heritage Area and thought it would be confusing. They suggested McCrae looked through Telegraph Station records and found a suitable name. McCrae found a telegraphist was conveniently named Herbert Heritage so named the road after him.
- Norman Jones Road, Araluen. Norman Jones was manager of Fogarty's Store when it amalgamated with Wallis Store.
- Len Kittle Drive, Ilpapa. Len Kittle worked tirelessly to have the Show Grounds moved to Blatherskite Park.

Statements of Support

I also have attached statements of support from:

- Eileen Perkins, widow of the late Dr Charles Perkins AO, First Indigenous University Graduate and First Indigenous Commonwealth Government Department Secretary
- Dr Brenda Croft, Australian National University, daughter of the late Mr Joe Croft, First Indigenous person accepted into an Australian University and former resident of The Bungalow, Alice Springs
- Brian Jeffries, former Rector the Church of the Ascension, Alice Springs

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I would appreciate if you would consider supporting this name change.

It would for instance mean that the Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged would now be located on Percy Smith Court. Hetti Perkins and Percy Smith were great friends and with her support Percy provided care to her sons and helped them to access further education and employment opportunities. It is a small but meaningful gesture that is important to our family.

Submission to Place Names Committee

A submission is being prepared for consideration by the Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory. An overview of the place naming process is attached.

I am advised that should the proposed name change be approved, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics will be responsible for allocating the new street addresses. The Department would then advise all major stakeholders including Alice Springs Town Council, Power and Water Corporation, Telstra Data Services, Australia Post, Australian Electoral Commission and the office of the Valuer-General of the change. However, there may be other organisations that you would need to advise directly.

If you have queries about street numbering and addressing, please contact the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics directly at surveylandrecords@nt.gov.au.

I've also attached a flyer outlining the place naming process. If you have any questions regarding the place naming process please contact:

Liann Stephenson
Land Information Officer (Place Names)
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Northern Territory Government

Floor 1, Energy House, 18-20 Cavenagh Street, Darwin
GPO Box 1680, Darwin, NT 0801

t. 08 8995 5334

e. place.names@nt.gov.au

Or if you to speak to me direct feel free to contact me on 0414 531 007.

Yours sincerely



Mark J Smith
Chair
St Francis' House Project

15 November 2023

4 February 2023

Mr Mark Smith
Chair
St Francis' House Project

Dear Mark

RENAMING OF PERCY COURT

I would like to offer my strong support for the proposal to rename Percy Court in Alice Springs to Percy Smith Court.

My father, the late Joseph Croft (c. 1925 – 1996), had great respect and love for Father Percy Smith, who changed the direction of his life went in, and in effect, mine also.

A Gurindji/Mudburra man from the Victoria River region of Northern Territory, Joe Croft was forcibly removed from his mother at five years of age at Kahlin Compound, both having been inmates since 1927. Hespent his childhood in government institutions until the age of 15 years.

In 1933 my father was sent to The Bungalow, in Alice Springs where he came under the care of Anglican priest, Father Percy Smith, who strongly advocated for the children under his jurisdiction to receive educational opportunities available to non-Indigenous children.

Father Smith was keen for Joe to go onto secondary education. Native Affairs wanted Joe to go to Adelaide as there were no high schools in the NT, but Father Smith would not agree because there was nobody there whom Joe would know.

Eventually the government allowed Father Smith to arrange for Joe to go to All Souls' Anglican School in Charters Towers in Queensland. Father Smith sought support from his brother, C E Smith, who was a member of the board of governors of the school.

Father Smith's efforts paid off when Joe came second in the Northern Territory in the 1939 Qualifying Certificate, a feat unheard of during the era when mixed-race boys were considered only fit for being an unpaid labour force on pastoral properties.

During an oral history interview for the National Library in 1989 Joe recalled why he was sent to All Souls Anglican School in Charters Towers:

Well, I won one of two scholarships open to any kid in the territory, black or white and that was back in 1940, well I sat for the exam in 1939. Anyway, I won the scholarship and I could have either gone to Adelaide or somewhere else and Father Smith had a brother [Eric Smith] who was secretary of the Anglican diocese in North Queensland. He lived in Townsville and Father Smith probably thought that he could keep an eye on me while I was at boarding school because Charters Towers wasn't that far away, so I went to Charters Towers.

Joe did exceptionally well at All Souls, passing both his junior and senior certificates. The headmaster Canon O'Keeffe took special interest in Joe and he graduated in 1943 after becoming school captain, head prefect (1942), captain of Ramsay House and captain of the cricket, football and swimming teams.

In 1944 Joe was awarded a Commonwealth scholarship to attend the University of Queensland to study engineering and became a resident of St John's College, making him likely the first Indigenous person of to enter an Australian University.

During the 1990s All Souls School recognised the achievements of my father naming a stand at the O'Keefe Oval, the Joe Croft Pavilion. In 2015 St Johns College at the University of Queensland created the Joseph (Joe) Croft Award for Indigenous students. In the 2000s the ACT Government named Joe Croft Street after my father and my late brother Lindsay Joseph Croft to acknowledge their dedication to higher education for First Nations students.

Without the initial advocacy and pastoral care of Father Percy Smith for displaced First Nations children during a bleak period in the history of the Northern Territory my father's story would have been very different. I would also not be here to advocate on behalf of this proposal.

Upgrading the name of Percy Smith Court is a small but significant way to acknowledge Father Percy Smith's commitment to Australian First Nations peoples when few non-Indigenous people were willing to do so.

Marntaj (*OK, finished, all right, goodbye*), B

Dr Brenda L Croft

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Mr Mark J Smith
Chair
St Francis' House Project

Dear Mark

RENAMING OF PERCY COURT

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed changing the name of Percy Court to the Percy Smith Court.

I would like to support your father, John P McD Smith's request to change the name to Percy Smith Court as it would acknowledge and identify Father Smith's work in the area particularly with the adjacent St Mary's home for Aboriginal children to live and attend day school.

I am very intrigued with Alice Springs Street Names. After 'Percy Court' was gazetted I included a column on Father Percy Smith's amazing, purposeful life and also a photograph of him in my book *The History of Alice Springs through Landmarks and Street Names*.

I think renaming Percy Court to Percy Smith Court would identify Father Percy more clearly.

Kind regards

Jose

Jose Petrick OAM

26 January 2023

3/15/23, 7:10 PM

Gmail - Renaming of Percy Court – Alice Springs

Attachment D



Mark Smith

Renaming of Percy Court – Alice Springs

Eileen Perkins

Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 11:08 AM

To: Mark Smith

Hi Mark, These were my thoughts to send to Alice Springs Council
To Alice Springs Councillors:

Mark Smith, grandson of the late Percy Smith, has advised me that Council is calling for submissions to support the name change of Percy Court to Percy Smith Court.

I am the widow of the late Charles Perkins. It was Father Smith, with the permission of Hetti Perkins and other mothers, to take a groups of boys from Alice Springs to Adelaide for wider education and job opportunities. Consequently many of the boys became very successful and leaders in the community.

Council has honoured Father Smith for his work in the community, however I feel 'Percy' is too vague. I submit, therefore, Council to consider the name being changed to Percy Smith Court.

Thank you, Eileen Perkins

Sent from my iPad

On 26 Jan 2023, at 5:45 pm, Eileen Perkins eileenperkins115@yahoo.com wrote:

Hi Mark, This is excellent! I will pass it on to Rachel. Regards, Eileen

[Quoted text hidden]

Mark Smith

30 January 2022

Dear Mark,

I write in support of the proposal of your late father John to recognise his own father Fr. Percy Smith and your grandfather to rename *Percy Court*, Alice Springs as *Percy Smith Court*. The place name *Percy Court* is not an appropriate recognition of the work done by Fr. Percy Smith. My firm understanding is that the aspiration of the Smith family be that a more appropriate commemoration of Fr. Canon Percy McD Smith would be to name *Percy Court* as *Percy Smith Court*. John Smith expressed to me several times to me, in my previous role as Rector of Alice Springs Anglican parish, his disappointment that the Place Names Committee of the NT's decision in correspondence dated 30 November 2011 when he was advised it was unable to further commemorate his father in the Northern Territory Nomenclature. I do not agree with the argument that it is duplication of place names (i.e. Smith Street). *Percy Smith Court* as a two-word street name clearly refers only to Fr Percy Smith. I note that *DD Smith Park* opposite the Court House in on the corner of Parsons St and Hartley St refers only to David Douglas Smith, engineer whereas *Smith Street* refers to James Churchill Smith, pastoralist.

The work of Father Percy McD Smith was exceptional. I spent a considerable time assisting Mrs Jose Petrick, edit the 9th Revision of her book "The Robert Czako Mural, St Mary's Family Services and Beyond" with other notable Alice Springs editors Dr Celia Kemp, Mr Kevin Diflo and Dr Eleanor Hogan. The revision which in part acknowledges the work of Father Percy Smith enabled us to correct a text a set some facts straight. The way to be clear *Percy Court* refers to Fr Percy Smith is to rename it as *Percy Smith Court*.

My belief is that Fr Percy Smith's contribution in his ministry in Alice Springs needs greater recognition. I realise that it was he who helped expose a paedophile manager at the Bungalow the Old Telegraph Station in the 1930's. I recently met Dr Gordon Briscoe an original St Francis house Boy, Gordon was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy, the first Aboriginal Australia to receive this award by the ANU. Charles Perkins, also a St Francis House boy was awarded the very first degree, a B.A. for any Aboriginal Australian by Sydney University. These are only just two results of Fr Percy's vision. I cannot add more to Fr Percy Smith's' legacy than that which the late John Smith wrote about his father to the previous CEO, Mr Rex Mooney, of the Alice Springs Town Council in correspondence 19/11/2011. I commend the advocacy work of your late father John to further honour the name of his father, your grandfather in the rename the place name *Percy Court* to *Percy Smith Court*.

I offer my support for you to approach Dr Samantha Wells, the chairperson of the Place Names Committee of the NT to reconsider their decision of 30 November 2011 not to rename *Percy Court* as *Percy Smith Court*.

Yours Faithfully,



Reverend Brian Jeffries M.Ed. [SpEd], M. SpEd, B.A., B.Th., Dip. Ed., Dip.P.S., CPE.

Rector Alice Springs Anglican Parish 2014-2020