TRANSPORT SERVICES IMPROVED IN ALICE SPRINGS

Access to Alice Springs transport information is greatly improved thanks to 14 taxi and public transport bus stop totems being installed around Alice Springs.

The commercial passenger vehicle (CPV) totems will provide improved information on taxi, minibus and private hire car transport services.

Information displayed on the CPV totems include maps and braille signage advising of the rank location, as well as NT Police, CPV Network and Department of Transport telephone contact details.

There have been a total of 14 installed, eight taxi, three minibus and three private hire car rank locations which include Alice Springs Airport and Lasseter’s Casino.

Each totem includes a rank number, rank type and the location.

The installation was undertaken by three local companies – Swel Engineering, TJ Signs and Digigamau Civil Contracting.

The CPV totems project was fully-funded by the Northern Territory Government.

BLACK SPOT GETS A ROUNDBOAUTH

Alice Springs motorists travelling through the intersection of Larapinta Drive and Lovegrove Drive will soon have a safer journey with fewer delays following the construction of a single lane roundabout.

Many local residents had raised concerns about the intersection and the potential for a serious accident.

The Northern Territory Government examined a number of options to address traffic issues in the area with the single lane roundabout the preferred solution to ensure a safer commute.

The design work is currently underway with construction expected to start by the end of the year and the project to be finished in early 2016. This is a highly used corner and is now a priority project that is being fast tracked with $3 million set aside in the Budget to complete the intersection upgrade.

ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE GETS MAJOR MAKEOVER

Alice Springs will soon have access to the latest youth training facilities and counselling services as part of a large scale $2.7 million redevelopment of the Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre (ASYCC).

The Northern Territory Government has been working in partnership with the ASYCC on an exciting redevelopment plan, with stages three and four to start this year.

The Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre multi-stage makeover will ensure the centre is a modern, vibrant space and an important part of the Alice Springs community for generations to come.

Stage one and two of the redevelopment involved health and safety upgrades and the construction of a gymnasium providing a new home for sports such as aikido, boxing and gymnastics.

Stage three involves upgrading the existing recreational centre to include a Youth Training and Activities Centre, while stage four will involve the construction of a new wellbeing centre to be leased to a youth counselling organisation.

The new building will be designed with the vision of providing multi professional health support services for youth.

Design work will start in early August with construction expected to start in early December to be finished around April next year.

WAUCHOPE FLATS SENIORS VILLAGE

The Wauchope Flats complex, a public housing block in Alice Springs, will be transitioned to a managed senior’s village, with management to be outsourced to a suitable service provider through a Request for Proposal process.

This will provide another great opportunity for a community housing provider to deliver services in Central Australia for five years, with an option to extend.

The complex will undergo upgrade works including fencing, signage, security lighting and footpath upgrades to ensure the complex is accessible for seniors, including those with disabilities.

The management will be modelled on the Elliot Street complex in Brattingham, which was awarded to Central Australia Affordable Housing Company (CAAHC) in March. CAAHC manages the tenants, collects revenue from rent and undertakes repairs and maintenance to the properties.