



ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

# Annual Report





## Acknowledgement of Country

Mparntwe tantype Council-arenye mapele itele-areme, apmere nhenhe Arrernte-kenhe, itne ampereke-artweye arrwekelenye uthene mape itele-aretyeke.

Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Mparntwe/Alice Springs.

*Translation provided by the Alice Springs Language Centre*



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## Vision for the Town of Alice Springs

A brighter future, a prosperous and cohesive community.

We aspire to be modern, inclusive and innovative, bridging divides and forging new paths.

We want to bring our community together, to celebrate this unique place of gathering where the world meets the oldest living culture on Earth.

### Our Mission

We will be a smart and efficient Council. We will deliver our services to the Community whilst constantly improving our practices and procedures to achieve our vision.

We will always be accountable to the Community whom we serve.

### Our Values

**Leadership:** Our culture, values and accountability are present throughout the organisation.

**Collaboration:** We work in partnership and are better together.

**Trust:** Nothing is more important than the trust between the community and ourselves.

**Respect:** We respect people and genuinely care.

**Authenticity:** What we do rings true and we do what we say.

**Inclusion:** We value all people to create a more equal world.

**Commitment:** We consistently strive towards our mission.

**Determination:** We endeavour to continuously improve.









## Message from the Mayor

On behalf of Alice Springs Town Council, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2022/23.

This past year has been one of planning and progress for Alice Springs Town Council, and we have put some tremendous things in place to ensure our community lives up to its potential.

The 14th Alice Springs Town Council has planned for the development of our organisation into one that is holistic in its service delivery. We have begun to see the fruits of that planning in 2022/23 with some exciting projects well and truly underway.

A major focus of this past year has been infrastructure, and that will continue moving forward. We began a revamp of our Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre by installing an Outdoor Gym, really putting the Leisure back into the facility. We also announced plans to build a brand-new Adventure Play Park at the facility, featuring a playground, mini golf, basketball, volleyball and climbing walls. Work on the Adventure Play Park will continue this year, but it shows we are truly invested in improving the liveability of our town.

We know that families in Alice Springs deserve the opportunity to access free parks and gardens all year around, and have taken steps to improve these amenities across our town. Across the past year, we have installed shade in 12 parks in Alice Springs so our playgrounds can be used every day of the year. We will continue this work moving forward, as well as upgrading play equipment.

As well as improving infrastructure, we have also supported community organisations thrive in our community. Last year Council issued a total of \$107,000 in cash sponsorship to community organisations to assist in delivering services and events in Alice Springs. We also delivered more than \$390,000 in in-kind support to groups and organisation, assisting with the delivery of diverse community events and projects.

In looking back at our achievements across the year, it's clear to see both Elected members and the Council team work hard for our community. This is something that will continue moving forward as we aim to make our region prosper.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Elected Members and the entire dedicated Council team for their contributions in making Alice Springs a better place to live. Rest assured that our work continues each and every day.



**Mayor Matt Paterson**





## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

It gives me great pleasure to present Alice Springs Town Council's 2022/23 Annual Report.

The Annual Report gives us a chance to reflect on the work we have achieved as a Council across the past year and acknowledge the achievements of Elected Members, our Council team and our volunteers. We have made some wonderful strides this year toward delivering on our Strategic Plan 2018-2022. Our collective efforts have continued to further our mission of making Alice Springs a liveable and sustainable community.

It is no secret that our community faces challenges. Despite these challenges, our team has remained steadfast in our commitment to our duties and responsibilities. We have successfully implemented infrastructure improvements, and continued to deliver a range of programs and events for people from all walks of life, whether that be assisting people to learn English through the Library's Read, Write Chat program, or engaging young people in a range of positive programs through our Youth Team. Our care for this community is clearly evident in all things we do.

Of course, we recognise that our achievements as a Council are not ours alone - they are the result of the collaboration between the Council team and the members of the community we serve.

I would like to thank our Mayor Matt Paterson, Elected Members and every Council team member who have supported me in hitting the ground running this year. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue our work, armed with the lessons from the year just passed and the promise of a brighter future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Wilsmore'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**CEO Andrew Wilsmore**

## Our Town, Our History

The Central Arrernte (pronounced arrunda) people are the traditional custodians of Alice Springs and the surrounding region. Mparntwe (pronounced m'barn-twa) is the Arrernte name of Alice Springs. Mparntwe has a history which was born in the Altyerre (dreamtime). Athereyurre (Telegraph Station) was where the Central Arrernte people survived for 1000s of years because of the source of water reliability. Athereyurre provided this necessity to the Central Arrernte people.

The Mparntwe people of the Central Arrente tribe lived in this area because of the availability of water and all types of foods this particular area offered, including amerne (vegetables) and akure (meat).

The original town of Stuart, which is also known as the Telegraph Station, was the original location of Alice Springs. The township started under the name of Stuart and between 1871 and 1933 Alice Springs was simply the name of a waterhole adjacent to the Telegraph Station. It was named after Alice Todd, the wife of Sir Charles Todd, who was the driving force for constructing the Overland Telegraph Line that revolutionised communication across the country.

Today, the town of Alice Springs is a home to people from many countries and cultures, with an Aboriginal population of 20% and almost 25% of residents speaking a language other than English at home. Our residents exude creativity, resilience, resourcefulness and cultural understanding as we live together in unison.

Our community is always striving for something greater, as it has become the service centre for the region and pastoralists, an inland capital, a destination known for its Aboriginal culture and landmarks and above all, a unique and happy place to live. A town and population that does not stand still, but is driven to be modern and always welcoming.





## Alice Springs today

**Population:** 28,922 (2022 ABS)

**Target Population Growth:** 3.5%

**Land area:** 328.3 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population density:** 88.09 persons per square km

**Median Age:** 35

**Aboriginal population:** 20%

**Population born overseas:** 26.2%

**Language at home other than English:** 24.5%

**Median weekly household income:** \$2,142

**2022 mean maximum temperature:** 28.9 °C

**2022 mean minimum temperature:** 12.6 °C

**Local businesses:** 1,941 (2021 ABS Census)

**Employed residents:** 13,727

**Top industry sector of employment:**

1. Healthcare & Social Assistance (3,095)
2. Public Administration and Safety (2,394)
3. Education and Training (1,295)







# Part One: About the Council

## Council in Focus

### Council History

Alice Springs officially became a Municipality on 1 July 1971, with the first Council Meeting of the newly-elected Aldermen held a few days later on 5 July. The 1st Council comprised several high-profile identities, such as the popular pastoralist and former Federal Member for the NT, Jock Nelson, who was voted in as the first Mayor in a landslide victory over five other candidates. The Jock Nelson Centre at 16 Hartley Street recognises Mr Nelson, who resigned from Council in late-1973 to take up the Darwin-based position of Administrator of the Northern Territory.

Elected Aldermen of the 1st Council were: Marlene Brown, a local business woman; barrister/solicitor Brian Martin; future inaugural Chief Minister of the NT, Paul Everingham; transport identity Len Kittle; timber merchant Dave Baldock; architect Andrew McPhee; businessman Peter Leunig; and, teacher Allan Dunstan.





## Council Structure

The Council sets the strategic and policy direction for the organisation, monitors the performance of its functions, and has the responsibility of financial allocation and resourcing. Their role is to represent the people in their area providing leadership and guidance to the community. The monthly Ordinary Council Meetings are open to the public who may sit in the public gallery or watch the meeting streamed live.

## Council Representatives

There are nine Elected Members who represent the community of Alice Springs. They have specific powers, responsibilities and duties as set out in the *Local Government Act 2019*. The Mayor is elected during the local government elections held every four years and the Deputy Mayor is elected by the Council every 12 months as per Council policy.





## Committees, Advisory Groups and Representation of External Bodies

To assist with risk management and decision-making, the Council has two advisory committees that make recommendations to them about any matters the committee believes require the Council's consideration as a result of the committee's functions.

### Risk Management and Audit Committee

The Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) is an advisory committee with an objective to provide independent assurance and advice regarding the integrity of Council's financial management and risk, internal control and compliance frameworks. RMAC continues to be independently chaired by Mr Bryan Whitefield, and supported by the Chief Executive Officer and senior Council officers.

The committee met three times during the 2022/23 financial year and provided oversight of the following:

- ☐ Annual financial statements
- ☐ Compliance review
- ☐ External audit reporting
- ☐ Internal audit assurance
- ☐ Risk management.

### Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

The Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC) provides advice on the provision, appropriate development and management of Council Sporting Facilities within our community.

### Other Committees

The following Committees were dissolved in August 2022 to allow for a more community consultative approach.

- ☐ Access Advisory Committee
- ☐ Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre Committee
- ☐ Cemetery Advisory Committee
- ☐ Community Grants / Araluen Access Grants Committee
- ☐ Creative Arts Recovery Grants Committee
- ☐ Development Committee
- ☐ Environmental Advisory Committee
- ☐ Library Consultative Committee
- ☐ Parks Coordinating Committee
- ☐ Public Arts Advisory Committee
- ☐ Regional Waste Management Committee
- ☐ Senior's Coordinating Committee
- ☐ Tourism Events and Promotions Committee

## Elected Members

### 14th Alice Springs Town Council

As at 30 June 2023



Mayor

Matt Paterson

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#### Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee  
Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee  
Parks Coordinating Committee  
Risk Management and Audit Committee  
Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

#### External Committee Representation

50+ Community Centre Committee  
Development Consent Authority  
Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT)  
Outback Highway Development Council Inc (Outback Way)  
Tourism Central Australia



Deputy Mayor

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Councillor

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#### Internal Committee Representation

Parks Co-ordinating Committee



Councillor

Allison Bitar

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#### Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council & Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee  
Parks Co-ordinating Committee  
Risk Management and Audit Committee

#### External Committee Representation

Alice Springs Art Foundation  
Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT)

	<p>Councillor <b>Steve Brown</b></p> <p>0427 792 194 sbrown@alicesprings.nt.gov.au</p>	<p><b>Internal Committee Representation</b> Sports Facilities Advisory Committee</p>
	<p>Councillor <b>Mark Coffey</b></p> <p>0401 116 166 mcoffey@alicesprings.nt.gov.au</p>	<p><b>Internal Committee Representation</b> Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee Risk Management and Audit Committee Sports Facilities Advisory Committee</p> <p><b>External Committee Representation</b> Outback Highway Development Council Inc (Outback Way)</p>
	<p>Councillor <b>Kim Hopper</b></p> <p>0423 397 235 khopper@alicesprings.nt.gov.au</p>	<p><b>Internal Committee Representation</b> Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee</p> <p><b>External Committee Representation</b> RedHOT Arts Central Australia Inc.</p>
	<p>Councillor <b>Michael Liddle</b></p> <p>0456 529 769 mliddle@alicesprings.nt.gov.au</p>	<p><b>Internal Committee Representation</b> Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee</p> <p><b>External Committee Representation</b> Heritage Council</p>
	<p>Councillor <b>Gavin Morris</b></p> <p>0413 964 838 gmorris@alicesprings.nt.gov.au</p>	<p>Sworn in to the 14th on the 22 November 2022. Elected in via the by-election held as a result of the vacancy created by the resignation of Jimmy Cocking.</p>



## Organisational Structure

There were no changes made to the Alice Springs Town Council's organisational structure during this financial year.









# Part Two: Reporting Performance

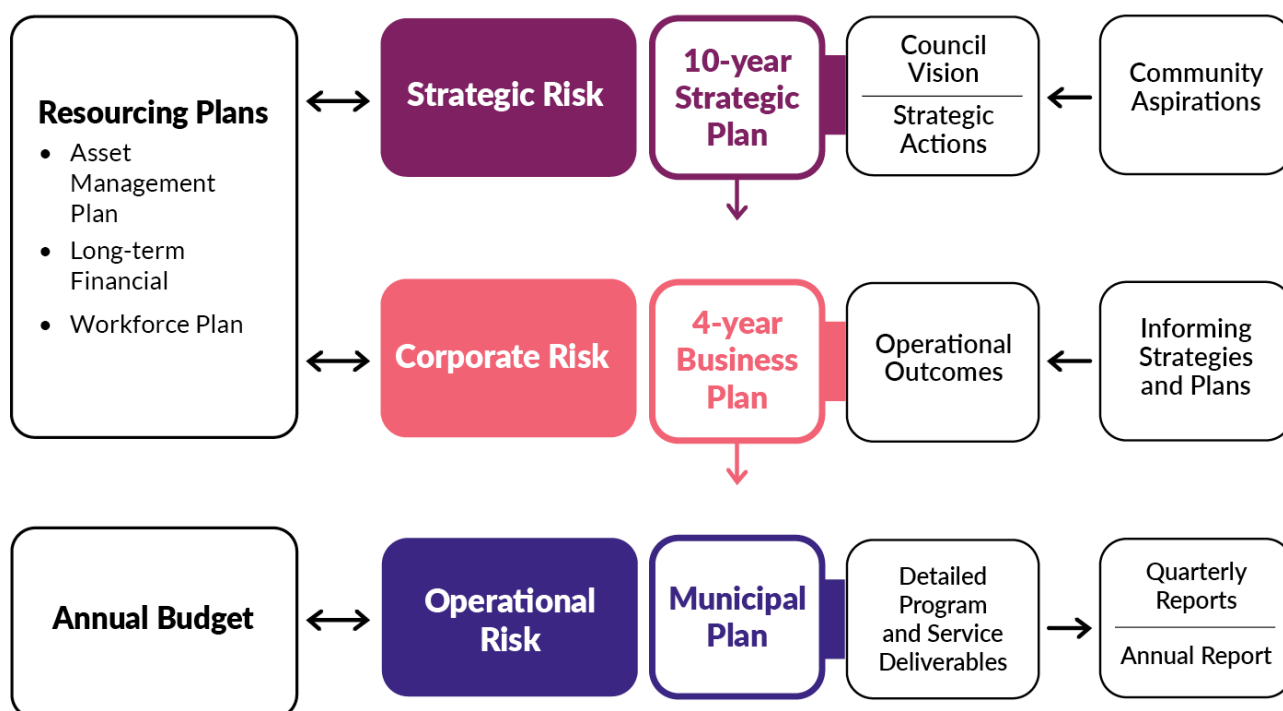
## Strategic Framework

### Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Alice Springs Town Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework guides the planning process to deliver accountable and measurable links between community aspirations, financial and resource sustainability including effective asset management, and practical service delivery.

The *Annual Report* measures the outputs of the *Municipal Plan* and facilitates a review of the *Business Plan*.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is outlined below.





## 2022/23 Year in Review

### Projects

#### **Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre's Outdoor Gym**

With funding assistance from the Northern Territory and Federal Government, Council proudly unveiled a new outdoor gym at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre (ASALC) to help promote healthy lifestyles and make the facility more of a holistic experience. The gym has a range of different equipment from kettlebells to elliptical machines for people of all abilities to access.

#### **Shade sails in parks**

Shade structures were placed over play equipment in 12 of our local parks for the safe and comfortable enjoyment of our outdoor spaces.

Oleander Park • Noonie Park • Beefwood Park • Campbell Park • Dixon Park • Ashwin Park • Roberts Park • Gilbert Place Park • Plowman Park • Forrest Park • Ruffino Park • Walmulla Park

#### **Upgraded play equipment**

More time for outdoor play...

Walmulla Park – Upgraded with slides, climbing equipment, see saw and a flying fox.

Willoby Park on Gilbert Place - now has the additional features of a dual slide and climbing equipment fit for young children.

#### **Regional Skate and Play Park**

Council completed the first phase of community consultation gathering feedback on the skating elements of the proposed Regional Skate and Play Park project for Newland Park. Further consultation is to follow on the wider design of the park.

#### **Public Art**

Many Hands Art Centre panels were installed to beautify the Hartley Street Carpark, in collaboration with the Itjja Ntjarra (Many Hands) Art Centre.

#### **Youth Summit**

Council held its first Youth Summit in September 2022 where young people got together and shared ideas to help create change for the better. The theme of the summit was IMAGINE which stands for 'Integrity & Mindset Achieves Goals, Ideas, Needs & Education'.

#### **Todd Mall Traders**

Local businesses were supported with administrative assistance and the coordinating efforts of Council's CBD & Public Arts Officer to establish a Todd Mall working group that will advocate for the revitalisation of the town's centre.





## Performance Targets

Alice Springs Town Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 outlined Council's direction and priorities to guide focused activity towards achieving below desired objectives:

1. Create a dynamic community
2. Provide a great place to live
3. Provide leadership in sustainability
4. Operate a dynamic Council

Key Performance Indicators for each of the strategies can be found in the Strategic Plan 2018-2022 accessible from the Civic Centre or Council's website at [www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au).

During the financial year, Elected Members developed a new *2030 Liveability and Sustainability Strategic Plan* which will form the basis of reporting in future years.



## Objective 1: A dynamic community

At its best, Alice Springs is a prosperous community where everyone is included and welcomed. We are a vibrant town, a place of true cultural inclusion and collaboration. Council strives to help our town live up to this potential, bringing the community together and creating a place where everyone feels like they belong.

A dynamic, prosperous community where everyone is included underpinned by safe, reliable infrastructure and social investment.

- 1.1. Inclusiveness & support
- 1.2. Economic growth & prosperity
- 1.3. Safe & reliable public infrastructure

Indicator	2022/23 Target	Results
Develop and implement short term strategies of Council's Multicultural Action Plan to ensure the inclusivity of Council services and programs	Establish key indicators and yearly improvement targets for inclusion and diversity for Council programs	→
1:4 return on investment met with increased sponsorship applications expected for local events and increased governance around assessment criteria and process	Council funding on sponsorship initiatives achieve at least a 1:4 return on investment	✓
Increase Alice Springs Town Council website sessions from a baseline of 250,000 by 10% per annum	Increase website sessions from 400,000 to 440,000	×
Achieve more consistent responses and reduced response times to NeatStreets notifications throughout the municipality.	100% response rate to NeatStreets notifications	✓
Develop an updated Traffic and Parking Strategy that assists in the Activation of the CBD in partnership with Northern Territory Government Activation projects	New Traffic and Parking Strategy developed to assist in the activation of the CBD in partnership with Northern Territory Government Activation projects	→
Grow the proportion of lifetime animal registrations compared to annual registrations from 4:1 to 5:1	Proportion of 5:1 lifetime animal registration to annual registrations achieved	✓

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing × Not achieved



## Objective 2: A great place to live

Alice Springs as a region has a great deal of potential and Council is committed to working with key stakeholders to see the town fulfil it. We want to create a thriving and accessible town for people to live, work, study and play. Through investment in our infrastructure, parks, events and programs, Council continues to bring Alice Springs' unique character to life and deliver on the promise of a brighter future.

A great place to live that attracts and retains residents because of our unmatched leisure and healthy living opportunities and embracing our unique landscape and culture.

- 2.1. Community life, promoting a healthy vibrant culture
- 2.2. Sense of place & public amenity
- 2.3. Enhance life-long learning, library & technology services

Indicator	2022/23 Target	Results
All primary-aged children to have access to a swim and water safety program to enable them to reach the Level 5 target of 25m continuous swim freestyle, breaststroke, survival backstroke and backstroke	All primary-aged children to have access to a swim and water safety program to enable them to reach the Level 5 target of 25m continuous swim freestyle, breaststroke, survival backstroke and backstroke	→
Increase STEAM and digital engagement event participants by 25% per annum	Increase STEAM and digital engagement event participants by 25% per annum	✓
Implement <i>Public Art Master Plan</i> endorsed through Council and strengthening of existing strategic relationships across arts and culture, education, health, tourism, community and local enterprise	Completion of short and medium-term Arts and Cultural Plan strategic actions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development and implementation of a <i>Public Art Master Plan</i>.</li> <li>- Development and implementation of a Public Art Interpretation Plan.</li> <li>- Strengthen existing strategic relationships across arts and culture, education, health, tourism, community and local enterprise.</li> </ul>	✓
Increase participation in healthy communities' activities by 10% per annum	Promotion of Healthy Communities activities to increase movement and exercise for minority groups, increased by 10%	×
Develop a Greening Strategy for Alice Springs Park, open spaces and CBD	Strategy developed and priorities identified and funded in 2023/24	→
Work with partners to increase organised sporting participation by 5% per annum	To have participation of all sports target of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3,000 adults</li> <li>- 1,700 juniors</li> </ul>	✓
Budgeted stormwater upgrades delivered	Deliver key stormwater upgrades	→
Work with the community safety committee and key stakeholders to progressively improve safety related infrastructure such as public lighting	Meet with key stakeholders including NTG and the community regarding safety related infrastructure held as required	→
Parks are progressively upgraded	At least three shade structures installed annually	✓

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing × Not achieved



### Objective 3: Leadership in Sustainability

Alice Springs Town Council recognises its role in Climate Action and preserving the liveability of our town. We are dedicated to reducing our overall environmental footprint and finding ways to help Alice Springs become a more sustainable and liveable town in the future.

A leader in sustainability and best practice, living well in our desert context and minimising our impact.

- 3.1. Community life, promoting a healthy vibrant culture
- 3.2. Sense of place & public amenity
- 3.3. Enhance life-long learning, library & technology services

Indicator	2022/23 Target	Results
Climate action and environment priority actions commenced	Recommence a commercial Food and Organic (FOGO) Waste Trial Work on climate and heat research with Charles Darwin University Develop a Greening Strategy along with a Verge Stewardship Program Redesigning the treatment of liquid wastes so they can be safely disposed of locally, and avoiding the transport thousands of kilometres for subsequent disposal Working with Power Water Corporation to investigate ways to introduce the use of recycled water	✓
Develop a renewable energy plan to enable strategic planning of Council's investment in renewables	Increase proportion of solar generated electricity at Council facilities or reduce consumption to achieve energy savings from the grid of 50% by 2022/2023	×

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing × Not achieved



## Objective 4: A dynamic Council

Alice Springs Town Council aims to be a well governed Council that leads by example, advocates for our community, innovates and delivers excellent services, and works with others collaboratively to help create the community we want to live in. We are on the path to achieving this through investment in our organisation, creating a more efficient Council that supports the community.

A well governed Council that leads by example, advocates for our community, innovates and delivers excellent services, and works with others collaboratively to help create the community we want to live in.

4.1. Leadership & advocacy excellence

4.2. People & workplace excellence

4.3. Service excellence

4.4. Governance excellence

Indicator	2022/23 Target	Results
Meet all financial reporting requirements to the specified compliance level	Compliance to regulatory reporting deadlines	✓
Outstanding Rates Ratio equal or better than 0.3 (being the total rates outstanding divided by total rates revenue)	Achieve a Rates Ratio targeted to be equal or better than 0.3	✓
Ensure Current Ratio at better than 1:1 (being the total rates outstanding and a measure of how quickly Council can convert current assets into cash to satisfy Council financial commitments)	Maintain the current ratio targeted to be better than 1:1	✓
Ensure Council maintains a strong capacity to service its loans (if any) by having a Debt Equity Ratio of less than 0.1 (being the outstanding debt divided by operating income)	Maintain debt equity ratio targeted to be less than 0.1	✓
Elected Members participate in all Ordinary Council and Standing Committee meetings and 80% of Advisory and other committee meetings as appointed (to be reported on in the Council's Annual Report)	Ensure participation of Elected Members in all Ordinary Council and Standing Committee meetings and 80% of Advisory and other committee meetings	✗

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing ✗ Not achieved

Yearly surveys of Advisory Committee members show an increase in satisfaction and motivation rates, reflected in increased attendance rates	Conduct an annual survey of Advisory Committee members, and improve the system to formally track attendance	×
Develop and Implement a Workforce Strategy, Capability and Leadership Framework to ensure a consistent approach and commitment to ongoing measuring of and accountability to organisational expectations for culture, values and behaviour	Workforce Strategy, Capability and Leadership Framework developed and implemented	→
Develop a Reconciliation Action Plan for Council, setting clear progressive measurable targets, strategies and actions including achieving increased employment of Indigenous Australians in Council positions	Develop and implement an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan	→
Improve staff satisfaction benchmarks established in 2018/19 by 5% per year Report against established staff satisfaction benchmarks	Establish staff satisfaction benchmarks. Report against staff satisfaction benchmarks	×

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing × Not achieved









## Council Manages

73 parks and gardens | 8 sporting grounds and ovals | 250+km of roads | 120km of stormwater | 400km of verges | 3 cemeteries | 8 netball courts | 2,735 solar panels | 4 swimming pools, 1 whirlpool, 1 indoor spa |

## Service Delivery

Service delivery is a core function of Alice Springs Town Council and we are constantly reviewing practices and procedures to ensure programs run efficiently and cost effectively.

We are committed to providing value to the community and we care about our town. Through engaging events to enliven public spaces, we activate our infrastructure and facilities that are impressive for a remote town.







## Community Development

The following programs, events and services were delivered by the Community Development Directorate.

### Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre (ASALC)

Infant, Toddler, Children and Adult Learn to Swim classes | Aqua-fit classes | Summer School Holiday Wild Wednesdays | New Year's Eve Party | Fab Friday | Australia Day Pool Party | Heating of outdoor pool | Royal Life Saving Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment (Pool Audit) | Adventure Play Park tender awarded and concept design endorsed | Preventative Maintenance Tender awarded 2022/23 – 2024/25 | Plantroom Asset Report completed | Operational Review Consultant appointed

### Programs

ASALC provides water safety education through a variety of swimming programs that caters for all ages and ability. These include Learn to Swim classes for infants, toddlers, children and adults. School-based programs, regional and remote Aqua-Fit classes, access and inclusion considerations and meeting multicultural needs are integrated in our services.

### Events

In collaboration with the Youth Programs Team, six free entry events were held across 2022/23 and funded through various Northern Territory Government grants. Free sausage sizzles and fruit were available and activities included inflatables, aquatic basketball, arrow tag, water slides and music. These family and youth orientated events remain a popular highlight of the school holiday breaks.

2022/23 Deliverables	Results
Provide and build programs incorporating water safety education and basic swimming skills to Access and Inclusion/CALD groups and individuals	✓
Provide professional training facilities for provision of training courses to increase employment opportunities in Council and the Central Australia region	✓
Provide Health & Wellbeing programs, facilities and equipment	✓
Provide facility for physiotherapy/exercise groups - aquatic and land-based programs	✓
Provide facilities for sporting groups, community groups and private community celebrations	✓
Provide facilities, equipment and staff for school carnivals and other community events	✓
Provide aquatic programs for remote community groups and schools	✓
Develop risk management aquatic-based programs for middle to upper primary aged students to engage and educate	→
Promote safe behaviour, active supervision and respectful hygiene messages through video and signage	✓
Offer safe program for special needs clients and carers that encourage engagement and wellbeing in the aquatic environment	✓
Provide program/facilities to engage new mums and infants under 6 months of age	✓

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing ✗ Not achieved



## Alice Springs Public Library

STEM programs, such as Robotics & 3D Printing Workshops, Questacon Windtunnel, Try Fly Drones and our Science Playday | Read. Write. Chat | Summer Reading Club | Bike Maintenance | Craft @ the Library | Narrative Writing Workshop | Reptile Centre | Storytime & Baby Rhyme Time | School holiday programs | The Australian Ballet | NT Writer's Festival Author Talks | RoboCup Junior | Tax Help

### Our Year in numbers

During 2022/23:

- ☐ The Alice Springs Public Library (ASPL) welcomed **91,965 visitors** through our doors.
- ☐ We were open to the public for a total of **2,267 hours**.
- ☐ Visitor and patrons have booked **16,274 sessions** on our public PCs.
- ☐ We have hosted **573 programs** with **19,867 participants**.
- ☐ We have welcomed **1,734 new members**.
- ☐ Members have checked out **123,582 items**.

### STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Programs

Our STEM programs, such as Robotics & 3D Printing Workshops, Questacon Windtunnel, Try Fly Drones and our Science Playday have significantly contributed to enhancing the educational and community engagement aspects of our library. These programs have successfully combined technology, science and creativity to provide valuable learning opportunities for patrons whilst also promoting digital inclusion and fostering a sense of community.

### Partnerships

ASPL celebrated successful partnerships with multiple community-focused initiatives, including RoboCup Junior, Tax Help programs, the NAIDOC Committee and the NT Writers Centre. These partnerships are a great example of the Library as a dynamic and adaptable multipurpose activity centre that responds to the needs of our diverse Alice Springs community.

2022/23 Deliverables	Results
Deliver a bi-annual "Youth Engagement through Technology Expo" involving key stakeholders in the COUNCIL community	✓
Deliver programs to diverse cohorts to strengthen ASPL as a place to meet, share and keep	✓
Deliver Seniors activities, including "Be Connected" in consultation with Seniors Committee	✓
Maintain and grow ASPL relationships with NT Writers' Centre, NAIDOC Committee, NTES and other external stakeholders	✓
Deliver school holiday programs	✓

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing ✗ Not achieved

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Community & Cultural Development  
**Programs**

Arrernte Language and Culture Workshops | Summer SAM (Sport, Art, Music) | Artship Mural Project | Youth Recycled Art Prize | Phoney Film Festival | Keep You Moving Exercise Program | Movers and Groovers | Heart Foundation Active in Alice Walking Group





## Events

Night Markets incorporating the Finke Street Party | FABalice | Desert Festival and Christmas Carnival | Seniors Month| Seniors Still Got Rhythm | International Day of People with a Disability | Mayoral Awards | Christmas Window Competition | Pop-up Parks series | International Women's Day Panel and Morning Tea | Big Day Out in Harmony | Celebrating IDAHOBIT Day (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex discrimination and Transphobia)





### **Big Day Out in Harmony**

Alice Springs Town Council once again collaborated with MCSCA (Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia) to deliver their Big Day Out in Harmony, celebrating our richly diverse community of Alice Springs. A day enjoyed by approximately 1,000 people filled with colours, sounds, fragrances and tastes from across the world.

### **Multicultural Action Plan**

In March 2023 Council's Multicultural Action Plan was endorsed. Annual short-term strategies have been implemented successfully, such as increased Council multicultural programs and events by 10%. Annual strategies will be reviewed each year for continuous improvement. This plan ensures Council stays abreast of multicultural social and community trends, initiatives and priorities by developing strategic alliances with key community stakeholders to ensure our projects and events are culturally appropriate, and aligned with our diverse community's needs.

### **Celebrating IDAHOBIT Day**

(International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex discrimination and Transphobia).

Council joined workplaces and organisations around Australia in raising awareness and strengthening inclusion, by providing a free inclusive language workshop facilitated by the Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council. Ten community members joined the workshop which covered defining and understanding identities, exploring language, and inclusive practice.

### **Healthy Communities**

Council's Keep You Moving exercise program at the Health & Wellness Centre (at ASALC) assists people with chronic health conditions to thrive. The program received almost 3,000 visits and continues to receive ongoing new referrals from local allied health services. For residents at the Old Timers Village, free exercise programs were delivered twice weekly. Movers and Groovers dance sessions continued as part of Healthy Communities (HC) programming for seniors at the 50 Plus Community Centre. HC continues to support the Heart Foundation's Active in Alice Walking Group which is now a volunteer run program with an average attendance of 32 people per walk. Celebrating Multicultural Fitness, COUNCIL provided a free fitness session which comprised of West African Dance, followed by a drumming workshop with 55 people attending.

### **Volunteers**

After the development of Council's Volunteer Framework and volunteer position descriptions, recruitment for new volunteers continues. A total of 18 new volunteers were engaged in 2022/23 and Council volunteers as a whole have donated over 150 hours to assist Council in delivering on its commitments to the local community. Council's volunteers were awarded Certificates of Appreciation and celebrated at a National Volunteer Week event.



2022 Mayoral Awards

Ben Russell

Winner of  
The Roleworthy Award

In recognition of your roleworthy contribution  
to the local community



## Community & Cultural Development

2022/23 Deliverables	Results
Deliver the 2023 Community Grants program	✓
Deliver the 2022 Mayoral Awards	✓
Deliver the 2023 Centralian Awards	✓
Finalise and implement year one initiatives of Council's Multicultural Action Plan to ensure inclusivity and accessibility of Council's programs, services and events.	→
Deliver Seniors activities, including Seniors Month activities and attend the 50+ Management Committee	✓
Deliver a range of Community Events, including the Night Markets, Christmas Carnival and Pop up Parks	✓
In collaboration with Ranger Unit and Alice Springs Animal Shelter support Many Paws Walk in 2023.	✓
Implement a Volunteer Framework to support Alice Springs Town Council activities and programs and increase Council's Volunteer database by 10%	→
Launch an external event guide for the Alice Springs community	✓
Partner with local seniors' service providers and advocacy groups to promote World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	✓
Expand the online mobility map on Council website to include surrounding suburbs	→
Administer and organise in-kind support requests in line with community guidelines for local events and projects	✓
Build awareness for International Women's Day and support local women's organisations	✓
Increased detection and enforcement of Council By-Laws	✓
Deliver programs during school holidays including, Splash Parties at ASALC	✓
Implementation of Summer SAM (Sports, Arts and Music) festival	✓
Deliver activities during youth week, including Youth Recycle Art Prize, Wild Wednesday and Shooting of Undead Central	✓
Implementation of Film project for the youth	×
Implementation of Youth Forum	✓
Deliver Phoney Film Festival	✓

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing × Not achieved

## Ranger Unit

Managed 1,153 calls-for-service | Removed 162 abandoned vehicles from public spaces | 427 Parking infringements issued | Drafted and approved 755 Permits for events | Issued 57 animal management and 6 Public Places infringements | Processed 586 lifetime registrations | Achieved the target of 6:1 lifetime dog and cat registrations to annual registrations

2022/23 Deliverables	Results
Increased detection and enforcement of Council By-Laws	✓
Continue to deliver on-call assistance to support Animal welfare groups and Veterinarians	✓

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing ✗ Not achieved

Council's Ranger Unit is responsible for upholding the By-laws that are in force within the municipality, conducting parking compliance activity, supporting community events, and the administration of Public Places Permits. Rangers supported many community events, including providing a dedicated presence at all Night Markets. Rangers, working closely with the Northern Territory Police Force, conducted several high visibility patrols in the CBD to support Operation Thayer. This collaboration involved Rangers patrolling at night in teams to identify and notify of any issues that may have required Police assistance.





## Technical Services

The following programs, events and services were delivered by the Technical Services Directorate.

Rediscovery Centre and the Regional Waste Management Facility

National Recycling Week | Youth Recycled Art Prize | 45,569.67 tonnes of waste received | 6,581.45 tonnes of waste recycled out | 14% of total waste received recycled | 144.70 tonnes of cardboard waste | 37.48 tonnes of e-waste | 2110.60 tonnes of green waste | 888.86 tonnes of metal waste | 334.80 tonnes of glass | 70.92 tonnes of firewood | 8 tonnes of paint waste | 157.49 tonnes of liquid waste | 28 tonnes recycled through the Container Deposit Scheme | Installation of Bio Bins | Removal of Liquid Waste and Shredding of Materials Tenders Awarded | Purchase of a Tipper and Excavator | Installation of Air-conditioning in the Rediscovery Centre | 10 year Masterplan Completed |



2022/23 Deliverables	Results
Provide twice-yearly free waste collection to people with disabilities and to aged people through the Aged Pensioner Pruning Services	✓
Deliver the EqualiTea Program in partnership with NT Friendship and Support	✓
Install improved public safety lighting across the CBD and in community safety "hot spots"	✓
Complete Todd Mall pavement maintenance works in line with Zoned Maintenance	✓
Expand the water reduction technology of irrigation on Sporting Ovals	✗
Replace aged equipment to more fuel-efficient Plant and Equipment	✓
Meet a tree-planting target of 750 trees per annum	→
Conduct impact assessment of developments to permit sustainable growth	✗
Review the NT Planning Scheme and recommend changes that have impacts on the economic growth in Alice Springs	→
Finalise Council acceptance for asset inheritance of Ilpeye Ilpeye Town Camp	✓
Work with Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) on Kilgariff Master Plan for future stages	→
Encourage developers to contain water onsite to permit infiltration and to improve water table	✗
Encourage developers to use alternative options to concreting, where possible	✗
Climate action plan developed and priorities established	✓
Encourage use of electric vehicles	→
Facilitate the development, endorsement and implementation of the Alice Springs Town Council – Climate Action Plan 2022-2025	✓
Develop a Greening Strategy for funding and implementation	→
Promote the installation of vehicle charging stations	✓
Coordinate community events that promote environmental awareness such as Clean Up Australia Day, Great Northern Clean Up and National Tree Planting Day	✓
Encourage Northern Territory Government and local businesses to adopt sustainable initiatives	→
Waste reduction strategy – Environment and Regional Waste staff working on a range of reduction strategies for funding and implementation	✓
Develop an updated Traffic and Parking Strategy that assists in the Activation of the CBD in partnership with Northern Territory Government Activation projects	✗
Park infrastructure is inspected and maintained to required standards	✓
Deliver key stormwater upgrades, in locations of periodic flooding	→
Work with the community safety committee and key stakeholders to progressively improve safety related infrastructure such as public lighting	✓
Complete Ilparpa Road shared path network (Stage 1)	✓

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing ✗ Not achieved



2022/23 Deliverables	Results
Upgrade Ragonessi Road Stormwater Drain	→
Upgrade Council's open drainage network to mitigate flooding impacts	×
Work with the NT Government to jointly improve intersection serviceability – Schwarz Crescent and Stuart highway	✓
Upgrade, refurbish and renovate library internal and external infrastructure	→
Complete the delivery of the CBD and Todd Mall revitalisation projects	→
Complete upgrades on Norris Bell and Lovegrove Drive railway crossings secure funding for seven remaining Council controlled railway crossings to bring up to current standards	✓
Implement the annual Road Reseal program	✓
Complete the new pedestrian footpath along Herbert Heritage Drive	✓
Liaise with community and stakeholders on the proposed Regional Community Park, select preferred location and commenced design	✓
Increase the number of shade structures in public areas such as parks	✓
Continue to facilitate community use of sporting facilities, including shared use and improving infrastructure	✓
Work in partnership with Northern Territory Government in the development of new parks in the Kilgariff residential estate	✓
Introduce new FOGO trial	→
Increase recycled out waste by a further 5%	×
Reuse 35% of the crushed glass collected from 100 tonne of wine and spirit bottles under the Cash for Containers scheme annually	×
Increase reuse/recycling rates of waste presented at the Regional Waste Management Facility by 5% per annum	×
Provide safe and effective solutions to support the community's participation in recycling and removal of waste from landfill	✓
Facilitate the monthly White Goods Drop-off Day at the Regional Waste Management Facility	✓
Work with key stakeholders to develop a strategy to mitigate illegal dumping in the Alice Springs area	✓
Develop/update the Traffic and Parking Strategy	×
Support major sports events including Masters Games, Big Bash league, Imparja Cup & National Indigenous Cricket Carnival, AFLW and AFL matches	✓
Identify and seek funding to support the implementation of the recommendations in the Alice Springs Sports Facilities Master Plan 2020-2030	✓
Support the objectives of the Master Plan for Mountain Biking in the Northern Territory and supplementary infrastructure plans	×
Implement a Food Organics Garden Organics service for the community	→
Parks maintained, green, shady and actively used by sporting groups and members of the public	✓
A focus on clean streets and zero graffiti	✓

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing × Not achieved





## Corporate Services

The following programs, events and services were delivered by the Corporate Services Directorate.

2022/23 Deliverables	Results
Deliver a robust Work Health and Safety System to ensure the health and safety of all Council employees, subcontractors and community members while we work in our open spaces.	→
Continue to provide security CCTV monitoring activity and work closely with Police to provide safety to persons in public areas	→
Provide high-level risk assessment on matters of public safety for community events	✓
Provide advice to subcontractors and community groups on Safety Management Planning for the safe delivery of works and events in public areas.	✓
Work closely with external event providers on Work Health and Safety planning to deliver the safest possible outcomes for Council and employees at community events	✓
Deliver at least two internal audits in line with the Internal Audit plan; and four assurance reviews, supporting Council's commitment to continuous improvement	→
Implement requirements of the new Local Government Act 2019 to achieve compliance by the end of 2021/22, the legislative transition period	✓
Implement improved operational risk management systems and tools that improve Council's risk culture and efficiency	→
Complete historical policy reviews and ensure all policies are appropriate, reviewed and current	→
Review and update all Council committee terms of reference	✓
Develop a Council and Committees Charter to assist Elected Members and Committee members to deliver effective and efficient meetings	→
Update Alice Springs local by-laws	→
Conduct annual Advisory Committee member survey to inform improvement	×

Performance: ✓ Achieved → Progressing × Not achieved

### Activities

Live Work Alice Advertising Campaign | Council Connects Newsletter | 15 media releases | Enterprise Agreement approved | WHS Coordinator role | 186 employees participated in training activities |

### Job Expo

In July 2022, Council facilitated a Job Expo in collaboration with Workforce Australia – Local Jobs and local employment agencies, registered training organisations, schools and other local councils to promote local job opportunities and where job seekers could engage directly with employers and support services.

### **Safety Culture**

Council has recruited a WHS Coordinator to lead the newly created WHS Unit to focus on the redevelopment of the Work Health and Safety Management System and drive key safety-related initiatives throughout the organisation.

### **Team Emboldening**

Council endeavours to promote diversity and inclusion. Council employees and the cultural diversity within Council was recognised with a Diwali celebration. All Council team members were encouraged to participate in and enjoy a traditionally inspired lunch and dance, with the real enthusiasts wore the traditional Indian ethnic wears.

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

Council has an organisational strategic plan to promote cultural diversity and social cohesion, acknowledging the strengths and opportunities which cultural diversity provides to both Alice Springs Town Council and the broader community.





## Part Three: Legislative Requirements

This annual report has been produced in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council.

Council's performance for the 2022/23 is assessed against its Strategic Objectives (*Strategic Plan 2018-2021*) and budget (*Municipal Plan 2022/2023*, adopted at the Ordinary Meeting, held 28 June 2022).

Alice Springs Town Council utilises records and archives management practices compliant with Part 9 of the *Information Act 2002*.

While this annual report is primarily produced to comply with statutory requirements, the report also provides a relevant overview for residents, visitors, employees, government, and other interested parties.

### Delegations

In March 2023, Council reviewed its Delegations and updated its delegations to Council Committees and the Chief Executive Officer.

### Freedom of Information

There were no Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to Alice Springs Town Council in 2022/23 under the Information Act.

### Allowances and expenses paid to elected members

For the 2022/23 financial year, Elected Members were paid allowances permissible under the *Local Government Guideline 2A: Council member allowances* (Guideline 2A) and as outlined in the table below.

Allowance Claimable Elected Member	Base	Electoral	Extra Meeting	Total	Professional Development
Mayor Paterson	87,636	23,066	-	110,702	2,607
Deputy Mayor Melky	32,405	5,768	-	38,173	
Councillor Banks	15,762	5,768	7,906	32,042	3,753 <sup>1</sup>
Councillor Bitar	15,762	5,768	5,865	27,395	3,753 <sup>2</sup>
Councillor Brown	15,762	5,768	-	21,529	
Councillor Coffey	15,762	5,768	4,335	25,865	3,575
Councillor Hopper	15,762	5,768	1,785	23,314	
Councillor Liddle	15,762	5,768	3,825	25,355	
Councillor Morris *	10,070	3,685	-	13,755	
Councillor Cocking *	-		255	255	
<b>Total Allowances Paid</b>	<b>224,681</b>	<b>67,125</b>	<b>26,579</b>	<b>318,385</b>	<b>14,225</b>

\* Partial Term

Note 1. 2023/24 Professional Development Allowance will be reduced by \$71.57

Note 2. 2023/24 Professional Development Allowance will be reduced by \$465.01

## Elected Members' meeting attendance

### Council meeting attendance

Elected Member	Attendance	% Attendance
Mayor Paterson	16/16	100%
Deputy Mayor Melky	16/16	100%
Councillor Banks	13/16	81%
Councillor Bitar	16/16	100%
Councillor Brown	16/16	100%
Councillor Coffey	15/16	93%
Councillor Hopper	13/16	81%
Councillor Liddle	13/16	81%
Councillor Morris *	10/12	83%

\* Partial Term

### Council forum attendance

Elected Member	Attendance	% Attendance
Mayor Paterson	22/22	100%
Deputy Mayor Melky	20/22	90%
Councillor Banks	20/22	90%
Councillor Bitar	20/22	90%
Councillor Brown	16/22	72%
Councillor Coffey	15/22	68%
Councillor Hopper	19/22	86%
Councillor Liddle	10/22	45%
Councillor Morris *	9/11	81%

\* Partial Term

### Committee meeting attendance

Committee	Sports Facilities Advisory		Risk Management and Audit	
Elected Member	Attendance	% Attendance	Attendance	% Attendance
Mayor Paterson	4/4	100%	3/3	100%
Deputy Mayor Melky				
Councillor Banks				
Councillor Bitar			3/3	100%
Councillor Brown	2/4	100%		
Councillor Coffey	1/4	25%	3/3	100%
Councillor Hopper				
Councillor Liddle	0/4	0%		
Councillor Morris *				







## Grants, assistance and benefits provided

**Grants Program:** Council's annual grants program included delivery of a Grants Workshop which resulting in a total of \$77,620 distributed to community groups.

**Cash Sponsorship:** Council issued a total of \$107,000 cash sponsorships to 17 recipients, supporting the development and staging of a diverse range of community events and projects taking place in Alice Springs.

**In-kind Sponsorship:** Council delivered a total value of \$390,551.30 in in-kind support to community groups and organisations. This comprised equipment loans, public places and sporting oval permits, assisting with the delivery of diverse and vibrant events and projects.





## Grants Received

Successful Applications 2022/23		Description	Received \$
<b>Commonwealth Grants</b>			
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Roads to Recovery	Alice Springs Roads	37,000
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Todd Mall Revamp LRCI Phase 2	Todd Mall upgrade	92,985
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	ASALC Upgrades LRCI PHASE 3	ASALC upgrades	433,129
National Library of Australia	Community Heritage Grant	Library Significant Assessment AS Collection	5,500
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>868,614</b>
<b>Northern Territory Government Grants</b>			
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities	Town Camp Funding	Town Camp Rubbish Collection	203,318
Territory Families-Office of Senior Territorians	Senior Month Event	Still Got Talent	2,000
Territory Families-Office of Youth Affairs	Alice Springs Youth Skate and Phoney Film Festival	Youth skate workshops; short film festival	6,000
Territory Families-Office of Senior Territorians	Library- Celebrating Seniors Month	High Tea Bingo; Self Defense for Seniors	1,300
Territory Families-Office of Youth Affairs	Recycled Art Prize	Youth Recycled Art Prize 2023	2,000
National Australia Day Council Ltd	Australia Day Community Events 2023	Australia Day pool party ASALC	29,905
Department of the Chief Minister & Cabinet-Office of Aboriginal Affairs	Celebrating Aboriginal Culture	Arrernte Culture and Language Workshop	2,500
Territory Families	ASALC & Library Youth Project	ASALC Splash Parties; STEM Play Days	40,000
NT Major Events Company	Pop Up Park		5,000
Territory Families-Office of Youth Affairs	Fly, Try Drones & Push Bike Maintenance Workshop	Youth drone learning and bike workshops	6,000
Territory Families	International Women's Day	International Women's Day panel discussion and morning tea	1,500
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade	Capital Grant Funding	Granulator for RWMF	6,300
Australia Day Council NT	Australia Day Community Grant	Australia Day activities	3,000
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>308,823</b>
<b>Non-Government Grants</b>			
Heart foundation	Healthy & Active Community		1,000
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,000</b>
		<b>Total Grants Received</b>	<b>1,178,437</b>

## Summary of Financials

Table 1.1 Income and Expenditure Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023	Financial Year Original Budget \$	Financial Year Final Budget \$	Actual Performance \$	Variation - Final Budget and Actuals \$
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>				
Rates	25,290,001	25,461,229	25,460,966	(263)
Charges	4,217,429	4,229,529	4,229,418	(111)
Fees and Charges	4,969,941	5,451,530	5,544,770	93,240
Operating Grants and Subsidies	2,435,847	4,318,710	3,785,000	(533,710)
Interest / Investment Income	296,525	441,684	1,640,032	1,198,348
Commercial and Other Income	599,273	676,622	1,097,814	421,192
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>37,809,016</b>	<b>40,579,304</b>	<b>41,758,000</b>	<b>1,178,696</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>				
Employee Expenses	20,988,624	19,338,088	19,366,000	27,912
Materials and Contracts	12,223,362	16,893,748	10,349,742	(6,543,776)
Elected Member Allowances	406,915	406,915	332,610	(76,855)
Elected Member Expenses	28,509		20,491	20,491
Council Committee Allowances *	5,655			
Council Committee Expenses **	4,110		7,939	7,939
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	9,600,000	0	9,251,753	9,251,753
Interest Expenses				
Other Expenses	4,098,065	5,372,632	5,440,235	67,603
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>47,355,240</b>	<b>42,011,383</b>	<b>44,769,000</b>	<b>2,757,617</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>	<b>(9,546,224)</b>	<b>(1,432,079)</b>	<b>(3,011,000)</b>	<b>(1,578,921)</b>

\*Council Committee and LA Allowances are to equal the relevant total expenditure line in Table 1.3

\*\*Council Committee and LA Expenses are to equal the relevant total expenditure line in Table 1.3



Table 1.2 Annual Operating Position

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023	Financial Year Original Budget \$	Financial Year Final Budget \$	Actual Result \$	Variation - Final Budget and Actuals \$
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>	<b>(9,546,224)</b>	<b>(1,432,079)</b>	<b>(3,011,000)</b>	<b>(1,578,921)</b>
<b>Remove NON-CASH ITEMS</b>				
Less Non-Cash Income			70,000	70,000
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	9,600,000	0	9,251,753	9,251,753
<b>TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS</b>	<b>9,600,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,321,753</b>	<b>9,321,753</b>
<b>Adjusted Operating Surplus</b>	<b>53,776</b>	<b>(1,432,079)</b>	<b>6,310,753</b>	<b>7,742,832</b>
<b>Non-adjusted Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>		<b>(1,432,079)</b>	<b>(4,284,700)</b>	<b>(5,716,779)</b>
<b>Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>				
Capital Expenditure	4,096,250	8,236,997	2,396,246	(5,840,751)
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)				
Transfer to Reserves	773,000	300,000	10,991,152	(10,699,152)
Depreciation			9,251,753	9,251,753
Other Outflows			(2,956,387)	(2,956,387)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>4,869,250</b>	<b>8,536,997</b>	<b>19,690,764</b>	<b>(11,153,767)</b>
<b>Add ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>				
Capital Grants Income	150,000	2,228,241	869,414	(1,358,827)
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding				
Other Inflow of Funds			70,000	70,000
Transfers from Reserves	4,665,474	7,740,835	8,155,897	415,062
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>4,815,474</b>	<b>9,969,076</b>	<b>9,095,311</b>	<b>(873,765)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING POSITION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,310,753</b>	<b>6,310,753</b>

Table 1.3 Total Expenditure for Each Council Committee

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023	Council Committee Allowances *	Council Committee Expenses **	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Risk Management and Audit Committee		7,545	7,545
Sports Facilities Advisory Committee		394	394
Public Art Advisory Committee			
Parks Advisory Committee			
Library Consultative Committee			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,939</b>	<b>7,939</b>

\*Total council committee and LA allowances are to equal the relevant operating expenditure line in Table 1.1

\*\*Total council committee and LA expenses are to equal the relevant operating expenditure line in Table 1.1





## Part Four: Financial Reports

### **Audited financial statements**



# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **General Purpose Financial Report**

### **for the year ended 30 June 2023**





**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**General Purpose Financial Report**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

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**Alice Springs Town Council  
Annual Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT**

I have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form. In my opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 2019*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2021* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2023 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year then ended.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



Andrew Wilsmore

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Date: 24 October 2023



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rates	2	29,691	27,428
Statutory charges	2	283	167
User charges	2	5,262	4,882
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	3,785	4,410
Investment income	2	1,640	348
Other income	2	1,097	718
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>41,758</b>	<b>37,953</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	19,366	18,326
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	16,151	17,876
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	9,252	10,353
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>44,769</b>	<b>46,555</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(3,011)</b>	<b>(8,602)</b>
Net Gain (Loss) on disposal of assets	4	70	(2,077)
<b>NET DEFICIT</b> (transferred to Equity Statement)		<b>(2,941)</b>	<b>(10,679)</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>		<b>(2,941)</b>	<b>(10,679)</b>
Share of Net Deficit			
Council		(2,941)	(10,679)
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>		<b>(2,941)</b>	<b>(10,679)</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 30 June 2023**

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	48,308	41,482
Trade & other receivables	5	5,863	7,642
Inventories	5	250	250
Other current assets	5	329	239
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>54,750</b>	<b>49,613</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Other non-current assets	6	307	327
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	290,799	282,557
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>291,106</b>	<b>282,884</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>345,856</b>	<b>332,497</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	8	6,147	5,417
Provisions	8	2,042	1,943
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>8,189</b>	<b>7,360</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	8	19,316	3,845
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b>19,316</b>	<b>3,845</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>27,505</b>	<b>11,205</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>318,351</b>	<b>321,292</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		2,394	6,678
Asset Revaluation Reserve	9	292,273	292,273
Other Reserves	9	23,684	22,341
<b>Total Council Equity</b>		<b>318,351</b>	<b>321,292</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>318,351</b>	<b>321,292</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	Total Council Equity
2023	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		6,678	292,273	22,341	321,292
Opening balance		6,678	292,273	22,341	321,292
<b>Net Deficit for Year</b>		(2,941)	-	-	(2,941)
Transfers between reserves		(1,343)	-	1,343	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	9	2,394	292,273	23,684	318,351
<b>2022</b>					
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		15,946	290,888	25,136	331,970
Asset revaluation adjustment		(1,385)	1,385		-
Opening balance		14,561	292,273	25,136	331,970
<b>Net Deficit for Year</b>		(10,679)	-	-	(10,679)
Transfers between reserves		2,795	-	(2,795)	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	9	6,678	292,273	22,341	321,292

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
for the year ended 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Rates - general & other		28,421	25,668
Fees & other charges		311	167
User charges		5,788	4,882
Investment income		1,164	348
Grants		4,792	4,410
Other revenues		1,207	720
<b>Payments:</b>			
Employee costs		(19,366)	(18,326)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(16,883)	(15,391)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	11	<u>5,434</u>	<u>2,478</u>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Sale of assets		3,769	15
<b>Payments:</b>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,377)	(2,379)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<u>1,392</u>	<u>(2,364)</u>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		<u>6,826</u>	<u>114</u>
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	<u>41,482</u>	<u>41,368</u>
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	11	<u><b>48,308</b></u>	<u><b>41,482</b></u>
 <b>Additional information</b>			
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments		<u><b>48,308</b></u>	<u><b>41,482</b></u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**1 Basis of Preparation**

**1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards**

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations, the requirements of the Local Government Act, the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations and other relevant Northern Territory Legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 24 October 2023.

**1.2 Historical Cost Convention**

Except for revaluation of Infrastructure, Property Plant & Equipment, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Cost is based on fair values of the consideration given in exchange of assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

**1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of these Notes.

**1.4 Rounding**

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

**2 The Local Government Reporting Entity**

Alice Springs Town Council is incorporated under the NT Local Government Act and has its principal place of business at 93 Todd Mall, Alice Springs. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all cost centres through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas have been eliminated.

**3 Income Recognition**

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of the goods or services are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Performance obligations may be completed at a point in time or over time.

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
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**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

Rates and levies

Rates are recognised at the commencement of rating period. Rates over paid at the end of the reporting period are classified as a current liability.

Grants and subsidies

Revenue from grants and subsidies have been recognised when any associated performance obligation to provide goods or services is satisfied and not immediately upon receipt.

Grants that are not enforceable and/or not sufficiently specific will not qualify for deferral, and continue to be recognised as revenue as soon as they are controlled.

Grants that require the Council to perform services or provide facilities, or to meet eligibility criteria are recognised as income only to the extent that the services required have been performed or the eligibility criteria have been satisfied. When monies received have been paid in advance of performance or eligibility, a liability is recognised.

Any unexpended grants associated with performance obligations are recognised as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash Contributions

Developers also pay infrastructure charges for the construction of assets, such as roads and stormwater drainage. There is no performance obligation associated under AASB 15 and the income is recognised when received. Consequently, the infrastructure charges are recognised as income when received.

Interest and Dividends

Interest received from term deposits is accrued over the term of the investment. No dividends were received during the reporting period.

Rendering of services

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised when the Council satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services. The Council typically satisfies its performance obligations when:

- the amount of revenue, stage of completion and transaction costs incurred can be reliably measured, and
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.

Sales Revenue

Sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the buyer, generally when the customer has taken undisputed delivery of the goods.

Fees and charges

Fees and charges are recognised upon unconditional entitlement to the funds. Generally this is upon lodgement of the relevant applications of documents, issuing of the infringement notice or when the service is provided.

**4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments**

**4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets**

Cash assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any loss provision. Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any loss provision.



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

The Council recognised an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for trade and other receivables. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Council expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (a 12 month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade and other receivables, the Council applies a simplified approach in calculating the ECLs. Therefore the Council does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Council has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The Council considers trade and other receivables in default when contractual payments are 30 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Council may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Council is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before considering any credit enhancements held by the Council. Trade and other receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments also form part of Note 13.

**5 Inventories**

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential.

**6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment**

**6.1 Initial Recognition**

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

**6.2 Materiality**

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land Improvements	\$	5,000
Buildings	\$	5,000
Furniture & Office Equipment	\$	5,000
Plant & Equipment	\$	5,000
Infrastructure		
- Sealed Roads	\$	5,000
- Unsealed Roads	\$	5,000
- Stormwater Drainage	\$	5,000
- Other	\$	5,000
Art Collection & Heritage	\$	5,000

**6.3 Subsequent Recognition**

Certain classes of assets are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Additions acquired subsequent to a valuation are recognised as cost until the next valuation. These costs are deemed to be the fair value at 30 June 2023. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further details of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

**6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are listed below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.



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**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

Land Improvements	10 to 25 years
Buildings	20 to 100 years
Furniture & Office Equipment	3 to 10 years
Plant & Equipment	3 to 35 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – formation	Not Depreciated
Sealed Roads – pavement	20 years
Sealed Roads – seal	25 years
Sealed Roads – drainage & kerbing	60 years
Unsealed Roads – formation	Not Depreciated
Unsealed Roads – surface sheeting	15 years
Stormwater drainage	50 to 100 years
Other	15 to 80 years
Art Collection & Heritage	Indefinite

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
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**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

**6.5 Impairment**

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing.

Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use).

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

**7 Payables**

**7.1 Goods & Services**

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

**7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits**

Amounts other than grants received from external parties in advance of service delivery, and security deposits held against possible damage to Council assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

**8 Employee Benefits**

**8.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences**

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based on costs) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

**8.2 Superannuation**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Hostplus Superfund (formerly Statewide Superannuation Scheme). The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

**9 Provisions for Reinstatement, Restoration and Rehabilitation**

Close down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure and the removal of residual materials and remediation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs and are carried at the net present value of estimated future costs.

Although estimated future costs are based on a closure plan, such plans are based on current environmental requirements which may change. Council's policy to maximise recycling is extending the operational life of these facilities, and significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future closure date.

*Restoration of Landfill provision – Note 8 Liabilities*

The Council has recognised a provision for restoration for landfill of the Regional Waste Management Facility Stages 1 to 5, being those stages that are operational (have been disturbed) at 30 June 2023. This provision represents Council's current best estimate of the present value of restoration costs to meet its legal and contractual, regulatory environmental requirements which have been estimated to occur in 2039. The timing, methodology and technology current at the time of restoration will impact this estimate in future periods. This provision calculation has been updated to recognise the liability in the Balance Sheet and a Right of Use Asset for Landfill under paragraph 24 of AAS16. The Right of Use Asset will be amortised over its estimated life.

**10 Leases**

The Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The Council's Leases are peppercorn leases and in accordance with AASB 2018.8 the Council have elected to recognise the leases at cost.

Council as a lessee:

The Council recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

**i) Right-of-use assets**

The Council recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset.

Right of use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
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**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Council recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Council uses its incremental borrowing rate or the interest rate implicit in the lease.

iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Council applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date). It also applies the low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**11 GST Implications**

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

**12 New accounting standards and UIG interpretations**

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2022. The Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

**Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective**

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2023, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a significant impact for Council then further information has been provided in this note.



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
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**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

**Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2023**

- AASB 2020-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current*
- AASB 2020-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current – Deferral of Effective Date* .
- AASB 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates* .
- AASB 2014-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*
- AASB 2022-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities*
- AASB 2022-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Insurance Contracts: Consequential Amendments*
- AASB 2022-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- AASB 2022-7 *Editorial Corrections to Australian Accounting Standards and Repeal of Superseded and Redundant Standards*

**13 Comparative Figures**

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

**14 Disclaimer**

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

	2023	2022
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Note 2 - INCOME</b>		
<b>RATES REVENUES</b>		
<u>General Rates</u>		
Residential	15,991	14,715
Rural	667	635
Business	8,721	7,977
Airport	82	74
	<u>25,461</u>	<u>23,401</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)		
Waste collection	4,230	4,027
	<u>4,230</u>	<u>4,027</u>
<b>Total Rates</b>	<u>29,691</u>	<u>27,428</u>
<b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>		
Regulatory / Statutory Fees	283	167
	<u>283</u>	<u>167</u>
<b>USER CHARGES</b>		
Cemetery Charges	218	234
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Income	895	898
Weighbridge Charges	3,588	3,110
Night Markets	6	8
Library Charges	31	26
Tip Shop	258	283
Hire of Council Equipment	16	3
Rates Searches	28	37
Rental Charges	119	140
Sundry charges	103	143
	<u>5,262</u>	<u>4,882</u>



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Note 2 - INCOME(con't)**

	Notes	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Interest on investments:			
Banks & other		1,549	169
Interest on overdue rates and charges		91	179
<b>Total Investment Income</b>		<b>1,640</b>	<b>348</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Sundry income		42	118
Fines		109	57
Fuel Rebates		165	59
Insurance Claims		109	176
Development Consent Authority Charges		68	15
Other income		604	293
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>1,097</b>	<b>718</b>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Other grants, subsidies and contributions			
ASALC Outdoor Gym		150	-
ASALC Splash Parties		25	-
ASALC Upgrades LRCI Phase 3		56	-
Australia Day Party		31	27
Activation Activities		189	-
Celebrating Seniors Month		-	2
Commercial rate replenishment		-	109
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection		128	177
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose		676	687
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads		1,105	1,033
Improved Community Lighting		95	-
Library Operational		619	622
MyAlice		-	403
Pensioner Subsidies		152	158
Recycled Art Prize		2	1
Senior Month Event		2	2
Smart Solar Trees		-	11
Special Community Assistance and Local Employment (SCALE)		-	230
Traditional Owner Patrol		-	30

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
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**Note 2 - INCOME(con't)**

	Notes	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Todd Mall Revamp		428	455
Youth Activities Library Youth Program		9	4
Youth Activities Splash Parties		-	25
Youth Boxing and Education		-	7
Sundry		72	80
		<u>3,739</u>	<u>4,064</u>
<b>Specific Purpose</b>			
Roads to Recovery		37	89
Lyndavale Park		5	95
Norris Bell Avenue		-	149
<b>Total Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>		<u>42</u>	<u>333</u>
<b>Contributions</b>			
NAIDOC Week		3	-
Library Youth		-	2
Pop up Park series		-	9
Green Book Project		1	3
		<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>
		<u>3,785</u>	<u>4,410</u>

*The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.*

**Sources of grants**

Commonwealth government	465	693
State government	3,320	3,717
	<u>3,785</u>	<u>4,410</u>



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
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**Note 2 - INCOME(con't)**

	Notes	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b>Individually Significant Item</b>			
Grants Commission (FAG) Roads Grant Recognised *		1,183	815
Grants Commission (FAG) Grant Recognised **		708	593
NTG Improve Community Lighting		-	500
Activation Activities		-	189
NTG ASALC Outdoor Gym		-	150
Grant CCTV Lighting		500	-
(*) (FAG) Road Grant received in advance.			
(**) (FAG) General Purpose received in advance.			
<b>Conditions over grants &amp; contributions</b>			
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>			
Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period		2,966	2,014
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods:</i>			
Active Alice Mums		-	(21)
Activation Activities		(189)	-
Arreinte Culture & Language Workshop		(6)	-
Australia Day Party		(31)	(3)
ASALC Outddoor Gym		(150)	-
Billy Kenda Mural		(8)	-
Community Swimming		(2)	(1)
Commercial Rate Replenishment		-	(109)
FAG General Purpose Untied		(593)	(300)
FAG Road		-	(505)
Green Book Project		(1)	(3)
Healthy Youth Healthy Community		(17)	-
ImrpoveCommunity Lighting		(95)	-
Library Youth Project		(9)	(2)
Lyndavale Park		(5)	-
Norris Bell Avenue Works		-	(140)
Phoney Film Festival		(3)	(1)
Pop Up park Series		(9)	-
Recycled Art Prize		(2)	(1)
Roads to Recovery		(344)	-
Roads Grant		(815)	-
Skate Park Festival		(6)	-
Smart Solar Trees		-	(139)
StandUp		-	(3)
Special Community Assistance and Local Employment		-	(230)
Todd Mall Revamp LRCI Phase 2		(428)	(455)
Youth Activities (ASALC) Splash Parties		(25)	(27)
Youth Boxing		-	(7)
Others		(5)	-
Subtotal		(2,743)	(1,947)

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**Note 2 - INCOME(con't)**

	Notes	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<i>Plus: amounts unexpended carried forward</i>			
Activation Activities		-	189
ASALC Outdoor Gym		-	150
ASALC Splash Parties		-	25
ASALC & Library Youth program	40	-	-
ASALC Fencing	79	-	-
Arretnte Culture & Language Workshop	3	-	-
Local Roads Phase 2 ASALC Upgrades	377	-	-
Australia Day Party	30	-	-
Todd Mall Revamp LRCI Phase 2	393	-	-
CCTV Lighting	500	-	-
FAG General Purpose Untied	708	593	593
FAG Road	1,183	815	815
Healthy Youth Healthy Community	-	17	17
Improvement Community Lighting	-	500	500
Lyndavale Park	-	5	5
National Reconciliation Week	3	-	-
Norris Bell Avenue Works	-	165	165
Phoney Film Festival & Workshop	6	-	-
Pop Up park Series	5	-	-
Recycled Art Prize	2	-	-
Road safety program	-	5	5
Road to Recovery	344	344	344
Roundabout Art	-	33	33
Seniors Month Grant	2	-	-
Town Camp Funding	75	20	20
Other	-	38	38
<b>Subtotal</b>		<u>3,750</u>	<u>2,899</u>
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>		<u>3,973</u>	<u>2,966</u>
<i>Net increase / (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>		<u>1,007</u>	<u>952</u>



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**Note 3 - EXPENSE**

	Notes	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>			
Salaries and Wages		12,895	12,837
Employee leave expense		3,893	3,126
Superannuation	16	1,723	1,607
Workers' Compensation Insurance		618	592
Travelling		6	9
FBT		21	12
Training		190	122
Other		20	21
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>19,366</b>	<b>18,326</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>		172	169
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
Set out below, in bands, is the number of employees of Council entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more:		No.	No.
100,000 - 119,000		11	13
120,000 - 169,999		7	-
170,000 - 189,999		1	1
190,000 - 239,999		1	1

**Elected Members Remuneration**

The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to

Council Members:

Councillor Allowance	149	156
Mayor Allowance	110	107
Deputy Mayor Allowance	32	31
Extra Meeting Allowance	27	22
	<b>318</b>	<b>316</b>

**MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES**

(i) Prescribed Expenses

Auditor's Remuneration

- Auditing the financial reports	61	60
<b>Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>

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**Note 3 - EXPENSE (con't)**

	Notes	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b><u>(ii) Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u></b>			
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		20	20
Other		110	121
Books/Resources		19	24
Children and Youth Events		22	6
Computer consumables		57	12
Consulting fees		1,220	1,675
Contract material and labour		8,141	8,473
Election expenses		138	319
Equipment Hire		8	7
Food (catering)		60	65
Fuels and oils		521	426
General events		11	6
Internet service provider		156	118
IT Equipment		65	109
Journals and periodicals		11	12
Licence and maintenance fees		555	325
Memberships and subscriptions		118	77
Network communication		58	38
Non-book resources		6	5
Office equipment		7	4
Other equipment		24	21
Printing		42	52
Promotional/Education		3	8
Security		120	185
Stationery		26	15
Uniforms		12	22
<b>Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</b>		<b>11,530</b>	<b>12,145</b>
<b><u>(iii) Electricity</u></b>			
Electricity costs		1,134	1,066
<b>Subtotal - Electricity</b>		<b>1,134</b>	<b>1,066</b>
<b><u>(iv) Other Expenses</u></b>			
Advertising		91	82
Bad debt write off		5	46



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**Note 3 - EXPENSE (con't)**

	Notes	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Contributions and/or donations made		56	71
Courier and freight		19	27
Elected members allowances		245	246
Gas expenses		98	85
General rates - Early Bird draw		13	14
Grants made		142	153
Insurance		590	1,042
Legal fees		387	442
Merchant transaction fees		62	66
Other expenses		0	27
Pensioner concessions		257	263
Postage		9	15
Provision for Restoration of Landfill Site		-	573
Refunds/Reimbursements		1	2
Rent		-	13
Telephone		3	9
Travel and accomodation expenses		26	11
Vehicle registration		88	102
Water consumption, sewerage and service charges		1,334	1,316
<b>Subtotal - Other Expenses</b>		<b>3,427</b>	<b>4,605</b>
<b><u>Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</u></b>		<b><u>16,151</u></b>	<b><u>17,876</u></b>

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**Note 3 - EXPENSE (con't)**

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>			
<b>Depreciation and Amortisation</b>			
Land Improvements		1,748	1,999
Buildings		2,199	2,554
Infrastructure			
- Sealed Roads		2,186	2,207
- Unsealed Roads		-	-
- Stormwater Drainage		578	626
Plant & Equipment		1,022	1,228
Furniture & Office Equipment		117	194
Other Assets		1,402	1,545
		<b>9,252</b>	<b>10,353</b>
<b>Total Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</b>		<b>9,252</b>	<b>10,353</b>



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**Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS**

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>	17		
Proceeds from disposal		233	3,674
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		(163)	(5,751)
<b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>		<u>70</u>	<u>(2,077)</u>
 <b>NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS</b>		 <u>70</u>	 <u>(2,077)</u>

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**Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS**

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash on Hand at Bank		9,830	11,082
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.	13	38,478	30,400
<b><u>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalent Assets</u></b>		<b><u>48,308</u></b>	<b><u>41,482</u></b>
 <b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>			
Rates - General & Other		4,315	3,148
Accrued Revenues		549	73
User charges and fees		888	784
ATO		190	179
Other		201	3,738
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6,143</b>	<b>7,923</b>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		(280)	(280)
<b><u>Total Trade &amp; Other Receivables</u></b>		<b><u>5,863</u></b>	<b><u>7,642</u></b>
<b>INVENTORIES</b>			
Stores & Materials		250	250
<b><u>Total Inventories</u></b>		<b><u>250</u></b>	<b><u>250</u></b>
 <b>Other Current Assets</b>			
Prepayments		329	239
<b><u>Total Other Current Assets</u></b>		<b><u>329</u></b>	<b><u>239</u></b>



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**Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

	2023	2022
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Capital Works-in-Progress	287	307
Other	20	20
<b><u>Total Other Non-Current Assets</u></b>	<b><u>307</u></b>	<b><u>327</u></b>

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**Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (IPP&E)**

		<b>2022</b>			<b>2023</b>		
		<b>\$'000</b>			<b>\$'000</b>		
	Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land	2/3	59,810	-	59,810	59,812	-	59,812
Land Improvements	2	27,498	(5,614)	21,884	28,130	(7,374)	20,756
Buildings	2	49,325	(7,121)	42,204	49,433	(9,320)	40,113
Infrastructure							
- Sealed Roads	2	87,611	(6,036)	81,575	88,229	(8,220)	80,009
- Unsealed Roads	2	1,720	(38)	1,682	1,720	(39)	1,681
- Stormwater Drainage	2	37,717	(1,734)	35,983	37,717	(2,316)	35,401
Plant & Equipment	2	11,687	(3,085)	8,602	11,914	(3,942)	7,972
Furniture & Office Equipment	2	1,362	(695)	667	1,739	(812)	927
Art Collection & Heritage	2	3,555	-	3,555	3,555	-	3,555
Other Assets	2	30,814	(4,219)	26,595	30,918	(5,606)	25,312
Right Of Use Assets		-	-	-	15,261	-	15,261
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>		<b>311,099</b>	<b>(28,542)</b>	<b>282,557</b>	<b>328,428</b>	<b>(37,629)</b>	<b>290,799</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>		<b>311,611</b>	<b>(18,726)</b>	<b>292,885</b>	<b>311,099</b>	<b>(28,542)</b>	<b>282,557</b>

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**Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

	2022 \$'000	Carrying Amounts Movement During the Year \$'000					2023 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2023 \$'000
	Carrying Amount	Additions New / Upgrade	Disposals	Dep'n	Transfers		At Fair Value	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying Amount
					In	Out			
Land	59,810	-		-	-		59,812	-	59,812
Land Improvements	21,884	632		1,748	-	-	28,130	(7,374)	20,756
Buildings	42,204	108		2,199	-	-	49,433	(9,320)	40,113
Infrastructure									
- Sealed Roads	81,575	618	-	2,186	-	-	88,229	(8,220)	80,009
- Unsealed Roads	1,682	-	-		-	-	1,720	(39)	1,681
- Stormwater Drainage	35,983	-	-	578			37,717	(2,316)	35,401
Plant & Equipment	8,602	560	(163)	1,022	-	-	11,914	(3,942)	7,972
Furniture & Office Equipment	667	376		117	-	-	1,739	(812)	927
Art Collection & Heritage	3,555	-	-	-	-	-	3,555	-	3,555
Other Assets	26,595	103		1,402	-	-	30,918	(5,606)	25,312
Right Of Use Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,261	-	15,261
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>	<b>282,557</b>	<b>2,397</b>	<b>(163)</b>	<b>9,252</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>328,428</b>	<b>(37,629)</b>	<b>290,799</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>282,557</b>						<b>311,099</b>	<b>(28,542)</b>	<b>282,557</b>

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**Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (con't)**

**Valuation of Assets**

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with Accounting Standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a "level" in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

**Information on Valuations**

**Certain Land, Land Improvements and Buildings**

Certain land, and the buildings and structure thereon are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. These are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

**Crown Land**

Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and/or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

**Certain Building, Infrastructure and Other Property Plant & Equipment**

There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for material and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques. Accordingly, formal sensitivity analysis does not provide useful information.



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**Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (con't)**

**Art Collection and Heritage**

The art collection is disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

**Capital Works**

Capital works in progress is measured at original cost. This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

**Other Information**

Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, current replacement cost is taken to be the fair value.

**Highest and best use**

All of Council's non financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest best use.

**Transition to AASB 13 - Fair Value Measurement**

The requirements of AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013 as shown by the valuation dates by individual asset classes below.

**Land Under Roads**

The Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliable to qualify for recognition, has not recognised land under roads in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

**Land - Council Owned and Council Controlled**

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

Freehold land and land over which the Council has control but does not have title, as valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on the basis of fair market value on 1 July 2019 and is disclosed at its fair value.

**Buildings, Furniture and Office Equipment and Plant and Equipment**

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 1 July 2019 and pursuant to the Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

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**Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (con't)**

**Art Collection and Heritage**

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

The art collection was valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 1 July 2019 and pursuant to the Council's election, is disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

**Infrastructure**

*Roads, Kerb and Gutter, Footpaths*

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

*Stormwater Drainage*

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

*Structures, Bridges, Car Parks*

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 1 July 2019 and pursuant to the Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

**All other Assets**

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 1 July 2019 and pursuant to the Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.



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**Note 8 - LIABILITIES**

		2023		2022	
		\$'000		\$'000	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Payments received in advance					
- Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	2	3,973	-	2,966	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		340	-	478	-
Accrued expenses - other		511	-	938	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		430	-	124	-
Unearned Income - Rates		893	-	911	-
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>		<b>6,147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,417</b>	<b>-</b>
<i>Amounts included in trade &amp; other payables that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date.</i>					
<b>PROVISIONS</b>					
Restoration of Landfill		-	18,550	-	3,288
Airfares		13	-	9	-
Annual Leave		1,509	-	1,266	-
Long Service Leave		385	766	514	557
TIL Liability		135	-	154	-
		<b>2,042</b>	<b>19,316</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>3,845</b>

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**Note 9 - RESERVES**

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2022	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2023
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land	50,405	-	-	50,405
Land Improvements	11,662	-	-	11,662
Buildings	31,970	-	-	31,970
Infrastructure				
- Sealed Roads	116,080	-	-	116,080
- Unsealed Roads	2,699	-	-	2,699
- Stormwater Drainage	44,888	-	-	44,888
Plant & Equipment	4,258	-	-	4,258
Furniture & Office Equipment	556	-	-	556
Art Collection & Heritage	3,477	-	-	3,477
Other	26,278	-	-	26,278
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>292,273</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>292,273</b>
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>290,888</i>	<i>1,385</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>292,273</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2022	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2023
Regional Waste Management Future Funds	3,023	-	-	3,023
Sports Facility Advisory Committee	555	100	(132)	523
Developer Contributions Trust	141	-	-	141
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	1,324	186	(535)	975
Capital Infrastructure	2,589	1,726	(2,589)	1,726
Employee Entitlement	284	-	-	284
Working Capital	514	470	(464)	520
Todd Mall Environs Redevelopment	518	-	(10)	508
Regional Waste Management Facility P&E	1,772	2,025	(1,771)	2,026
Civic Centre Upgrade	292	50	(90)	252
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee	10	20	(7)	23
Mount Johns Development Road Maintenance	110	-	-	110
Town Camp Waste Collection	132	-	-	132
Open Drains	351	-	-	351
Parks & Playgrounds	420	533	(420)	533
Town Beautification	832	-	(113)	719



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**Note 9 - RESERVES (con't)**

	1/7/2022	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2023
Baler Shed Reserve	10	-	-	10
Street Lighting	3,141	-	-	3,141
Solar Initiatives	304	-	-	304
Map Signage	53	-	-	53
Cricket Wicket Replacement	45	-	-	45
City Deals Project Reserve	54	-	-	54
Netball Facility Upgrade	41	-	-	41
Kerbside Recycling Collection	956	-	-	956
Pedestrian Refuge Reserve	1	-	-	1
Public Toilet Project	178	208	(120)	266
South Edge Estate Defective Works	50	-	-	50
Ilparpa Road	546	-	(413)	133
Cemetery Master Plan	106	-	-	106
Tree Planting	54	-	-	54
Library IT upgrade	58	-	-	58
Disaster & Emergency Reserve	1,941	-	(1,000)	941
South Edge Subdivision	75	-	-	75
ANZAC Oval Funds Reserve	-	3,660	-	3,660
CBD Revitalisation	1,691	320	(409)	1,602
Major Project Seed Funding	-	200	-	200
Unexpended Funds	82	-	(82)	-
Investment Interest Income	88	-	-	88
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>22,341</b>	<b>9,498</b>	<b>(8,155)</b>	<b>23,684</b>
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>25,136</i>	<i>3,049</i>	<i>(5,844)</i>	<i>22,341</i>

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**Note 9 - RESERVES (con't)**

**PURPOSES OF RESERVES**

**Asset Revaluation Reserve**

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non-current assets (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).

**OTHER RESERVES**

**Elections Reserve**

To cover costs associated with Council elections.

**Regional Waste Management Facility Future Landfill Site Reserve**

For the purchase of land at the future RWMF

**Capital Infrastructure Reserve**

Funding for significant capital projects

**Regional Waste Management Facility Plant & Equipment Reserve**

To cover costs associated with the purchase and replacement of plant and equipment at RWMF

**Civic Centre Upgrade**

For future upgrade and capital works at the Civic Centre

**Security and Safety Lighting Reserve**

Contingency for street lighting with PowerWater. Future street lighting capital and maintenance costs.

**Solar Initiatives Reserve**

For capital solar projects

**Kerbside Recycling Collection Reserve**

For proposed introduction of kerbside recycling

**City Deals Project Reserve**

Working with NTG for any major projects in the CBD, in conjunction with Federal Government

**Plant & Equipment Replacement Reserve**

To cover costs associated with the purchase and replacement of plant & equipment for the Council.

**Ilparpa Road Reserve**

For upgrade works associated with Ilparpa Road

**Disaster and Emergency Reserve**

For natural disaster and emergency support.



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**Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS**

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

		2023	2022
<b>CASH &amp; FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Other Specific Purpose Unearned Grant Income		3,973	2,966
<b>TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS</b>		<b>3,973</b>	<b>2,966</b>

*The following liabilities, included in Note 8, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance.*

<i>Provisions</i>	8	21,358	5,788
		<u>21,358</u>	<u>5,788</u>

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**Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	Notes	2023	2022
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	48,308	41,482
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>48,308</u>	<u>41,482</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities</b>			
Net Surplus (Deficit)		(2,941)	(10,679)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		9,252	10,353
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		(70)	2,077
		<u>6,241</u>	<u>1,751</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(1,758)	(1,697)
Change in Allowances for under-recovery of receivables		-	(19)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		2	(12)
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets		(90)	(43)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		732	2,207
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions		307	291
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>		<u>5,434</u>	<u>2,478</u>



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**Note 12 - FUNCTIONS**

	REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES											
	INCOME			EXPENSES			OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT			GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2023	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
OPERATING REVENUES												
General Public Services	32,285	33,802	34,784	12,423	18,175	17,159	19,862	15,627	12,962	1,934	1,934	1,988
Public Order & Safety	407	389	668	2,334	2,041	1,472	(1,927)	(1,652)	(829)	230	230	230
Economic Affairs	2,536	1,735	3,868	7,006	3,367	10,052	(4,470)	(1,632)	(8,174)	1,474	1,474	1,836
Environmental Protection	3,978	4,218	398	6,716	4,895	1,256	(2,738)	(677)	(986)			197
Housing & Community Amenities	513	509	4,258	1,494	1,349	11,734	(981)	(840)	(8,440)			
Recreation, Culture and Religion	2,668	2,903	5,232	9,458	6,805	6,574	(6,790)	(3,902)	(2,809)	1,645	1,644	1,816
Social Protection	5	3	3	118	98	106	(113)	(95)	(102)	3	4	4
Total	42,392	43,559	49,211	39,549	36,730	48,353	2,843	6,829	(8,378)	5,286	5,286	6,071
TOTALS	42,392	43,559	49,211	39,549	36,730	48,353	2,843	6,829	(8,378)	5,286	5,286	6,071

Revenues and expenses exclude net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets, amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets and physical resources received free of charge.

**12 Components of Functions**

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

**General Public Service**

Administrative, legislative and executive affairs, financial and fiscal affairs, general governance, community partnerships and grants and community development.

**Public Order & Safety**

Animal control and impounding, control of public places and enforcement of By-Laws.

**Economic Affairs**

General economic, roads, streets and footpaths, parking areas, bus facilities and services, underground drains, promotional and tourism affairs.

**Environmental Protection**

Waste management, other waste management services, litter control, open drains, street cleaning.

**Housing & Community Amenities**

Public cemeteries, public conveniences and street lights.

**Recreation, Culture and Religion**

Facilities and venues, recreation parks and reserves, culture services, public library, community event grants and support, youth and family activities and art collection.

**Social Protection**

Child care centres, senior citizens activities and facilities and disabled services.

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Financial assets are recognised when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets this is the equivalent to the date that the Council commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivables do not contain a significant financing component.

**Subsequent Measurement**

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost (Loans & receivables and investments);
- fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income; or
- fair value through Other Comprehensive Income.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost; or
- fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Trade receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, net of any provision for impairment losses. Trade payables are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest rate method.

The Council does not have any financial assets and liabilities at fair value through Comprehensive Income or fair value through Other Comprehensive Income.



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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Derecognition**

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the Council no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

**Expected Credit Losses**

Refer to Note 1 (4).

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

**Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits**      **Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned

**Terms & conditions:** Short term deposits have an average maturity of 247 days and an average interest rate of 4.63% (2022: 288 days and 0.4%).

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges**      **Accounting Policy:** carried at amortised cost less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed) annually, when collection in full is no longer possible.

**Terms & conditions:** Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 9% (2022: 9%). Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - Fees & other charges**      **Accounting Policy:** carried at amortised cost less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed) annually, when collection in full is no longer possible.

**Terms & conditions:** Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - other levels of government**      **Accounting Policy:** Carried at amortised cost.

**Terms & conditions:** Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals**      **Accounting Policy:** Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council at amortised cost.

**Terms & conditions:** Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.



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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Liquidity Analysis**

2023	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>				
Cash & Equivalents	48,308			48,308
Receivables	5,863			5,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,171</b>
<b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b>				
Payables	6,147			6,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,147</b>
2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>				
Cash & Equivalents	41,482			41,482
Receivables	4,595			4,595
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,077</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,077</b>
<b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b>				
Payables	2,451			2,451
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,451</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,451</b>

**Net Fair Value**

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

**Risk Exposures**

**Credit Risk** represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. As detailed in Note 5 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

**Market Risk** is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of Council's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor **currency risk** apply.

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Liquidity Risk** is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

**Interest Rate Risk** is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.



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**Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE**

	2023	2022
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Capital Commitments</b>		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Other	3,383	1,070
	<u>3,383</u>	<u>1,070</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	3,383	1,070
	<u>3,383</u>	<u>1,070</u>
<b>Other Expenditure Commitments</b>		
Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to investment properties:		
Non-capital expenditure	1,514	2,811
	<u>1,514</u>	<u>2,811</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	1,514	2,811
	<u>1,514</u>	<u>2,811</u>

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**Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

	Amounts 2023	2023	2022	2021
<b>Current Ratio</b>				
<u>Current Assets - Externally Restricted Assets</u>	<u>54,750</u>	6.69	6.24	8.23
Current Liabilities	8,189			
<b>Debt Service Ratio</b>				
<u>Net Debt Service Cost</u>	<u>0</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Revenue*	41,758			
* as defined				
<b>Rate Coverage Percentage</b>				
<u>Rate Revenues</u>	<u>25,461</u>	60.97%	61.66%	61.25%
Total Revenues	41,758			
<b>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage</b>				
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding</u>	<u>4,315</u>	14.53%	11.48%	6.35%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	29,691			



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**Note 16 – SUPERANNUATION**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the following schemes;

Hostplus Super (formerly Statewide Super Scheme under Local Government Superannuation Scheme)

receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer

Contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (10.5% in 2022/2023; 10% in 2021/2022).

No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net asset of the Fund.

The Council also makes contributions to other superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation.

All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

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**Note 17 - Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet**

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

**1. LAND UNDER ROADS**

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At reporting date, Council controlled **230** km of road reserves of average width **16** metres.

**2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES**

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

**3. BANK GUARANTEES**

Council has not guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies at reporting date.

**4. LEGAL MATTERS**

There are no legal matters pending at 30 June 2023.

**5. STREET LIGHTS**

The Council continues to dispute costs levied by Power and Water Corporation totalling \$2,442,676 in relation to repairs and maintenance on street lights. A resolution on this matter is progressing but remains unresolved at 30 June 2023.

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**Note 17 - Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet (con't)**

**6. COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF ANZAC OVAL**

The Northern Territory Government (the Territory) notified Council of the intention to compulsorily acquire Lot 678, Town of Alice Springs (Anzac Oval) on 18 March 2022 for the development of the National Aboriginal Art Gallery. Title was transferred to the Territory on 28 April 2022. At this time, the Council's ownership of Anzac Oval was converted into a right to claim compensation from the Territory under the *Lands Acquisition Act 1978* (NT) Act. On 4th October 2022, an offer of compensation was made to Council for \$3.66M. This offer was accepted by Elected Members and no further action expected on this matter.

**7. ANKERRE PARK**

In March 2023, The Land Development Corporation (LDC) advised Alice Springs Town Council of its intention to vest NT Portion 8030, Ankerre Park including drainage corridor and linear park to Council. The LDC have also provided the ability to draw on existing cash bond of \$333,120 held in trust by ASTC as security against defects to be applied to costs for completion of remaining landscaping works and defects. The Title transfer occurred on 20 July 2023.

**Note 18. Events after the Balance Sheet Date**

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2023, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

The Council is unaware of any material or significant "non adjusting events" that should be disclosed.



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**Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

**KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

**Transactions with Key Management Personnel**

The related parties of the Council include:

- the key management personnel (KMP) because they have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Council directly; and

- spouses, children and dependents who are close family members of the KMP and;

- any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or controlled or jointly controlled by their close family members.

**Chief Executive Officer**

Remuneration \$'000	2022-2023				
	Actual CEO Robert Jennings	Actual CEO Andrew Wilsmore	Acting CEO Sabine Taylor	Acting CEO Joel Andrew	Temporary CEO Joe McCabe
Short term benefits	179	5	15	14	136
Non-cash benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Other long term benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Post-employment benefits	19	1	1	1	14
Termination benefits	8	-	-	-	-
Share-based payments	-	-	-	-	-
Total remuneration	206	6	16	15	150

**Key Management Personnel**

\$ '000	2023 \$000		2022 \$000
Short-Term Employee Benefits	479		490
Post-employment benefits	50		49
Termination benefits	8		-
Other Short-Term Benefits	-		-
Elected Member Allowances	318		316
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>855</b>		<b>855</b>

Amounts paid as direct reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council have not been included above

**(ii) Retirement Benefits**

Retirement benefits of \$15,000 have been made by the Council to KMP during the reporting year.

**(iii) Loans to Responsible Persons**

No loans have been made, guaranteed or secured by the Council to KMP during the reporting year.

**(iv) Other Transactions**

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**Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (con't)**

Other than the amount paid as taxpayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.) no other transactions have been made with the KMP during the year.

There are no transactions to any organisations, on an arm's length basis and under normal terms and conditions, where the Council's KMPs may hold executive positions and/or Directorships during the year.

**(v) Outstanding Amounts**

As at 30 June 2023, there were no outstanding amounts receivable from the Council's KMP.

## Independent auditor's report







# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Chief Executive Officer of Alice Springs Town Council

## Opinion

We have audited the **Financial Report** of Alice Springs Town Council (the "**Council**").

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards and the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies
- Chief Executive Officer's Statement.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

## Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for:

- the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements, *Australian Accounting Standards and the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019*.
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Council or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

KPMG

Luke Snowdon  
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