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Alice Springs
Mayor's Message

As Mayor of Alice Springs it gives me great pleasure to be involved with the 2006 Alice Desert Festival. This premier cultural event is indisputably the biggest arts event on the Central Australian calendar.

Alice Springs enjoys a wonderfully rich and diverse arts scene. We are always willing to celebrate this fact with an ever expanding variety of arts events reflecting the vibrancy of our community. Alice Springs Town Council is proud to support the arts in Central Australia through a program of grants and funding.

Alice Desert Festival connects and unites our community. It provides opportunities for an exchange of cultures and traditions - promotes harmony and understanding between cultures and offers countless tourism and business opportunities.

The Festival showcases our vibrant local arts scene and celebrates our rich and unique community. Through the Festival we can proudly highlight the fact that Central Australia is home to one of the most significant art movements in the world, Western Desert Art.

This year will see the return of the hugely popular HUB Space, on the banks of the Todd River which will be the focal point of the Festival with many events such as Cinema in the River, Bush Bands Bash and Imparja DESERTsong.

The Festival attracts many wonderfully diverse artists and performers to our town along with Central Australian artists and performers who will be involved in exhibitions, theatre, dance, visual arts, writing and music.

I would like to make a special thanks to all of the community members involved in running Alice Desert Festival events and the Desert Festival Committee Members for their valued contribution. The Alice Springs Town Council is proud to be a major sponsor and supporter of the Alice Desert Festival.

I do hope you can join us in the community celebrations at the 2006 Alice Desert Festival.

Fran Kilgariff
Mayor, Alice Springs

Minister’s Message

Telling the world about Alice Springs is a bit like telling people about your favourite--and secret--fishing spot. It’s probably not a good idea. As soon as you do it, everyone will want a piece of the action.

But the word is out.

Alice Springs is increasingly taking centre stage as a vital cultural hub, for residents and visitors alike. And, as it grows and consolidates, Alice Desert Festival is providing a focus for the tremendous wealth of artistic diversity that defines Central Australia as a cultural landscape with an important place in the national imagination.

And that is what makes Alice Desert Festival so important. Far from the notion of representing the “dead heart” of a continent, the Festival reveals Central Australia as a region of vitality and diversity that cannot be equalled anywhere else in the nation.

This year’s Festival promises to be the most exciting to date, with a broad and enticing program covering the visual arts and crafts, music and other performance work from local and visiting artists. The renewed focus on the Todd River, the iconic backbone of the town, will provide a wonderful backdrop for many events in the closing days of the Festival.

Above all, it will be a lot of fun--and having fun is what Central Australians do best.

I wish participants in the Festival all the best for this year’s events. Of course, without sponsors, big and small, none of this would be possible, so special thanks for your generous support.

Marion Scrymgour
Minister for Arts and Museums
The Alice is a Spring in the Central Australian desert on the summit of an ancient inland sea. Spring conjures many thoughts – a time of year, a leap and new beginnings.

Alice Desert Festival time is Springtime and after the cold winter it’s great to get out and about, exploring new things and being comforted by the familiar. This is what the Festival is – the new and the familiar – a wonderful array of culture and fun that shows the great diversity of desert arts and the lifestyle we enjoy in Central Australia.

So spring into action, leap into the Festival – take a punt, see and do new things. There are events and workshops for every taste to participate in. Be adventurous. You may be surprised at what you’ll discover about Alice and about yourself.

Although new to Alice, I have experienced a warm community spirit and have met committed people who believe in the unique qualities of this town. I perceive that cultures can come together here in mutual harmony and understanding through the arts.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the committee, staff, sponsors, artists, supporters and especially the volunteers. Without all of you, it would not be possible.

I also wish to thank you, the audience. Alice Desert Festival is a community event. It’s your Festival. So own it and enjoy it!

GM’s Message

How to use this program guide

From the next page, this guide in genres, in alphabetical order – cabaret to workshops. The Festival culminates with the HUB Space from Thursday night 7 September to Sunday night 10 September. HUB Space activities begin on page 28 and are entered by date. There is also a grid over pages 24-27, which sets out events in alphabetical order with venues and genres. Where space permits, we have included the name of the artist. With each listing, the date of the event is marked with a dot in the 10 day calendar. We couldn’t resist having our own dot painting in this Program Guide!

Eugene Ragghianti
General Manager
## Dance

### Desert Mob DanceSite

**What** Desert Mob DanceSite is a traditional dance event, involving artists and their families participating in the Desert Mob exhibition. Dance, ceremony and connection to country very much inform the visual language of the artworks presented in Desert Mob.

The DanceSite event provides a cultural backdrop for further appreciation of the Desert Mob exhibition and greater insight into Aboriginal culture in Central Australia.

**When** Saturday 9 September, 4 - 6 pm  
**Cost** FREE

**Where** Araluen Circus Lawns, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct

### Tango Red - 1st Birthday Celebration Night

**What** Tango Red, the Tango group of Alice Springs, is holding a first Birthday social night or ‘Milonga’ to mark one year of Argentine Tango classes and events. Come along and help us celebrate! Great music, atmosphere, the chance to dance and see others dance this soulful style of movement.

**When** Saturday 2 September, 8.30pm-midnight

**Where** Uniting Church Hall, Todd Mall

**Cost** $10  
**Contact** Cecilia on 0411 164 383

### UsMob

**What** UsMob is Australia’s first children’s indigenous television series and is based on the adventures of kids from the Alice Springs town camp Hidden Valley. The stories presented deal with realistic and contemporary issues faced by indigenous kids in Alice Springs. Series creator and director David Vadiveloo will show two episodes with their multiple endings and host a special walk through of the site at the Alice Springs Public Library - along with discussion time and Q & A.

**When** Sat 2nd Sept 2pm, Sun 3rd Sept 11am

**Where** Alice Springs Public Library

**Cost** Gold coin (bookings recommended)

**Contact** Anneke Rose on (08)8950 0515 or email arose@astc.nt.gov.au for bookings and info on School/Youth Group Sessions

### HUB Space

**Club Todd, Tango & Salsa.**

See HUB for Saturday night 9 September

**Salsa, Lambada & Tango Workshops.**

See Workshops  
Cure your lumbago doin’ the Lambada!

## Film

### Outback Youth Film Festival

**What** An inspiring showcase of original films & digital stories by young people living in remote & regional Australia. An exciting event for young people, film and media makers, and all of us who take an interest in the spirit of the next generation.

**Entries Close** 8 August 4pm

**Opening** Friday 1 September 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Where** Araluen, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct

**Cost** Gold coin.

**Post Event** Youth Blue Light Disco 8.30pm-11pm, with transport assistance for young people from Araluen.

**Screenings** 8-10 September, Totem Theatre at the HUB Space  
For entry guidelines & program details check www.deadlymob.org or (08) 8953 3225

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**When** Mon-Tues, 5-6 Sept
Behind the Camera
What: A cinematography workshop for those with some experience behind a camera. Learn about lighting, camera moves and the world of High Definition from one of Australia’s leading cinematographers.
When: Sunday 3 September, 2pm – 5.30pm
Where: Witchetty’s, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct
Cost: FREE for ACS NT members
Contact: acsnt@cinematographer.org.au or 1800 000 432

Making Movies
What: Australia has produced some of the world’s finest cinematographers: Don McAlpine (The Chronicles of Narnia), Russell Boyd (Master and Commander), Andrew Lesnie (Lord of the Rings) & John Seale (The English Patient), to name just a few. Come and see how a leading Australian cinematographer has made it on the world stage. With extracts from his own films and explanations of how they were made, this is a wonderful opportunity to see first-hand the art of film-making.
When: Sunday 3 September, 2pm – 5.30pm
Where: Witchetty’s, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct
Cost: FREE for ACS NT members
Contact: acsnt@cinematographer.org.au or 1800 000 432

Film Pitching Competition
What: Learn how to get broadcasters and commissioning editors interested in your own film idea. Compete for the opportunity of pitching your project at a major national event.
When: Monday - Tuesday, 4-5 September
Where: RedHOT Arts, 67 Bath St (cnr Stott Tce)
Contact: AFTRS 1300 133 478
Register: info@aftrs.edu.au

Drama of Screenwriting
What: A three day course to introduce the new screenwriter to the principles and processes of dramatic writing for film and television. Course lecturer is Billy Marshall Stoneking.
When: Friday – Sunday, 1 – 3 Sept, 9.30am – 5pm
Where: RedHOT Arts Space, 67 Bath St (cnr Stott Tce)
Contact: AFTRS 1300 133 478
Register: info@aftrs.edu.au before 22 August

Writing for the Movies
What: Join Alice Springs filmmaker David Curl in conversation with screenwriters John Romeril (One Night The Moon) and Andrew Bovell (Lantana) on tour with the Ghantastic Writers’ Train. These award winning screenwriters will talk about their lives, work and making of their films before a rare screening of One Night The Moon.
When: Friday 8 September, 6.30pm
Where: Upstairs at The Lane, 58 Todd Mall
Cost: $8/$5 conc.
Contact: NT Writers’ Centre (08) 8952 3810 or alice@ntwriters.com.au.

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Literature

Writers on Tour
What Join Samuel Wagan Watson, Leonie Norrington, Phillip McClaren and Larissa Behrendt as they alight from the GhanTastic Writers’ Tour to read and perform their work alongside local writers and musicians. Light refreshments. BYO cushion.
When Thursday 7 September, 7.30pm
Where Aboriginal Australian Art & Culture Centre 125 Todd St
Cost $5 Contact (08) 8952 3810.

National Poetry Week Celebration
What Enjoy the poetry of Alice Springs
When Sunday 10 September, 11am
Where Uniting Church Lawns, Todd Mall
Contact NT Writers’ Centre (08) 8952 3810 or Alice Springs Public Library (08) 8950 0515

Alice’s Own
What Red Dust Theatre presents play readings, some short and sweet, others a labour of love, but either way guaranteed to be a prodigious opportunity to hear the latest and greatest from Alice’s own script writers.
When Sunday 3 September, 3pm-5pm
Where The Promised Land, 5 Stuart Terrace
Cost Gold Coin

Music

Space Lounge - Launch of Jbird’s Place
What DJs, Visuals & Installations
When Friday 1 September, 8.30pm-late
Where Out the back Watch This Space, 4/9 George Cres
Cost FREE Contact WTS (08) 8952 1949

Desert Stars
What Alice Desert Festival & Music NT collaborate to present one of the musical highlights of the year!
From Africa to Alice - Sudanese singing sensation Ajak Kwai and local stars Jacinta Castle, Tashka Urban, Laura White and TECOMA in a musically rich evening of vocal bliss.
When Saturday 2 September, 8pm
Where Araluen Theatre, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct
Cost $20/$15 concession Contact (08) 8951 1122

Percussion Spectacular!
What Australia’s percussion sensation Nick Parnell is joined by exciting pianist Anthony Hunt to deliver a tour-de-force of skill and technique, exploding with infectious rhythms and kaleidoscopic colours. Catch the classics, be captivated by this unique musician performing on everything from vibraphone to tuned wine glasses!
When Sunday 3, September 6.30pm
Where Minnamurra Hall, St Philip’s College, Schwarz Cres
Cost $15/$10 conc. Family: $35 – 2 adults/2 students Contact (08) 8953 6111 or at the door

Footy-Tech! by Dave Houston, Full-On Theatre
What Footy-Tech! is a sci-fi play about life, football and the power of love to create freedom read in the grandstand. The author has based some of the characters on people he has met in the tourism industry. A dramatic play reading of a work that could become an Australian classic.
When Thursday 7 September, 4.30pm & 7.30pm
Where Bowden-McAdam Stand, Traeger Park, Speed St
Cost Gold coin
### Music

**To Alice with Love**  
**Dian Booth & Friends**

**What**  
A sound and movement event to celebrate Alice Springs as the heart and soul of Central Australia with Dian Booth, violin; Jane Elworthy, native drums; Robyn Manley, movement & voice.

**When**  
Tuesday 5 September, 6pm-7pm

**Where**  
Old Telegraph Station, North Stuart Highway

**Cost**  
By donation

**Fauré – Fabulously French**  
**Alice Springs Choral Society**

**Director:** Ron Klumpes. **Organ:** Olga Radke

**What**  
Fauré Requiem and works by Gounod with organ, harp and tympani accompaniment. Come and listen to Fauré’s choral masterpiece, French music at its romantic best.

**When**  
Sunday 10 September, 2.30pm-3.30pm

**Where**  
Anglican Church of the Ascension, Bath Street

**Cost**  
$15/$10 conc.

**Didgeridoo Musical Spectacular**

**What**  
Fri 1 & 8, Sat 2 & 9, Tues 5, Thurs 7 Sept,

**When**  
8pm-9.30pm

**Where**  
Sounds of Starlight Theatre, 40 Todd Mall

**Cost**  
$30 adults/$25 child-concession/$90 family

**Bookings**  
(08) 8953 0826 or (08) 8952 0611

**FREE daily half hour didgeridoo demonstrations/workshops**

**What**  
Sound and breathing techniques, rhythm and arrangement, vocalising, percussion accompaniments and history of didgeridoo taught by internationally acclaimed didgeridoo master Andrew Langford.

**When**  
1-10 September - everyday.

11am-11.30am and 3pm-3.30pm

**Where**  
Sounds of Starlight Theatre, 40 Todd Mall.

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### Musical Theatre

**The Territ’ry!**

**Ochre Troupe Youth Theatre**

**What**  
A Territory Musical inspired by Roger and Hammerstein’s OKLAHOMA! is set on a property in Central Australia in the 1920s. The story follows the people and the place of this time and the various love triangles, social plots and murderous adventures they encounter. It is a comedy full of interesting characters and it essentially explores what a great place The Territ’ry is and why these characters love it so much.

**When**  
Monday – Wednesday 4 - 6 Sept, 7pm

**Where**  
Totem Theatre, next to Todd River & Anzac Oval

**Cost**  
$5

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### Theatre for Kids

**Who Sank the Boat?**

**What**  
A theatrical story-fest celebrating the picture book magic of Pamela Allen. Using a selection of 8 much-loved Pamela Allen stories, Patch Theatre has created an ensemble-style performance that is language lean, theatrically inventive, visually beguiling and musically rich. Suitable for 4 to 8 years. 50 minutes (no interval).

**When**  
Wednesday 6 September, 5.30 pm

**Where**  
Araluen Theatre, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct

**Cost**  
$14 adult / child / concession
Visual Arts

Snake Eyes by Cassandra Schultz

What  An installation that reflects upon a non-Indigenous sense of connection to the land and the role of women in the Australian Landscape.

When  1 – 14 Sept, Mon-Fri, 10pm-4pm, Sat 12pm-4pm

Opening  1 Sept, 6.30pm followed by Festival Opening

Where  Jbird’s Place at Watch this Space, 4/9 George Cres

Cost  FREE

Artastic (Bush Program) Exhibition

What  The Artastic exhibition is a community celebration of exciting new works from 40 young emerging Indigenous artists, resulting from a partnership between InCite Youth Arts and Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi.

When  1-10 September, Mon - Sun, 9am-5pm

Where  Aboriginal Australian Arts & Culture Centre, 125 Todd Street (opposite Melankas)

Cost  Gold coin

Trashed 2006

What  A Bowerbird exhibition featuring art, inventions, craft and workshops using recycled materials

When  2-10 Sept, 10am - 4pm, closed Tuesday

Opening  Sat 2 September 4pm - 6pm with music and fun

Where  Bowerbird Tip Shop, Commonage Road

Cost  FREE

Big Country

What  Leading and emerging Indigenous artists from the Central Desert, Top End, Kimberley and Far North Queensland regional art centres. Artists include Rosella Namok, Fiona Omeenyo, Silas Hobson, Timothy Cook, Eunice Napanangka, Dolly Snell, Mona Jukuna Chiguna, Shorty Jangala Robertson

When  18 Aug-15 Oct, Mon-Fri 9.30am-6pm

Sat 10am-5.30pm, closed Sunday

Where  Gallery Gondwana, Todd Mall

Cost  FREE

Turn the Page, Creative Book Making Exhibition.

What  There’s more to paper and words in a book! See the most amazing hand made books in a special exhibition at Dymocks Alice Springs. These books have been made using a variety of material.... paper, yes, but also leaves, fabric, threads, photographs, buttons, clay.... and they’re all designed to be picked up and read.

When  1–10 Sept, 9am–6pm Mon-Fri, 9am–5pm Sat, 10am–3pm Sun.

Where  Dymocks Alice Springs, Alice Plaza Todd Mall.

Cost  FREE

Competition  Closing date for entries, Monday 28 August, (Entry forms from Dymocks Alice Springs)

Criteria: Each book must have a minimum of four pages that can be turned and have some meaningful text on the pages

THE LANE

PROUD TO SPONSOR THE ALICE DESERT FESTIVAL EVENTS AT THE LANE THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

AMIRA & SPECIAL GUESTS
PERFORMING AND RECORDING LIVE ON THE ROOF AUGUST 27th FROM 7PM TILL LATE, TICKETS $20 AVAILABLE AT THE LANE

AN EVENING OF COMEDY WITH FIONA O’LOUGHLIN AND FRIENDS
TUESDAY 5TH AND WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER FROM 7PM TILL LATE, TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE LANE

NT WRITERS FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION ON THE ROOF
FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE NT WRITERS CENTRE

LIVE MUSIC IN OUR AL FRESCO AREA
EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT, BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BOOKINGS/ENQUIRIES (08) 8952 5522
58 TODD MALL.
Visual Arts

Irrkerlantye Festival Night 2006

What
A mini-Festival within the Alice Desert Festival!
Come along and enjoy an art exhibition, films and
music and dance performances.

When
Thursday 7 September, 5.30pm-9pm

Where
Irrkerlantye Learning Centre, 40 South Terrace
(opposite Casino Causeway) Cost Gold coin

Desert Mob MarketPlace

What
Draws together Aboriginal art centres in Central
Australia, to display a wide variety of art and
craft works, with artists and art co-ordinators on
hand to sell, inform and inspire. This event offers
paintings, ceramics, prints and textile works, with
everything for sale being $200 or under.

When
Saturday 9 September, 10am-2pm Cost FREE

Where
Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct

Desert Mob 2006

What
An exhibition of recent works from Aboriginal
art and craft centres located throughout the
vast desert region of Central Australia. This year
Desert Mob includes over 35 community based
Aboriginal Art Centres from the Central Australian
region, encompassing the Northern Territory,
South Australia & Western Australia.

Opening
Sunday 10 September 2pm

When
10 September – 22 October Cost FREE
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-3pm

Where
Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct

Spring Plaza Fashion Preview

Thursday 21st September
6.30 pm, Springs Plaza, Todd Mall.

Join us for a special presentation of
retrospective Wearable Arts
winning acquisitions

Cost $25
(Includes a light meal)

Bookings essential, ph 08 8952 5177

Tickets available from
Springs Plaza retailers.
All money raised is donated
to the Butterfly Connection.

RAAF Todd To Torrens Cycling Challenge

20 RAAF cyclists depart Alice Springs for
Adelaide. Saturday 2 September, Todd Mall
Raising much needed funds for charity
Contact: www.toddtotorrens.com
Contact: Nick Fogg (08) 8393 2711

STOP PRESS!

Baby Bump, Bruce Deans Menswear, Piccolo’s,
Gifts on the Terrace, Images Salon, Ocea Road,
Signature Bags, Sussan, The Dressing Room
**Workshops**

**Dance the Salsa and the Lambada**

**What** Learn from two of Australia’s best instructors, Latin Dance Australia Marcia Pinheiro Percival and Strictly Dancing Judge and current Australian Salsa Champion Jaime Jesus. They will have you dancing in no time. Learn some of the hottest moves in the Salsa world: turn patterns, spin techniques and styling. The Lambada is the “forbidden dance”, the most sensual Latin dance of all. Learn the fundamental steps: turn patterns, body rolls and wave body movements.

**When**
- Salsa 1 - Thursday 7 September 6.30pm-7.30pm
- Salsa 2 - Saturday 9 September 10.30am-11.30am
- Lambada 1 - Friday 8 September 6.30pm-7.30pm
- Lambada 2 - Sunday 10 Sept 10.30am-11.30am

**Where** The Promised Land, 5 Stuart Terrace

**Cost** $25 per session or $80 for four. Bookings Essential.

**Bookings** kirstynancarrow@yahoo.com or 0400 130 634

**Smoulder to the Argentine Tango**

**What** Tango Red is pleased to announce the return of Geoff Hendrickse and Sara Walker from Perth, to the Alice Springs Festival. Beginners and intermediate workshops in Argentine Tango!

**When**
- Beginners Sat 9 & Sun 10 Sept 2pm-3.30pm
- Intermediate Sat 9 & Sun 10 Sept 4pm-5.30pm

**Where** Uniting Church Hall, Todd Mall

**Cost** $25 per workshop, $40 for two workshops

**Bookings** Cecilia 0411 164 383 or Cherry 0419 823 640

**Write for Children workshop**

**What** Writing for children with Leonie Norrington, NT author of The Barrumbi Kids series.

**When** Saturday 9 September, 9am – 12pm

**Where** RedHOT Arts, 67 Bath St (cnr Stott Tce)

**Cost** $45 waged non-members, $35 members

$25 concession members and non-members

**Contact** NT Writers’ Centre alice@ntwriters.com.au (08) 8952 3810.
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The Buzz about the HUB

On the banks of the river, near Anzac Oval

What Following the success of our inaugural HUB Space last year, a much larger fenced-off area has been created in 2006. With site decorations provided by some of our best visual artists, the space is set to bring out the best in performances, workshops, visual displays and of course fine Festival food. The space will be filled throughout the weekend with live entertainment, dance, trapeze acts, a light show, circus activities, interstate and local performers. A place to meet and mingle, to eat, drink and enjoy. A place to welcome the warmth of spring in this unique outdoor location. Spend the weekend with skilled artists preparing for the Sunday evening’s HUB parade. No BYO, No Dogs.

Club Todd (HUB Space)

What This once-off licensed late night venue has been created just for the Festival. Located in the HUB Space and incorporating the Totem Theatre, you will meet everyone you know. Rub shoulders with performers and the Festival crew.

Cinema in the River

What A night of film under the stars. Bring a blanket or a comfortable cushion and enjoy the open air cinema.

When 7.30pm

Cost $5

Contact ACS NT on 1800 000 432
www.cinemaintheriver.com

Also See Saturday Night at the HUB Space

Rhythm and Braun (Club Todd)

What Join Jon Braun, Liz Cavanagh and Colleen Davidson. Music from deep within the soul, written and performed live by Alice Springs very own Mr Braun with Cabaret sensations Liz Cavanagh from Melbourne and Colleen Davidson from Darwin. Spiritual, classy and sophisticated.

When 9.30pm - Late

Cost $10

Contact (08) 8953 6111

Bush Bands Bash ‘06

What Music NT and Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi present a showcase of musical talent from remote bush communities - Walungurru, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Indulkana and Nyapari. With support from Arrernte percussion group Drum Atweme, MCs from Alice Springs and plenty of activities for the kids. Bush Bands Bash is a grog free family event - All welcome! What a way to start the weekend. These bands really ROCK!

When 6.30pm-11.30pm

Cost $5
Contact 0418 838 545

Comedy at the Club (Club Todd)

What This once-off licensed late night venue has been created just for the Festival. Located in the HUB Space and incorporating the Totem Theatre, you will meet everyone you know. Come and laugh the night away.

When 11pm – late

Cost $10
Contact (08) 8953 6111

Please see our www.alicedesertfestival.com.au for full details of all screenings/workshops/events during the Festival. Contact (08) 8953 6111
HUB Space
On the bank of the River near Anzac Oval
What Opens at 10am! Get down to the bank of the Todd for a day full of workshops, food and entertainment. Join in the FREE Workshops preparing for Sunday evening’s Parade. Learn to drum, chant or sing. Build processional puppets. Make outrageous costumes. Skilled artists and experienced image makers will guide your day.

Delight in the Site - Site decorations
What Produced over the past few weeks by leading community artists Al Bethune, Alison Hittman, J9 Stanton, Aeon Mortimer and the artists of Lhere Artepe - Native Titleholders of Mparntwe (pron: Mbantua) - Alice Springs. HUB Space has been brought to life with sculptures, flags, penjiis, paintings and lots of colour.

Hanging Pod Sculptures
What A series of Hanging “pod” sculptures which are made from recycled plastic shopping bags – a highly topical issue and a neglected resource created by Dragan Kostelnik.

Writers in Town
What A panel discussion with writers on The Ghantastic Writers’ Tour. Andrew Bovell, Sam Wagan Watson, Phillip McClaren and Larissa Behrendt discuss their journeys as writers, what readers want and the publishing and film industries. For writers and readers.
When 10am – 12 pm
Where HUB Space tent
Cost FREE Info alice@ntwriters.com.au

A series of workshops that last all day as we prepare for the Festival Parade on Sunday.

Clowning around with Dusty the Clown
What Workshops and performances. Learn to juggle, walk on a tightrope, be a clown! All Day

Processional Imagemakers
What Join artists Al Bethune, Alison Hittman, J9 Stanton and Aeon Mortimer as they work each day to create processional images. All Day

Circus Us (CAYMCA)
What A dynamic, colourful and interactive community circus born in Alice Springs. Youth Circus Performance 3pm. Aerial; static trapeze, aerial ring, web and tissue. Performances at other times throughout the HUB. Contact 0428 427 603

Puppetry of the Present
What Puppet and mask street theatre performance suited to both young and older audiences. Includes a larger roving puppet, mask, dance and music. Nick Raymond (08) 8955 5616

Circosis
What Queens of the Desert are two larger than life stilt walking characters influenced by the film Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. They will be giving roving performances in the HUB Space. Skills such as juggling, diabolos, hula hoop, poi, spinning plates and trick sticks.
When 10am - 11.30am (kids) 1pm-2.30pm (family, all ages) 4pm-5.30pm (adults)
Contact 041978 7676

Afro Fusion Choir
What Join other voices in learning South African freedom songs with acclaimed choirmaster Morris Stuart from Guyana. You may have a chance to perform on Sunday with a multi-voice choir.
Contact 0409 003 004

Drum the day away
What Workshops in the Rhythm Tent, with Peter Lowson and Drum Atweme. Come chill out and listen to the rhythms of the world. Pick up a drum and join in some rhythm sessions.
When 11am-4pm
Cost $10.00 adults $5.00 Children
Contact 0417 859 250

Visual Arts Tent
What Visual arts teacher Michael Boyce introduces you to modern stencilling techniques, screen printing, photography and even video techniques.
Contact 0408 816 030

Tremendous Taiko Drums
What Tatsuo Sekiguchi. Listen to this extraordinary instrument as exuberant Japanese drummer Sekiguchi beats out his heartbeat strong rhythms. An exercise in rhythm and strength.
Contact (08) 8953 6111
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### Ntaria School Choir
**What**
This remarkable choral group is made up mostly of Indigenous children from ages 7-12, who sing in both Arrernte and English. They recently won their section in the Centralian Eisteddfod.

### Music on the Move
**What**
Community singing. Exercise your vocal chords in these workshops that prepare your voice to be heard in the Festival Parade. **Contact** 0411 375 272

### Nick Nicholas
**What**
Not unlike “the artful dodger”, Nick brings a very real taste of London’s Covent Garden into his cheeky, in-your-face and deliriously funny fast-paced performances in the art of slight-of-tongue.

### Afternoon at the HUB Space
**Saturday 9 September**

**Imparja DESERTsong with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra**
Conductor: Martin Jarvis
Music Director of DESERTsong: Philip Griffin

**What**
The Festival brings you the beautiful harmonies and moving choral works by Indigenous Choirs from the Central Desert. The DSO has not visited Alice since 1997. Hear them perform a fresh program of popular classics in the dry Todd Riverbed. Sit in the natural splendour of the environs as the sun sinks in the west.

**When**
4.30pm – 7pm

**Cost**
$20/$15 con. $50 family ticket (2 adults/2 kids)

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### Cinema in the River
**What**
For its second year, Alice Springs’ unique and popular “Cinema in the River” returns to the Todd River for a night of some of the best Territory films from the past year and beyond. Bring a blanket or a comfortable cushion and enjoy the open air screenings. **When** 7.30 – 10pm  **Cost** $5 pp or FREE with Imparja DESERTsong

**Info**
ACS NT 1800 000 432 www.cinemaintheriver.com

### Latin Dance Party at Club Todd
**What**
A night where Tango and Salsa intertwine. Frantic rhythms as fiery Latin dancers provide displays of dancing finesse. Join in, sweep your partner away.

**When**
8.30pm – late

**Cost**
$10

**Bookings**
(08) 8953 6111

### Latin Dance Party at Club Todd
**Featuring**
Marcia Pinheiro Percival and Jaime Jesus
Direct from Sydney and internationally recognized as two of the best Latin dancers Australia has to offer! Their show brings you the sexy Lambada, the high energy of Salsa and the super-cool Samba danced like only a Brazilian can. You may even have the chance to be part of it.

**Featuring**
Geoff Hendrickse and Sara Walker
The Latin Dance Party is a chance to watch world class Argentine Tango as it is performed by experienced professionals, as well as listen to marvellous traditional as well as contemporary Tango music. If the passion of Tango moves your soul - come along and watch passion rise!

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The Darwin Symphony Orchestra is sponsored to Alice Desert Festival by the Australian Government through Playing Australia, the Northern Territory Government through Arts NT and is brought to “DESERTsong” by Novotel and Thrifty.
Join in the FREE Workshops for this evening’s Parade. Includes a day full of drumming, processional puppet and costume making with skilled artists and experienced image makers. See Saturday at the HUB for descriptions and times for:

Clowning around with Dusty the Clown,
Processional Imagemakers, Circus Us, Circosis

All day! Afro Fusion Choir, Puppetry of the Present, Visual Arts Tent, Tremendous Taiko Drums, Ntaria School Choir, Music on the Move, Tumbarumba, Nick Nicholas, Drum Atweme

Home Brew

Presented by Alice Desert Festival and Music NT as part of the NT Music Festival 2006. An amazing showcase of local bands complemented by circus performers, jugglers and clowns. Enjoy a feast of food, drink, sights and sounds as preparations are under way for the Festival Parade. Kids welcome.

4pm – 6pm Contact (08) 8953 6111 Cost FREE

Club Todd Open Session - Anything Goes

Help end this year’s Festival as friends and performers mingle and perform. A lineup of artists and performers from various Festival events will take part in an evening guaranteed to make you smile.

When 8.30pm – late Cost $10

Festival Finale with Tumbarumba and Friends

As the sun sets over the Western Macs, the Festival Parade winds its way through the HUB and into the dry Todd Riverbed where a simple but moving fire ceremony brings this year’s Festival to a close. Complemented by an incredible light show and Circus performers, you will experience dusk through a new lens. Enjoy a feast of food, drink, sights and sounds into the night. Children welcome.

When 5pm – 7.30pm Cost FREE
A Town Like Alice – 50th Anniversary
What This world class film premiered in Alice Springs at the Pioneer Theatre and starred Peter Finch and Virginia McKenna. To celebrate the anniversary of the premiere, The National Trust and Pioneer YHA are presenting the film again!
When Wednesday 16 August, 7pm
Where Pioneer YHA, cnr Parsons St & Leichhardt Tce
Contact (08) 8952 8855 or (08) 8952 4516

Fauré – Fabulously French
What See Music for listing
When Sunday 20 August, 2.30pm-3.30pm
Where Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cnr Hartley St & Wills Tce

Circus Us (CAYMCA)
What A Wonderland in Alice. A dynamic & fun multi-age community circus performance based on the classic story of Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Caroll, portraying the past, present & future of Alice Springs. Come & be entertained, educated & dazzled by the adventurous acrobats, breathtaking aerialists, kooky clowns, dreamy dancers, wild animals - all fantastic local talent!
When Saturday-Sunday 12-13 August, 4.30pm
Where Araluen Circus Lawns, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct
Cost $15 adult/$10 child Bookings (08) 8951 1122
Be early as seating is limited. Dress up and join in the fun...prizes for the best dressed!
Wearable Arts Acquisition Awards 06

It gets more exciting each year....one of Alice Springs' most popular and anticipated community arts events. A thrilling show of wearable art outfits paraded and performed on stage with dramatic audio and visual effects. Winners of each category are announced on the night. Come and enjoy the creative genius of artists from Alice Springs and beyond.

Awards:
- Springs Plaza Accessorise Award $1,000
- Gallery Gondwana Natural Fibre Award $1,000
- Alice Springs Airport Noisy Art Award $1,000
- Brian Tucker Accounting Desert Fantasia Award $1,000
- Recycled & Found Object Award $1,000
- Territory Chinese Medicine People’s Choice Award $500
- Student Award $500
- Afghan Traders Encouragement Award $200 voucher
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Saturday 7 October  7pm
Araluen Theatre, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct
$30/$20 conc.
Bookings (08) 8951 1122
Entry Forms www.alicedesertfestival.com.au
or RedHOT Arts foyer

Fiddler on the Roof
A highlight of the Alice Springs musical calendar!
Wednesday-Friday 13-15 September, 7.30pm
Minnamurra Hall, St Philip’s College, Schwarz Cres

Third Annual 783 ABC Garden Fair
Come and celebrate the art of gardening in the Centre at the 783 ABC Garden Fair. Pick up a plant, a gardening tip and discover the winners of the 17th garden Competition. Garden Stalls, free plant information and ABC giveaways.
Sat 16 Sept, 8.30am-11am
Olive Pink Botanic Gardens
(08) 8950 4710

Your Alice Desert Festival Station
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- The latest news and reviews
- Check out the web-page for everything Festival

Join Festival junkies:
Stewart Brash 6.00am to 7.45am
Katya Quigley 8.30am to 11.00am and
Barry Nicholls 4.00pm to 6.00pm

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Springs Plaza Fashion Preview
What: Join us for a Special Presentation of Retrospective Wearable Arts Winning Acquisitions and the latest fashions for the Spring/Summer Season. All money raised will be donated to The Butterfly Connection. This non for profit organisation raises money to assist families whose children need to travel interstate for treatment or surgery.
When: Thursday 21 September, 6.30pm
Where: Springs Plaza Todd Mall
Tickets: $25 (includes a light meal), bookings essential
Contact: (08) 8952 5177

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