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## **COMMUNITY VIEWS TO GUIDE CBD PROJECT**

An award winning leader in public space design work will be conducting consultations with Alice Springs businesses and residents this month to gather ideas for revitalising the Central Business District.

Tony Mayell, Executive Director Southern Region with the Department of the Chief Minister, said Professor Paul Carter from the University of Melbourne will be meeting with local residents, businesses, indigenous families, tourism groups and the creative community to start developing options for the CBD.

“Professor Carter has an international reputation as a pioneer of place-making and of developing new concepts that meld art and design to create unique places and public spaces,” Mr Mayell said.

“He has been awarded for his work on the Federation Square project in Melbourne and is very excited about the opportunity to work with the community in developing the CBD into a vibrant town centre.

“A revitalised CBD also presents the opportunity to position Alice Springs as the gateway to the Red Centre Way tourism experience.”

Professor Carter will be holding workshops with business and community groups later this month.

“The community will be driving this process to create a revitalised CBD that reflects the unique stories and vibrant culture of the region,” Mr Mayell said.

“Initial consultations have already taken place between the NT Government, the Alice Springs Town Council and major community stakeholders about the project parameters.

“These community consultations are the next stage in drawing together stories and ideas that Professor Carter will develop into a Design Options Framework.

“These recommendations will be presented to the NT Government and other major stakeholders.”

To take part in the workshops please contact project co-ordinator Tracy Spencer at [tracyspencer@internode.on.net](mailto:tracyspencer@internode.on.net).

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