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Go behind the scenes with our Operation Team!

In the early morning hours and late evenings of the Alice Springs Masters Games, the Operations Team will be setting up venues for our participants and sports so their experience at the Games is a memorable and spectacular one.

Events include Masters Mile, Cycling events and other athletic events that require barriers, signage, and flags. Many of the Games Sports Events require barriers, signage, lighting as well as grandstands as well as many other structures. These Operation Volunteers assist with much of the set-ups to enable these sports events to occur.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, our operations team are busy with the tools of the trade, using tech guns, drills, saws and other less glamorous jobs, ensuring the event runs smoothly and the Games experience is the best it can be for participants.

This team works in close liaison with the Alice Springs Town Council and Correctional Services to apply decals to place promotional banners, flags and any safety barriers throughout the Town and sporting venues.

Portable amenities including seating for spectators and participants are organised by our Operations Team. They are also responsible for the podium arrangements at non-static venues to assist medal presentation.
Sponsorship Profile! Colemans Printing

Colemans Printing has been servicing the printing and signing requirements of Alice Springs for over 25 years. The factory produces work for a wide range of clientele that includes tourism operators, government departments as well as businesses and organisations in the Red Centre and its outlying regions.

As a family owned business that has operated in the Territory for more than 60 years, they employ over 50 people Territory wide and are proud that their business supports sustaining employment in the Northern Territory.

Colemans has been supporting the Alice Springs Masters Games through sponsorship for more than 10 years and in 2018 is our major printer for the Games.

Colemans is committed to supporting the community of Alice Springs and ensuring Territorians have the opportunity to realise their full potential now and in the future.

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Meet Lyn Ansell Badminton Coordinator for the 2018 Alice Springs Masters Games!

Lyn has been involved with the Alice Springs Masters Games since it started in 1986.

Badminton has made some wonderful changes regarding their administration for the Games since it all started. They used to use fridge magnets to set up the draw and now rely on an electronic system that is organised by one of their wonderful Volunteers!

Lyn has been playing Badminton since she was 18! Lyn started playing Badminton at School when she lived in Victoria. Lyn was the 1990 Badminton Ladies Champion for the Northern Territory.

ASMG: What do you like about Coordinating the Badminton for the Alice Springs Masters Games?

Lyn: I enjoy the fact that we have a well-run and organised event! I enjoy catching up with people every two years. It is fun and the social aspect of it is fantastic.

ASMG: What can we expect as this year’s games?
Lyn: We are expecting up to 100 participants. We have introduced a 30+ category to increase the competition for the Open and A grade players. The Marion Centre is where all the action for the competition will be and we will be have food and refreshments for sale.
Netball is one of the popular sports that will be held at the 2018 ASMG. With over 200 participants anticipated, this event will provide fun filled excitement for you and your team mates.

The indoor stadium is equipped with four courts that has a Helsinki engineered wood sprung flooring system and is engineered for high shock absorption. The stadium is air-conditioned and has seating so you can cheer on your team from the side lines. There are a further four courts outside that will be played on under lights at night.

Our Netball Sports Coordinator Carlie Ryan is on hand to manage the event so everyone has an experience they will remember. “I have fond memories of my father competing in the Alice Springs Masters Games and it is something the whole family would be excited about,” she said.

One of the highlights for the event will be the annual Pink night! Competitors will be encouraged to dress up in pink to promote awareness for Breast Cancer. Get your brightest pink socks, pink ribbons or bibs together for this special night full of laughs and comradery.

The competition includes Women’s, Social and Mixed categories. Competing age starts at 30. For more information on Netball or to register you and your team visit: www.alicespringsmastersgames.com.au

Tennis set to be a hit!

Matt Roberts your Sports Co-ordinator for Tennis has been involved with the Alice Springs Masters Games since 2000. Gearing up for what will be his 8th Games, Matt is excited to be involved in 2018 to provide all Tennis participants with another memorable event.
This year, Matt has a new recruit, Jeremy Slee, who has recently moved to Alice Springs to assist with junior development at Alice Springs Tennis Club and support Matt co-ordinating the Tennis at the 2018 ASMG.

The complex has ten courts with plexi pave surfaces that are accredited to national standards as well as all other amenities including full disability access, showers, change rooms and seating areas for you to talk tennis strategies with your team mates.

There will be food and refreshments on sale with themed dinners available at reasonable prices every night of the Games.

The event includes a No! Knockout round robin so everyone is playing tennis every day or evening. Wednesday night will be a graded Lucky Dip! Night where you draw a partner from the ASMG hat and compete for prizes to be announced on the night.

Services available include grip and re-stringing, which is available on site.

Matt also adds: “Tennis at the Masters Games has a reputation for playing motivating music whilst participating!”

“So get your playlist ready and register to be part of this fun and electrifying event,” he said.


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Soak up incredible art and culture at Araluen Arts Centre

A must see when you are visiting Alice Springs for the 2018 ASMG is the Araluen Arts Centre Cultural Precinct.

The Precinct provides visitors with the opportunity to engage with world-class visual and performing art, discover the local identities that helped shape and develop Alice Springs, immerse
in the culture and heritage of Central Australia and learn about indigenous dreaming and their connection to the land.

Desert Mob will be exhibited between 6 September – 21 October 2018. This exhibition is one of the most significant expressions of Aboriginal art and culture in the nation.

Presenting hundreds of new works, chosen by the artists and art centres for inclusion, the Desert Mob 2018 exhibition is an exhilarating testament to traditional and contemporary practice, experimentation and innovation in Aboriginal art from the desert to now!

Whilst enjoying the art exhibitions be sure to visit the Museum of Central Australia that houses the Strehlow Research Centre, one of Australia’s most important collections of film, sound, archival records and museum objects relating to indigenous ceremonial life.

The Museum of Central Australia has an outstanding exhibition of Central Australian birds, mammals, reptiles and insects give visitors the opportunity to identify many of the creatures they may see on their travels in the Red Centre.


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**Women's Hall of Fame and Old Alice Springs Gaol**

Explore the National Pioneer Women’s Hall of Fame and Old Alice Springs Gaol

While visiting the Red Centre for the Alice Springs Masters Games why not drop into the National Women’s Hall of Fame (NPWHF) and Old Alice Springs Gaol. NPWHF explores the distinctive history and contributions of Australian Women, and is one of only two national women’s museums in Australia.

Find out how women have helped to shape Australia, including early pioneering women to Central Australia, and their ingenuity in the face of incredible hardship and isolation and the many Australian women who have fought to be treated equally and made great strides and “firsts” in fields like politics, sport, science and the arts.
NPWF is located in the Old Alice Sprigs Gaol, and with the same entry ticket, visitors can also explore the heritage-listed Old Alice Springs Goal (operational 1938-1996), and learn about the history of the gaol, the campaign to save it, and how the goal impacted prisoners, families and the Alice Springs community.

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