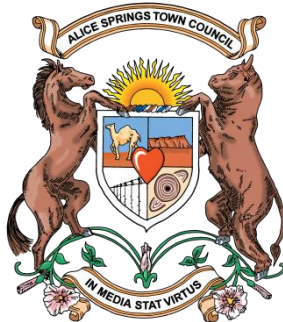


Special Council

Business Paper for May 7 2020

Thursday 7 May 2020
Civic Centre

Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson
(Chair)



**ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2020
AT 12.30PM VIA ZOOM, ALICE SPRINGS**

1. OPENING BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT PATERSON
2. APOLOGIES
3. WELCOME AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST
5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - 5.1 200309 Letter from Minister Wakefield to Mayor Ryan re. NAAG
 - 5.2 200408 Letter to Mayor Ryan from Ministers Moss and Wakefield re. NAAG
6. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

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Robert Jennings

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6 May 2020



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Mr Damien Ryan
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Dear Mayor

I write to you with regard to the proposed National Aboriginal Art Gallery in Alice Springs.

I know that the Alice Springs Town Council strongly supports the Gallery being built in the CBD. You have also supported development on the Anzac Hill Precinct, and I understand negotiations are progressing well about the purchase of the Anzac Oval carpark to add to the available land for the Gallery.

With the impact of bushfires and the coronavirus on our economy, it is now time for us to work together to advance this nationally significant project for the Alice Springs community. As such I request that Council reconsider its position on utilising the Anzac Oval site for the Gallery.

Our plans indicate that the iconic building may extend somewhat onto the existing oval. It will require an access road and ability for large vehicles to turnaround. There will, however, be plenty of room available for open green space, gardens and infrastructure (such as a stage) that the community have indicated they want. We will be able to acknowledge its military and sporting heritage and incorporate other ideas from the community.

It will in fact open up community space that is currently behind a locked wire fence.

We have had the most extensive consultations possible on this project, including with traditional owners. There is strong support. The voices in support have been getting stronger, not weaker, over the past year.

You would be aware that a meeting of 32 Traditional Owners strongly endorsed this project. Whilst this support was later overturned, I have since had many approaches by

traditional owners saying they want the Gallery to be built on this site, believing that it will provide a better future for their children and grandchildren.

This Government has clearly heard the dissenting voices and value their views. But we cannot allow a few loud voices to drown out the needs of our community and the economic future of our young people.

The Anzac Precinct site is beautiful. It is accessible. And it is close to the CBD, providing opportunities for jobs, stimulation of our economy and a brighter future.

Yours sincerely

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DALE WAKEFIELD

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Dear Mayor Ryan,

Our community is facing possibly its greatest ever challenge as we all work together to deal with the significant health threat posed by COVID-19.

We would like to acknowledge the support that Alice Springs Town Council is providing to the community during this incredibly difficult time.

Necessary restrictions on travel and gatherings have devastated our tourism and hospitality industry in the short-term and while we know we will get through this, there will be a long road to recovery for Territorians, for Territory businesses and for our community as a whole.

We are been incredibly heartened by the significant support the Australian Government has provided the people of the Northern Territory through this.

One of the things we have been discussing with them is how we can best support our critical tourism and hospitality sector to rebound as quickly as possible once we are in a position to do so, including working with them to identify the key projects that will stimulate economic recovery and ensure flow on benefits right throughout the community.

We have made it clear to the Australian Government that we believe the National Aboriginal Art Gallery project in Alice Springs is absolutely critical to the recovery of not only the town, but the entire region. The sooner we can develop this project, the sooner we will see the economic and social benefits flowing to the community post-COVID-19.

As such, we are seeking Council's support to move this project forward as quickly as possible, working with both the Northern Territory and Australian Governments.



As per our letter of 9 March 2020 (re-attached), we again ask Council to endorse the use of the Anzac Precinct for the project, including the Anzac High school site and Anzac Oval. This will ensure construction of a world-class art museum, as well as parkland for the entire community to enjoy – and visitors once travel restrictions are able to be safely lifted.

There is a significant amount of planning and development work that can be undertaken now while current restrictions are in place that will ensure we can get moving on the project as soon as possible. However, we require certainty over the site in order to get that work underway.

We again urge Council to work with us to ensure the National Aboriginal Art Gallery can be built in Alice Springs to provide a much-needed boost when we move into recovery phase.

Yours sincerely

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LAUREN MOSS

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture
8/04/2020

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DALE WAKEFIELD

Minister for Territory Families