

Alice Springs Town Council

Annual Report 2018/2019





Detail from a coolamon in Council's Gathering Garden

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

Legislative compliance

This report has been produced in compliance with the Local Government Act to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2019, including the audited **Financial Statements**.

Council's performance is assessed against the Strategic Objectives as outlined in the **2018/19 – 2021/22 Municipal Plan** including:

- Strategic Objective **1. Dynamic Community**
- Strategic Objective **2. Great Place to Live**
- Strategic Objective **3. Leader in Sustainability**
- Strategic Objective **4. Dynamic Council**

While this report is primarily produced to comply with statutory requirements, the report also provides a relevant overview for residents, visitors, staff, Northern Territory Government departments and other interested parties.



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Alice Springs Town Council

Our vision

Alice Springs Town Council's vision is for a vibrant and growing community that embraces its diverse cultural heritage, its unique identity and desert living environment.

Our mission

Through innovative leadership and good governance, Alice Springs Town Council will provide and advocate services to meet the present and changing needs of our community.

Our core values

Alice Springs Town Council will be recognised and appreciated by its residents and visitors as valuing:

- **Integrity**
Honesty and commitment to the community underpin all we do.
- **Service**
Council achieves excellence, quality and pride-of-service through common sense, compassion and courtesy
- **Responsiveness**
Council is responsive to the needs of the community
- **Involvement**
Council provides pathways for participation and is accessible to the community. It also supports others who work to involve people to better our community
- **Responsibility**
Council acts responsibly and with integrity in the interests of the community and public safety
- **Equity**
Council will treat and provide services to the community in an equitable manner
- **Governance**
Council will demonstrate good governance through its rigorous, transparent and financially and environmentally accountable decision-making processes





ALICE SPRINGS

Alice Springs, Australia: 23°41'50.93"S, 133°53'1.03"E | Australian Central Standard Time (GMT+9:30)

Alice is... the 2nd largest town in NT and considered **"Australia's Inland Capital"**

in summer:
36°C
mean max.

in winter:
19°C
mean min.

The service hub for a region:

550,000km²

- 2 x United Kingdoms
- bigger than Spain
- almost the size of Texas!

=38% of the total Northern Territory land area

A Municipal area = **330km²**
(**0.02%** of the total Northern Territory land area)

26,534 residents  **182** Council staff

155,215 ASPL visitors & 12,057 ASPL members

141,183 ASALC visitors

99 parks & sports facilities maintained

78 Council events & night markets

65 tonnes salvaged from RWMF landfill

\$61K in community grants issued

30+ non-Council community events (in-kind support)

43
Civic Centre

79
Depot

15
ASPL

21
RWMF

11
Rangers

13
ASALC

26%
(or 86km²) of total municipal area is rateable property

9595 rateable properties

1997 businesses



Message from the Mayor

It has been a demanding year for Alice Springs Town Council over the 2018/2019 financial period and once again the organisation has performed with consistency and stability throughout; continuing to deliver essential services and major projects to the Alice Springs community.

Thanks to good governance and sound economic management, our township stands on a stable financial foundation and will continue to grow through this next transition of leadership. The highlights of Council's achievements for the year are detailed within this *2018/2019 Annual Report*.



In June 2019, I had the honour of representing Alice Springs municipality at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly, held in Canberra. Of particular interest to the audience was my presentation on the progressive strategies undertaken by Council in reducing carbon emissions and increasing solar energy utilisation to achieve 50% renewable energy across its facilities by 2021.

Council's targets for an additional 348kW (to the current 575kW) solar energy generation; LED street light program; irrigation-reduction strategy; green fleet policy and charging station; organic recycling and composting project; and, making unused land available for solar projects, are outlined in its *Climate Action Plan 2018-2021*, endorsed in January 2019.

The encouraging response received in Canberra has confirmed that Alice Springs is currently outperforming many larger local government authorities and it is well on track to becoming a national leader in sustainability initiatives.

Council's Community Grants Program this year released over \$61,000 in funding to local community groups, in support of the events and programs that bring assistance, comfort or light relief to where it's most needed.

A few of the community initiatives that received financial assistance from Council this year were: the Clown Doctors at Alice Springs Hospital; Prison Fellowship, Diabetes Support Group; FABalice Festival; Big Day Out in Harmony; Beanie Festival; Advocate Art Award;

Desert Song Festival; Bush Bands Bash; DesertSmart EcoFair; and, Carols by Candlelight.

On behalf of Elected Members, I wish to extend our gratitude to former CEO Rex Mooney for his 16½ years of attentive leadership, extensive expertise in governance matters, and unwavering commitment to the Alice Springs community. Council's capacity to deliver on its commitments and services has remained steadfast under Rex's careful stewardship.

I would also like to thank Council's Directors and staff for their continued resilience and commitment to serving the community, in all climate conditions.

I look forward to another year of innovation and achievement, supporting a vibrant and dynamic future for Alice Springs.

Damien Ryan
Mayor

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Alice Springs Town Council is proud to present its Annual Report 2018/2019, containing details of the organisation's fiscal stability and operational achievements for the financial year.

The independent Auditor's summary can be found following statements contained in the 'Financials' section of this Annual Report.

Council's performance for the year is assessed against its four Strategic Objectives, as outlined in the Municipal Plan 2018/19 – 2021/22.



In January 2018, the Northern Territory Government announced a \$6.2M grant to upgrade sporting facilities and infrastructure in Alice Springs. Council identified seven priority projects: the resurfacing of Traeger Avenue hockey field, (completed, July 2018); new change room and storage facility at Albrecht Oval; new storage and canteen facility at Flynn Drive Oval; new change rooms and canteen facility at Jim McConville Oval; new change rooms and canteen facility at Ross Park Oval; track and field upgrades at Rhonda Diano Oval; and, installation of evaporative cooler and fans at the Alice Springs Basketball Centre. As a testament to the diligence of Council staff, remaining projects were either commenced or nearing completion, as at 30 June 2019.

In 2019, Council commenced Stage 1 of the Ilparpa Road widening project – Ilparpa

Road from Len Kittle Road to 500m east of Greatorex Road – in compliance with Strategic Objective 1 (1.3: Safe and reliable public infrastructure; 1.3.1: Maintain and improve local road network). Council's contribution of \$1.2M with the NTG's \$2.5M will improve traffic safety, allowing for vehicles to use the shoulder in emergencies, while also providing space for vehicles to overtake cyclists.

On a personal note, I am very proud of the establishment of the Regional Organisation of Councils for Central Australia, CentreROC, comprising executive representatives from Barkly, MacDonnell, Central Desert, and Alice Springs Councils. CentreROC aims to capitalise on its collective weight in lobbying government to place our region's needs at the forefront for the benefit of all Central Australian communities.

Though this Annual Report covers my final 12 months



at Council, I have always been immensely proud of the many significant achievements made over the years by the organisation I call the 'silent service'. Some personal highlights have been the renovation of the Civic Centre; the Alice Solar City Project; the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre; Todd Mall Revitalisation Project; the Regional Waste Management Facility; and, the award-winning Alice Springs Garden Cemetery Chapel.

I look forward to following the progress and growth of Alice Springs Town Council under the leadership of incoming CEO Robert Jennings.

In closing, I'd like to thank Mayor Damien Ryan, Elected Members, Directors and Council staff for their commitment in serving the worthy people of Alice Springs. Thank you.

Rex Mooney
Chief Executive Officer

Elected Members

	<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Damien Ryan</p> <p><i>Elected Member since March 2008</i> 0428 825 392 dryan@astc.nt.gov.au</p> <p>Advisory and Internal Committees: AAC, AD, ASALC, CA, CG, EAC, PA, PAAC, RMAC, RWMF, SC, SF, TEP, YAG</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meetings 12/12 • Standing Committee Meetings 41/41 • Advisory Committee Meetings 58/68 • Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 11/11 
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<p style="text-align: center;">Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson</p> <p><i>Elected Member since September 2017</i> 0424 652 640 mpaterson7@yahoo.com.au</p> <p>Committees: ASALC, CA, CG, EAC, RMAC, RWMF, SFAC, YAG</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meetings 12/12 • Standing Committee Meetings 33/41 • Advisory Committee Meetings 18/25 • Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 8/8 	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Glen Auricht</p> <p><i>Elected Member since September 2017</i> 0438 598 892 grauricht@bigpond.com</p> <p>Committees: AAC, ASALC, CA, CG, EAC, PA, PAAC, RMAC, RWMF, SFAC</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meetings 11/12 • Standing Committee Meetings 38/41 • Technical Services Chair (27 August 2018 – 30 June 2019) • Advisory Committee Meetings 34/43 • Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 5/8 	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Marli Banks</p> <p><i>Elected Member since September 2017</i> 0417 681 111 marlibanks@gmail.com</p> <p>Committees: EAC, PA</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meetings 12/12 • Standing Committee Meetings 31/41 • Technical Services Chair (1 July 2018 – 27 August 2018) • Advisory Committee Meetings 9/18 • Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 3/3 	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Jimmy Cocking</p> <p><i>Elected Member since September 2017</i> 0423 511 931 jimmy@abetteralice.com.au</p> <p>Committees: ASALC, CG, PA, RMAC, RWMF, TEP</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meetings 10/12 • Standing Committee Meetings 34/41 • Finance Committee Chair (1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019) • Advisory Committee Meetings 9/15 • Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 11/11

AAC
Access
Advisory
Committee

ASALC
Aquatic &
Leisure Centre
Committee

AD
Australia Day
Coordinating
Committee

CA
Cemeteries
Advisory
Committee

CG
Community
Grants
Committee

EAC
Environment
Advisory
Committee

PA
Parks
Advisory
Committee



PAAC
Public Art
Advisory
Committee

RWMF
Regional Waste
Management
Facility
Committee

RMAC
Risk Management
& Audit
Committee

SC
Seniors
Coordinating
Committee

SFAC
Sports Facilities
Advisory
Committee

TEP
Tourism, Events
& Promotions
Committee

YAG
Youth Action
Group Committee



**Councillor
Jamie de Brenni**

*Elected Member since
October 2015*

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Committees:

ASALC, CA, PA, RMAC, RWMF,
SC, TEP

Attendance:

- Council Meetings 11/12
- Standing Committee Meetings 37/41
Development Committee Chair
(1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019),
CCS Committee Chair
(27 August 2018 – 30 June 2019)
- Advisory Committee Meetings 21/29
- Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 8/10



**Councillor
Eli Melky**

*Elected Member since
February 2011*

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Committees:

CG, SFAC

Attendance:

- Council Meetings 12/12
- Standing Committee Meetings 38/41
- Advisory Committee Meetings 8/9
- Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 0/0



**Councillor
Jacinta Price**

*Elected Member since
October 2015 (resigned
17/04/19, reinstated 22/05/19)*

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Committees:

AD, CG

Attendance:

- Council Meetings 7/11
- Standing Committee Meetings 23/34
CCS Committee Chair
(1 July 2018 – 27 August 2019)
- Advisory Committee Meetings 1/5
- Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 1/3



**Councillor
Catherine Satour**

*Elected Member since
September 2017*

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Committees:

AAC, AD, CG, PA, TEP, YAG

Attendance:

- Council Meetings 10/12
- Standing Committee Meetings 38/41
- Advisory Committee Meetings 19/39
- Internal Consultative Committee Meetings 0/0

Your Council

Role of Council

As per the *Local Government Act NT 2008*, the principal role of Council is to:

- a). act as a representative, informed and responsible decision maker in the interests of its constituency; and
- b). develop a strong and cohesive social life for its residents and allocate resources in a fair, socially inclusive, and sustainable way; and
- c). provide and coordinate public facilities and services; and
- d). encourage and develop initiatives for improving quality of life; and
- e). represent the interests of its area to the wider community; and
- f). exercise and perform the powers and functions of local government assigned to the council under the *Local Government Act* and other Acts.

Council Meetings

As per Guideline 2, in association to the *Local Government Act*, Elected Members are entitled to a range of allowances in relation to executing their role and responsibilities as Mayor and Councillors. In FY19 Elected Members were paid 100% of the Base and Electoral allowances permissible under the guideline.

Council Committees

Council Standing Committees

Standing committees are established for Elected Members and relevant officers to hold focussed discussion on matters concerning Council and its operations. The following committees provide recommendations to the Council Ordinary Meetings.

- Technical Services
- Corporate & Community Services
- Finance
- Development

Internal Consultative Committees

- Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF)
- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre (ASALC)
- Risk Management & Audit Committee
- Administrative Review

Advisory Committees

Council establishes advisory committees to provide strategic, technical or other advice to assist Council to achieve its strategic objectives and better serve the community.

Advisory committees operating in 2018/19 include:

- Access (AAC)
- Australia Day (AD)
- Cemeteries (CA)
- Community Grants (CG)
- Environment (EAC)
- Parks (PA)
- Public Art (PAAC)
- Seniors (SC)
- Sports Facilities (SFAC)
- Tourism, Events & Promotions (TEP)
- Youth Action Group (YAG)

Risk Management & Audit Committee

The Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) is an advisory committee providing independent assurance and assistance to Council on its audit process, internal control and compliance frameworks, corporate governance and risk management frameworks.

In 2018/19 the RMAC independent chair, Mr Iain Summers, was re-appointed until 31 December 2020 and Council's first *Internal Audit Plan, 2018/19 – 2020/21* developed and endorsed.

As required under *General Instruction No. 3: Audit Committees*, issued by the Department of Local Government, the following information is provided (see tables for



further details).

RMAC undertook the following principal activities:

- Review of Council's risk registers
- Review of 2017/18 external audit activities, undertaken by Merit Partners, including:
 - Audit Plan
 - Interim audit findings
 - Audited financial statements
 - Closing report
- Endorsement of *Internal Audit Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21*

- Endorsement of internal audit scopes of work for 2018/19 audits
- Endorsement of new risk register and reporting model

Internal audits undertaken in 2018/19		
2018/19 Internal Audits	Hours	Dates & Consultant
Ethics / Code of Conduct / Fraud Management	30	7-8 May 2019 Assurance Advisory Group
Human Resources – hire to retire	60	3-7 June 2019 Assurance Advisory Group
Information Systems – security	65	17-18 April 2019 Latitude 12
WHS / Incident reporting	40	3-7 June 2019 Assurance Advisory Group
Total hours	195	

Four (4) Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) meetings were held in 2018/19.

Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) members and attendance	Meetings attended 1 July – 26 August 2018	Meetings attended 27 August 2018 – 30 June 2019
Meetings held	1	3
Mr Iain Summers (Independent Chair) B. Comm Grad Dip Mngt Psych, FCA, FCPA, FAIM, FAICD	1	3
Mayor Damien Ryan GAICD	1	3
Deputy Mayor de Brenni	1	2
Councillor Marli Banks	1	N/A
Councillor Jimmy Cocking	1	3
Councillor Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	-	N/A
Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson	N/A	3
Councillor Glen Auricht	N/A	2

Our History & Looking Forward

Alice Springs

The Arrernte people of the Mparntwe, Antulye and Irlpme estates are the traditional custodians of Alice Springs (Mparntwe) having lived in the area for over 60,000 years. In those times Mparntwe was a place for ceremonies and exchanging goods.

The Arrernte dreamtime stories tell us caterpillars and wild dog fights created the ranges and landscape of Central Australia where Mparntwe is located. The Arrernte people continue to have a strong presence and contribution in the region, passing on stories and culture to future generations.



The Alice Springs Telegraph (repeater) Station was built in 1881 during the overland telegraph line construction from Adelaide to Darwin.

At the time, Alice Springs was the name given to a waterhole near the Telegraph Station by Superintendent Sir Charles Todd, named after his wife, Alice Todd. The township itself was then called Stuart after the Scottish explorer, John McDouall Stuart – the first European to trek from Adelaide to the Arafura Sea, 10 years earlier.

The township's name of Alice Springs was officially gazetted in 1933.

Alice Springs started as a small settlement with the Telegraph Station and through pastoralism (1881), gold mining boom (1887), Afghan camel trains and rail (1929 to Adelaide, 2004 to

Darwin) the town has grown into the vibrant modern community it is today.

Town Council

On Friday 25 June 1971, the first Alice Springs Town Council election was held.

Alice Springs became a Municipality on 1 July 1971 and the first meeting of Council was held on 5 July the same year.

Our Town

Alice Springs offers an enviable outback lifestyle with many social and economic opportunities and benefits.

Alice Springs Town Council is committed to working with the community to ensure our town continues to be an amazing place to live, work and play!

The cultural richness and diversity of Alice Springs will continue to be a major drawcard and positive point of difference for the town.

The Territory's proximity to Asia and their growing prosperity continues to support demand for tourism and agricultural exports.

The Outback Way – 'Australia's longest shortcut', a 2700km road journey from Laverton in WA to Winton in Queensland via Alice Springs continues to gain prominence. This important iconic project provides improved access to the magic of remote and rural inland Australia allowing more Australians and visitors to experience the beauty of the outback.



Looking forward

For the Alice Springs Town Council, the coming year is full of change, opportunity and possibility.

The departure in July of long-term CEO Rex Mooney, after over 16 years of service and leadership, will pave the way for the new incoming CEO, Mr Robert Jennings, commencing with the organisation in August 2019. Following 5 years as CEO at Katherine Town Council, Robert has a great understanding of life in the Territory and local government.

Alice Springs Town Council plays a pivotal role in service delivery for the town through the Public Library, municipal services, Regional Waste Management Facility, Council Rangers, Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre and

community events. In FY20 Council will continue efforts to achieve the objectives provided in Council's Strategic Plan.

Some of the exciting activities proposed for Council in FY20 include:

- completing the \$6.2M sports facility upgrades,
- initiating a smart tree pilot project,
- implementing a food organics and garden waste trial,
- progressing further park upgrades,
- building a new zero depth splash pad at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre; and
- completing Stage 1 works on Ilparpa road and footpath.



Rex Mooney departs the Civic Centre



Mayor & students, Araluen Christian College

Year in Review

July 2018	August	September	October	November	December
1 Territory Day Alice Springs Community Celebration @ Anzac Oval	7-31 ASTC 11.2.one Music in the Mall, Winter Series	1-8 Adult Learners Week @ ASPL	1-14 ASPL School Holiday Program	10 Anzac Centenary Memorial opening @ Alice Springs Garden Cemetery	3 2018 Mayoral Awards for IDPwD
2-22 ASPL School Holiday Program	10 Mayoral Morning Tea for Seniors Month	9 Great Northern Clean-up @ Anzac Hill	5 Tangentyere Family Fun Day @ ASALC	10 (-March) ASALC Sploosh Parties	6 ASTC Public Art Map launch
3 YAG Phoney Film Festival Workshop	13-14 ASPL Skills & Careers Expo @ Convention Centre	17 ASTC Citizenship Day Ceremony	7 ASALC Splash Party	11 Remembrance Day Service	7 (-19 January) ASPL Summer Reading Club
6-7 ASTC Community Stand @ Alice Springs Show	18-24 Children's Book Week @ ASPL	14 (-18 November) ASTC Pop-Up Gallery launch & exhibition	12 ASALC Kids' Day Out	15 ASTC Night Markets	7 ASTC Christmas Carnival & Windows Competition Winners
6, 13, 20 YAG Youth Movie Marathons	23 ASTC Night Markets	20 ASTC Night Markets	12 YAG Youth Arts & Music Festival (YAMfest)	26 (-14 December) ASTC 11.2.one Music in the Mall Summer Series	12 ASPL My Photo Exhibition launch
7-14 NAIDOC Week: Aboriginal flag raising @ Anzac Hill March & Rally @ ASTC lawn	25 ASTC Arts on the Lawn	30 ASALC Splash Party	13-20 Alice Springs Masters Games		15 (-27 January) ASPL Youth Space Activation - Indigimojis
8 (-17 August) Brick By Brick National Exhibition @ ASPL	27 ASALC Red Centre Splash		18 ASTC Night Markets		17 (-26 January) ASPL School Holiday Program
12 ASPL YesterMorph Youth Exhibition launch	29 ASTC Seniors Still Got Talent		20-21 National Garage Sale Trail Weekend		21 ASALC Kids' Day Out
19 YAG Phoney Film Festival Screening & Awards Night	29 85th Anniversary BBQ - official gazetting of Alice Springs (1933)		27 ASALC Red Centre Splash		31 ASALC New Year's Eve Splash Party
28 Women's VFL @ TIO Traeger Park Oval					
29 National Tree Planting Day @ Gillen Park					

January 2019	February	March	April	May	June
6, 13, 20 ASALC Splash Parties	4-11 Imparja Cup & National Indigenous Cricket Championships	3 Clean Up Australia Day @ Todd River	6-7 ASTC Traffic Mgmt. Course	10 Mayor's Cake Auction for McGrath Foundation	2 ASALC Corporate 12 Hour Swim
12-13 WBBL Adelaide vs Perth @ Albrecht Oval	12-15 Parramatta Eels Sports Camp @ Anzac Oval	8-9 FABalce Festival (inaugural)	6-14 Heritage Week Events @ ASPL	11 Big Day Out In Harmony & ASTC Citizenship Ceremony	4-5 It's Rocket Science! ASPL
19 ASPL Summer Reading Club Splash Party @ ASALC	21 ASPL ICTV In-Language Portal Launch	10 ASPL International Women's Day – All About Women satellite livestream	6 ASPL Book Sale	16 ASTC Event Mgmt. Workshop	6 ASTC Night Markets & Finke Desert Race launch
24 YAG Community Action Workshop		19, 21, 22 ASPL Harmony Week Drumming Workshops	8 Gap Youth Art Exhibition launch & auction @ ASPL	21-27 Library & Information Week @ ASPL	20 Share a Meal, Share a Story – World Refugee Day @ ASPL
25 ASALC Kids' Day Out		21 ASTC Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony	12-21 YAG Youth Recycled Art Prize	22 National Simultaneous Storytime @ ASPL	
26 ASTC Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony & Centralian Awards		26 Last Post Ceremony @ Anzac Hill	13-18 NT Youth Week & School Holiday Program @ ASPL	25 ASPL @ Telegraph Station Open Day	
26 ASALC Australia Day Pool Party			25 (- 14 June) ASTC Twilight in the Mall Movie & Music Series	26 ASTC Rangers Pets on Parade & event	
			25 Anzac Day Dawn Service & Parade	28 Reconciliation Week Morning Tea @ ASPL	

Achievements & Highlights



Anzac Centenary Memorial at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery, unveiled Saturday, 10 November 2018



Unveiling of the Anzac Centenary Memorial

The Cemetery Advisory Committee presented the initial project concepts and plans for the Anzac Centenary Memorial, which were then unanimously supported by Council.

The rustic structure consists of eight poles with seven beams, referencing the six states and two territories of Australia, and the seven folds of the Army Puggaree, a cloth band wrapped around the traditional army slouch hat.

The WW1 Digger figure, standing at reverse arms, was constructed from over 1,000 pieces of stacked metal and weighs over 1.4 tonnes. The concrete blocks feature the current day logos of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

The memorial's centre piece features a pine tree which is a direct descendant of the Lone Pine at Gallipoli, (on Plateau 400, the heavily fortified ridge marked by a single pine tree at the

summit), while surrounding garden beds are planted with Flanders poppies and Anzac grevilleas.

The memorial was unveiled by Col. John Papalitsas CSC (Group Commander, Regional Force Surveillance Group), Warren Snowden MP, Sydney Kinsman (WW2 veteran and Rat of Tobruk), Dr Pat Miller AO, the Mayor and Elected Members.



Mayor, Damien Ryan



Unveiling of the Anzac Centenary Memorial





*Alice Springs Town Council's Christmas Carnival & Night Markets
Friday, 7 December 2018*

Council's Christmas Carnival & Night Markets

Held along the iconic Todd Mall to the Council lawns, the annual Christmas Carnival was a vibrant and festive event attended by approximately 5,000 residents and visitors with 62 market stalls, 22 food stalls and 14 entertainers and artists providing their services to our community.



Santa with Drum Atweme



Christmas Carnival fireworks



Commencing the fireworks

Achievements & Highlights

Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony & Centralian Awards Saturday, 26 January 2019

2019 marked the 70th anniversary of Australian Citizenship.

Council welcomed 43 new citizens from India, Ireland, United Kingdom, Philippines, Brazil, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Following the citizenship ceremony, Mayor Damien Ryan announced the 2019 Centralian Citizenship Award recipients, as follows:

- **Centralian Citizen of the Year**, Robert Clarke
- **Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year**, Sydney (Syd) George Kinsman
- **Centralian Young Citizen of the Year**, Jordann Hickey
- **Centralian Event of the Year**, 2018 Finke Street Party & Night Market
- **Centralian Volunteer of the Year**, Megan Brown



Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony



NT Chief Administrator, Vicki O'Halloran



Smoking Ceremony



Mayor with award recipient, Syd Kinsman



VIPs cutting the Australia Day cake



*Pets on Parade (Planes, Pilots and Practitioners)
Sunday, 26 May 2019*

Council's annual Pets on Parade is hosted by the Ranger Unit to promote responsible pet ownership within the local community.

A record number of pets joined the parade route along the Todd Mall, ending on the Council lawns where there were food and pet goods stalls, fun activities with prizes to be won, and Best Costume (in theme) Pet & Owner prizes were awarded.

Each year, the event raises money for a different charity and in 2019, over \$6,400 was raised for the local Royal Flying Doctors Service.



Mayor and Rangers presenting cheque to RFDS



Pets on Parade participants



Pets on Parade participants



RFDS simulator



Pets on Parade participants

Our People

Council staff work hard across the community to deliver a wide variety of services and programs.

The Human Resources (HR) unit plays a strategic role in managing our people, supporting a strong workplace culture and ensuring a safe working environment.

- In FY19, the Human Resources Unit facilitated the development and adoption of a new employee Enterprise Agreement, effective 2019 – 2021.
- Demonstrating leadership in providing support to employees affected by domestic and family violence, the new Enterprise Agreement includes specific Domestic and Family Violence leave provisions.
- ‘Managing Domestic and Family Violence in the Workplace’ training was delivered to Council Managers and the Executive to ensure employees would receive the appropriate support if affected by domestic and family violence.
- The annual Worksafe Day held on 3 October 2018 was attended by 135 staff. Two presentations were provided to raise awareness on:
 - Council’s commitment to prevention and support for employees affected by domestic violence; and



Ali Satour



40 years – Christopher Gibson, shown right, with CEO Rex Mooney, centre



WorkSafe Day presentation to ASTC staff

- Techniques and strategies to improve sleep patterns with an aim to improve mental health and productivity in the workplace.

Council is committed to providing employment opportunities to the local community and particularly encouraging our young people to take up a career in local government. In support of this commitment council participated in the Central Australian Careers Skills Expo and Clontarf Indigenous Youth Employment Forum in FY19.

- Ali Satour was awarded a permanent role at the Regional Waste Management Facility as Recycling Machinery Operator following completion of an Indigenous Machinery Operator Traineeship.



35 years - Rodney Day



15 years - Chris Turner, with CEO Rex Mooney

Strategic Objectives of Council

01

1. Dynamic Community

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



02

2. A Great Place to Live

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



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3. Leader in Sustainability

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

- 3.1 Reduce Council's carbon footprint
- 3.2 Reduce Alice Springs' carbon footprint
- 3.3 Conserve & protect the Alice Springs environment



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4. Dynamic Council

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





CEO Rex Mooney's final Council Meeting

Strategic Objectives – Progress Update

(3 Year Strategic Plan Report Card Data)

Strategic Objective 1. *Dynamic Community*

Indicators	Progress	
Establish key indicators and yearly improvement targets for inclusion and diversity for Council programs by 2019	Progressed	Multicultural and Diversity Policy developed and adopted
Sealed gazetted public roads increased from 92% to 93% by year-end FY19, 94% by end FY20 and 95% by end FY21	Reviewed	N/A: superseded by Council resolution to only seal a small section of Jane Road, no other roads to be sealed
Council funding on tourism initiatives achieve at least a 1:4 return on investment (ROI)	Not started	No ROI methodology in place / no data recorded
Increase Alice Springs Town Council website sessions from a baseline of 250,000 by 10% per annum	Exceeded	585,300 website sessions in 2019 Increase of 134%
Grow the proportion of lifetime animal registrations compared to annual registrations from 4:1 to 5:1	Exceeded	77 Annual and 512 Lifetime 7:1 ratio
Consistently achieve 100% response rate to NeatStreets notifications	Achieved	Achieving 100% response rate

Strategic Objective 2. *A Great Place to Live*

Indicators	Progress	
Completion of short-term and medium-term <i>Arts and Cultural Plan</i> strategic actions by 2020, including: 1. Development & implementation of a <i>Public Art Master Plan</i> 2. Development & implementation of a <i>Public Art Interpretation Plan</i> 3. Strengthen existing strategic relationships across arts & culture, education, health, tourism, community and local enterprise.	On track	1. Master plan draft in progress 2. All ASTC artworks currently without interpretive signs are receiving signs – in progress 3. Participation in the 2018 Street Art Festival and liaising with businesses to paint wall in Tuit Lane. EOI for Shanahan Park – will be painted by Gap Youth & Community Centre. Continuation of Public Art Advisory Committee meetings. Commissioning local businesses for art installations, such as Interpretive Signs. Consultation with local enterprises and community for <i>Public Art Masterplan</i> .
Placemaking strategies utilised in 20% of Council-controlled open spaces by end FY19, 30% by end FY20 and 40% by end FY21	Progressed	Community consultations / surveys conducted in FY19: • <i>Climate Action Plan</i> • <i>Albrecht Oval Sports Lighting</i> • <i>Sports Master Plan</i> • <i>Public Art Master Plan</i>
Work with partners to increase organised sporting participation by 5% per annum from 2019 onwards	Not started	Participation decreased by 4.4% in FY19
Increase Alice Springs Public Library membership by 25% per annum	Progressed	12,057 members in FY19 (10,404 FY18)
Increase STEAM and digital engagement event participants by 25% per annum	Achieved	2781 participants in FY19 (2733 FY18) Increase of 1.76%
Increase participation in Healthy Communities activities by 10% per annum	Exceeded	Participation for Healthy Communities in FY19 was 13,531 (11,572 FY18), an increase of 16.92% Increase is due to additional community presentations, programs and events which were delivered in 2018/19. These are based on request and demand over and above our regular Healthy Communities program timetable.
In support of Royal Life Saving Society of Australia NT's goal to improve water safety as per the <i>NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-2021</i> , our long term goal is that 100% of primary school aged children living in Alice Springs can swim at Level 3 or above. Our goal is to establish the present proportion of primary school aged Level 3 swimmers by 2018, and then increase that proportion by 5% per annum.	Exceeded	In FY19, 199 primary aged students achieved Level 3 competency providing an annual increase of 7% on FY18.
Three (3) park refurbishments per year	Progressed	Two (2) parks, Gillen Park and Dick Ampetyane Park, refurbished in 2019 – 67% completed

Strategic Objective 3. *Leader in Sustainability*

Indicators	Progress	
Increase proportion of solar generated electricity at Council facilities or reduce consumption to achieve energy savings from the grid from 20% to 30% by Year-end 2019, 40% by Year-end 2020 and 50% by Year-end 2021	On track	ASALC 175kW system commissioned January 2019
Develop and implement an <i>Alice Springs Town Council Climate Action Plan</i> , establishing a sustainable investment framework and progressive yearly actions and targets on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy productivity • Energy replacement through sustainable technologies • Waste reduction • Fuel usage • Recycling • Water productivity 	On track	<i>Alice Springs Town Council Climate Action Plan</i> completed 21% implementation completed
Use 25% of the crushed glass collected from 48 tonne of wine and spirit bottles under the Cash for Containers scheme annually	Exceeded	40.5% crushed glass recycled in 2019 (13% FY18)
Reduce fleet vehicle fuel usage by 2.5% by December 2020	Not started	
Increase reuse/recycling rates of waste presented at the Regional Waste Management Facility by 5% per annum	Exceeded	11% recycled in FY19 (13% FY18) a reduction of 2%

Strategic Objective 4. *Dynamic Council*

Indicators	Progress	
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 <i>Annual Report 2018/19</i>)	Progressed	Target achieved by 2 Elected Members with all Elected Members achieving an average of 90% attendance for Ordinary and Standing Committee Meetings, and 64% attendance at Advisory Committee Meetings
The CEO will undertake benchmarking of the organisational culture, values and behaviour in 2018/19 and will establish strategies and targets as required	Completed	
Develop a <i>Reconciliation Action Plan</i> by June 2018 for Council, setting clear progressive measurable targets, strategies and actions including achieving increased employment of Indigenous Australians in Council positions	On track	Drafting undertaken
Staff and resident satisfaction benchmarks established in 2018/19 and improved by 5% per annum	Not started	Not completed
Yearly surveys of Advisory Committee members show an increase in satisfaction and motivation rates, reflected in increasing attendance rates	Not started	Not carried out in 2018/19
Meet all financial reporting requirements to the specified compliance level	Achieved	
Outstanding Rates Ratio equal or better than 0.3 (being the total rates outstanding divided by total rates revenue)	Achieved	
Ensure Current Ratio at better than 1:1 (being the total rates outstanding (being a measure of how quickly Council can convert current assets into cash to satisfy Council financial commitments.	Achieved	
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)	Achieved	

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Strategic Objective

1. Dynamic Community



Something for all ages

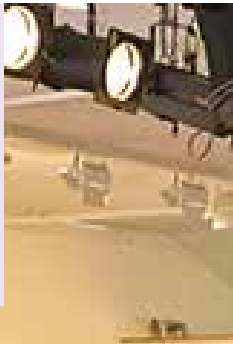
Alice Springs Town Council is committed to ensuring 'the Alice' is a great place to visit and live, delivering a range of programs and events for community members and visitors of all ages to enjoy.

In August each year, Council organises the 'Still Got Talent' event; a very popular and well supported talent quest for the senior citizens of Alice Springs.

'Still Got Talent' offers local seniors an opportunity to showcase performance skills (in singing, poetry, acting, musical, comedy and more!) in an inclusive and friendly environment. Council's Seniors Coordinating Committee actively plans and promotes this event in the community.

The 7th edition of seniors 'Still Got Talent' was a sell-out in 2018, with over 175 people registering to attend the event and 11 performers which made it the biggest 'Still Got Talent' yet!

Held during the last week of August, 'Still Got Talent' is the marquee event for Seniors Month, and is the culmination of all seniors events in Alice Springs, with overwhelmingly positive feedback received from both talent and audience.





SGT audience members

SGT winning performance by the PROBUS Club



"Still Got Talent is one of the highlights of the Council calendar and is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the talents, creativity and contributions of seniors in Alice Springs"

Jeanette Shepherd
Manager Community & Cultural Development



SGT event at Witchetty's, 2018

1. Dynamic Community

Something for all ages

At the other end of the age-spectrum, Council's Youth Action Group (YAG) aims to empower young people by including them in Council decision-making, helping them to develop new skills, and encouraging a positive perception of young people in Alice Springs.



YAG operates as a primary reference point for Council on issues and needs relating to young people in the community aged 12 to 25 years.

The group organises a range of youth-focused events throughout the year, including:

- **Phoney Film Festival** – 29 films were shown at the screening
- **Youth Arts & Music Festival (YAMfest)** – 50 young people attended the arts workshop
- **Youth Recycled Art Prize** – 62 artworks entered into the Prize



“The Youth Action Group helps to provide a stronger and more recognised voice for the young people of Alice Springs”

Kiri Milne,
Community Development Officer





1.1 Inclusiveness & support

Council seeks to increase inclusiveness and support through enhancing programs and services, promoting engagement and embracing diversity to ensure equitable participation opportunities.

Achievements:

- Successful recruitment of full time Program Instructor for Council's Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre received an average 'inclusive' score of 9/10 from surveyed user groups in February and May 2019
- Successful recruitment of Indigenous Liaison Officer for Council's Ranger Unit
- Successful recruitment of Indigenous Services Officer for Council's Public Library Unit



1. Dynamic Community



1.2 Economic growth & prosperity

Achieved through initiating cooperation between all levels of government, fostering investment attraction and supporting ongoing tourism development.

Highlights:

- \$74,145 in sponsorship provided to community events including: NAIDOC Week, No Woman Left Behind Conference, Volunteering SA & NT, NT Writers' Centre, Amazing Alice, Finke Desert Race, Easter in the Alice, FABalice, Music NT, DesertSmart EcoFair sponsorship, Rapid Ascent (Redback MTB Race and Run Larapinta Race), Alice Springs Town Band, Carols by Candlelight, Centralian Eisteddfod and the Desert Festival.
- Council supported various community events including: Alice Springs Masters games 13-20 October 2018, Parrtjima Festival 2018 & 2019, Womens Big



Drum Atweme at ASPL's Roo-tail BBQ

Bash League cricket match between Adelaide Strikers & Perth Scorchers held at Albrecht Oval 12-13 January 2019, Australian Football League Womens and Big Bash League games also on offer, National Indigenous Cricket Championship/Imparja Cup 4-11 February 2019.

- Council's Depot provided in-kind resources to support community events, including Alice Springs Show, Anzac Day, National Tree Planting Day and Night Markets.



Shade structures at Spicer Park

1.3 Safe & reliable public infrastructure

By carrying out maintenance and improvements to roads, paths and buildings whilst planning for the future through master planning.

Achievements:

- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre upgrades:
 - New security fencing was installed with thanks to a NT Government Special Purpose Grant.
 - Renovation of the facility's Health & Wellness Centre
 - A new BBQ area was completed for patrons to enjoy
- A new public ablution facility constructed at Traeger Park
- New public ablution facility constructed at Frank McEllister Park
- TIO Traeger Park Oval received a new Scoreboard (LED video display)
- Improving access around the CBD, 45 new pram ramps were installed
- New play equipment and shade structures were installed in Council parks
- Planting in Bath Street provided heat mitigation
- A new water bubbler was installed at the Garden Cemetery Chapel
- The Regional Waste Management Facility invested in:
 - New equipment with a compactor and loader
 - A baler shed with slab extension and wash down bay



New scoreboard at TIO Traeger Park



New facility at Frank McEllister Park

02

Strategic Objective

2. A Great Place to Live

Library's Youth Programs: Geek in Residence, and STEAM Geek Sheek

Alice Springs Public Library is an essential Council service which is dedicated to growing and evolving alongside Alice Springs township to ensure it remains a dynamic, inclusive and vibrant place to be.

With support from other local government and non-government organisations, the public library supports youth with engaging and diverse activities, while still offering traditional and modern library services to the broader community.

In providing positive, diversionary programs in the library space, young people are less likely to become involved in anti-social behaviours, and more likely to re-engage with school – an on-site team of specialised youth workers link them to appropriate support programs.

It's what libraries are about – sharing, knowledge, building a community and changing lives.



ASPL's Youth Program, design & print a t-shirt

"The library approach to youth is very positive and, in my opinion, perfect. Very positive messaging. I have noticed it is a particularly important place for youth with there being quite a lot in the library as it is comfortable place to hang out and youth are also using the library as a refuge as they know they will be protected."

Braydon Janjira
Traditional Owner



ASPL's Youth Program, Indigemoji



ASPL's Youth Program, Geeks in Residence

The program includes:

- Youth Workers and Case Workers available in the youth space after school hours during term, and full-time during the school holidays
- Implementation of new full-time Library Youth Engagement Officer and Casual Library Youth Officer roles, filled by experienced Youth Workers
- Library staff are provided regular, appropriate training and support to ensure the library remains a welcoming space for everyone.
- Partnering with service providers such as Gap Youth and Tangentyere Brown Street to organise bus pick-ups in the afternoon
- Alice Springs Town Council Ranger presence in the library during very busy periods
- Implementation of a 'Respect' campaign and enforcing strict guidelines for anti-social behaviour
- Forming a partnership with Indigemoji – Australia's first set of Indigenous emojis, made by young people on Arrernte country in Alice Springs (Mparntwe) – due to launch early 2020.

2. A Great Place to Live



2.1 Community life

Promoting a healthy, vibrant culture through the provision of opportunities to engage in an active lifestyle and enhancement of transport options.

Achievements:

- Council's Healthy Communities Officer delivered the following physical activity programs and services:
 - Heart Foundation Walks
 - Staff Fitness
 - Keep You Moving classes
 - Aqua for Arthritis
 - Old Timers program
 - Life Without Barriers
 - Mental Health
- The Healthy Communities Officer also delivered tailored exercise programs, for people with chronic health conditions, at Council's Health and Wellness Centre and regularly receives referrals from local GPs and allied health professionals.
- The 2018 Phoney Film Festival received a record 29 entries. Over 130 people attended the screening and awards night at the Alice Springs Cinema, making it the biggest Phoney Film Festival yet. A film skills workshop was also held on 3 July with 10 young film-makers participating.
- YAG's free movie marathons were held on 6, 13 & 20 July 2018. All nights were 'sold out', with over 600 young people attending.
- Seniors Month events:
 - Mayoral Morning Tea, held 10 August, attracted 80 people.
 - Still Got Talent, held 29 August, saw bookings reach the venue's 150 capacity, with 11 performers competing on the day. The winner was the Probus Club of Alice Springs.





- The '11.2.one' pop-up lunchtime music sessions in the Todd Mall in August, with a second series held November to December 2018.
- The 'Arts on the Lawn' event on 25 August attracted 1,000 people.
- A Pop-Up Winners Gallery, celebrating 50 years of award winning artworks from the Caltex-NT Art Award and the Alice Prize, ran from September to November 2018. Over 850 people visited with 58% local.
- Council's Youth Action Group (YAG) engaged almost 500 young participants in the 2018 Youth & Music Festival (YAMfest). Over 40 artworks were submitted to the youth art exhibition and eight (8) young people entered the open mic session.
- A youth mural, led by artist Tamara Cornthwaite, was overseen by YAG for the Alice Springs Street Art Festival. Over 50 young people participated in painting the mural in Tuit Lane.



2. A Great Place to Live



2.1 Community life

- International Day of People with Disability was celebrated with the annual Mayoral Awards held on 3 December 2018. Mr Shane Schinke from the Baker Institute presented, with 11 nominations received and 80 people in attendance. The 2018 Mayoral Award winners were:
 - **Noteworthy Award**, Adrian Robertson
 - **Champion Award**, Joyce Bowden
 - **Michele Castagna Medal**, Pippa Tessmann
- A Public Art Map of public art descriptions and locations across Alice Springs, was developed by Council, with funding from the NT Government, and distributed to local tourism venues.
- 18 CBD businesses participated in the 2018 Christmas Windows Competition, with Council and the Chamber of Commerce NT collaborating for the first time to engage sponsors. Local businesses generously sponsored prizes, collectively valued at over \$5800.
- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre hosted several events including five Splash Parties over the summer holiday period, supporting NT Government's school holiday youth engagement initiatives.





- YAG's Community Action Workshop was held 24 January 2019 and attended by 13 young people. Topics covered in the workshop included understanding advocacy, developing leadership skills, and practical communication training.
- Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony was held on Saturday 26 January 2019, where winners of the 2019 Centralian Awards were announced (see page 22).
- Twilight in the Mall, a pop-up music and cinema series, was held in the Todd Mall from March to June 2019. Almost 800 people attended throughout the eight week series.
- The 2019 Youth Recycled Art Prize received 62 entries with 63 people attending the launch event. The exhibition, 12–21 April, was viewed by nearly 1,000 visitors. A recycled art workshop was also held.
- YAG's 'Better than Ted' public speaking workshops were held on 29 April and 30 April 2019 at the Gap Youth Centre.
- Big Day Out in Harmony, jointly hosted by Council and the Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia, was held 11 May 2019.



YAG Community Action Workshop



2019 Youth Recycled Art Prize



- Council hosted an Event Management Workshop on 16 May 2019 with 22 community members attending the workshop provided information on event planning, permit applications, grants and funding available, marketing and promoting events, risk and regulations, implementation and reviewing events.



Flag-raising on Australia Day 2019

2. A Great Place to Live

2.2 Sense of place & public amenity

Achieved through maintenance and improvements to infrastructure in public places and investing in multi-functional options.

Achievements:

- The Council Depot:
 - refurbished Gillen and Dick Ampetyane Parks, and installed shade structures over play equipment at Spicer Park

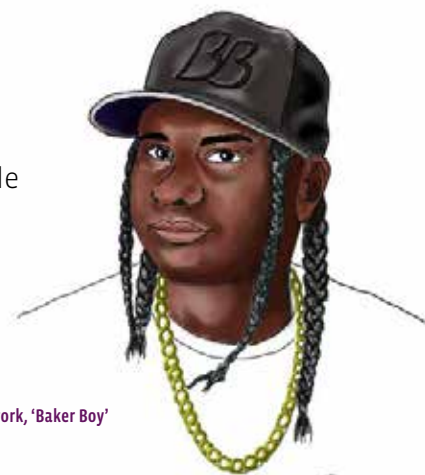


2.3 Enhance life-long learning, library & technology services

Protecting local history and heritage and offering options to support and establish a local digital culture.

Achievements:

- At the Alice Springs Public Library:
 - Over 2,500 young people were engaged through the Library 'Geek in Residence' Program





ASPL Events Program

- Hosted Library outreach stalls at all Night Markets, the Christmas Carnival, Isolated Children's Parents Association Family Day and Welcoming the Babies event.
- Delivered Storytime, Baby Rhyme Time and parent engagement outreach events at Yipirinya School, Larapinta Childcare, YMCA Early Years Learning Centre, Territory Parents Support
- Established a new partnership with Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) Healthy Promotions Team
- Community events included:
 - Harmony Day Drumming Workshops (72 attendees)
 - International Women's Day All About Women livestream event (55 attendees)
 - Reconciliation Week Morning Tea (150 attendees)
- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) Healthy Living stalls held weekly in the library
- Received \$778,134 in funding (FY19) from Northern Territory Library, Northern Territory Government, CAYLUS and Centrecorp Aboriginal Corporation
- Implemented new library adult literacy sessions, Reading Writing Drop-in, April 2019.



CAAC at ASPL



First Aid Storytime at ASPL

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Strategic Objective

3. Leader in Sustainability

Leading the way to a greener future

Alice Springs has one of the highest levels of solar radiation in Australia, making it the perfect town for solar technology. Solar technology has been championed and utilised by Council in the municipality for more than a decade.

Alice Springs Town Council has been integral in the development of major solar projects in and around Alice Springs that have played a critical part in making Alice Springs a showcase for the use of renewable energy.

The arid centre of Australia has recently felt the effects of extreme heat events, making mitigation strategies vital for the entire community.

As the local government authority for the community, it is important that Council leads the way to a sustainable future for the entire township.

Over several years, Council has installed solar Photo Voltaic (PV) systems across all its facilities:





ASALC's 175kW solar array system

- Overall, 10 solar PV systems have been installed on Council buildings, totalling over 570kW generation capacity
- A 175kW array system at Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre (online 2018/19) is the largest installation, generating 33% of the facility's total energy use
- Solar power generation has reduced Council's grid electricity use by 42%, equating to an emissions reduction of 39 tonnes of CO₂ per year – the equivalent of 7.5 vehicles driven non-stop for one year.

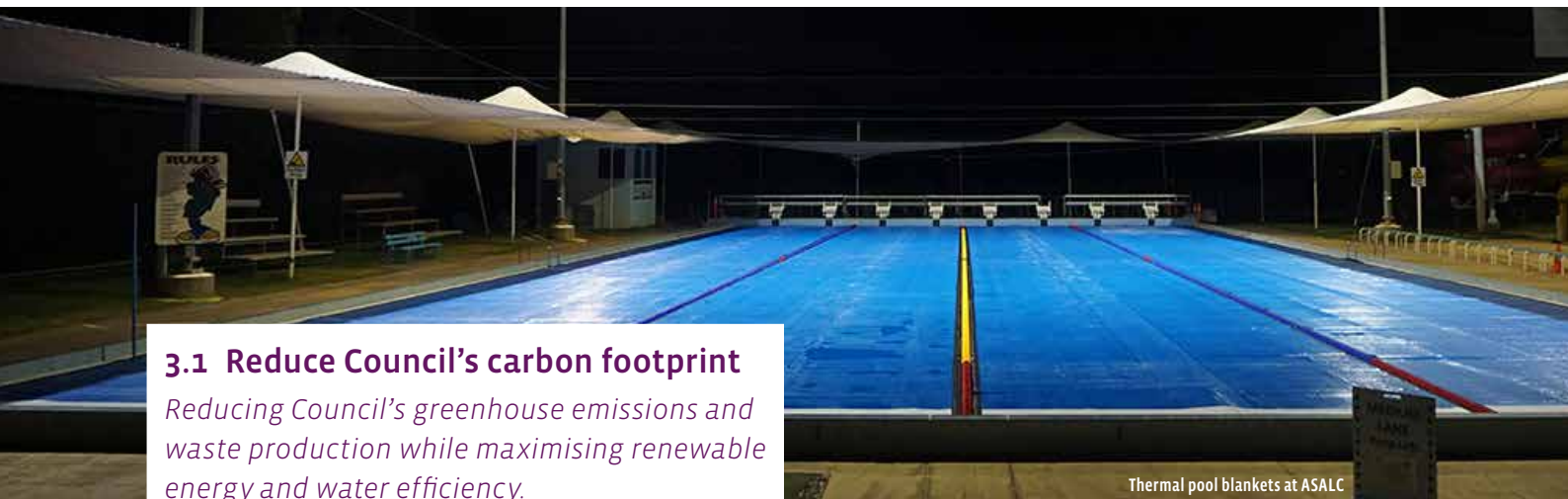
By utilising PV solar cells, Council creates a cleaner and healthier environment for the local community, improving the quality of air we breathe.

Council is committed to being established as a leader in sustainability and in FY19 endorsed a new *Climate Action Plan*. The current *Strategic Plan* includes a commitment to sourcing 50% of Council's energy needs from renewable sources by 2021. This represents an important step towards reducing our carbon footprint and ensuring the future of our environment for generations to come.



ASTC depot's 44kW solar system

3. Leader in Sustainability



3.1 Reduce Council's carbon footprint

Reducing Council's greenhouse emissions and waste production while maximising renewable energy and water efficiency.

Thermal pool blankets at ASALC

Achievements:

- *Climate Action Plan* adopted by Council, January 2019
- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre solar installation brought online.
- Online monitoring of solar PV systems on installations at all Council buildings
- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre indoor centre lighting was converted to energy-efficient LEDs, enabled by a Special Purpose Grant from the NT Government.
- Thermal covers were purchased for the 25m Swimming Pool
- Irrigation schedules reviewed, resulting in 25% less watering of suburban parks, reducing usage of town basin water.



LED lighting at ASALC



ASTC Parks & Gardens crew at Jim McConville Oval



Glass crusher at the RWMF

3.2 Reduce Alice Springs' carbon footprint

Educating and enabling the community to reduce greenhouse emissions and waste.

Highlights:

RWMF Recycling 2018/19	
Item	tonnes
Concrete	4,500
Green Waste (mulched)	190
Glass (crushed)	14
eWaste	14.82
Cardboard	19.99
Containers	300
Total salvaged from landfill	65



Recycling Stations at ASPL

3. Leader in Sustainability



3.3 Conserve and protect the Alice Springs environment

Through maintaining and investing in the efficiency of the Regional Waste Management Facility and supporting the health of the living environment.

Achievements:

- Clean up Australia Day held 3 March 2019 and attended by 23 members of the community
- Six school tours of the Regional Waste Management Facility were conducted during the year
- New Recycling Stations (for e-Waste, paper, card, batteries and bottles) were installed at the library in June 2019
- 44 recycled craft sessions were held in the library with 192 attendees
- A *Regional Waste Management Facility Master Plan* was developed with a focus on recycling for sustainability
- Participants in YAG's Youth Recycled Art Prize were able to collect items for free from the Rediscovery Centre for use in artworks.





Mayor Damien Ryan & Chansey Paech MLA open the Hazardous Waste facility at the RWMF

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Strategic Objective

4. Dynamic Council

Our commitment to YOU

Under the leadership of CEO Rex Mooney, Council has long adhered to the principle of strong governance and strong internal controls across all directorates and facilities, being at the heart of a successful organisation. It is imperative that the local government body for the municipality of Alice Springs demonstrates the key principles of good governance, embedding these principles in every aspect of service delivery to the community.

In July 2018, Alice Springs Town Council joined peer councils Barkly Regional Council, Central Desert Regional Council and MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) in forming CentreROC – the Regional Organisation of Councils for Central Australia.

CentreROC was established in July 2018 to give collective weight and consistent messaging to the lobbying of government on behalf of the central NT region. Consisting of executive representatives from each council, CentreROC works collaboratively on



CentreROC members representing ASTC, MRC, CDRC



ALGA President David O'Loughlin and (then) Vice President Damien Ryan at the AGM



Australian Local Government Association Meeting at ASTC

solutions to the key issues affecting all four councils, such as roads, tourism, waste management and recycling, and anti-social behaviour.

In November 2018, board members of the Local Government Association of Australia (ALGA) met at Alice Springs Town Council for their Annual General Meeting, coinciding with the National Roads Congress, held the same weekend. A total of 16 delegates from each Australian state and territory attended the meeting in Alice Springs, chaired by ALGA President, David O'Loughlin and (then) Vice President, Damien Ryan.

In June 2019, a new Manager Governance position was introduced, underlining Council's continued commitment to instilling best practice frameworks across all areas of the organisation. Looking forward, this position will focus on: strategy and planning; organisational culture and communications; compliance; and accountability.



ASTC Chamber at the Civic Centre

4. Dynamic Council

4.1 Leadership & advocacy excellence

Achieved through equipping Council's leadership.

Achievements:

- Council Managers attended a two-day Professional Development & Team Building Workshop in March 2019
- Ten (10) Elected Member forums were held providing Elected Members with the opportunity to demonstrate due diligence and explore critical matters at an in-depth level.



Charlie King with A/Director CCS Biggi Gosling



CEO Rex Mooney's last day at ASTC



Library Manager Clare Fisher receives the ALIA Award on behalf of Council



Valuing employees
by providing quality
conditions & benefits

**Alice Springs
TOWN COUNCIL**

**ASALC Operations Assistant
(Permanent, Full Time)**
Alice Springs Aquatic Leisure Centre is seeking a suitably skilled and qualified person to assist in the operation and maintenance of its plant and equipment, conduct water quality testing and assist in the supervision of the cleaning / maintenance team.
This position includes weekend and out of regular hours work, paid at applicable rates.
Salary \$70,731 – \$74,521 p/a including minimum allowance.

ASALC Events Assistant (Casual)
Alice Springs Aquatic Leisure Centre is seeking a suitably skilled person to host birthday parties and support the Marketing and Promotions Officer during special events.
Rate Casual hourly rate between \$17.88 and \$27.50 (age dependent)
Closing 9am, Monday 16 September 2019
Contact Petina Franklin – 8950 4360
Indigenous persons are encouraged to apply.
Applicants must address each selection criteria in the position description, available from Council's website.
8950 0500 alicespings.nt.gov.au/careers

4.2 People & workplace excellence

Investing in Council's workforce and being an employer of choice.

Achievements:

- A new employee Enterprise Agreement (EA) was ratified, including a provision for paid Domestic & Family Violence leave
- Within the EA, Council endorses its support for breastfeeding mothers, promotes equal opportunity and workplace diversity, enhancing its standing as a socially responsible employer.
- Alice Springs Public Library won the Australian Library & Information Association (ALIA) NT Recognition Award for the second year in a row



Gillen Primary School visit to ASTC

4.3 Service excellence

Focussing on customer service excellence and effectiveness, utilising innovative digital technology.

Achievements:

- Council completed an upgrade to a modernised audio visual system in the Council chamber.
- 2018 NT AUSTSWIM Swim School of the Year awarded to ASALC

4.4 Governance excellence

Focussing on customer service excellence and effectiveness, utilising innovative digital technology.

Achievements:

- Successfully recruited a Manager Governance for a new position which commenced June, 2019.

FY19 Financial Reflections

During FY19, Council maintained delivery of core services, community events and programs, municipal maintenance, Regional Waste Management Facility operations, Alice Springs Public Library access and the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre facilities.

The \$243K result (\$7.43M in FY18) reflects the adoption of AASB 1058*. The comparative result, before application of the new standard, for FY19 is \$8.37M. This result contributes to the very sound financial position of Council which will enable innovation and growth in years to come.

Delivery against Strategic Objectives

This year Alice Springs Town Council made good progress against our strategic objectives, as demonstrated in the FY19 Annual Report, while ensuring core services to the community continued to be delivered to a high standard. This was achieved within budget, at times under resourced, and is a credit to our dedicated team. Council delivered significant projects such as:

- a 175kW solar installation as well as renovations completed at Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre,
- refurbishment of 3 Community Parks including new play equipment and shading,
- continuation of Council's Healthy Communities program including installation of Outdoor Fitness Stations along the Todd River footpath and delivery of many healthy community events,
- delivery of over 70 community events including Australia Day and Citizenship Awards Ceremony, Pets on Parade, Night markets and the Christmas Carnival.
- Over 800 school holiday programs and events delivered at the Alice Springs Public Library and Alice Springs Aquatic

& Leisure Centre including Splash Parties, 12hr Swim and the Geek in Residence program that engaged with over 2,500 young people.

- Construction of a New Hazardous Waste management facility

This financial year Council also delivered on a portion of the Northern Territory Government contribution towards upgrading sports facilities (total of \$6.2M) with:

- new toilets and change room facilities at Jim McConville, Flynn Drive, Albrecht and Ross Park ovals
- construction of new public facilities and a new LED scoreboard at TIO Traeger Park

In-kind support was also provided by Council's Depot team to enable the following major events to happen in Alice Springs which contribute significantly to the town's economy:

- WBBL cricket match between Adelaide Strikers & Perth Scorchers
- AFL Women and BBL games
- National Indigenous Cricket Championship/Imparja Cup
- Parrtjima Festival 2018 and 2019,
- Alice Springs Masters Games
- Alice Springs Show, Anzac Day, National Tree Planting Day

Analysis of Statement of Comprehensive Income

In FY19 total income decreased by \$3.85M compared to FY18. The 2.2% Rates rise in FY19 (\$448K) provides an adjusted comparative of \$4.3M.

Explanation of variance:

- \$4.84M decrease in Grants and Contributions. This decrease is due to the net effect of the adoption of AASB1058.



Opening of the new Hazardous Waste Facility at the RWMF

In FY19 total expenditure increased by \$3.24M compared to FY18.

Explanation of variance:

- \$782 increase in Employee costs due to FY18 position vacancies being filled in FY19.
- \$316K in depreciation due to the addition of new/upgraded assets totaling \$6.63M. Depreciation is calculated using the Fair Value Measurement.
- \$1.54M increase in Materials and Contracts due to:
- \$1.4M additional materials & labour due to increased projects completed in FY19, and the use of internal resources to complete projects where previously external contractors were engaged. Additional maintenance of the turf at council ovals was also required due to the dry conditions and water quality.
- \$137K in fuel, parts and accessories due to two new fleet vehicles and costs to maintain ageing vehicles and equipment
- \$429K increase in Other Expenses which included:
- \$48K additional grants provision
- \$52K additional advertising expenses partly due to new Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre extended campaign
- \$92K increase in Bad Debt Write Off due

to write down of unrecoverable fines

- \$46K insurance costs are increased by the provider every 3 years (next increase due FY22)
- \$67K in additional Gas expenses due to a 50 m outdoor pool being heated, and for an extended period from July – October to include the Masters Games.

Analysis of Statement of Financial Position

Total Current Assets increased by \$1.67M compared to FY18.

This is largely attributable to:

- \$1.73M increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents due to additional rates and investment income, with Trade & Other receivables decreased by \$133K.
- \$67K increased inventories includes additional PPE equipment required due to works and development projects now being delivered in-house.

Current liabilities increased by \$8.23M due to the early adoption of AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (See Income notes above for further information).

Non-current liabilities increased by \$129K due to an increase in the employee long service leave provisions (\$97K) and Land fill restoration provision (\$32K). Cash Reserves of \$314066.



Ilparpa Road on-going major works

Analysis of Statement of Changes in Equity

In FY19 Council carried out its legislative functions, delivering facilities, services and programs to enhance the quality of life for Alice Springs residents.

Council has obligations to carry out specific works as a condition of grant funding. When those works have not yet been finalised, provision has been made to ensure that funds are carried forward into the 2019/20 financial year.

Council continues to set aside reserve funds to meet future requirements and these are specifically set out in the detailed audited financial statements. In FY19 the reserve balance decreased by \$9.93M in FY19.

Significant movement from reserves includes:

- \$465K to the Aquatic & Leisure Centre
- \$315K to the Todd Mall & Environs Redevelopment
- \$442K to the Regional Waste Management Facility Plant & Equipment Replacement
- \$368K to the Parks & Playground
- \$209K to the Town Beautification
- \$424K to the Street Lighting
- \$323K to the Public Toilet Project

- \$187K to the Plant Equipment Replacement
- \$4M to the Ilparpa Road Reserve

Significant movement from reserves includes:

- \$1.324M from Regional Waste Management Facility Plant & Equipment Replacement
- \$44K from Totem Theatre Drainage
- \$202K from Park Reports
- \$429K from Parks and Playgrounds
- \$78K from Upgrades to Pedestrian Ramps
- \$91K from Baler Shed
- \$167K from Albrecht Lights
- \$91K from Solar Initiative
- \$345K from Cycle Study
- \$69K from Kerb side Recycling Collection
- \$200K from Supreme Court Laneway
- \$50K from Capital Projects
- \$3.72M from Ilparpa Road
- \$41K from Todd Mall Facelift
- \$5.89M from Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure
- \$179K from ANZAC OVAL Fencing
- \$202K from Footpaths
- \$389K from Hazardous Waste Facility



TIO Traeger Park Oval

Analysis of Statement of Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents were \$48.14M as at 30th June 2019 (\$46.42M FY18). This cash balance is sufficient to cover the reserve holdings of \$32.63M (apart from the Asset Revaluation Reserve which is an internal non-cash reserve). Unearned grants income totaled \$8.13M at the end of the reporting period.

Income and Expenditure comparative data

Operating Income	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Rates and annual charges	\$26.20m	\$25.68m	\$25.15m	\$24.42m
User fees and charges	\$4.77m	\$4.70m	\$4.31m	\$3.64m
Interest	\$1.58m	\$1.27m	\$1.28m	\$1.33m
Grants and contributions	\$5.84m	\$10.69m	\$6.95m	\$5.93m
Other revenues	\$0.88m	\$0.80m	\$1.81m	\$1.43m
Total	\$39.27m	\$43.14m	\$39.50m	\$36.75m

Operating Expenditure	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Employee costs	\$16.67m	\$15.89m	\$15.36m	\$14.75m
Materials & contracts	\$9.12m	\$7.61m	\$7.81m	\$6.09m
Interest charges	\$0.03m	\$0.06m	\$0.11m	\$0.13m
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	\$8.32m	\$8.01m	\$7.72m	\$9.38m
Other expenses	\$4.60m	\$4.14m	\$4.61m	\$4.23m
Loss on disposal of assets	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$0.03m
Total	\$38.74m	\$35.71m	\$35.61m	\$34.61m

Assets & Liabilities comparative data

Current Assets	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Cash Assets	\$48.14m	\$46.42m	\$34.87m	\$32.62m
Receivables	\$2.27m	\$2.40m	\$2.56m	\$2.84m
Inventories	\$0.20m	\$0.14m	\$0.13m	\$0.13m
Other	\$0.19m	\$0.18m	\$0.18m	\$0.13m
Total	\$50.80m	\$49.14m	\$37.74m	\$35.72m
Non-Current Assets	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Deferred Rates	\$0.02m	\$0.02m	\$0.02m	\$0.02m
Work in Progress	\$2.18m	\$0.50m	\$1.65m	\$1.32m
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$275.70m	\$277.98m	\$281.50m	\$188.01m
Total	\$277.90m	\$278.50m	\$283.17m	\$189.35m

Current Liabilities	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Payables	\$1.29m	\$1.20m	\$0.82m	\$0.33m
Borrowings	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$1.22m	\$0.43m
Unearned Grant Income	\$8.13m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m
Provisions	\$1.88m	\$1.88m	\$1.81m	\$1.46m
Total	\$11.30m	\$3.08m	\$3.85m	\$3.22m
Non-Current Liabilities	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Borrowings	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$1.22m
Provisions	\$3.42m	\$3.29m	\$3.23m	\$3.04m
Total	\$3.42m	\$3.29m	\$3.23m	\$4.26m



By-laws enforcement data

Ranger Unit - 2019 By-laws data	
Public Places	
Number of Complaints	1410
Infringements (\$ value)	
Parking Infringement Notices	\$61,565
Animal Control Infringements	\$43,090
Public Places Infringement Notices	\$19,995
Waste Management Infringement Notices	\$2,115
Total	\$108,765
Fines Recovery Unit (\$ value)	
Fines Received	\$42,199
Fines Sent	\$55,581
Animal Registrations (\$ value)	
Dog Registrations	\$75,408
Cat Registrations	\$11,054
Total	\$86,462
Animals Impounded	
Dogs Impounded	257
Cats Impounded	272
Total	529

Grants

The following table shows successful grant applications and the funds received by Council during the financial year.

Alice Springs Town Council wishes to acknowledge the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments in granting funding for these community programs and events; and express its gratitude for the ongoing support.

Successful Grant Applications, 2018/2019

Commonwealth Grants
Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
Department of Industry, Innovation & Science
Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet (PMC)
Local Government Assistance Grants
Northern Territory Government Grants
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
Department of Trade, Business & Innovation
Department of Primary Industries & Resources – Animal Welfare Branch
NT Major Events Company
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)
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Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development
Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development
Australia Day Council NT
Territory Families – Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)
Department of Tourism & Culture – Arts & Museums
Department of Business
Territory Families – Office of Senior Territorians
Territory Families – Office of Senior Territorians
Department of Tourism, Sport & Culture – Arts & Museums
Territory Families – Office of Gender Equity & Diversity
Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development
Non Government Grants
Centrecorp, ASTC Rangers (vehicle disposal), ASPL (youth program), ASALC (youth entry)
Tangentyere Council (CAYLUS youth program)
Total Grants Received

Grant Program	Event / Program Supported	Received
Armistice Centenary Grants Program	Anzac Centenary Memorial Garden – Alice Springs Garden Cemetery	\$15,455
Armistice Centenary Grants Program	Anzac Centenary Memorial – Alice Springs Garden Cemetery	\$30,909
Armistice Centenary Grants Program	First World War Memorial – Anzac Hill	\$55,455
Smart Cities and Suburbs Program Round 2	Smart Solar Trees: an integrated park management system	\$203,515
NAIDOC 2019	Purple House BBQ	\$3,620
General Purpose & Roads		\$803,056
	Subtotal	\$1,112,010
Grant Program	Event / Program Supported	Received
Towards Zero Road Safety Grants Program	Improving road safety around Alice Springs school zones (smiley face speedo)	\$5,000
Business Growth Program	ASALC Business Plan	\$15,000
Animal Welfare Fund 2018	Upgrades to the Alice Springs Animal Shelter	\$10,000
Alice Springs Street Art Festival	Youth Engagement Program	\$20,000
School Holiday Funding October 2018	Geeks in Residence	\$12,000
School Holiday Funding October 2018	Splash Parties	\$8,000
Alice Springs Youth Activities 2018 / 19	Library Geeks Program	\$45,000
Alice Springs Youth Activities 2018 / 19	ASALC Splash Parties	\$24,100
Youth Vibe Holiday Grants – Summer 2018	Youth Community Action Workshop	\$2,000
NT Youth Week 2019	Recycled Art Prize 2019	\$2,000
Youth Vibe Holiday Grants – Winter 2018	Phoney Film Festival 2019	\$2,000
Special Purpose Grant (SPG) Round 1 2018 / 19	ASALC Fencing	\$93,278
Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Grant 2018 / 19	Change Rooms	\$118,642
Australia Day Community Grants 2019	Australia Day 2019	\$2,000
Harmony Grants 2018	King Marong Drum Workshops	\$800
Regional Museums: Grant Support Program	Alice Springs Public Library Collection: Cultural Sensitivity Assessment	\$5,000
Community Benefit Fund – Major Grants	50 Plus Centre Upgrades	\$250,000
Seniors Month 2019	Still Got Talent – 8th Edition	\$2,000
Seniors Month 2019	Alice Springs Public Library: Celebrating Seniors Month	\$2,000
Arts NT: Strategic Arts Program – Access for Artists with Disabilities	Alice Springs Public Library & Bindi Mwerre Anthurra Artists Collaborative Mural Project	\$25,000
General Grant Program – Round 2	Stand Up! Workshops	\$4,500
Operational Funding	Town Camp Rubbish Collection	\$280,616
	Subtotal	\$928,936
Grant Program	Event / Program Supported	Received
	Geek in Residence	\$57,000
	ASPL youth programs	\$5,000
	Subtotal	\$62,000
		\$2,102,946

Organisational Structure (Correct at 30 June 2019)

Alice Springs Community

Alice Springs Town Council

Mayor & Councillors

- Ordinary Meetings
- Standing Committee Meetings
- Advisory Meetings
- Risk Management & Audit Committee

Chief Executive Officer

Legal

- Policies
- By-Laws
- Industrial Relations

Grants

- Funding revenue

Directorates

- Corporate & Community Services
- Finance
- Technical Services

Marketing, Media & Communications

- Media Relations
- Marketing
- Consultations
- ASTC Website
- Social Media

Corporate & Community Services

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

- Learn to Swim Programs
- Community Events
- Holiday Programs

Community & Cultural Development

- Community Events & Projects
- Healthy Communities
- Youth Services

Rangers

- Animal Management
- Public Place & Parking Management
- Permits
- Safety & Security

Governance

- Governance
- Policies
- Risk Management
- Records Management

Human Resources

- Recruitment, Training & Development
- Industrial Relations
- Work, Health & Safety

Public Library

- Promotions & Events
- School Holiday Programs
- Special Collections

Finance

Finance

- Accounts Credit & Debit
- Payroll
- Budget Management
- Fraud Management
- Asset Management
- Rates

Information Technology

- Data Management & Security
- IT Infrastructure
- Business Analysis

Customer Service

- Civic Centre Reception
- Community Customer Service
- Andy McNeill Room Bookings

Technical Services

Regional Waste Management Facility

- Rediscovery Centre
- Weighbridge
- Hazardous Substances
- Recycling Program & Education

Developments

- Building Permits & Subdivisions
- Stormwater Management

Parks & Gardens

- Playgrounds
- Landscape Maintenance
- Cemeteries

Municipal Services

- Rubbish Collection & Litter Control
- Street Sweeping
- Civil Works
- Traffic Management

Infrastructure

- Roads, Verges, Laneways, Paths & Kerbs

Sports Facilities

- Maintenance & Development
- Leasing & Bookings

Environment

- Solar Program
- Sustainability & Conservation Programs

Alice Springs Town Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Alice Springs Town Council's vision is for a vibrant and growing community that embraces its diverse cultural heritage, its unique identity and desert living environment.



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General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

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General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

I, Mr Robert Trevor Jennings, the Chief Executive Officer of Alice Springs Town Council, hereby certify that the Annual Financial Statements:

- have been drawn up in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* so as to present fairly the financial position of the Council and the results for the year ended 30 June 2019; and
- are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.



Mr Robert Trevor Jennings
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 29 October 2019

Alice Springs Town Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$ '000	2018 \$ '000
Income			
Rates Revenues	2a	22,440	21,992
Waste Management Revenue	2a	3,762	3,687
Statutory Charges	2b	184	204
User Charges	2c	4,587	4,505
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2f	4,189	9,031
Investment Income	2d	1,583	1,267
Other Income	2e	883	794
Total Income		37,628	41,480
Expenses			
Employee Costs	3a	16,667	15,885
Materials and Contracts	3b	9,122	7,584
Other Operating Expenses	3b	4,596	4,167
Depreciation and Amortisation	3c	8,327	8,011
Finance Costs	3d	32	58
Total Expenses		38,744	35,705
Operating (Deficit) / Surplus		(1,116)	5,775
Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	4	(292)	(6)
Amounts Received Specifically for Financial Assistance Grants	2f	1,651	1,662
Net (Deficit) / Surplus		243	7,431
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		243	7,431

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes and Significant Accounting Policies.

Alice Springs Town Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$ '000	2018 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5a	48,146	46,421
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	2,271	2,404
Other Current Assets	5c	192	177
Inventories	5d	203	136
Total Current Assets		50,812	49,138
Non-Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7a	275,702	277,981
Other Non-Current Assets	6	2,204	513
Total Non-Current Assets		277,906	278,494
TOTAL ASSETS		328,718	327,632
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8a	1,289	1,196
Unearned Grant Income	8b	8,130	-
Provisions	8c	1,883	1,880
Total Current Liabilities		11,302	3,076
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	8c	3,421	3,292
Total Non-Current Liabilities		3,421	3,292
TOTAL LIABILITIES		14,723	6,368
Net Assets		313,995	321,264
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		12,163	9,502
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9a	269,204	269,204
Other Reserves	9b	32,628	42,558
Total Council Equity		313,995	321,264

Explanation of variance in Grants and Contributions income

\$4.8m decrease in Grants and Contributions - This decrease is due to the net effect of AASB1058 Income which now requires Unearned Grant Income to be recognised as a Current Liability. Previously (FY2018) recognised as Income.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes and Significant Accounting Policies.

Alice Springs Town Council

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2019

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$ '000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$ '000	Other Reserves \$ '000	Total Equity \$ '000
2019					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		9,502	269,204	42,558	321,264
a. Early Adoption of New Accounting Standards	1 (1.2)	-	-	(7,512)	(7,512)
Restated Opening Balance		9,502	269,204	35,046	313,752
b. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		243	-	-	243
Total Comprehensive Income		243	-	-	243
c. Transfers between Reserves		2,418	-	(2,418)	-
Balance at the end of period		12,163	269,204	32,628	313,995
2018					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		14,956	269,204	29,673	313,833
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		7,431	-	-	7,431
Total Comprehensive Income		7,431	-	-	7,431
b. Transfers between Reserves		(12,885)	-	12,885	-
Balance at the end of period		9,502	269,204	42,558	321,264

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes and Significant Accounting Policies.

Alice Springs Town Council

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$ '000	2018 \$ '000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates Receipts		26,382	25,702
Statutory Charges		184	204
User Charges		5,045	4,955
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (operating purpose)		4,807	9,171
Investment Receipts		1,583	1,267
Other Receipts		2,291	1,598
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to Employees		(16,686)	(15,764)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(15,480)	(12,630)
Finance Payments		(32)	(58)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	11b	8,094	14,445
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets		1,651	1,662
Proceeds on Sale of Replaced Assets		(292)	53
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(3,249)	(144)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(4,490)	(3,245)
Net Purchase of Investment Securities		(15)	2
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(6,395)	(1,672)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Bonds & Deposits		26	1
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		-	(1,228)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		26	(1,227)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		1,725	11,546
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	11a	46,421	34,875
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	11a	48,146	46,421

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes and Significant Accounting Policies.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements 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 29 October 2019.

1.2 Early Adoption of New Accounting Standards

The Council has early adopted *AASB 1058 Income for Not-for-Profit Entities* and *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers* effective 1 July 2018. Under the new accounting standards, revenue from grants and donations will be recognised when any associated performance obligation to provide goods or services is satisfied, and not immediately upon receipt as currently occurs. Consequently, a liability will be recognised in the balance sheet for any unexpended grants at end of the financial reporting period.

The new accounting standards have been early adopted as the Council are of the opinion that this will provide more relevant information and result in more accurate operating performance at the end of the reporting period. The aggregate effect of the adoption of new accounting standards for the year ended 30 June 2019 is as follows:

As At 1 July 2018

	Previous Standards (\$'000)	Adjustments (\$'000)	Adoption of New Standards (\$'000)
Statement of Financial Position			
Unearned Grant Income		(7,512)	(7,512)
Statement of Changes in Equity			
Other Reserves	(42,558)	7,512	(35,046)

The Council elected to apply these new standards retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying these new standards recognised at the date of initial application.

Other than the revenue recognition on grants, the application had no material impact on the Council's main source of revenue such as rates and other charges. The accounting policies for the Council's main types of revenue are disclosed in Note 1(3).

1.3 Historical Cost Convention

Except for revaluation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and 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 stated.

1.4 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.

1.5 Rounding

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Alice Springs Town Council ("the Council") is incorporated under the NT *Local Government Act* and has its principal place of business at 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which 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 and controlled entities have been eliminated.

3 Income Recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the income, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Rates and levies

Rates are recognised at the commencement of rating period. Rates over paid at the reporting period are classified as 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 as currently occurs.

Grants that have an enforceable agreement but no specific performance obligations but have restrictions on the timing of expenditure will also continue to be recognised on receipt as time restriction on the use of funds is not sufficiently specific to create a performance obligation.

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 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. These infrastructure charges are not within the scope of AASB Interpretation 18 because there is no performance obligation associated with them. Consequently, the infrastructure charges are recognised as income when received.

Rental income

Rental revenue from investment and other property is recognised as income on a periodic straight line basis over the lease term.

Interest and dividends

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

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 or documents, issuing of the infringement notice or when the service is provided.

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Assets

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at the Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of four months or less from the date of acquisition.

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

the effective interest method, less any loss provision. Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any loss provision.

The Council recognised 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 all 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 the 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 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 a 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 taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Council. A trade and other receivables is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

All financial assets are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms 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.

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 the 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.

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

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

Certain class 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 at cost until next valuation of assets. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further detail 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 the 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 the 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.

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
- Pavement	60 years
- Seal	25 years
- Drainage & Kerbing	60 years
- Unsealed Roads	
- Formation	Not Depreciated
- Surface Sheetting	15 years
- Stormwater Drainage	50 to 100 years
- Other	15 to 80 years
Art Collection & Heritage	Indefinite
<i>Other Assets</i>	
Library Books General	10 to 15 years
Library Books Special Collection	60 years

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 the 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 the 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 oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) 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 the 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. The 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 Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and the Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.

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. The 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.

10 Leases

Lease arrangements have been accounted for in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 117.

Leases of property, plant and equipment, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the Council, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised, recognising an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Council will obtain ownership of the asset. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

11 Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by the Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. As there is no profit component, such works are treated as 100% completed. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues and expenses are recognised on a percentage of completion basis. Costs incurred in advance of a future claimed entitlement are classified as work in progress in inventory. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

12 GST Implications

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

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- 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.

13 New accounting standard Adoption

As disclosed in Note 1 (1.2), the Council has early adopted AASB 1058 *Income for Not-for-Profit Entities* and AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* effective 1 July 2018.

In addition, the Council has adopted all new, revised or amending accounting standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and are mandatory for the current reporting period. Other than above any new, revised or amending Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

AASB 9 Financial Instruments

The Council applied AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* for the first time which became effective for annual periods beginning 1 July 2018. The standard replaces all previous versions of AASB 9 and completes the project to replace AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. AASB 9 introduces new classification and measurement models for financial assets. A financial asset shall be measured at amortised cost, if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, which arise on specified dates and solely principal and interest. All other financial instrument assets are to be classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss unless the entity makes an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on equity instruments (that are not held-for trading) in other comprehensive income ('OCI'). For financial liabilities, the standard requires the portion of the change in fair value that relates to the entity's own credit risk to be presented in OCI (unless it would create an accounting mismatch).

There has been no material impact upon adoption of this standard as the classification and recognition of

the Council's financial assets and liabilities has not changed.

New impairment requirements use an 'expected credit loss' ('ECL') model to recognise an allowance. Impairment will be measured under a 12-month ECL method unless the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition in which case the lifetime ECL method is adopted. The standard introduces additional new disclosures.

There have been no changes to impairment losses following the adoption of AASB 9.

Other than the new disclosure requirements, the application had no material impact on the Council's financial report.

14 Future accounting standards and UIG interpretations

Some Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations have been issued but are not yet effective. Those standards have not been applied in these financial statements. The Council will implement them when they are effective.

The standards that are expected to have a material impact upon Council's future financial statements are:

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

- AASB 16 *Leases*

The Council has some leases that are not in the Statement of Financial Position. These will need to be included when this standard comes into effect. A lease liability will initially be measured at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the lease term. A corresponding right-of-use asset will also be recognised over the lease term. This estimate is based on council's current obligations and various market and other assumptions.

The standards are not expected to have a material impact upon Council's future financial statements are:

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors
- AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors (Appendix D)
- AASB 2016-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities
- AASB 2017-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Transfers of Investment Property, Annual Improvements 2014-2016 Cycle and Other Amendments
- AASB 2017-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
- AASB 2017-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
- AASB 2017-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
- AASB 2018-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2015–2017 Cycle
- AASB 2018-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
- AASB 2018-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements
- AASB 2018-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Public Sector Licensors
- AASB 2018-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Deferral of AASB 1059

individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

16 Disclaimer

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

15 Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 2. Income

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(a). Rates Revenues		
General Rates		
General Rates		
- Residential	14,441	14,165
- Rural	600	586
- Business	7,336	7,174
- Airport	63	67
Total General Rates	22,440	21,992
Other Rates (Including Service Charges)		
Waste Collection	3,762	3,687
Total Other Rates	3,762	3,687
Total Rates Revenues	26,202	25,679
(b). Statutory Charges		
Regulatory / Statutory Fees	184	204
Total Statutory Charges	184	204
(c). User Charges		
Cemetery Charges	187	192
Sundry	56	66
Hire of Council Equipment	5	27
Rates Searches	22	19
Rental Charges	136	113
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Income	1,056	893
Weighbridge Charges	2,838	2,939
Night Markets	7	12
Library Charges	29	31
Tip Shop	251	213
Total User Charges	4,587	4,505
(d). Investment Income		
Interest on Investments		
- Banks & Other	1,331	1,002
Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges	252	265
Total Investment Income	1,583	1,267

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Note 2. Income (continued)

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(e). Other Income		
Sundry	299	326
Fines	113	96
Fuel Rebates	74	140
Insurance Claims	80	122
Development Consent Authority Charges	25	49
Merchant fees	-	8
Other	292	53
Total Other Income	883	794

(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions

NT Operating Grants

General Purpose - Australian Government via Northern Territory Grants Commission

Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose	809	718
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	842	944
	1,651	1,662

Specific Purpose

Safer Streets Programme	3	4
Youth Activities Splash Parties	31	-
Alice Springs Animal Shelter	10	-
Sundry	7	-
Senior Month Event	2	2
NAIDOC 2019 Purple House BBQ	4	-
Library Operational	635	607
ASALC Business Plan	14	-
Pensioner Subsidies	202	205
ASALC Fencing	83	-
Youth Activities - Geek In Residence	31	-
National Youth Week	-	2
Youth Activities Library Geek Program	33	-
Youth Activities - 3x Movie Marathons	17	-
Business Plan	10	-
Youth Vibe Holiday	2	2
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection	336	183
Road Safety Community Program	5	-
After Hours Youth Service	-	535
Roaming Cat Prevention	1	1
Alice Springs Street Art Festival	20	-
Recycled Art Prize	2	2
Languages At Lunch	-	1
Summer Holiday Youth Vibe	1	2
Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day)	-	2
STEAM Into Alice	-	31
Be Connected Activation	1	2
Regional Museums Support Program	-	1
	1,450	1,582
Total NT Operating Grants	3,101	3,244

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Note 2. Income (continued)

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions (continued)		
NT Capital Grants		
Mobile Grandstand	18	36
Todd River Fitness Station	37	72
Alice Springs Aquatic Centre Lighting Upgrade	51	81
Albrecht Oval Lighting	-	600
Hazardous Waste Facility	789	401
Alice Springs Sporting Infrastructure	1,649	6,200
Total NT Capital Grants	2,544	7,390
Commonwealth Capital Grants		
Ensure a Safer Town for Community CCTV	35	-
Garden Cemetery War Memorial	15	-
Total Commonwealth Capital Grants	50	-
Total Grants	5,695	10,634
Contributions		
After School Geek in Residence Program(Centrecorp)	45	-
Geek In Residence Support	5	-
Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies	85	50
Other	2	2
Pets on Parade	8	7
Total Contributions	145	59
Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	5,840	10,693

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

(i) Sources of grants

Commonwealth Government	50	-
State Government	5,645	10,634
Other	145	59
Total	5,840	10,693

(ii) Individually Significant Items

Grants Commission (FAG) Roads Grant Recognised as Income *	496	483
Grants Commission (FAG) General Purpose Grant Recognised as Income **	323	364

* (FAG) Road Grant for 2019/20 received in advance.

** (FAG) General Purpose for 2019/20 received in advance.

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Note 2. Income (continued)

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(g). Conditions over Grants & Contributions		
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:		
Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	7,512	2,411
<i>Less:</i>		
<i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
Arts & Cultural Program	-	(1)
Youth Vibe Holiday	(1)	(2)
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	-	(775)
After Hours Youth Service	-	(12)
Aquatic Centre - Lighting Upgrade	(51)	-
Todd River Fitness Stations	(37)	-
Mobile Grandstands	(19)	-
Roaming Cat Prevention	(1)	(11)
Waste Collection Town Camps	(55)	-
Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure	(1,649)	-
Hazardous Waste Facility	(389)	-
Ross Park Storage Shed	-	(96)
50+ Community Centre Carpark	-	(75)
Safer Streets Programme	(3)	(15)
Health and Wellness Centre	-	(33)
Road Safety Community Programme	-	(5)
NDRAA Hail Storm Damage	-	(346)
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose	(484)	(363)
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	(364)	(473)
Subtotal	(3,053)	(2,207)

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Note 2. Income (continued)

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(g). Conditions over Grants & Contributions		
<i>Plus:</i>		
<i>Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
Youth Vibe Holiday	-	1
After Hours Youth Service	-	13
Roaming Cat Prevention	-	1
Safer Streets Programme	-	3
Waste Collection Town Camps	-	55
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose	496	484
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	324	364
Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure	-	5,807
Hazardous Waste Facility	-	389
Youth Vibe Holiday - Phoney Film Festival	-	2
Aquatic Centre - Lighting Upgrade	-	81
Mobile Grandstands	-	36
Todd River Fitness Stations	-	72
Ilparpa Road Footpath Stage 1	2,300	-
Youth Vibe Holiday - Phoney Film	3	-
Youth Activities Library Geek Program	11	-
Cultural Sensitivity Assessment	5	-
Stand Up!	4	-
Energy Efficiency & Sustainability	118	-
Library & Bindi Artists Mural Project	25	-
ASALC Fencing	10	-
First World War Memorial - ANZAC	55	-
Ensure a safer town for community CCTV	86	-
Smart Solar Trees	203	-
ANZAC Centenary Garden Memorial Cemetery	31	-
Subtotal	3,671	7,308
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period (See Note 8(b))	8,130	7,512
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period	618	5,101

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Note 3. Expenses

	Notes	2019 \$ '000	2018 \$ '000
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(a). Employee Costs

Salaries and Wages		11,798	11,017
Employee Leave Expense		2,893	3,030
Superannuation	16	1,397	1,405
Workers' Compensation Insurance		372	247
Travelling		23	26
FBT		32	40
Training		141	108
Other		11	12
Total Operating Employee Costs		16,667	15,885

Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period)	176	168
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Set out below, in bands of \$20,000, is the number of employees of Council entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more:

	No.	No.
100,000 - 119,999	14	12
140,000 - 159,999	1	2
160,000 - 179,999	1	-
240,000 - 259,999	1	1

	2019 \$ '000	2018 \$ '000
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Elected Members Remuneration

The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to Council Members:

Councillor Allowance	110	105
Mayor Allowance	109	108
Deputy Mayor Allowance	34	37
Travelling Allowance	6	5
	259	255

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		
(i) Materials, Contracts and Expenses		
Parts, Accessories & Consumables	85	12
Sundry	-	5
Advertising	3	5
Books/Resources	28	28
Children and Youth events	13	19
Computer consumables	18	19
Consulting fees	230	161
Contract material and labour	5,119	4,021
Equipment Hire	9	6
Food (catering)	106	95
Fuel and oils	370	306
General events	7	10
Internet service provider	40	36
IT equipment	32	40
Journals and periodicals	13	12
Licence and maintenance fees	286	341
Materials	2,254	1,966
Membership and subscriptions	97	90
Network communication	84	41
Non-book resources	5	5
Office equipment	8	12
Other equipment	26	23
Printing	48	51
Promotional/Education	5	8
Security	81	73
Software development	26	70
Stationery	28	33
Uniforms	16	14
Other - SFAC Contribution	85	82
Total - Materials and Contracts	9,122	7,584
(ii) Other Operating Expenses		
(a) Prescribed Expenses		
Auditor's Remuneration		
- Auditing the Financial Reports	35	37
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	35	37
(b) Electricity		
Electricity Costs	945	911
Subtotal - Electricity	945	911

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses (continued)		
(c) Other Expenses		
Advertising	188	136
Bad & doubtful debts	(7)	(9)
Bad debt write off	101	9
Consulting fees	67	29
Contributions and/or donations made	58	63
Courier and freight	45	20
Elected member allowances	281	266
Elected members training course fees	1	-
Gas expenses	133	66
General rates - Early Bird draw	13	16
Grants made	128	80
Telephone	44	61
Insurance	391	345
Legal fees	85	-
Merchant transaction fees	65	56
Other expenses	50	29
Pensioner concessions	250	254
Postage	19	22
Refunds/Reimbursements	2	11
Relocation expenses	-	15
Rent	15	33
Travel and accommodation expenses	22	27
Vehicle registration	94	82
Water consumption, sewerage and service charges	1,571	1,608
Subtotal - Other Expenses	3,616	3,219
Total - Other Operating Expenses	4,596	4,167
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	13,718	11,751

(c). Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment

(i) Depreciation and Amortisation

Land Improvements	1,814	1,701
Buildings	1,941	1,961
Infrastructure		
- Sealed Roads	1,926	1,803
- Unsealed Roads	36	36
- Stormwater Drainage	530	525
Plant & Equipment	738	676
Furniture & Office Equipment	219	212
Other Assets	1,123	1,097
Total Depreciation and Amortisation	8,327	8,011

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(d). Finance Costs		
Interest on Loans	-	26
Finance expense - Provision for Restoration of the Landfill	32	32
Total Finance Costs	32	58

Note 4. Loss of Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

(i) Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced

Proceeds from Disposal	(292)	53
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	-	(59)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal	(292)	(6)
Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal or Revaluation of Assets	(292)	(6)

Note 5. Current Assets

(a). Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash on Hand at Bank	8,223	10,021
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.	39,923	36,400
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	48,146	46,421

(b). Trade & Other Receivables

Rates - General & Other	1,399	1,579
Accrued Revenues	347	224
User Charges and Fees	469	637
ATO	204	114
Other	184	350
Subtotal	2,603	2,904
Less: Expected Credit Losses	(332)	(500)
Total Trade & Other Receivables	2,271	2,404

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Note 5. Current Assets (continued)

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000

(c). Other Current Assets

Prepayments	192	177
Total Other Current Assets	192	177

(d). Inventories

Stores & Materials	203	136
Total Inventories	203	136

Note 6. Non-Current Assets

Capital Works-in-Progress	2,180	489
Deferred Rates	24	24
Total Other Non-Current Assets	2,204	513

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Note 7a. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

	Fair Value Level	as at 30/6/2018						Asset Movements during the Reporting Period				as at 30/6/2019			
		At Fair Value \$ '000	At Cost \$ '000	Accumulated Dep'n \$ '000	Impairment \$ '000	Carrying Value \$ '000		Asset Additions New / Upgrade \$ '000	WDV of Asset Disposals \$ '000	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c) \$ '000	At Fair Value \$ '000	At Cost \$ '000	Accumulated Dep'n \$ '000	Impairment \$ '000	Carrying Value \$ '000
Land	2	60,877	-	-	-	60,877		-	-	-	60,877	-	-	-	60,877
Land Improvements	2	22,125	-	3,369	-	18,756		932	-	(1,814)	23,058	-	5,178	-	17,880
Buildings	2	51,104	-	3,875	-	47,229		1,544	-	(1,941)	52,648	-	5,816	-	46,832
Infrastructure															
- Sealed Roads	2	82,982	-	3,605	-	79,377		1,397	-	(1,926)	84,379	-	5,531	-	78,848
- Unsealed Roads	2	1,727	-	72	-	1,655		-	-	(36)	1,727	-	108	-	1,619
- Stormwater Drainage	2	35,899	-	1,046	-	34,853		13	-	(530)	35,911	-	1,576	-	34,335
Plant & Equipment	2	8,254	-	1,261	-	6,993		2,356	(576)	(738)	9,870	-	1,837	-	8,033
Furniture & Office Equipment	2	1,487	-	375	-	1,112		179	-	(219)	1,666	-	595	-	1,071
Art Collection & Heritage	2	3,204	-	-	-	3,204		-	-	-	3,204	-	-	-	3,204
Other Assets	2	26,050	-	2,125	-	23,925		206	-	(1,123)	26,256	-	3,253	-	23,003
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		293,709	-	15,728	-	277,981		6,627	(576)	(8,327)	299,596	-	23,894	-	275,702
Comparatives		289,225	-	7,723	-	281,502		4,546	(59)	(8,011)	293,709	-	15,728	-	277,981

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Note 7b. Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property

Valuation of Assets

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various 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).

Refer to Note 7a for the disclosure of the Fair Value Levels of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment Assets.

Information on Valuations

Certain Land, Land Improvements and Buildings

Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. They 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 valuation 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 buildings, infrastructure and other assets. These assets 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 materials 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.

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Note 7b. Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

Valuation of Assets (continued)

Art Collection and Heritage

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

Capital Works

Capital work 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 and best use.

AASB 13 - Fair Value Measurement

The requirements of AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2016 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 reliably 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 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

Freehold land and land over which the Council has control but does not have title, as valued by the Australian Valuation Services on the basis of fair market value on 1 July 2016 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 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2016 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 7b. Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

Valuation of Assets (continued)

Art Collection and Heritage

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Digby Hyles

The art collection was valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2016 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: Written down current replacement cost
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

Stormwater Drainage

- Basis of valuation: Written down current replacement cost
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

Structures, Bridges, Car Parks

- Basis of valuation: Written down current replacement cost
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2016 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
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2016 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

	2019	2019	2018	2018
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(a). Trade and Other Payables				
Goods & Services	77	-	(18)	-
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements	623	-	604	-
Accrued Expenses - Other	481	-	528	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	108	-	82	-
Total Trade and Other Payables	1,289	-	1,196	-
(b). Unearned Grant Income				
Unearned Grant Income	8,130	-	-	-
Total Unearned Grant Income	8,130	-	-	-
(c). Provisions				
Restoration of Landfill	-	2,689	-	2,657
Airfares	12	-	14	-
Annual Leave	1,229	-	1,178	-
Long Service Leave	520	732	574	635
TIL Liability	122	-	114	-
Total Provisions	1,883	3,421	1,880	3,292

Note 9. Reserves

	1/7/2018	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	30/6/2019
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(a). Asset Revaluation Reserve					
Land	50,675	-	-	-	50,675
Land Improvements	5,530	-	-	-	5,530
Buildings	29,508	-	-	-	29,508
Infrastructure					
- Sealed Roads	112,298	-	-	-	112,298
- Unsealed Roads	2,598	-	-	-	2,598
- Stormwater Drainage	41,783	-	-	-	41,783
Plant & Equipment	4,628	-	-	-	4,628
Furniture & Office Equipment	469	-	-	-	469
Art Collection & Heritage	3,126	-	-	-	3,126
Other Assets	18,589	-	-	-	18,589
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	269,204	-	-	-	269,204
Comparatives	269,204	-	-	-	269,204

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

	1/7/2018	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	30/6/2019
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b). Other Reserves					
Elections	232	50	-	7	289
Regional Waste Management Future Funds	3,565	-	-	102	3,667
Sports Facility Advisory Committee	641	150	-	-	791
Developer Contributions Trust	134	-	-	-	134
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	433	446	-	19	898
Capital Infrastructure	5,031	-	-	144	5,175
Employee Entitlement	315	-	-	-	315
Working Capital	2,897	-	-	82	2,979
Todd Mall & Environs Redevelopment	2,389	241	-	74	2,704
Regional Waste Management Facility P&E	2,169	396	(1,324)	46	1,287
Civic Centre Upgrade	409	-	-	12	421
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee	14	-	-	-	14
Totem Theatre Drainage Reserve	43	-	(44)	1	-
Park Reports	202	-	(202)	-	-
Christmas Tree Replacement	51	-	-	1	52
Mount John's Development Road Maintenance	110	-	-	-	110
Town Camp Waste Collection	55	141	(196)	-	-
Open Drains	332	-	-	9	341
Parks & Playgrounds	559	359	(429)	9	498
Upgrades To Pedestrian Ramps	78	-	(78)	-	-
Town Beautification	601	192	-	17	810
Baler Shed Reserve	133	-	(91)	2	44
Street Lighting	2,858	333	-	91	3,282
Albrecht Lights Reserve	1,183	-	(167)	29	1,045
Solar Initiatives	403	-	(91)	-	312
Cycle Study	341	-	(345)	4	-
Map Signage	50	-	-	1	51
Cricket Wicket Replacement	42	-	-	1	43
Unexpended Funds	4,749	2,489	(4,902)	-	2,336
Ragonesi Road Footpath Reserve	320	-	(324)	4	-
Unexpended Grants Reserve	1,129	638	(1,767)	-	-
City Deals Project Reserve	923	-	-	26	949
Supreme Court Laneway	200	-	(200)	-	-
Netball Facility Upgrade	-	20	-	-	20
After Hours Youth Service	12	-	(12)	-	-
Kerbside Recycling Collection	974	-	(69)	26	931
Pedestrian Refuge Reserve	105	-	-	3	108
Public Toilet Project Reserve	100	321	-	2	423
RWMF Capital Projects Reserve	50	-	(50)	-	-
South Edge Estate Defective Works Reserve	50	-	-	-	50
Plant Equipment Replacement Reserve	584	168	-	19	771

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

	1/7/2018	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	30/6/2019
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b). Other Reserves (continued)					
Ilparpa Road Reserve	1,202	3,936	(3,715)	73	1,496
Todd Mall Facelift Reserve	40	-	(41)	1	-
Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure	5,808	-	(5,894)	86	-
ANZAC Oval Fencing Reserve	177	-	(179)	2	-
Cemetery Master Plan Reserve	100	-	-	2	102
Footpath Reserve	200	-	(202)	2	-
Tree Planting Reserve	51	-	-	1	52
Library IT upgrade Reserve	125	-	-	3	128
Hazardous Waste Facility Reserve	389	-	(389)	-	-
Investment Interest Income Reserve	-	981	(981)	-	-
Total Other Reserves	42,558	10,861	(21,692)	901	32,628
Comparatives	29,673	21,096	(8,211)	-	42,558

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserves

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).

Elections Reserve

To cover costs associated with the 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 & equipment at the RWMF.

Civic Centre Upgrade Reserve

For future upgrade and capital works at the Civic Centre.

Christmas Tree Replacement Reserve

For costs associated with the replacement of the Christmas tree.

Street Lighting Reserve

Contingency for street lighting with PowerWater. Future street lighting capital & maintenance costs. Current dispute.

Solar Initiatives Reserve

For capital solar projects.

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

(b). Other Reserves (continued)

Kerbside Recycling Collection Reserve

For proposed introduction of kerbside recycling.

Albrecht Lights Reserve

For installation of oval lighting at Albrecht Oval.

Ragonesi Road Reserve

For construction of a footpath along Ragonesi Road.

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 of Ilparpa Road Stage 1 width and footpath.

Note 10. Assets Subject to Restrictions

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000

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.

Cash & Financial Assets

Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government

Other Specific Purpose Unearned Grant Income

8b	8,130	7,512
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Total Cash & Financial Assets

8,130	7,512
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Total Assets Subject to Externally Imposed Restrictions

8,130	7,512
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The following liabilities, included in Note 8, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance:

Provisions

8c	5,304	5,172
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Total

5,304	5,172
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Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

	Notes	2019 \$ '000	2018 \$ '000
(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 Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:			
Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	5	48,146	46,421
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		48,146	46,421
(b). Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities			
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		243	7,431
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		8,327	8,011
Grants for Capital Acquisitions (Treated as Investing Activity Receipts)		(1,651)	(1,662)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		292	6
Unearned Grant Income		(7,512)	-
		(301)	13,786
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		301	162
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		168	9
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		(67)	(4)
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets		(336)	(18)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		67	380
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		132	130
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities		8,130	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		8,094	14,445

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Note 12a. Functions

Functions/Activities	Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).													
	INCOME			EXPENSES			OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME			TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	Budget 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Budget 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Budget 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Budget 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2019 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000
General Public Services	28,666	29,690	29,204	11,449	12,718	14,234	17,217	16,972	14,970	1,889	1,863	1,928	77,886	74,070
Public Order & Safety	192	251	287	1,535	1,548	1,408	(1,343)	(1,297)	(1,121)	-	56	5	6,120	6,253
Economic Affairs	138	132	681	4,136	3,754	3,241	(3,998)	(3,622)	(2,560)	-	5	535	103,906	105,344
Environmental Protection	3,731	4,214	3,819	6,305	7,093	5,236	(2,574)	(2,879)	(1,417)	273	1,125	584	42,672	43,452
Housing & Community Amenities	243	220	253	1,575	1,526	1,100	(1,332)	(1,306)	(847)	-	-	-	4,355	3,290
Recreation, Culture and Religion	1,712	4,770	8,896	17,594	12,388	10,482	(15,882)	(7,618)	(1,586)	610	2,789	7,639	88,740	90,239
Education	-	2	-	4	-	4	(4)	2	(4)	-	-	-	-	-
Social Protection	2	-	2	17	9	6	(15)	(9)	(4)	2	2	2	4,766	4,984
Total Functions/Activities	34,684	39,279	43,142	42,615	39,036	35,711	(7,931)	243	7,431	2,774	5,840	10,693	328,718	327,632

* 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.

* Actuals reflect adoption of AASB 1058 however budget figures do not.

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Note 12b. Components of Functions

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

General Public Services

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.

Education

Charles Darwin University sponsorships.

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 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 costs; or
- fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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

Trade receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method, net of any provision for impairment losses. Whereas, 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 Statement of Comprehensive Income or fair value through Other Comprehensive Income.

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 Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Impairment

Refer to Note 1 (4).

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits

Accounting Policy:

Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.

Terms & Conditions:

Short term deposits have an average maturity of 148.5 days and an average interest rate of 2.57% (2018: 90 days and 2.69%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables

Rates & Associated Charges

(including legals & penalties for late payment)

Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.

Accounting Policy:

Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

Terms & Conditions:

Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 19% (2018: 19%). 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 nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

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 nominal value.

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.

Terms & Conditions:

Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

	Due < 1 year \$ '000	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years \$ '000	Due > 5 years \$ '000	Total Contractual Cash Flows \$ '000	Carrying Values \$ '000
30 June 2019					
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	48,146	-	-	48,146	48,146
Receivables	1,000	-	-	1,000	872
Total Financial Assets	49,146	-	-	49,146	49,018
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	1,289	-	-	1,289	1,289
Total Financial Liabilities	1,289	-	-	1,289	5,548
30 June 2018					
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	46,421	-	-	46,421	46,421
Receivables	1,211	-	-	1,211	825
Total Financial Assets	47,632	-	-	47,632	47,246
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	1,214	-	-	1,214	1,196
Total Financial Liabilities	1,214	-	-	1,214	1,196

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 allowance for doubtful debts. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 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.

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 borrowings and 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

	2019	2018
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000

(a). Capital Commitments

Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Buildings	67	140
Plant & Equipment	417	1,117
Other	885	1,122
	<u>1,369</u>	<u>2,379</u>

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	1,369	2,379
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>1,369</u>	<u>2,379</u>

(b). Other Expenditure Commitments

Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Non-Capital Expenditure	998	1,307
	<u>998</u>	<u>1,307</u>

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	998	1,307
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>998</u>	<u>1,307</u>

(c). Finance Lease Commitments

Council has no Finance Leases.

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Note 15. Financial Indicators

	Amounts	Indicator	Prior Periods	
	2019	2019	2018	2017
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
1. Current Ratio				
Current Assets /less Externally Restricted Assets	<u>50,812</u>	4.50	15.97	9.17
Current Liabilities	<u>11,302</u>			
2. Debt Service Ratio				
Net Debt Service Cost	<u>-</u>	0.00	0.00	68.46
Operating Revenue	<u>39,279</u>			
3. Rate Coverage Percentage				
Rate Revenues	<u>26,202</u>	66.71%	59.52%	63.66%
Total Revenues	<u>39,279</u>			
4. Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding				
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding	<u>1,399</u>	5.34%	6.15%	6.37%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	<u>26,202</u>			

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Note 16. Superannuation

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

Statewide Super Scheme (under Local Government Superannuation Scheme)

Statewide Super 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 (9.50% in 2018/19; 9.50% in 2017/18). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

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.

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

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet, but knowledge is considered relevant to the users of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

As reported in the Financial 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 the 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 218 km of road reserves of average width 17 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 deductible "insurance excesses", 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.

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

4. LEGAL MATTERS

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

5. STREET LIGHTS

Council is disputing costs levied by Power and Water Corporation totalling \$1,102,478 in relation to repairs and maintenance on streetlights.

Note 18. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2019, 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 Certification of Financial Statements as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 29/10/19.

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

Note 19. Related Party Transactions

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 dependants 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.

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Note 19. Related Party Transactions (continued)

	2019	2018
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Transactions with Key Management Personnel		
The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and Executive Management		
(i) Total remuneration and allowances paid to KMPs during the year consisted of:		
Base Salary/Allowances	931	912
Superannuation	71	105
Non Cash Vehicle Benefit	106	128
Other Short-Term Benefits	17	16
Total	1,125	1,161

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

(ii) Retirement Benefits

No retirement benefits 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

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.

During the year an amount was paid for service provided by one of the KMPs close family members for delivery of the co-ordination of the Heart Foundation Walking Group, on an arm's length basis, under normal terms and conditions.

Other than the above, 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 2019, there was no outstanding amounts receivable from the Council's KMP.



Independent audit report to the Chief Executive Officer of Alice Springs Town Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial report of Alice Springs Town Council ("the Council"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement.

In our opinion, the financial report of the Alice Springs Town Council is in accordance with the *Northern Territory Local Government Act*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Alice Springs Town Council as at 30 June 2019 and of the Council's performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. 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 *Northern Territory Local Government Act* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the 'Code') that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The Responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Northern Territory Local Government Act* and for such internal control as the CEO determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the CEO is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are 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 the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and 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.

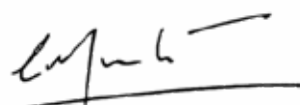
As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the CEO.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the CEO's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Chief Executive Officer and those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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