

Alice Springs Town Council Annual Report 2019 / 2020





Arrernte band MB Reggae performing to an enthusiastic crowd at Council's Christmas Carnival, December 2019

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



Legislative Compliance

This annual report has been produced in compliance with the **Local Government Act 2008** to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, including the audited Financial Statements.

Council's performance is assessed against its Strategic Objectives, as outlined in the **Municipal Plan, 2019/20 – 2022/23** (adopted at the Ordinary Meeting, held 24 June 2019):

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

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

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



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Message from the Mayor

During the first six months of the 2019/20 financial year, Council successfully progressed or completed a number of scheduled projects and events, and began building momentum for its future vision, assisted by the leadership of incoming CEO Robert Jennings.

However, even the best of plans could not have anticipated the devastating economic impact of COVID-19 on our local community.

Pre-COVID-19, Council's Public Library hosted the very first Arrernte Storytime in recognition of Indigenous Literacy Day; YAG Phoney Film Festival prize pool was the largest ever awarded; Seniors' Still Got Talent Quest audience grew to fill the Alice Springs Convention Centre; and, Desert Hoops Youth Basketball trial in October 2019 led immediately to two further tournaments over the summer break, due to the event's unexpected popularity with local youth.

Stage 1 of the jointly-funded NTG-ASTC \$3.7M Ilparpa Road Upgrade was completed in November 2019, with installation of a shared path and road widening, improving traffic safety and access for local residents. Council also delivered three (of seven) projects as part of the NTG's \$6.2M Sports Facility Upgrades grant, and completed a further two in February 2020, with the opening of changerooms at Ross Park and the grandstand at Albrecht Oval.

At the start of the festive season, Council opened a new zero-depth Splash Pad at ASALC, followed by another successful Christmas Carnival & Markets, attended by an enthusiastic local crowd.

A well-attended celebration was held on Council's lawns with the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony & 2020 Centralian Awards, and also at the Aquatic & Leisure Centre by kids and families enjoying a free Australia Day Splash Party.

Community Grants, totalling \$72K, were allocated to the community as support for



local programs and events. However, only around 70% of grants funding has been expended to date as many community activities were postponed to 2021, as a result of the emerging COVID-19 health crisis.

I appreciate the work done by our Elected Members and Officers by responding to the devastating economic impact of this health crisis in creating a COVID-19 \$5M reserve to provide financial support measures for the community. Though this event has caught the world by surprise, its true impact to be felt for many years, I wish to reassure the community that your local government has revealed itself to be one that is highly flexible, resilient and innovative in the way it has met this extraordinary challenge.

We also acknowledge the Department of Local Government Housing & Community Development for financing the SCALE (Special Community Assistance and Local Employment) program to assist commercial ratepayers during this unpredictable time.

My thanks to Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson, Cr Catherine Satour, Cr Jimmy Cocking, Cr Eli Melky, Cr Marli Banks, Cr Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Cr Glen Auricht and Cr Jamie de Brenni for their contribution to our community.

My sincere gratitude to CEO Robert Jennings, Directors, Officers and all Council staff for their aptitude, commitment and support to the Alice Springs community.

Damien Ryan
Mayor

Message from the CEO

I'd like to begin by acknowledging Council's staff for responding to the COVID-19 health crisis with flexibility, capability and innovation, keeping the organisation on-track to achieve many of its original goals.

During these uncertain times, Council has continued to deliver essential services to the community, rapidly adapting services, programs and events to comply with evolving health restrictions, whilst keeping an eye on our fiscal stability. Much that was scheduled for 2020/21 has been cancelled, postponed or reimagined, in light of the health crisis and changing financial conditions.

Significantly, Council identified a \$5M COVID-19 Reserve for relief measures to support our community. We gratefully acknowledge the NTG's additional financial contributions to Council's CBD revitalisation project and hardship support measures for our commercial ratepayers.

Strategic groundwork has been done, including progress on Asset Management Planning, Long Term Financial Planning, IT Planning, budget processes. Many of these strategic approaches form part of the Integrated Planning system that is best practice for local government across Australia and around the world.

The Climate Action Plan has achieved 50% of its end-2021 targets, including: purchasing of an electric vehicle; a successful staff trial of a Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) waste composting program, now being expanded to a community trial; reduced quantity of pallets going to landfill; installation of low-energy use LED lighting at ASALC; and, introduction of a Paintback program (diverting hazardous items from landfill).

Planned upgrades of three public parks (Ashwin, Madigan and Tucker) to economise on water usage and enhance usability with new plantings, fixtures, shades structures and play equipment, continue to progress, guided by feedback from local residents. Council is



also preparing a much-needed dog exercise area for our canine-loving Alice Springs residents and has selected Rotorac Park as the most suitable for adaptation.

Council is also committed to working with key stakeholders to achieve: the Kwatja Play & Community Park; the Youth Hub, with a service network reaching to key regional communities; and a revitalised CBD for the enjoyment of everyone in our community.

Looking ahead, FY21 welcomes new Directors overseeing the Corporate Services and Community Development Directorates, to assist Council in delivering a positive future for Alice Springs. We are focussed on improving our performance and raising the bar to better serve the municipality. An improved Integrated Planning Framework will keep the Executive Team busy with: a review of the Strategic Community Plan (10 year); development of an Asset Management Plan; a review of the Long-term Financial Plan; and, development of an Alice Springs Masterplan, to be informed by the wishes of our community.

Your Council remains committed to financial security, sustainable operations, impact reduction on our unique desert environment, investment in strategic projects, and strong advocacy on behalf of the whole community, to ensure the long term security and social infrastructure of Alice Springs.

Robert Jennings
CEO



Alice Springs Town Council

View to Mt Gillen from Anzac Hill

Our History

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

Traditional Arrernte stories, passed down through generations, tell us of stink beetles warring with caterpillars, and wild dog fights; the ranges and landscape of Mparntwe, Central Australia shaped by the carnage.

We are grateful that the Arrernte people remain strong in presence and contribution to the land, passing on knowledge and culture for the benefit of all future generations.



Caterpillar Dreaming, art tiles by Pat Perrule-Ansell, 2017

Our 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.

Today, Alice Springs Town Council is one of the largest local employers with over 200 staff located at the Civic Centre, Public Library, Works Depot, Regional Waste Management Facility and Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre.

The municipality covers an area of roughly 330km², with a resident population of 26,500, yet is also the service hub for 260 remote communities spread over an area of 550,000km².

With this broad inter-dependency over the entire Central Australia region, Council is conscientiously responsible for ensuring the continued delivery of essential municipal services to its constituency.

Beyond a foundation of 'rates, roads and rubbish', Council also invests its people and resources in providing amenable public spaces and facilities, programs and events, and community support measures, all year round.



Newly conferred citizens, Harmony Day Citizenship 2020



Council's Christmas Markets, 2019



Completion Stage 1 Ilparpa Rd Upgrade, an NTG-ASTC project

Our Vision, Mission & Core Values

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 rigorous, transparent and financially and environmentally accountable decision-making processes



LGANT Annual General Meeting hosted by ASTC, 6 November 2019



Additional bin cleaning, COVID-19 health crisis, April 2020



Council's Christmas Carnival markets, 6 December 2019

Alice Springs Community

Elected Members Mayor & Councillors

Alice Springs Town Council

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Ordinary Meetings | • Standing Committee Meetings | • Advisory Meetings | • Risk Management & Audit Committee |
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Chief Executive Officer

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| Human Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HR Manager• Recruitment, Training & Development• Industrial Relations• Work, Health & Safety | Legal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solicitor• Policies• By-Laws• Industrial Relations | Media & Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media Liaison• Marketing & Design• Community Consultations• Corporate Website | Executive Assistants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor• CEO |
|--|--|--|---|

Directors

- Directors' Executive Assistants
- Directorate Managers

Community Development

- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre**
 - Community Events
 - Holiday Programs
 - Learn to Swim Programs
- Alice Springs Public Library**
 - Programs & Services
 - Community Events
 - School Holiday Programs
 - Special Collections
- Community & Cultural Development**
 - Community Events
 - Engagement Programs
 - Healthy Communities
 - Seniors Programs
 - Mobility, Access & Inclusion
 - Youth Development Programs
- Rangers**
 - Animal Management
 - Public Place & Parking Management
 - Permits
 - Safety & Security
- Town Crier**

Corporate Services

- Customer Service**
 - Administrative Trainees
 - Andy McNeill Room Bookings
 - Civic Centre Reception
- Finance**
 - Accounts Management
 - Asset Management
 - Budget Management
 - Fraud Management
 - Payroll
 - Rates
- Governance**
 - Governance
 - Policies
 - Risk & Compliance
- Grants**
 - Funding Revenue
- Information & Communications Technology**
 - Business Analysis
 - Data Management & Security
 - IT Infrastructure
- Registry**
 - Cemeteries
 - Records Management
 - Document Control

Technical Services

- Developments**
 - Building Permits & Subdivisions
 - Stormwater Management
- Environment**
 - Solar Program
 - Sustainability Initiatives
 - Environmental Programs
 - FOGO Initiative
- Infrastructure**
 - Kerbs, Laneways, Paths, Roads, Verges
- Municipal Works Depot**
 - Cemeteries Maintenance
 - Civil Works
 - Playgrounds
 - Landscape Maintenance
 - Rubbish Collection & Litter Control
 - Street Sweeping
 - Traffic Management
- Regional Waste Management Facility**
 - Hazardous Substances
 - Recycling Programs & Education
 - Rediscovery Centre
 - Weighbridge
- Sports Facilities**
 - Booking & Leasing
 - Maintenance & Development



The 13th Council

Elected Members

(30 June 2020)



Mayor Damien Ryan
Elected Member since March 2008
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Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson
Elected Member since September 2017
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Cr Glen Auricht
Elected Member since September 2017
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Cr Marli Banks
Elected Member since September 2017
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Cr Jimmy Cocking
Elected Member since September 2017
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Cr Jamie de Brenni
Elected Member since October 2015
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Cr Eli Melky
Elected Member since February 2011
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Cr Jacinta Price
Elected Member since October 2015
(resigned 17/04/19, reinstated 22/05/19)
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Cr Catherine Satour
Elected Member since September 2017
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Former CEO Rex Mooney's final Council Meeting, 29 July 2019

Meetings attended FY20	Mayor Ryan	Dep. Mayor Paterson	Cr Auricht	Cr Banks	Cr Cocking	Cr de Brenni	Cr Melky	Cr Price	Cr Satour	Total Meetings
Council Ordinary	100%	83%	100%	100%	92%	83%	92%	92%	100%	12
Standing Committee	100%	100%	100%	90%	100%	80%	90%	80%	90%	10
Council Meeting Attendance	100%	91%	100%	95%	96%	81%	91%	86%	95%	22
Access Advisory Committee	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Committee	100%	75%	N/A	100%	N/A	100%	75%	N/A	N/A	4
Australia Day Coordinating Committee	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
Cemeteries Advisory Committee	80%	N/A	80%	N/A	N/A	80%	N/A	20%	100%	5
Community Grants Committee	100%	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%	0%**	1
Environment Advisory Committee	100%	100%*	100%*	80%	N/A	N/A	100%*	N/A	75%	5
Parks Advisory Committee	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	N/A	N/A	80%	5
Public Art Advisory Committee	60%	N/A	100%*	90%	N/A	N/A	43%	N/A	90%	9
Regional Waste Management Facility Committee	100%	100%	100%	N/A	100%	0%**	75%	N/A	N/A	5
Risk Management & Audit Committee	100%	100%	100%	N/A	50%	100%*	100%*	N/A	N/A	4
Seniors Coordinating Committee	67%	N/A	100%*	N/A	N/A	67%	N/A	N/A	57%*	9/10**
Sports Facilities Advisory Committee	75%	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	N/A	100%	N/A	N/A	8
Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee	78%	N/A	N/A	100%*	56%	100%*	N/A	N/A	44%	9/10**
Youth Action Group Committee	89%	0%**	N/A	100%*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78%	9
Advisory Committee Attendance	88%	94%	92%	94%	85%	83%	89%	76%	75%	TOTAL %

* % of term **no quorum ‡ single scheduled meeting not attended



Crs Paterson & Satour, members of the media, and public, attend a Council Meeting, 29 July 2019

Role of Council

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

- act as a representative, informed and responsible decision maker in the interests of its constituency; and
- develop a strong and cohesive social life for its residents and allocate resources in a fair, socially inclusive, and sustainable way; and
- provide and coordinate public facilities and services; and
- encourage and develop initiatives for improving quality of life; and
- represent the interests of its area to the wider community; and
- 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 FY20 Elected Members were paid 100% of the Base and Electoral allowances permissible under the guideline.



Mayor Ryan with the Earl of Sussex, September 2019

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 Advisory 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 2019/20 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

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 2019/20 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).

The RMAC undertook the following principal activities:

- Review of Council's enterprise risk register
- Review of FY19/20 external audit activities undertaken by Merit Partners, including:
 - Audit Plan
 - Interim audit findings
 - Audited financial statements
 - Closing report
- Endorsement of internal audit scopes of work for FY20 audits
- Review of internal audit reports including management responses
- Monitoring of internal and external audit actions

Internal audits undertaken in FY20 included:

2019/20 Internal Audits	Month / Consultant
Payroll	December 2019 / Deloitte
Grants, Sponsorship & Donations	June 2020 / Deloitte

The total number of Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) meetings held in 2019/20 was four (4).

RMAC Members	Meetings held	
	01/07/19–25/08/19 = 1	26/08/19–30/06/20 = 3
Meetings attended		
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 Matt Paterson	1	3
Councillor Glenn Auricht	1	3
Councillor Jimmy Cocking	-	2
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	1	N/A
Councillor Eli Melky	N/A	3

FY20 at a Glance





Strategic Objectives

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

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

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

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

3 Year Strategic Plan – Progress Update

Objective 1: A dynamic community

Indicators	Progress Status	Year 2019/2020
Establish key indicators and yearly improvement targets for inclusion and diversity for Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) programs by 2019.	Not Achieved	A proposal to develop the Multicultural Action Plan has been created.
Sealed gazetted public roads increased from 92% to 93% by year-end FY19, 94% by end FY20, and 95% by end FY21.	N/A	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 ROI.	Achieved	Events sponsorship provided via the Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee for FY20 was a 1:4.45 ROI (based on Regional Development Australia's event impact calculator for the ASTC LGA, and \$ output on the ASTC LGA economy).
Increase ASTC website sessions, from a baseline of 250,000, by 10% per annum.	Not Achieved*	362,000 website sessions in FY20 (585,300 in FY19). Decrease due to website upgrades in December 2019 and possibly decrease in visitors from March 2020 due to COVID-19.
Grow the proportion of lifetime animal registrations, compared to annual registrations, from 4:1 to 5:1	Exceeded	82 Annual and 521 Lifetime Registrations. 6.3:1 ratio.
Consistently achieve 100% response rate to NeatStreets notifications.	Achieved	

Objective 2: A great place to live

Indicators	Progress Status	Year 2019/2020
Completion of short-term and medium-term Arts & Cultural Plan strategic actions by 2020, including: 1. Development and implementation of a Public Art Master Plan 2. Development and implementation of a Public Art Interpretation Plan 3. Strengthen existing strategic relationships across arts and culture, education, health, tourism, community, and local enterprise.	Achieved	1. Public Art Masterplan and Public Art Action Plan endorsed by Council. 2. All ASTC artworks now have interpretive signage. Online Public Art Map launched. 3. Continued collaboration with organisations across the community.
Placemaking strategies utilised in 20% of ASTC controlled open-spaces by end FY19, 30% by end FY20, and 40% by end FY21.	Achieved	FY20 Community consultations/surveys conducted: Parks Surveys / Public Information Sessions, RWMF Masterplan, Climate Action Plan, Ilparpa Road
Work with partners to increase organised sporting participation by 5% per annum from 2019 onwards.	Exceeded	Participation increased by 7% in FY20.
Increase Alice Springs Public Library membership by 25% per annum.	Not Achieved*	13,387 members in FY20 (12,057 FY19). Increase of 11%.
Increase STEAM and digital engagement event participants by 25% per annum.	Not Achieved*	1,659 participants in FY20 (2,781 FY19). Decrease of 40%.
Increase participation in Healthy Communities Program activities by 10% per annum.	Not Achieved*	FY20 participation in Healthy Communities was 8162, a decrease of 37% from FY19. This is due to extra programs for 2018/19 (see Year 1), and the impact of COVID-19 which: paused some programs for up to three months; cancelled community events the program would be involved with; and, the requirement for reduced class numbers in others.
Support the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia NT's to improve water safety as per the NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-2021. Our long term goal is, 100% of primary school aged children living in Alice Springs can swim at Level 3 or above, establishing the present proportion of primary school aged Level 3 swimmers by 2018, and then increase that proportion by 5% per annum.	Not Achieved*	In FY20, 52 primary school aged children achieved Level 3 or higher. Due to COVID-19, schools did not participate as normal for a 3 month period, particularly in the mid to upper primary years where these higher levels are introduced. The in-house LTS swim program was reduced to a 5 week program impacting results. Significant reduction FY20.
3 public park refurbishments per year.	Exceeded	4 public parks – Francis Smith Memorial, Lyndavale, Shanahan and Spicer – refurbished in FY20.

* attributed to COVID-19

Objective 3: Leadership in Sustainability

Indicators	Progress Status	Year 2019/2020
Increase proportion of solar-generated electricity at ASTC 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	Exceeded	45% achieved by 30 June 2020.
Develop and implement an ASTC Climate Action Plan, establishing a sustainable investment framework and progressive yearly actions and targets on: energy productivity, energy replacement through sustainable technologies, waste reduction, fuel usage, recycling, and water productivity.	Progressing	17% of Climate Action Plan actions completed.
Use 25% of the crushed glass collected from 48 tonne of wine and spirit bottles. under the Cash for Containers scheme. annually.	Exceeded	55.9% crushed glass recycled in FY20 utilised.
Reduce fleet vehicle fuel usage by 2.5% by December 2020.	Not Achieved	Fleet vehicle fuel not reduced due to purchase of new vehicles.
Increase reuse/recycling rates of waste presented at the Regional Waste Management Facility by 5% per annum.	Exceeded	39.5% recycled in FY20 an increase of 28.5%. This large spike is partly due to 3000 tonne of crushed concrete used on the Ilparpa Road Upgrades Project.


Objective 4: A dynamic Council

Indicators	Progress Status	Year 2019/2020
Elected Members participate in all Ordinary Council and Standing Committee meetings and 80% of Advisory and other committee meetings as appointed (to be reported in Council's Annual Report)	Not Achieved	100% of Ordinary and Standing Committee meetings achieved by two (2) of nine (9) Elected Members 80% Advisory Committee attendance, as appointed, achieved by seven (7) of nine (9) Elected Members
CEO to undertake benchmarking of organisational culture, values and behaviour in 2018/19, and establish strategies and targets as required	Progressing	Benchmarking survey completed FY19.
Develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) by June 2018 for ASTC, setting clear, progressive, measurable targets, strategies and actions, including achieving increased employment of Indigenous Australians in ASTC positions.	Achieved	RAP draft complete & accepted by Council. Reconciliation Action Plan Committee implemented and meeting fortnightly. Cultural Awareness training commenced for all employees. Indigenous employment targets defined and metrics monitored.
Staff and resident satisfaction benchmarks established in 2018/19 and improved by 5% per annum.	Not Achieved	
Yearly surveys of Advisory Committee members show an increase in satisfaction and motivation rates, reflected in increasing attendance rates.	Achieved	The annual (and inaugural) survey was conducted in October 2019. Another to be delivered before 30 June 2021.
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)	Not Achieved*	Due to COVID-19 community support measures put in place which extended the final instalment due date from 3 April to 30 June 2020, the outstanding rates ratio target was not met in FY20.
Ensure Current Ratio at better than 1:1 (being a measure of how quickly Council can convert current assets into cash to satisfy Council financial commitments).	Exceeded	Current ratio as at 30 June 2020, 7.9:1
Ensure Council maintains a strong capacity to service its loans (if any) by having a Debt Equity Ratio of less than 0.1 (being the outstanding debt divided by operating income).	Exceeded	Council does not have any debt.

* attributed to COVID-19

2019/20 Year in Review

July 2019	August	September	October	November	December
1 Territory Day Citizenship Ceremony	2 Mayoral Morning Tea for Seniors Month	4 ASPL Arrernte Storytime for Indigenous Literacy Day	-14 ASPL School Holiday Program	4 (-4 April) ASTC staff 6-month FOGO trial	3 2019 Mayoral Awards for IDPwD
1-22 ASPL School Holiday Program	9 DesertSmart Eco-Fair	16 Earl of Wessex visit @ Anzac Hill	10 Stretch & Relax @ ASALC	11 Remembrance Day Service	6 ASTC Christmas Carnival & Windows Competition Winners
5-6 ASTC Community Tea Shed @ Alice Springs Show	12-13 ASPL @ Skills & Careers Expo, AS Convention Centre	17 Australian Citizenship Day Citizenship Ceremony	19 ASPL Book Sale	11-17 RWMF promotion for National Recycling Week	6 (-25 January) ASPL Summer Reading Club
7-14 NAIDOC Week Aboriginal flag raising @ Anzac Hill March & Rally @ ASTC lawn	18 ASTC Tree-Planting Day	26 ASTC Night Markets	19-20 National Garage Sale Trail Weekend	14 ASTC Night Markets	7 ASTC Christmas Carnival & Windows Competition Winners
9 ASPL Roo-tail BBQ for NAIDOC Week	19-23 Children's Book Week @ ASPL	28 Great Northern Clean-up @ Todd River	23 ASTC WorkSafe Day	22 ASPL launch of Indigemojis	13 (-27 January) ASPL School Holiday Program
12 NAIDOC Week Rally on Council lawns	24 ASALC Desert Ultra	30 (-14 October) ASPL School Holiday Program	24 ASTC Night Markets	26-29 ASTC Pensioners' Pruning Service	16-18 ASTC Desert Hoops Youth Basketball
18 YAG Phoney Film Festival Screening & Awards Night	28 ASTC Seniors Still Got Talent Quest	30 (-11 October) ASTC Desert Hoops Youth Basketball trial program	26 ASALC Red Centre Splash	NTG & ASTC Joint Project \$3.7M Ilparpa Road Upgrades, Stage 1 completed	19 ASTC Christmas Citizenship Ceremony
21 Variety Club Christmas in July Santa Fun Run	29 ASTC Night Markets	NTG's \$6.2M Sports Facility Upgrades completed at: • Flynn Drive Oval • AS Basketball Stadium	27 YAG Youth Arts & Music Festival (YAMfest)		20 BBL @ TIO Traeger Park
28 AFL @ TIO Traeger Park Oval			NTG's \$6.2M Sports Facility Upgrades completed at: • Jim McConville Oval		

January 2020	February	March	April	May	June
20-22 ASTC Desert Hoops Youth Basketball	11 ASTC-Chamber of Commerce convene first CARGO meeting	1 Clean Up Australia Day @ Todd River	20 (-4 May) YAG Youth Recycled Art Prize – launch of online exhibition	4 (-1 June) ASTC PaceMakers 4-week Walking Challenge	2 ASTC issues draft Municipal Plan 2020-21
24 ASTC Community Grants open	14 ASPL Library Lovers Day	4 ASTC participates in Democracy Dash	April ASTC-Imparja develop Healthy @ Home 1-minute advts	13-29 ASTC Songs from the Sofa – online music series	3, 10, 11 ASTC Positive Mental Health sessions for staff
25 ASPL Summer Reading Club Splash Party @ ASALC	27 ASTC Single Use Plastics Workshop	5 ASTC Night Markets for FABalce Festival weekend	April ASPL moves Storytime & Rhymetime sessions online	25 YAG launches 5 x Online Film-Maker Workshops	15 ASTC supports World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
26 ASTC Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony & Centralian Awards	NTG's \$6.2M Sports Facility Upgrades completed at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross Park Oval • Albrecht Oval 	7-28 ASTC Multicultural Fitness Month (2 of 4 events held)	Many of Council's scheduled community activities for April-May-June 2020 were cancelled, suspended or postponed to 2021 as a result of the emerging COVID-19 health crisis		
26 ASALC Australia Day Pool Party		8 ASPL All About Women satellite livestream for IWD			
29 ASTC-EqualTea official program launch		14 AFLW @ TIO Traeger Park (closed match)			
		18 NT Public Health Emergency declared – COVID-19			
		20 ASTC Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony (held in 3 sessions)			
		23-24 ASALC & ASPL close due to COVID-19 health crisis			
		30 ASTC Ordinary Council Meeting, 1st via Zoom			



First Council Meeting held via Zoom, 30 March 2020

COVID-19 Impacts

During the period from March to June 2020, the Executive Team, supported by assigned Officers, formed a Pandemic Response Group, charged with review and amendment of the Council's emergency and Pandemic Response planning, workplace Work Health & Safety considerations, and developing a Work-from-Home strategy for staff.

- **COVID Response 23 March**, including **Council's 1st community support measures**:
 - Cancellation of Council's non-essential events scheduled for April to May, such as Twilight in the Mall, Multicultural Fitness month, Dancing with Dementia, YAG Youth Recycled Art Prize (exhibition moved online), Library Book Sale, Anzac Day Dawn Service, 12hour Swim, Night Markets, Big Day Out in Harmony, Pets On Parade, National Simultaneous Storytime, and the Saturday morning Heart Walks.
 - Suspended all programs at the Library, followed by full closure
 - Increased local procurement
 - Suspension of Rates interest and extension of payment due date
 - Suspension of fees & charges of some public amenities
 - Council and Committee Meetings moved online to video-conferencing
- Cleaning program expanded for Council's public amenities
- Council joined the NT Government's Public Information Response Group to ensure consistent, safe messaging from official sources
- **COVID Response 30 April - 15 May**:
 - Lifting of Stage 1 restrictions, opening of ASALC, ASPL, outdoor play equipment
- **COVID Response 6 May**, including **Council's 2nd community support measures**:
 - \$5M COVID reserve, comprising:
 - \$1M non-commercial hardship package
 - \$2.2M CBD revitalisation project
 - \$1M to address additional operational requirements of Council
 - Acceptance of Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development (DLGHCD) commercial hardship rate support
 - Council allowed for a \$800K contingency, should DLGHCD's support package be insufficient to meet demand

Directorate Achievements

Community Development





Alice Springs Town Council Citizenship Ceremonies

Council welcomed more than 300 new citizens from around the world in five ceremonies conducted at the Civic Centre:

- **Territory Day Citizenship Ceremony,**
Monday 1 July 2019 – 48 conferees
- **Australian Citizenship Day Citizenship Ceremony,** Tuesday, 17 September 2019 – 89 conferees
- **Christmas Citizenship Ceremony,**
Thursday 19 December 2019 – 59 conferees
- **Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony,**
Sunday 26 January 2020 – 69 conferees.
Following the citizenship ceremony, Mayor Damien Ryan announced the 2020 Centralian Citizenship Award recipients, as follows:
 - Centralian Citizen of the Year – Emma Kraft
 - Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year – Brendan Heenan
 - Centralian Young Citizen of the Year – Zhengxiong (Sean) Xiao
 - Centralian Event of the Year – Apex Christmas Icy Pole Treat, 2019
 - Centralian Volunteer of the Year – Simon Casey

The Community Development Directorate is the public face of Council with areas of responsibility including key public services, such as the Library and Aquatic & Leisure Centre, plus Council's Rangers, and numerous community engagement events and programs.

Each year, this busy Directorate organises free community and civic events, workshops and awards programs designed to attract and engage with all aspects of a diverse, multifaceted population.

With programs, events and services covering the Arts, health, mobility, seniors, youth, and pets, chances are high that the majority of the Alice Springs population has, at some time, encountered a Community Development team product.

New citizens welcomed to our global village in Central Australia originate from:

Bangladesh, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Fiji, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Reunion, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

- **Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony,**
Friday 20 March 2020 – 62 conferees



Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre (ASALC)

- **July 2019** Indoor centre lighting was converted to energy efficient LEDs, enabled by a Special Purpose Grant from the NT Government. Upgrades to ASALC's main entrance and surrounding footpaths were completed, refurbishment of the 20m outdoor Learn to Swim pool and new BBQ facilities completed.
- **August 2019** The first Desert Ultra Swim was won by Nina Missen, who swam 20km in 10 hours (image next page, prize presentation by Mayor Damien Ryan and CEO Robert Jennings).
- **September 2019** ASALC wins the AUSTSWIM Swim School of the NT Award, presented to members of the ASALC Committee by Floss Roberts, CEO Royal Life Saving NT.
- **October 2019** ASALC hosted the Tangentyere Council Family Fun Day with 1,041 attendances. Landscaping was completed at the front entrance as part of the improvement plan for the facility.
- **November 2019** The new Splashpad at ASALC opened, and installation of the 50m pool LED lights were completed.
- **December 2019** A new initiative funded by the Office of the Chief Minister, Wet Wednesdays, commenced during the December school holidays attracting numerous families and youth to the Centre for quality, fun summer activities. Learning with Families, a town camp program, and Kwatja Ethata, the Lutheran Church playgroup, both completed the Water Safety Awareness Program.
- **January 2020** ASALC's annual Australia Day Pool Party was a hit with Mayor Damien Ryan and Australia Day Ambassador for Alice Springs Bob Shewring utilising the new BBQ facility to cook for ASALC patrons.
- **February 2020** ASALC's management team completed Leadership Training, as part of the Centre's business plan. As part of capital improvement projects, the facility received a new shed to store chemicals safely and keep plant rooms hazard-free.
- **March 2020** Confirmation of the COVID-19 health issue forced the unplanned closure of the Centre. This time was utilised by Council to upgrade ASALC's grounds with a new irrigation system, increasing efficient water usage and ensuring green surrounds for patrons for when restrictions eased, allowing the Centre to reopen.



Desert Ultra winner, Nina Missen with the Mayor & CEO



New ASALC BBQ facility



Cleaning the ASALC vents, April 2020

- **April 2020** Continued closure of the pool, due to COVID-19, enabled major cleaning and upgrade of plant equipment.
- **May 2020** ASALC re-opened to the public with a heated 50m outdoor pool for the May Day long weekend – the first time that patrons could access the facility since the outbreak of COVID-19 in March.
- **June 2020** ASALC's indoor leisure pool re-opened to the public, and the tender for the refurbishment of the kiosk and outdoor changeroom was awarded to a local business (works still in progress).



ASALC Leadership Training, February 2020



Library's Parrtjima Outreach Program launch, 12 March 2020

Alice Springs Public Library

- **July 2019** With huge numbers of people coming into Alice for major events and school holidays, the Library reached maximum capacity. During NAIDOC Week alone, 4625 people visited the Library – a weekday average of 925 customers, when the normal daily average is 500. In recognition of NAIDOC Week, the Library hosted a Roo-tail BBQ, t-shirt printing workshop, and a screening of Warwick Thornton's film, *We Don't Need a Map*. The Library also installed a new Recycling Station, for e-waste, cans, bottles and paper
- **August 2019** Seniors Month events for Library patrons aged 50+ included free internet, Tall Tales and Bingo High Tea! August was also busy in the Library with activities for Family History Month, Children's Book Week, and an Author Talk with local scribe, Tanya Heaslip.
- **September 2019** Another busy month in the Library with Adult Learner's Week, Dementia Awareness Week and the very first Arrernte Storytime, on 4 September, with reading in language by Kumalie Kngwarraye Riley – *kele mwerre!*
- **October 2019** Actor, Russell Crowe once described Ted Egan as "*a national treasure*". Council's Library hosted an

Author Talk with Ted Egan: Outback Songman.

Ted spoke about his book and shared some of his rich and extraordinary life growing up during World War II, teaching in a bush school, working with Aboriginal people in the Gulf Country, and performing in Alice Springs. Ted Egan's engaging character brought to life an Australia that has largely disappeared. Also in October, the Library held its annual Book Sale with proceeds going to the Youth Action Group.

- **November 2019** Over the previous summer, hundreds of local young people worked with local artists, designers and Arrernte advisers at the Library to learn about designing and creating a new set of emojis. On Friday 22 November 2019, the Library was incredibly proud to host the world-wide launch of Indigemoji – Australia's *first* Indigenous language emojis. Over 200 people attended the event which included a BBQ, roo-tail cake and official launch by Indigemoji's mentors and creators. The Indigemoji Project was made possible by the Alice Springs Public Library, inDigiMOB, Ingeous studios, Northern Territory Government and Johnston Foundation. Anyone can download the Indigemoji app and listen to the Arrernte pronunciations, here www.indigemoji.com.au

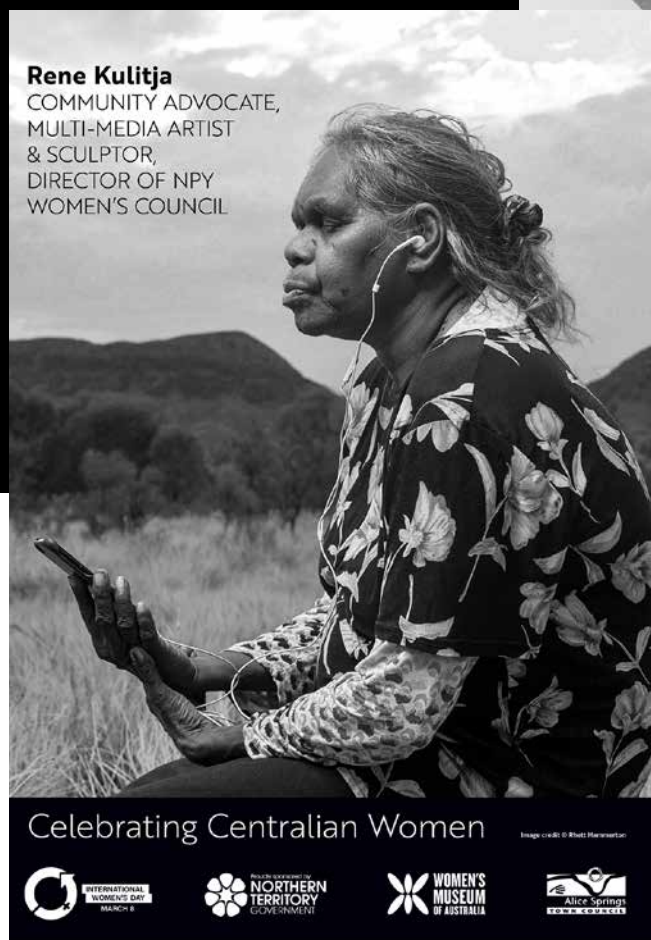


Jinto David, the Library's 13,000th member, with wife Jilu



Graham Wilfred Jnr, Digital Mentor of the Indigemoji Project

- **December 2019** The Library hosted the arts & craft marquee at **Council's Christmas Carnival**, Friday 6 December, where many fabulous tree decorations were created by local children.
- **Summer School Holidays, December 2019 – January 2020** The Library's Summer Reading Club smashed the previous year's record of 198 readers with **250 members joining the club** before the end of December 2019! Then on 25 January, 85 members of the Summer Reading Club enjoyed a Splash Party at ASALC, with major prizes awarded by Mayor Damien Ryan. An Author Talk with writer Samantha Wood was held on Wednesday 29 January.
- **February 2020** The Library achieved **13,000 members** – the highest number of memberships in its history!
- **March 2020** The **Parrtjima Outreach Program** was launched in the Library by Minister Dale Wakefield and Mayor Damien Ryan, with local media attending. In collaboration with Parrtjima, the Library ran design workshops for: the Todd Mall 'gobo' lighting effects, lanterns, and Parrtjima Crew t-shirts. The work of young Territorians Larissa Vinca Bird, Amon Fry and Donovan Daniels was showcased at the September 2020 Parrtjima Festival. The Library again hosted the free, full-day **All About Women** satellite event for **International Women's Day**, Sunday 8 March, with a guest panel of local heroines including: Josie Douglas (CLC), Donna Ah Chee (CAAC), Jordann Hickey (AFLW), and Xavia Nou (musician).
- **17 March 2020** Following advice from the Federal & Northern Territory governments, Council suspended all Library programs and events, due to the emerging COVID-19 health crisis. On 24 March, the Library doors closed, prompting a thorough deep-cleaning exercise and rapid reinvention of service delivery by very industrious staff. **A range of non-contact services and programs were implemented**, including: Story Box Library, Read & Write, LEGO Club, STEAM Club, Book-a-Book, Print & Pickup, online Storytime, Baby Rhyme Time, April School Holidays activities, and a promotion to increase online memberships, plus e-books, digital magazines and audio-books via BorrowBox.
- **18 May 2020** The Library re-opened its doors to patrons, with Stage 2 COVID-19 restrictions and safety measures in place.
- **9 June 2020** Stage 3 COVID-19 restrictions and safety measures were applied in the Library.



Celebrating Centralian Women, 3 of 12 poster series for IWD, March 2020



- March 2020** In partnership with the Women's Museum of Australia, Council presented **Celebrating Centralian Women – a visual story** project in recognition of International Women's Day. A series of posters highlighting the achievements of Centralian women were distributed to various community groups and venues, and displayed around the CBD. Women celebrated in the project included: Marguerite Baptiste-Rooke, Rayleen Brown, Shirleen Campbell, Michele Castagna OAM, Molly Clark, Jordann Hickey, Rene Kulitja, Rosalie Kunoth Months OAM, Robin Elizabeth Miller, Fiona O'Loughlin, Olive Pink, and Telka Alatheia Williams MBE.

Community & Cultural Development

Community Engagement

- November 2019** An information session about Alice Springs Town Council – what Council does, how it works, and how people can get involved – was held in collaboration with the Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia (MCSCA), as part of their **Fostering Integration Project**.
- January 2020** The **Centralian Citizenship Awards** were announced at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, held on the Council lawns. Award recipients for 2020 are listed on page 20.
- May – June 2020** In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, a video project titled **Old Stories, Young Eyes** shared the survival stories of older residents, describing how they dealt with life-changing worldwide events, or unique life experiences. Stories focused on how these events were managed, any lessons learnt, and insights into combating loneliness or boredom. Local residents interviewed included: Patricia & Desmond Nelson OAM; Jovi Price; and, Russell North. **Old Stories, Young Eyes** attracted 9,738 views and reached 14,781 social media users.



Katie Harder, Songs from the Sofa



- **December 2019** The annual Mayoral Awards, marking **International Day of People with Disability**, were presented in conjunction, for the first time, with the NT Arts Access Awards, at a co-hosted event on 3 December. Autism advocate Daniel Giles OAM was guest speaker for the event, which was attended by around 100 people. Award recipients were:
 - Noteworthy Award – **Graham Wilfred Jnr**
 - Champion Award – **Inosi Bulimairewa**
 - Michele Castagna Medal – **Andrew Harrison**

Community Events

- **July 2019** Council's popular **Alice Springs Show Tea Shed** ran again, with staff from the civic centre, Library, Youth Action Group and ASALC providing show-goers with more than 1,500 free cups of tea, coffee and hot chocolate.
- **June – November 2019** Council's **Night Markets** season for FY20 was programmed to coincide with major events such as: Alice Festival, Red Centre Nats, Desert Mob, National Recycling Week, Council's Christmas Carnival and the fabALICE Festival, with six Thursday evening markets featuring live music in the Todd Mall! Council also commenced its **Single Use Plastics (SUP)** reduction campaign at the November Night Markets, leading to a full SUP-ban by the end of January 2020. In March, the ban was suspended in light of the COVID-19 health crisis.
- **December 2019** Council's Christmas Window Competition saw 11 local CBD businesses decorate their windows for the festive season and some great prize packages. More than 250 votes were received from the public, with prizes going to:
 - 1st Place – **Wildfire Blooms**
 - 2nd Place – **The Bakery**
 - 3rd Place – **Red Kangaroo Books**
- **March 2020** The successful **Twilight in the Mall** program from FY19 was reintroduced for March 2020. However, only the first week's program proceeded as planned, with around 50 people attended the first movie and music night. The rest of the series was cancelled due to the COVID-19 health crisis.
- **May 2020** With COVID-19 restrictions and safety measures in place, Council launched an online **Songs from the Sofa** series. Five local musicians recorded performances from their loungerooms, which were then uploaded to Council's Youtube channel and shared across social



fabALICE Festival Drag Races, Council lawns, March 2020

media. Performances reached more than 1103 social media views, with enthusiastic feedback received from viewers.

Community Support

- **FY20** Council awarded **Community Grants** to nearly 75% of all grant applications received. In each of the grants categories, Council issued:
 - Eight (8) **Community Development Grants**, totalling \$38,610
 - Ten (10) **Community Assistance Grants**, totalling \$12,955
 - Three (3) **Youth Development Grants**, totalling \$7,700
 - Eight (8) **Araluen Access Grants**, totalling \$12,765
- **In-kind support provided by Council** amounted to an FY20 total of \$91,602.36, comprising:
 - **July – December 2019** \$63,685.76
 - **Jan – June 2020** \$27,916.60 (impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis)
- The total amount provided by Council in **Event Sponsorship** was \$22,500 (also impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis)



Bollywood Dancing, Multicultural Fitness Month, March 2020

Healthy Communities Program

- **Ongoing** Healthy Communities regular programs were well-attended until impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis in March 2020, with just 8359 participants for the year.
- **Ongoing** The Health & Wellness Centre's **Keep You Moving** classes, aimed at improving strength, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness for people with chronic health conditions, saw 3516 visits in 2019/20. Again, numbers were impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis when the Centre temporarily closed its doors. During this time, home workouts were developed and delivered in-person to participants' homes, with physical distancing measures



Geoff talks about gardening for Healthy@Home



Elfy's Bollywood dancing for Healthy@Home

in place. This personal connection was an important measure for those vulnerable to loneliness, and to reduce the possibility of a decline in their physical health also.

- **Ongoing** Alice Springs Walking Group completed 1125 individual walks as part of the **Heart Foundation Walk program**. The regular walks program was suspended, due to the COVID-19 health crisis, prompting Council to run the **PaceMakers 4 Week Walking Challenge** at the end of May. The Challenge kept participants moving and motivated as daily steps were counted, achieving a total of nearly 3.5 million steps – that's enough to walk to Katherine and back to Alice Springs! In December, 51 walkers attended a **Heart Foundation Walk Christmas Breakfast**.
- **October 2019** In recognition of World Mental Health Week, Council partnered with the Mental Health Association of



Central Australia to hold a free community **Stretch & Relax Day**. Council also organised Mental Health Toolbox sessions for staff.

- **March 2020** Council's very first **Multicultural Fitness Month**, with outdoor cultural dance and movement classes planned for four Saturdays in March, ended prematurely due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Two sessions did proceed as planned – Latin American Dance & Bollywood Dance – and were thoroughly enjoyed by a total of 32 participants!
- **June 2020** Council developed an initiative to provide health and wellbeing information to the community during COVID-19 isolation. Titled **Healthy @ Home**, each 1-minute segment screened on Imparja Television over a 6-week period. Healthy @ Home information included:
 - make a super-powered green smoothie
 - home workout
 - Bollywood dancing
 - small-scale home gardening



Seniors Month Still Got Talent winners Barb Satour & the Everlastings, August 2019

Public Art

- **FY20 overview:**
 - Council developed a **draft Public Art Masterplan**, to manage, maintain and progress public art in the municipality.
 - Also, the new **Traeger Park Oval mural** progressed to a call-out for Expressions of Interest from artists to submit concepts.
 - Gap Youth Centre completed artwork to revitalise the transformer box at **Shanahan Park**.
 - Council completed an **interpretive signage project**, with signs placed at all Alice Springs Town Council commissioned public artworks.

Seniors

- **August 2019** Seniors Month kicked off with the **Mayoral Morning Tea** on Friday 2 August, with guest speaker and local gardening guru Geoff Miers, keeping the audience of around 80 people enthralled! On 29 August, a record-breaking 245 people attended the **Seniors Still Got**

Mindful Activities for Seniors



Colouring-in & Puzzles
...with our compliments



Mindful Activities for Seniors, artworks by Lindsey Matthews

Talent Quest, with 16 performances.
Prize winners for 2019 were:

- 1st Place – Barb Satour & the Everlastings
- 2nd Place – Ray Murtagh
- 3rd Place – Isaac Croutz, Eunice & Damaris De Kock
- **May 2020** Council developed the **Mindful Activities for Seniors** book, in response to the COVID-19 health crisis, and to support wellbeing for seniors in isolation. Council staff distributed all 500 copies to: Purple House, 50+ Community Centre, Alice Springs Hospital, Catholic Care, Relationships Australia, Multicultural Communities Services of Central Australia, Old Timers, Council on the Ageing, Tangentyere Council, and the Public Library.
- **June 2020** Council joined an interagency awareness campaign in support of **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**, Monday 15 June 2020. Initiated by Catholic Care NT, Relationships Australia, COTA (Council of the Ageing), and CAWLS, Council provided additional support through newspaper advertising, social media posting, poster design and distribution.



J-MILLA performing at YAMfest, October 2019

Youth Development

- **June – November 2019** Council's **Youth Action Group** (YAG) held stalls at five of Council's Night Markets during FY20, supporting young people in selling their creative arts and crafts to the public.
- **July 2019** YAG hosted the **5th Annual Phoney Film Festival** at the Alice Springs Cinema with 27 films entered, all shot on smart devices. It was the largest award presentation and screening night in Phoney history with 135 people attending and voting for their favourite film. A film-making workshop held earlier in the month attracted 20 participants. Prizes awarded were:
 - **1st Prize** – *The Bling*, by Tangentyere Employment Services' Ztania Swan & Shane Lindner
 - **2nd Prize** – *The Giant Spider*, by CMS student, Chantel Thorne
 - **(equal) 3rd Prizes** – *Finke Device Race*, by Device Ronson, and *The Linguini Special* by Hannah Maljcov, Kaitlyn Weekes & Lloyd Barnett
 - **Highly Commended** – *I Spy With My LEGO Eye*, by Wyatt Gaza
- **September – October 2020** Council's pilot **Desert Hoops Youth Basketball** initiative ran during the October school holidays, on Mondays and Fridays, for two weeks (four sessions in total). An average of 35 young people attended the daily programs, supported by Alice Springs Reptile Centre, CAAC, Smokefree, headspace and Lifeline who provided onsite youth workshops.
- **October 2019** YAG was busy in October with 13 young people attending the free **Making Tracks – Sampling & Music Production Workshop** with Harvey Sutherland, music producer, DJ and funk synthesist from Melbourne. Then, it was the annual **Youth Arts & Music Festival** (YAMfest), hosted in collaboration with Music NT and NT Youth Round Table. Over 250 young people attended the event at Watch This Space, on Sunday 27 October, which featured South Australian hip-hop artist J-MILLA, local hip-hop and R&B artist Ceenah, and a showcase of performances from local performers in the Open Mic competition.
- **December 2019 – January 2020** Over the summer school holidays, Council hosted its second **Desert Hoops Youth Basketball** program at the Alice Springs Basketball Stadium, in the evening from 5.30pm-9pm. Over three nights in December, 147 young people attended the program – up from 122 attendees for all four sessions held in October. Onsite workshops were provided by the Reptile



Desert Hoops Basketball, October 2019

Centre and Blue Earth. The three sessions held in January saw a massive increase with 225 young people attending! Onsite workshops were again provided by the Reptile Centre, plus 8CCC radio and youth workers from CAYLUS.

- **April 2020** During final stages of preparation, and in response to the COVID-19 health crisis, Council's Youth Development Officer, with the help of the Cultural & Community Development team, successfully moved the entire **2020 Youth Recycled Art Prize (YRAP)** program online. The improvised digital format clearly struck a chord with local youth with a total of 66 entries, making it the biggest YRAP entry pool ever! The online YRAP Exhibition site also received more than 2,000 views. A new category was added for the 2020 prize – ***Climate Change – how will our future look?*** – to complement the Open Prize Category.



Ranger at Council's Christmas Carnival, December 2019


Rangers

- **FY20 Overview** Further to upholding Council's Public Places and Animal Management By-laws within the municipality, the Ranger Unit also provides additional behind-the-scenes security at community events, and for visiting VIPs and dignitaries to Alice Springs. Council's Rangers manage abandoned vehicles, parking infringements, infringement appeals, parking restrictions, and permits for accessible vehicles, heavy/long vehicles, as well as residents' dog & cat registrations. Data highlights from the year included:
 - **Two new Speed Radar Detector** units were purchased via successful funding applications to the Northern Territory Government. These units have been used throughout Alice Springs, specifically in locations near schools where there are high-risk pedestrians
 - Council issued a **record number of Dog Registrations**, valued at \$75,408
 - Implementation of an extensive cat-trap strategy to reduce numbers of wild/feral cats within the municipality saw 272 cats transported to the Alice Springs Animal Shelter.
 - Record low number of camping & litter disturbances reported for the Todd River and Charles Creek areas.

Directorate Achievements

Corporate Services





Corporate Services activities are largely behind-the-scenes, being responsible for the governance, risk and policy compliance of Council, its financial business, and legislative reporting. The Customer Service team is the friendly, public face of this Directorate.

In addition to the collection of revenue from rates, a significant portion of Council funding comes from the many successful Federal and Territory grant applications submitted by Corporate Services.

At an operational level, Corporate Services oversees Information & Communications Technology (ICT), ensuring vital network capability for the entire organisation is maintained. Linked to this is Council's records management and document control, managed by the Registry Unit.

Customer Service

During FY20, our every-busy **customer service team received 19,582 enquiries** on Council's 8950 0500 number, including after-hours calls.

Governance

- **FY20** Council's Governance team commenced an intensive **review of all policies**, with 31 policies reviewed and rescinded, 13 policies reviewed and amended, and 7 new policies developed and adopted. The review will continue in FY21 with a review of 55 Council policies and 39 operational policies remaining. New policies include:
 - Conflicts Management Policy
 - Council Teleconferencing
 - ICAC Policy
 - Elected Member Allowances & Expenses
 - COVID-19 related hardship assistance policies
 - Operational policies
- **July 2019** Council contributed feedback to the Department of Local Government on proposed new Local Government legislation. The new **Local Government Act (2019)**, enacted in December 2019, aims to modernise the sector in the Northern Territory, and is in effect from 1 July 2020. Council's Governance team undertook a comprehensive review of the revised legislation to compile a list of operational changes to be implemented.
- **August 2019** An **Executive Assistant (EA) working group** was established, including EAs to the Mayor and CEO, EAs to Directors, the Governance Manager, plus Administrative staff involved in providing support to Council at meetings. The EA working group facilitates improvements in governance procedures to provide consistency across Council meeting processes.
- **August 2019** The new **Risk Management Framework** was developed and adopted by Council.
- **October 2019** Council Executive team undertook a review of the organisational structure and, upon completion of an extensive internal consultation, the **Corporate Services Directorate** was established. The Directorate incorporates Customer Service, Finance, Governance, Grants, ICT, and Registry units.
- **October 2019** Council's conducted its first **Advisory Committee Member Satisfaction Survey**. The survey provided benchmark data to enable the Governance team to monitor the effectiveness of committees and satisfaction of members, moving forward.
- **November 2019** An **Audit Actions Register** was developed and established



Mayor Ryan answers questions from students of Gillen Primary School, October 2019

to ensure learnings and recommendations, resulting from internal and external audits, were implemented with responsible Council officers accountable for their activities.

- **December 2019** Under Council's Internal Audit Schedule for FY20, a **Payroll Internal Audit** was undertaken, with findings of the audit, along with management responses, presented to the Risk Management and Audit Committee. The Finance Manager is responsible for implementing actions relating to areas identified for improvement.
- **January 2020** Council applied for and received authority to implement the **Records Disposal Schedule for Local Authorities in the Northern Territory (NT)** in line with other Councils. The new disposal schedule provides a framework to streamline records management processes and ensure compliance to record-keeping requirements across applicable NT legislation.
- **February 2020** A new **Director of Corporate Services** was appointed to oversee operations of the new Directorate.
- **February 2020** Following a review, the new **Sports Facilities Fund Guidelines** were adopted by Council. The guidelines streamline application requirements and

better reflects the co-contributive nature of the fund.

- **February 2020** **Updated Terms of Reference** for the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (last reviewed 2001) and Cemeteries Committee (last reviewed in 2017) were developed, and adopted by Council. The new functions and membership of the committees more accurately reflect Council's strategic objectives and operational needs.
- **March 2020** Governance provided support to the leadership team in developing Council's **Pandemic Response Plan**, in line with official advice from the Federal and Northern Territory governments. The team conducted workplace risk assessments across all Council work areas, and developed risk profiles for high-risk, community-facing areas, and to inform COVID-19 measures to be undertaken.
- **May 2020** Governance officers conducted a program of **assurance reviews** on Council's policies and procedures including, where required, legislative compliance, with changes introduced into the compliance framework.
- **June 2020** **Grants, Sponsorship and Donations Internal Audit** was the second internal audit undertaken during FY20.

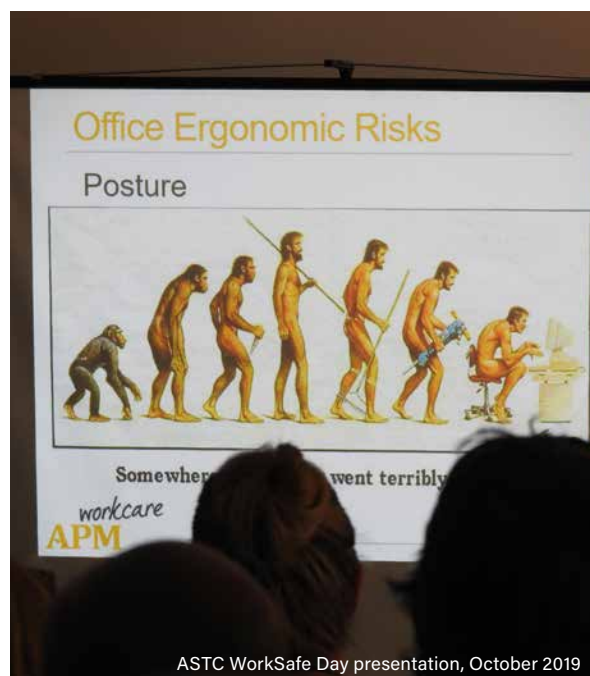
Grants

Successful Applications 2019/2020			Received
Commonwealth Grants			
Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development	Roads to Recovery	Alice Springs Roads	433,129
Subtotal			433,129
Northern Territory Government Grants			
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics	Towards Zero Road Community Grants	Making Alice Springs school zones safer	5,000
Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development	National Black Spot Program	Hartley Street lighting (upgrade for pedestrian safety)	70,000
Department of Primary Industries & Resources – Animal Welfare Branch	Animal Welfare Fund 2019	Alice Springs Animal Shelter – Cattery Upgrade	8,000
Department of Trade, Business & Innovation	Business Growth Assistance Program	Alice Springs Public Library	10,000
Department of Environment & Natural Resources	2019/20 Environment Grants	Alice Springs Community Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) Trial	45,000
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs	Alice Springs Youth Activities Grant 2019/20	Library Youth Holiday Program 2019/20	45,000
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs	Alice Springs Youth Activities Grant 2019/20	ASALC Splash Parties 2019/20	50,000
Australia Day Council NT	Australia Day Community Grants 2020	Australia Day Events 2020	3,000
Department of Health	Alcohol & Other Drugs – Youth Grants	2020 Youth Skate Park Festival	6,000
Territory Families – Office of Multicultural Affairs	Harmony Grants 2019/20	King Marong – Harmony Week Drumming Workshops	750
Department of Tourism, Sport & Culture – Tourism NT	Visitor Experience Enhancement Program (VEEP) Round 3	Alice Springs Online Public Art Map	8,275
Territory Families – Office of Gender Equity & Diversity	2020 International Women's Day Grant	Celebrating Centralian Women – a visual story	2,800
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs	NT Youth Week 2020	Youth Recycled Art Prize	2,000
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs	Youth Vibe Grant 2020	YAG Phoney Film Festival	2,000
Territory Families	Seniors Month - 2020	Seniors Still Got Talent Quest	2,000
Territory Families	Seniors Month - 2020	Celebrating Seniors Month at the Alice Springs Public Library 2020	2,000
Department of Tourism, Sport & Culture - Northern Territory Library	Operational Funding	Public Library Funding	630,708
Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development	Operational Funding	Special Community Assistance & Local Employment Grant	761,200
Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development	Operational Funding	Financial Assistance Grants – Roads	970,209
Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development	Operational Funding	Financial Assistance Grants – General	647,762
Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development	Operational Funding	Town Camp Rubbish Collection	257,614
Subtotal			3,529,318
Non Government Grants			
Good Things Foundation	Be Connected 2019 – Get Online Week	Alice Springs on Wikipedia	1,500
Swimming Australia	Community Swimming Grants	PWD & CALD Swimming Classes	10,000
Subtotal			11,500
Total successful applications during 2019/2020			\$ 3,973,947



Information & Communication Technology (ICT)

- In December 2019, the **Council website received a facelift**, with refreshed corporate branding introduced in August 2019, and moved over to a user-friendly Craft platform.
- Between March and June 2020, as with many other organisations, the COVID-19 health crisis was the catalyst for a rapid **reassessment of Council's ICT capabilities**. As an essential service provider, Council's IT Unit responded with:
 - **Work-from-Home (WFH)** and network security assessments, remote access to the server, and checklists for staff if impacted by a quarantine situation
 - Working in collaboration with the HR Unit on WFH **Work Health & Safety assessments**
 - **Establishing capability** for remote staff training, Council meetings, and HR recruitment, via video-conferencing; and ensuring Council's Conference Rooms are suitably equipped



Registry

Council's Registry is responsible for the organisation's records management. During the last financial year, **36,332 documents were recorded, digitalised and uploaded** into the content management system.

Directorate Achievements

Technical Services



New Splash Pad at ASALC



Joint NTG-ASTC Ilparpa Road upgrades project

Roughly 30% of Council's total workforce are employed in the Technical Services Directorate, comprising municipal services, such as the waste facility and kerbside collection, asset management, litter collection, infrastructure, developments, and environmental programs.

Responsible for ratepayers' assets, the Directorate facilitates a high standard of public amenity via the provision of regular servicing and maintenance of parks, gardens, ovals, open spaces, local roads & laneways, foot- & cycle-paths, storm drains and public amenities across the Alice Springs municipality.

Having developed Council's Climate Action Plan, this Directorate is firmly focused on for the town's future with its sustainable, environmentally-compatible management practises and initiatives.

Developments

Council's Developments team has proactively supported enquiries from residents, contractors and a multitude of officials from various private and government departments in Alice Springs. The team continues to provide relevant technical advice, where appropriate.

- Council officers have attended all internal and external meetings to represent Council at the **Development Committee, Consent Authority Meetings, NT Planning Commission, One Stop Shop** and other meetings as necessitated with Government Departments and consultants to promote growth in Alice Springs.
- Clearances have been provided for compliant developments in a timely manner, **assisting with the growth of businesses and improvement of amenities** within town. A total of 82 applications, 47 clearances and 5 Planning Scheme amendments were processed during FY20.
- The inheritance of assets is subject to thorough assessment on functionality and **compliance to Australian Standards** prior to Council acceptance, to enable best use of ratepayers' funds.
- Officers are also actively making developers aware of the free **Verge Development Policy** to encourage innovative ways to improve the street appeal. For example:
 - Verge development on the corner of Smith Street and Brown Street
 - Improvement of verge on the corner of Woods Terrace and Priest Street
- Seizing all opportunities for improved service delivery, Council has approached the NT Government regarding improvement at the **intersection of Schwarz Crescent and Stuart Highway.**



National Tree-planting Day in Heavitree Gap, August 2019

- In promoting sustainability, Council encourages **innovative construction methods** from developments to include onsite water so as to permit infiltration and improve the water table. Developers are also allowed to use alternatives to concrete such as gravelling for improved onsite infiltration, reduction in greenhouse emissions etc. ,provided compliance to the standards is met.

Development Statistics: 01/07/2019 - 30/06/2020

Development Applications	74
Exceptional Development Applications	8
Development Permits	73
Exceptional Development Permits	6
Part 5 Clearances	47
Planning Scheme Amendments	5
Certificate of Compliance	44
Deferred, Refused, Concurrent / Others	1



Environment

- July 2019** At the **Alice Springs Show**, re-usable mugs were offered to customers of Council's Tea Shed as an alternative to disposable, single-use cups, with Officers hand-washing items between each use.
- August 2019** With volunteers from the community, Council undertook the planting of 200 trees across two locations – Heavitree Gap and Sadadeen – in recognition of **National Tree Day**.
- September 2019** Community volunteers once again joined Council for the annual **Great Northern Clean Up**, which took place in the Todd River area.
- September 2019** Council supported the annual **DesertSmart Eco-Fair**, including a guided-tour of the RWMF by Mayor Ryan for special visitors from the ABC, Craig Reucassel (War on Waste) & Costa Georgiadis, renowned gardening guru.
- October 2019** Council participated in the promoted of the national **Garage Sale Trail** initiative, encouraging the community to participate as buyers or sellers of pre-loved, reusable and upcycled items
- November 2019** **National Recycling Week** social media campaign conducted by Council to raise awareness in the community about the recycling options available at the RWMF. Council also commenced promotion of a phase-out of Single Use Plastics at its Thursday Night Markets.



DesertSmart Eco-Fair VIP guests enjoy a guided tour of the RWMF by Mayor Ryan

- **December 2019** Council's **SUP elimination campaign** continued at the Christmas Markets in the Todd Mall, with the intention of a total phase-out completed by end-January, before the first of the new year Night Markets in March.
- **January 2020** **Azility Energy Efficiency Software** was purchased to track Council's greenhouse gas emissions and provide relevant data for improving energy management across its facilities.
- **January 2020** Council conducted an organisational **Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO)** trial – a waste initiative that aims to keep food waste out of landfill, recycling it into compost. The staff trial provided crucial logistical information for the program to be upscaled to a larger community trial, planned for August 2020. Keeping food out of landfill reduces greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change. Eventually, Council hopes to provide the wider Alice Springs community with a FOGO service.
- **February 2020** The first **Sustainability Initiatives Grant** was introduced as part of Council's annual Community Grants program. The grant is for the funding of community projects or events that focus on reducing the impact on the environment in the areas of waste management, water usage, energy efficiency, transport and biodiversity.
- **February 2020** Council and Arid Lands Environment Centre co-hosted an **information session** for the community on the elimination of SUPs.
- **March 2020** Council joined the national **Clean Up Australia Day** program with 25 volunteers from the community attending a clean-up event in the Todd River area.
- **March 2020** The full ban on **Single Use Plastics** was in place for the Night Markets, just prior to the announcement of the COVID-19 health crisis. The SUP program has since been suspended.
- **March 2020** Council called for **Expressions of Interest for the FOGO community trial**, following a successful internal trial. Under the trial, participants receive a collection service for a 6 month period.
- **May 2020** In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, Council hosted a free **Online Home Composting Workshop** for the community, providing information on food waste, compost bins and worm farms, as an initiative to keep organic waste out of landfill.
- **June 2020** The **How to FOGO booklet** was developed by Council in preparation for the commencement of a community FOGO trial in August 2020.



New grandstand at Albrecht Oval, opened February 2020

Infrastructure

- In March 2020, Council installed **four Fitness Stations** between Barrett Drive and the Todd River. Shade structures were a planned later addition, to provide shade during the hotter months, allowing the equipment to stay cool enough for use all year round. The fitness stations have proven a popular asset, utilised by many members of the community.
- **Park upgrades completed** by Council during FY20 included: shade structure and fitness equipment installed at Francis Smith Park; shade structure installed at Lyndavale Park; shade structure, bench seats and a basketball slab installed at Shanahan Park; and, shade structure, bench seats and playground equipment installed at Spicer Park.
- Following a public information session in January 2020, **Skate Park upgrades commenced** in June 2020, due to safety concerns. Works included grinding back edges to create a smooth finish, filling cracks, and repainting the concrete with non-slip to adhere to safety standards.



Minister Moss, Mayor Ryan, Councillors & staff at the official opening of new facilities at Jim McConville Oval, October 2019

- The Northern Territory Government's **\$6.2M sporting facility upgrades funding has been near-fully expended**, with the COVID-19 health crisis preventing completion of the final project; the track works at Rhonda Diano Oval. The timeline of Council's achievements in FY20 were:
 - September 2019, Flynn Drive Oval facility; Alice Springs Basketball Stadium air-conditioning completed.
 - October 2019, Jim McConville Oval facility completed.
 - February 2020, Ross Park Oval facility; Albrecht Oval grandstand completed.
- During FY20, Council also commenced the development of a **Cemetery Conservation & Management Plan**.



Aerial view of the RWMF landfill

Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF)

Throughout FY20, Council staff undertook several large-scale projects to improve the efficiency and safety of operations at the RWMF.

Projects included:

- Building of an **improved road network** at the landfill, with clear, readable signage to safely direct traffic to each waste area.
- A **new hazardous waste area** was opened to the general public, successfully decreasing the amount of hazardous waste going directly into the landfill.
- With a noticeable increase in traffic to the RWMF, a **new operational system was installed at the weigh-bridge**, achieving more seamless processing of transactions.
- **A roof was installed to protect the cardboard stockpile area**, contributing towards a monthly average 20T of cardboard being freighted to South Australia for recycling.
- An over-flow area was cleared at the RWMF and filled with **items diverted from landfill**, increasing stock for the Rediscovery Centre.
- RWMF staff **extracted firewood from the landfill**, diverting it to the Rediscovery Centre, to be made available to the general public for 10c per kilogram.
- **November 2019** The RWMF participated in an advertising campaign, in support of **National Recycling Week**
- **January 2020** The RWMF prepared an area for the commencement of the **FOGO trial**, developing and managing the windrows, where organic waste is piled, turned and aerated, to break down into compost. The rich, organic garden compost is then made available for purchase by the general public from the Rediscovery Centre.
- **May-June 2020** A further advertising promotion was undertaken in the Centralian Advocate to **raise awareness of the recycling options** available at the RWMF and Rediscovery Centre.

Council has also partnered with NT Corrections to provide paid work to low-risk prison crews to undertake essential work tasks, in support of operations at the Regional Waste Management Facility.



Works Depot

Council's Works Depot is the source for the provision of all Municipal Services, Litter Collection & Oval Maintenance, and Parks & Gardens Maintenance. Depot crews comprise the largest group of employees across the entire organisation.

A significant component of all **in-kind support endorsed by Council is delivered by Depot staff**. In-kind support can take the form of waived hire-fees and staff assistance with:

- grounds preparation, traffic management, and provision of road signage (e.g. for major events)
- set-up assistance for portable ablution blocks, or provision of trailer-mounted portaloos
- relocation of the 135-person mobile grandstands, or provision of 35-person portable grandstands
- provision of BBQ trailer
- provision of portable stage
- provision of shade-marquees
- provision of recycling wheelie bins
- provision of temporary fencing
- provision of plastic chairs
- provision of inflatable screen
- **FY20** The Depot continued works on the Ilparpa Road Stage 1 project with **installation of the footpath** component,

contributing to 40% of total works on this project now completed.

- **FY20** The Depot's concrete crew commenced a **ramp upgrade / installation** project throughout the CBD, completing 12 of the total 72 access ramps, during the financial year.
- **August 2019** The Depot's concrete crew completed a paved pathway from the access road to the **Anzac Memorial** at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery. The new path was joined to an existing paved pathway surrounding the Anzac Memorial, that was constructed with an Armistice Centenary Grant during the previous financial year.
- **August 2019** The Depot's parks & gardens team, working in collaboration with the concrete crew, removed large sections of concrete from the centre island in **Bath Street** to enable planting with shrubs and trees. The centre island gardens will assist with shading and cooling of the CBD.
- **September 2019** Once again, Council's Depot teams provided in-kind support for the staging of the annual **Red Centre Nats** event. In-kind support included traffic control during the street parade, mobile grandstand hire and set up, and additional minor support roles throughout the event weekend.
- **October 2019** The Depot's parks & gardens team installed a third wicket at **Jim McConville Oval**.
- **October 2019** Council's **Sports Facilities Master Plan** highlighted the need for resurfacing of softball fields at **Jim McConville Oval**. The softball diamonds were reskinned by Council's Depot team with a specialised sand mixture, sourced locally to replace the old crusher dust, to assist Softball NT in hosting their NT titles competition in Alice Springs.



Members of the ASTC-EqualiTea team at the launch of the joint initiative, January 2019

- **November 2019** The Depot's tree crew installed a **new tree farm** at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery. This resource will allow for an additional supply of 400+ trees, with a variety of sizes and ages, to assist Council with its two-for-one replacement policy and tree-planting program for the municipality.
- **November 2019** Alice Springs Town Council proudly partnered with EqualiTea to provide **a program to assist people with disability in gaining meaningful employment**. The joint initiative – a 12 month trial program – was officially launched in January 2020.
- **January–February 2020** The Depot's bitumen team, taking advantage of the lighter traffic, worked during peak summer to complete a **crack-sealing project** throughout the CBD.
- **March 2020** Council's Depot teams provided support and prepared grounds for the staging of the **AFL Women's premier league** match at TIO Traeger Park Oval, held without fans in attendance due to the emerging COVID-19 health crisis.
- **March–July 2020** In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, Depot operations changed to teams working in split-shifts, to assist with maintaining physical distancing measures. Depot staff were integral in supporting **Council's Pandemic Response** team by implementing actions across all facilities. Actions undertaken included:
 - Additional and more frequent deep-cleaning and sanitising of all Council facilities and infrastructure across the municipality
 - Stencilling of distancing measures on footpaths around the CBD
 - Collaborating with NT works teams to assist with implementing the frequently updated pandemic response measures
 - Stock control and provision of hand-hygiene and sanitising products to all Council facilities
 - Ensuring adequate supply of appropriate PPE for staff performing high-risk duties.
- **May 2020** The Depot's concrete crew replaced 66 metres of the paved **Hartley Street footpath**.
- **April 2020** The parks & gardens crew installed a **new turf and irrigation system**, as part of landscaping works for the recently constructed 190-person Albrecht Oval grandstand.

Financial Reflections



Budget P

Community Highlights

- Climate Action Plan - \$205K with NTG grant to make
- COVID - \$5M of community development/ rates con
hardship/ fee relief
- CBD Revitalisation, \$800K Alice Springs Aquatic and
Leisure Centre , Albrecht Oval Lighting, Ilparpa Road
Upgrade Works, CBD Crack Sealing,
- Library design brief + revitalisation
- ASTC concrete crew – great effectiveness

2020/21 Draft Budget



Delivery against Strategic Objectives

During the financial year, Council continued to deliver the high standard of core services to the Alice Springs Community. Significant events and projects against the strategic objectives have included:

- Ragonesi and Ilparpa Road footpath upgrades
- Continuing investment into Council's Healthy Communities program
- Installation of smart solar bins around Alice Springs
- Three community park upgrades with a further three identified to undergo works
- Purchase of electric vehicle
- Food Organics Garden Organics trial commenced
- Progression of the Public Art Masterplan and Online Public Art Map
- Commencement of Public Art on the Traeger Park wall and collaboration with Bindi of the Library wall
- Community events including Citizenship Ceremonies, Twilight in the Mall, 11.2.one Series, Night Markets, Christmas Carnival, Desert Hoops, and Seniors events such as Mayoral Morning Tea and Still Got Talent.
- ASALC hosted events such as New Year's Eve, Australia Day, Red Centre Splash, Desert Ultra and school holiday programs including Wet Wednesday and Sunday Splash parties.
- The Library hosted and ran more than 550 events, programs and activities engaging with over 23,000 participants. These events included NAIDOC Roo Tail BBQ and Smoking Ceremony, Indigemoji Launch, School Holiday programs, Summer Reading Club Splash Party, Author Talks, International Women's Day and many more.

In-kind support provided by Council's Depot during 19/20 included:

- Alice Springs Show
- AFL & AFLW
- National Tree Day
- Red Centre NATS

- Big Bash Cricket
- Henley on Todd

Financial reflections for 30 June 2020

Council recorded a total comprehensive income of \$23.636 million during the year. Of this amount \$21.684 million pertains to a revaluation increment of Council's property, plant and equipment which were subjected to an independent valuation as at 1 July 2019.

Excluding the revaluation increment Council recorded an operational surplus of \$1.952 million which is an increase of \$1.709 million in net surplus from the prior financial year.

Income

- Budget \$35.489 million
- Actual \$44.691 million

Operating Income	2019/20 \$M	2018/19 \$M	2017/18 \$M	2016/17 \$M
Rates and charges	26.80	26.20	25.68	25.15
User charges	4.62	4.77	4.71	4.32
Interest	0.98	1.58	1.27	1.28
Grants	11.39	5.84	10.69	6.95
Other income	0.90	0.88	0.79	1.81
Total	44.69	39.28	43.14	39.51

Similar to previous years, Council received funding from the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments. Of the total grants recognised during the year, about \$6.04 million were realised capital grants carried over from the prior year. These grants were used for works carried out for the Sporting Infrastructure and Ilparpa Road projects. The remaining grants funding received during the year included financial assistance and operational grants, Roads to Recovery as well as CCTV funding. Council's actual income exceeded the expected budget during the year which can be attributed to the recognition of this grant income.

User charges were slightly lower than last financial year which can be in part attributed to the closure of public facing facilities like the Aquatic Centre and Library during the period of March to May 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Investment income received during the year was lower than last financial year, which was attributable to the decreasing level of investment rates offered by financial institutions. The average interest rate on investments was 1.53% compared to 2.57% in the prior financial year. There was also an impact on interest charged on overdue rates which was suspended from 27 March to 30 June as part of Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The income received from the Regional Waste Management Facility, including the Rediscovery Centre, recorded a higher level of income as compared to the prior financial year.

Expenditure

- Budget \$34.360 million (excluding transfers to reserve)
- Actual \$42.740 million

Operating Expenditure	2019/20 \$M	2018/19 \$M	2017/18 \$M	2016/17 \$M
Employee costs	18.82	16.67	15.89	15.36
Materials and contracts	9.02	9.12	7.61	7.81
Interest charges	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.11
Depreciation	10.04	8.33	8.01	7.72
Other expenses	4.81	4.60	4.14	4.61
Loss on disposal of assets	0.03	0.29	-	-
Total	42.74	39.03	35.71	35.61

Key long-term management personnel, including the CEO, departed the organisation during the year which has led to employee costs being higher as compared to prior years. The higher number of staff compared to the prior year has also contributed to the increase in costs such as wages and salaries and superannuation throughout the year, along with provisions contained within the enterprise agreement. There was also an increase in leave provisions during the year. Part of this can be attributed to less leave taken during the year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The increasing workforce cost also resulted in the workers compensation insurance to increase by 30% during the year.

Depreciation expenses were higher during the year due to the revaluation of Council's assets which was carried out on and resulted in an upwards revised assets value as at 1 July 2019.

During the year Council also invested in \$9.487 million worth of capital expenditure of which the notable projects completed included:

- Completion of the following Northern Territory Government sporting infrastructure projects
 - Albrecht Oval grandstand upgrades \$1.298 million
 - Jim McConville change room and toilet upgrades \$1.097 million
 - Ross Park change room upgrades \$1.029 million
 - Flynn Park change room and toilet upgrades
- TIO Traeger Park toilet upgrade \$249,000
- CCTV upgrade \$789,000
- Garden Cemetery gate and wall project \$121,000
- Aquatic Centre chemical shed \$104,000
- Ragonesi Road upgrades \$263,000

Current Assets

Current Assets	2019/20 \$M	2018/19 \$M	2017/18 \$M	2016/17 \$M
Cash assets	42.75	48.15	46.42	34.88
Trade receivables	2.68	2.28	2.40	2.56
Inventories	0.25	0.20	0.18	0.18
Other	0.73	0.19	0.14	0.13
Total	46.41	50.82	49.14	37.75

Cash assets decreased \$5.40 million during the year which can be attributed to the completion of some of the sporting infrastructure projects. Receivables have increased as at reporting date as a result of Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic wherein the due date for the last rates instalment date was shifted from 3 April to 30 June 2020. Other current assets have increased as a result of an increase in prepaid expenses, mainly relating to the 2021 financial year insurance costs, recognised as at the reporting date.

Non-Current Assets

Non-Current Assets	2019/20 \$M	2018/19 \$M	2017/18 \$M	2016/17 \$M
Deferred rates	-	0.02	0.02	0.02
Work in progress	4.05	2.18	0.50	1.65
Property, plant and equipment	296.65	275.70	277.98	281.50
Total	300.70	277.90	278.50	283.17

Work in progress increased by \$1.87 million during the year which is largely due to the ongoing upgrades of Ilparpa Road and associated footpath works.

Property, plant and equipment increased significantly during the year as a result of the revaluation carried out and effective as at 1 July 2019.

Current and Non-Current Liabilities

Current Liabilities	2019/20 \$M	2018/19 \$M	2017/18 \$M	2016/17 \$M
Payables	2.01	1.29	1.20	0.82
Borrowings	-	-	-	1.22
Unearned grant income	1.69	8.13	-	-
Provisions	5.78	5.30	5.17	5.04
Total	9.48	14.72	6.37	7.08

Unearned grant income decreased by \$6.44 million largely due to the completion of some of the sporting infrastructure projects during the year.

There has been an increase in payables largely due to the increase in accrued expenses, mainly relating to 2021 financial year insurance costs, as at reporting date. The increase in provisions are as a result of a greater amount of leave balances as at reporting date which could be partly attributed to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reserves

As at 30 June 2020 Council had \$33.455 million in reserves which had increased by \$827,000 from 30 June 2019. Significant movements to reserves during the year include \$1.129 million of budgeted transfers which contributed to the reserves for the Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Council plant and equipment, and Regional Waste Management future site.

Significant movements in reserves during the year included \$250,000 towards public toilet refurbishments, \$108,000 towards pedestrian refuge upgrades, \$35,000 towards upgrades to the Regional Waste Management facility bailer shed and \$46,000 towards Rhonda Diano oval upgrade.

The asset revaluation carried out at 1 July 2019 resulted in an increase of \$21.684 million towards the asset revaluation reserve.

Cashflows

Cash and cash equivalents as at reporting date amounted to \$42.754 million, a decrease of \$5.392 million from the \$48.146 million balance as at the 2019 financial year. The major movement of cash holdings has been largely through the operational holdings and the completion of most of the Sports Infrastructure projects during the year.

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for the year ended 30 June 2020

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General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

I, Robert 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 2020; and
- are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.



Robert Jennings
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 3 November 2020

Alice Springs Town Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2020

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
Income			
Rates	2a	22,900	22,440
Waste Management Charges	2a	3,911	3,762
Statutory Charges	2b	208	184
User Charges	2c	4,402	4,587
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2f	5,354	4,191
Investment Income	2d	980	1,583
Other Income	2e	897	883
Total Income		38,652	37,630
Expenses			
Employee Costs	3a	18,832	16,667
Materials & Contracts	3b	9,008	9,122
Other Operating Expenses	3b	4,808	4,596
Depreciation & Amortisation	3c	10,036	8,327
Finance Costs	3d	27	32
Total Expenses		42,711	38,744
Operating Deficit		(4,059)	(1,114)
Loss on disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	4	(28)	(292)
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2f	6,039	1,649
Net Surplus		1,952	243
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in Revaluation Surplus - I,PP&E	9a	21,684	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		21,684	-
Total Comprehensive Income		23,636	243

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

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5a	42,754	48,146
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	2,679	2,271
Inventories	5c	245	203
Other Current Assets	5d	733	192
Total Current Assets		46,411	50,812
Non-Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7a	296,653	275,702
Other Non-Current Assets	6	4,046	2,204
Total Non-Current Assets		300,699	277,906
TOTAL ASSETS		347,110	328,718
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8a	3,696	9,419
Provisions	8b	2,259	1,883
Total Current Liabilities		5,955	11,302
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	8b	3,524	3,421
Total Non-Current Liabilities		3,524	3,421
TOTAL LIABILITIES		9,479	14,723
Net Assets		337,631	313,995
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		13,288	12,163
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9a	290,888	269,204
Other Reserves	9b	33,455	32,628
Total Council Equity		337,631	313,995

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

Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2020

\$ '000		Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	Total Equity
	Notes				
2020					
Balance at the beginning of the year		12,163	269,204	32,628	313,995
Net Surplus for Year		1,952	-	-	1,952
Other Comprehensive Income					
- Changes in revaluation surplus - I,PP&E	7a	-	21,684	-	21,684
Other Comprehensive Income		-	21,684	-	21,684
Total Comprehensive Income		1,952	21,684	-	23,636
Transfers between Reserves		(827)	-	827	-
Balance at the end of year		13,288	290,888	33,455	337,631
2019					
Balance at the beginning of the year		9,502	269,204	42,558	321,264
Early adoption of AASB 15 & AASB 1058		-	-	(7,512)	(7,512)
Balance at the beginning of the year, Restated		9,502	269,204	35,046	313,752
Net Surplus for Year		243	-	-	243
Total Comprehensive Income		243	-	-	243
Transfers between Reserves		2,418	-	(2,418)	-
Balance at the end of year		12,163	269,204	32,628	313,995

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

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2020

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates		26,307	26,382
Statutory Charges		208	184
User Charges		4,842	5,045
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (operating purpose)		4,949	6,458
Investment Receipts		980	1,583
Other Receipts		2,802	2,291
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to Employees		(18,839)	(16,686)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(15,479)	(15,480)
Finance Payments		(27)	(32)
Net Cash (used in) / provided by Operating Activities	11b	5,743	9,745
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds on Sale of Replaced Assets		153	(292)
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(1,863)	(3,249)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(9,487)	(4,490)
Net Purchase of Investment Securities		-	(15)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(11,197)	(8,046)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Bonds & Deposits		62	26
Net Cash provided by Financing Activities		62	26
Net (Decrease) / Increase in Cash Held		(5,392)	1,725
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	11a	48,146	46,421
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	11a	42,754	48,146

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
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Council in the preparation of these 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 3 November 2020.

1.2 Historical Cost Conversion

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying the Council's accounting policies.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of these Notes.

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Alice Springs Town Council ("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 cost centres through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and cost centres have been eliminated.

3 Income Recognition

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

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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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.

Rendering of Services

Until 30 June 2019, revenue from rendering services was recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. From 1 July 2019, revenue from rendering of services is recognised when the Council satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services. The Council typically satisfies its performance obligations when:

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

Sales revenue

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

Fees and Charges

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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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 three 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 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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 considering 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 and direct labour on the project.

6.2 Materiality

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

is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

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

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

Certain classes of assets are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Additions acquired subsequent to a valuation are recognised as cost until the next valuation. These costs are deemed to be the fair value at 30 June 2020. 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, however appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and 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
Sealed Roads – pavement	20 years

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Sealed Roads – seal	25 years
Sealed Roads – drainage & kerbing	60 years
Unsealed Roads – formation	Not Depreciated
Unsealed Roads – surface sheeting	15 years
Stormwater drainage	50 to 100 years
Other	15 to 80 years
Art Collection & Heritage	Indefinite

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 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. 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 and other schemes as elected by employees. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 17.

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

the operational life of these facilities, and significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future closure date.

10 Leases

Accounting policy applicable from 01 July 2019

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

As at reporting date, Council does not have any such leases.

10.1 Council as a lessee

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

i.) Right-of-Use-Assets

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

ii.) Lease Liabilities

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

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

The Council applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and

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

10.2 Council as a lessor

Lessor accounting under AASB 16 Leases is substantially unchanged from today's accounting under AASB 117. Lessors will continue to classify all leases using the same classification principle as in AASB 117.

11 GST Implications

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

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

12 New and amended accounting standards and interpretations

In the current year, Council adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in any material changes to Council's accounting policies.

AASB 16 Leases

AASB 16 'Leases' replaces AASB 117 'Leases'. The adoption of this new Standard has resulted in the Council recognising a right-of-use asset and related lease liabilities in connection with all former operating leases except for those identified as low-value or having a remaining lease term of less than 12 months from the date of initial application. The new Standard has been applied using the modified

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

retrospective approach. Prior periods have not been restated.

Lessees will be also required to remeasure the lease liability upon the occurrence of certain events (e.g., a change in the lease term, a change in future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine those payments). The lessee will generally recognise the amount of the remeasurement of the lease liability as an adjustment to the right-of-use asset.

The Council has elected to account for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

As at 30 June 2020, the Council does not have any long-term leases and is therefore not expected to have a material impact.

AASB 2016-8 Amendments to Australian accounting standards – Australian implementation guidance for not-for-profit entities (AASB 9 Financial instruments)

AASB 2016-8 is effective for the first time in 2019-20 and will require non-contractual receivables arising from statutory requirements to apply the initial recognition and measurement requirements of AASB 9. The requirements of AASB 2016-8 are largely consistent with existing recognition and measurement practices of the Council and is therefore not expected to have a material impact.

Several other amending standards and AASB interpretations have been issued that apply to the current reporting periods, but are considered to have no impact on public sector reporting.

Alice Springs Town Council has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2020, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where

the standard is expected to have a significant impact for the Council then further information has been provided in this note.

The following list identifies all the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretation, that were issued but not yet effective at the time of compiling these illustrative statements that could be applicable to Councils.

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020

- AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors
- AASB 2018-6 Amendments to Australia Accounting Standards – Definition of a Business
- AASB 2018-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of Material
- AASB 2019-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021

- AASB 17 Insurance Contracts

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022

- AASB 2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amended by AASB 2015-10 and AASB 2017-5)

13 Comparative Figures

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

14 Disclaimer

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

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 2. Income

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(a). Rates Revenues			
General Rates			
- Residential		14,702	14,441
- Rural		621	600
- Business		7,507	7,336
- Airport		70	63
Total General Rates		22,900	22,440
Other Rates (Including Service Charges)			
Waste Collection		3,911	3,762
Total Other Rates		3,911	3,762
Total Rates Revenues		26,811	26,202
(b). Statutory Charges			
Regulatory / Statutory Fees		208	184
Total Statutory Charges		208	184
(c). User Charges			
Cemetery Charges		203	187
Sundry		43	56
Hire of Council Equipment		4	5
Rates Searches		21	22
Rental Charges		127	136
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Income		812	1,056
Weighbridge Charges		2,875	2,838
Night Markets		6	7
Library Charges		25	29
Tip Shop		286	251
Total User Charges		4,402	4,587

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Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(d). Investment Income			
Interest on Investments			
- Banks & Other		781	1,331
Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges		199	252
Total Investment Income		980	1,583
(e). Other Income			
Sundry		430	299
Fines		73	113
Fuel Rebates		80	74
Insurance Claims		124	80
Development Consent Authority Charges		27	25
Other		163	292
Total Other Income		897	883
(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions			
Ilparpa Road		2,500	-
Alice Springs Sporting Infrastructure		3,539	1,649
Total Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets		6,039	1,649
NT Operating Grants			
Specific Purpose			
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose		980	809
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads		1,474	842
Safer Streets Programme		-	3
Youth Activities Splash Parties		15	31
Alice Springs Animal Shelter		8	10
Sundry		-	7
Senior Month Event		2	2
Library Operational		631	635
ASALC Business Plan		-	14
Pensioner Subsidies		186	202
ASALC Fencing		10	83
Youth Activities Library Geek Program		12	33
Youth Activities - 3x Movie Marathons		-	17
Business Plan		-	10

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions (continued)			
Youth Vibe Holiday		1	2
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection		258	336
Road Safety Community Program		5	5
Celebrating Seniors Month		2	-
Special Community Assistance and Local Employment (SCALE)		107	-
Roaming Cat Prevention		-	1
Alice Springs Street Art Festival		-	20
Recycled Art Prize		-	2
Summer Holiday Youth Vibe		-	1
Library Business Plan		9	-
Youth Activities Library Youth Program		24	-
Cultural Sensitivity Assessment		5	-
Be Connected Activation		2	1
Public Library & Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Collaborative Mural		19	-
Celebrating Centralian Women - A Visual Story		3	-
Online Public Art Map		4	-
Stand Up!		1	-
Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) Trial		45	-
NAIDOC 2019 Purple House BBQ		-	4
Youth Activities - Geek In Residence		-	31
Total NT Operating Grants		3,803	3,101
NT Capital Grants			
Mobile Grandstand		17	18
Todd River Fitness Station		35	37
Alice Springs Aquatic Centre Lighting Upgrade		13	51
Hazardous Waste Facility		-	789
Black Spot Program - Hartley Street		70	-
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability		15	-
Total NT Capital Grants		150	895
Commonwealth Capital Grants			
Ensure a Safer Town for Community CCTV		772	35
Roads to Recovery		433	-
First World War Memorial		55	-
Smart Solar Trees		35	-
Anzac Centenary Memorial Garden		31	-
Garden Cemetery War Memorial		-	15
Total Commonwealth Capital Grants		1,326	50
Total Grants		5,279	4,046

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions (continued)			
Contributions			
After School Geek in Residence Program(CentreCorp)		-	45
Geek In Residence Support		-	5
Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies		71	85
Other		4	2
Pets on Parade		-	8
Total Contributions		75	145
Total Grants plus Total Contributions		5,354	4,191

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

(i) Sources of grants

Commonwealth Government	1,326	50
State Government	9,992	5,646
Other	75	144
Total	11,393	5,840

(ii) Individually Significant Items

Grants Commission (FAG) Roads Grant Recognised as Income *	504	496
Grants Commission (FAG) General Purpose Grant Recognised as Income **	332	323

* (FAG) Road Grant received in advance.

** (FAG) General Purpose received in advance.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(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		8,130	7,512
<i>Less:</i>			
<i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>			
Youth Vibe Holiday		-	(1)
Aquatic Centre - Lighting Upgrade		(13)	(51)
Todd River Fitness Stations		(35)	(37)
Mobile Grandstands		(17)	(19)
Roaming Cat Prevention		-	(1)
Waste Collection Town Camps		-	(55)
Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure		(3,538)	(1,649)
Hazardous Waste Facility		-	(389)
Safer Streets Programme		(496)	(3)
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose		(324)	(484)
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads		-	(364)
First World War Memorial - ANZAC		(55)	-
ANZAC Centenary Garden Memorial Cemetery		(31)	-
Smart Solar Trees		(35)	-
Ensure a safer town for community CCTV		(86)	-
ASALC Fencing		(9)	-
Ilparpa Road Footpath Stage 1		(2,500)	-
Library & Bindi Artists Mural Project		(19)	-
Energy Efficiency & Sustainability		(15)	-
Stand Up!		(1)	-
Cultural Sensitivity Assessment		(5)	-
Youth Activities Library Geek Program		(12)	-
Youth Vibe Holiday - Phoney Film		(1)	-
Subtotal		(7,192)	(3,053)

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(g). Conditions over Grants & Contributions (continued)			
<i>Plus:</i>			
<i>Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose		-	496
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads		-	324
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
Special Community Assistance & Local Employment (SCALE)		655	-
Skate Park Festival		6	-
ASALC Splash Parties		34	-
Recycled Art Prize		2	-
Library Youth Program		20	-
Harmony Drumming Workshop		1	-
ASALC Swimming Classes		10	-
After Hours Basketball Program		20	-
Subtotal		748	3,671
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period	8a	1,686	8,130
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period		(6,444)	618

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Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(a). Employee Costs			
Salaries and Wages		13,085	11,798
Employee Leave Expense		3,503	2,893
Superannuation	16	1,567	1,397
Workers' Compensation Insurance		487	372
Travelling		23	23
FBT		35	32
Training		112	141
Other		20	11
Total Operating Employee Costs		18,832	16,667

Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period) 183 176

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	15	14
140,000 - 159,999	-	1
160,000 - 179,999	2	1
240,000 - 259,999	1	1

\$ '000	2020	2019
Elected Members Remuneration		
The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to Council Members:		
Councillor Allowance	150	110
Mayor Allowance	110	109
Deputy Mayor Allowance	38	34
Extra Meeting Allowance	32	-
Professional Development Allowance	4	-
Travelling Allowance	2	6
	336	259

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses			
(i) Materials, Contracts and Expenses			
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		27	85
Advertising		12	3
Books/Resources		22	28
Children and Youth events		16	13
Computer consumables		6	18
Consulting fees		427	230
Contract material and labour		4,321	5,119
Equipment Hire		11	9
Food (catering)		89	106
Fuel and oils		384	370
General events		6	7
Internet service provider		30	40
IT equipment		206	32
Journals and periodicals		10	13
Licence and maintenance fees		462	286
Materials		2,423	2,254
Membership and subscriptions		93	97
Network communication		121	84
Non-book resources		5	5
Office equipment		10	8
Other equipment		37	26
Printing		37	48
Promotional/Education		1	5
Security		90	81
Software development		32	26
Stationery		30	28
Uniforms		13	16
Other - SFAC Contribution		87	85
Total - Material, Contracts & Other Expenses		9,008	9,122
(ii) Other Operating Expenses			
(a) Prescribed Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the Financial Reports		24	35
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		24	35
(b) Electricity			
Electricity Costs		972	945
Subtotal - Electricity		972	945

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses (continued)			
(c) Other Expenses			
Advertising		115	188
Bad & doubtful debts		25	(7)
Bad debt write off		27	101
Consulting fees		14	67
Contributions and/or donations made		82	58
Courier and freight		42	45
Elected member allowances		340	281
Elected members training course fees		4	1
Gas expenses		183	133
General rates - Early Bird draw		15	13
Grants made		58	128
Telephone		43	44
Insurance		549	391
Legal fees		46	85
Merchant transaction fees		62	65
Other expenses		99	50
Pensioner concessions		245	250
Postage		17	19
Refunds/Reimbursements		1	2
Relocation expenses		20	-
Rent		15	15
Travel and accommodation expenses		25	22
Vehicle registration		105	94
Water consumption, sewerage and service charges		1,680	1,571
Subtotal - Other Expenses		3,812	3,616
Total - Other Operating Expenses		4,808	4,596
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		13,816	13,718

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(c). Depreciation and Amortisation			
Land Improvements		2,012	1,814
Buildings		2,770	1,941
Infrastructure			
- Sealed Roads		1,981	1,926
- Unsealed Roads		39	36
- Stormwater Drainage		579	530
Plant & Equipment		956	738
Furniture & Office Equipment		264	219
Other Assets		1,435	1,123
Total Depreciation and Amortisation		10,036	8,327
(d). Finance Costs			
Finance expense - Provision for Restoration of the Landfill		27	32
Total Finance Costs		27	32

Note 4. Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant & Equipment

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

(i) Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced

Proceeds from Disposal	153	(292)
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(181)	-
Gain (Loss) on Disposal	(28)	(292)
Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	(28)	(292)

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Note 5. Current Assets

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(a). Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets			
Cash on Hand at Bank		3,135	8,223
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.		39,619	39,923
Total Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets		42,754	48,146
(b). Trade & Other Receivables			
Rates - General & Other		1,903	1,399
Accrued Revenues		180	347
User Charges and Fees		618	469
ATO		158	204
Other		179	184
Subtotal		3,038	2,603
Less: Expected Credit Losses		(359)	(332)
Total Trade & Other Receivables		2,679	2,271
(c). Inventories			
Stores & Materials		245	203
Total Inventories		245	203
(d). Other Current Assets			
Prepayments		733	192
Total Other Current Assets		733	192

Note 6. Non-Current Assets

Capital Works-in-Progress	4,046	2,180
Deferred Rates	-	24
Total Other Non-Current Assets	4,046	2,204

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Note 7a. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000	Fair Value Level	as at 30/6/2019				
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated		Carrying
				Dep'n	Impairment	Value
Land	2	60,877	-	-	-	60,877
Land Improvements	2	23,058	-	5,178	-	17,880
Buildings	2	52,648	-	5,816	-	46,832
Infrastructure						
- Sealed Roads	2	84,379	-	5,531	-	78,848
- Unsealed Roads	2	1,727	-	108	-	1,619
- Stormwater Drainage	2	35,911	-	1,576	-	34,335
Plant & Equipment	2	9,870	-	1,837	-	8,033
Furniture & Office Equipment	2	1,666	-	595	-	1,071
Art Collection & Heritage	2	3,204	-	-	-	3,204
Other Assets	2	26,256	-	3,253	-	23,003
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		299,596	-	23,894	-	275,702
Comparatives		293,709	-	15,728	-	277,981

Asset Movements during the Reporting Period					as at 30/6/2020				
Asset Additions New / Upgrade [Note 1 (6.3)]	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c)	Revaluation Decrements to Equity (ARR) (Note 9)	Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR) (Note 9)	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Dep'n Impairment		Carrying Value
-	-	-	(270)	-	60,607	-	-	-	60,607
1,517	-	(2,012)	-	6,132	25,529	-	2,017	-	23,512
5,129	-	(2,770)	-	1,077	53,038	-	2,770	-	50,268
433	-	(1,981)	-	3,782	83,063	-	1,982	-	81,081
-	-	(39)	-	101	1,720	-	39	-	1,681
-	-	(579)	-	3,105	37,440	-	579	-	36,861
2,213	(181)	(956)	(370)	-	9,694	-	957	-	8,737
117	-	(264)	-	87	1,275	-	264	-	1,011
-	-	-	-	351	3,555	-	-	-	3,555
78	-	(1,435)	-	7,689	30,769	-	1,429	-	29,340
9,487	(181)	(10,036)	(640)	22,324	306,690	-	10,037	-	296,653
6,627	(576)	(8,327)	-	-	299,596	-	23,894	-	275,702

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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. These are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

Crown Land

Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 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 these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost.

This method involves:

- The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for 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.

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

Valuation of Assets (continued)

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

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 reinstated 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 2019 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 2019.
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

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

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

Valuation of Assets (continued)

Buildings, Furniture and Office Equipment and Plant and Equipment

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

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

Art Collection and Heritage

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

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

Infrastructure

Roads, Kerb and Gutter, Footpaths

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

Stormwater Drainage

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

Structures, Bridges, Car Parks

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

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

All other Assets

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

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

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Note 8. Liabilities

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2020	2019	2019
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current

(a). Trade and Other Payables

Goods & Services	184	-	77	-
Payments Received in Advance				
- Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	1,686	-	8,130	-
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements	669	-	623	-
Accrued Expenses - Other	987	-	481	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	170	-	108	-
Total Trade and Other Payables	3,696	-	9,419	-

(b). Provisions

Restoration of Landfill	-	2,715	-	2,689
Airfares	12	-	12	-
Annual Leave	1,528	-	1,229	-
Long Service Leave	559	809	520	732
TIL Liability	160	-	122	-
Total Provisions	2,259	3,524	1,883	3,421

Note 9. Reserves

\$ '000	1/7/2019	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	30/6/2020
(a). Asset Revaluation Reserve					
Land	50,675	(270)	-	-	50,405
Land Improvements	5,530	6,132	-	-	11,662
Buildings	29,508	1,077	-	-	30,585
Infrastructure					
- Sealed Roads	112,298	3,782	-	-	116,080
- Unsealed Roads	2,598	101	-	-	2,699
- Stormwater Drainage	41,783	3,105	-	-	44,888
Plant & Equipment	4,628	(370)	-	-	4,258
Furniture & Office Equipment	469	87	-	-	556
Art Collection & Heritage	3,126	351	-	-	3,477
Other Assets	18,589	7,689	-	-	26,278
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	269,204	21,684	-	-	290,888
Comparatives	269,204	-	-	-	269,204

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

\$ '000	1/7/2019	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	30/6/2020
(b). Other Reserves					
Elections	289	50	-	9	348
Regional Waste Management Future Funds	3,667	250	-	106	4,023
Sports Facility Advisory Committee	791	92	(46)	23	860
Developer Contributions Trust	134	-	-	-	134
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	898	456	-	37	1,391
Capital Infrastructure	5,175	749	(1,518)	129	4,535
Employee Entitlement	315	-	-	-	315
Working Capital	2,979	-	(2,250)	20	749
Todd Mall & Environs Redevelopment	2,704	-	(2,200)	14	518
Regional Waste Management Facility P&E	1,287	177	-	40	1,504
Civic Centre Upgrade	421	-	-	11	432
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee	14	72	-	2	88
Christmas Tree Replacement	52	5	(16)	1	42
Mount John's Development Road Maintenance	110	-	-	-	110
Town Camp Waste Collection	-	86	-	-	86
Open Drains	341	-	-	10	351
Parks & Playgrounds	498	68	-	16	582
Town Beautification	810	-	-	22	832
Baler Shed Reserve	44	-	(35)	-	9
Street Lighting	3,282	-	-	89	3,371
Albrecht Lights Reserve	1,045	646	(21)	45	1,715
Solar Initiatives	312	-	(8)	-	304
Map Signage	51	-	-	1	52
Cricket Wicket Replacement	43	-	-	1	44
Unexpended Funds	2,336	2,239	(2,336)	-	2,239
City Deals Project Reserve	949	-	(800)	4	153
Netball Facility Upgrade	20	20	-	1	41
Kerbside Recycling Collection	931	-	-	25	956
Pedestrian Refuge Reserve	108	14	(108)	-	14
Public Toilet Project Reserve	423	-	(250)	5	178
South Edge Estate Defective Works Reserve	50	-	-	-	50
Plant Equipment Replacement Reserve	771	172	(22)	25	946
Ilparpa Road Reserve	1,496	1,187	(1,496)	-	1,187
Cemetery Master Plan Reserve	102	-	-	3	105
Tree Planting Reserve	52	-	-	1	53
Library IT upgrade Reserve	128	-	-	4	132
Investment Interest Income Reserve	-	635	(635)	-	-
COVID19 Reserve	-	2,800	(69)	-	2,731
South Edge Subdivision Reserve	-	75	-	-	75
CBD Revitalisation Project	-	2,200	-	-	2,200
Total Other Reserves	32,628	11,993	(11,810)	644	33,455
Comparatives	42,558	10,861	(21,692)	901	32,628

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

\$ '000

(b). Other Reserves (continued)

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.

Solar Initiatives Reserve

For capital solar projects.

Kerbside Recycling Collection Reserve

For proposed introduction of kerbside recycling.

Albrecht Lights Reserve

For installation of oval lighting at Albrecht Oval.

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.

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

\$ '000

(b). Other Reserves (continued)

Ilparpa Road Reserve

For upgrade works associated with Ilparpa Road

COVID-19 Reserve

For COVID-19 costs associated with commercial and non commercial hardship and operational requirements.

Note 10. Assets Subject to Restrictions

\$ '000

Notes

2020

2019

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

1,686

8,130

Total Cash & Financial Assets

1,686

8,130

Total Assets Subject to Externally Imposed Restrictions

1,686

8,130

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

Provisions

8b

5,783

5,304

Total

5,783

5,304

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Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
(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	42,754	48,146
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		42,754	48,146
(b). Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities			
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		1,952	243
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		10,036	8,327
Capital grants collected in previous years but recognised as income during the year		(6,039)	(1,651)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		28	292
Other grants collected in previous years but recognised as income during the year		(1,153)	(5,861)
		4,824	1,350
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		(435)	301
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		27	168
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		(42)	(67)
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets		(517)	(336)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		659	67
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		479	132
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Grants Received in Advance		748	8,130
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		5,743	9,745

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Note 12a. Functions

Functions/Activities	Income, Expenses and Assets have been disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position Details of these					
	INCOME			EXPENSES		
	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
\$ '000						
General Public Services	29,196	31,016	29,690	11,992	15,173	12,718
Public Order & Safety	161	960	251	1,588	2,404	1,548
Economic Affairs	133	3,124	132	2,560	2,530	3,754
Environmental Protection	3,916	3,603	4,214	5,039	5,132	7,093
Housing & Community Amenities	243	310	220	1,538	1,723	1,526
Recreation, Culture and Religion	1,838	5,676	4,770	11,626	15,761	12,388
Education	-	-	2	-	-	-
Social Protection	2	2	-	17	16	9
Total Functions/Activities	35,489	44,691	39,279	34,360	42,739	39,036

Revenues and expenses exclude revaluation of assets and physical resources received free of charge.

ve been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities.
Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME			TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
17,204	15,843	16,972	1,851	2,746	1,863	83,087	77,886
(1,427)	(1,444)	(1,297)	-	780	56	7,248	6,120
(2,427)	594	(3,622)	-	3,008	5	107,403	104,179
(1,123)	(1,529)	(2,879)	274	352	1,125	45,311	42,672
(1,295)	(1,413)	(1,306)	-	-	-	4,652	4,355
(9,788)	(10,085)	(7,618)	637	4,505	2,789	94,558	88,740
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
(15)	(14)	(9)	2	2	2	4,851	4,766
1,129	1,952	243	2,764	11,393	5,840	347,110	328,718

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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.

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.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

Recognised Financial Instruments

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.

Expected Credit Losses

Refer to Note 1 (4).

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 147 days and an average interest rate of 1.53% (2019: 148.5 days and 2.57%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables

Rates & Associated Charges

Accounting Policy:

Carried at nominal value 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% (2019: 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).

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

Recognised Financial Instruments

Receivables

Fees & Other Charges

Accounting Policy:

Carried at nominal value 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)

\$ '000	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
2020					
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	42,754	-	-	42,754	42,754
Receivables	977	-	-	977	618
Total Financial Assets	43,731	-	-	43,731	43,372
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	2,010	-	-	2,010	2,010
Total Financial Liabilities	2,010	-	-	2,010	2,010
2019					
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	48,146	-	-	48,146	48,146
Receivables	1,000	-	-	1,000	668
Total Financial Assets	49,146	-	-	49,146	48,814
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	1,289	-	-	1,289	1,289
Total Financial Liabilities	1,289	-	-	1,289	1,289

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 in accordance with the Council's Investing policy and Ministerial guidelines. 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.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The 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

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
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(a). Capital Commitments

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

Buildings	23	67
Plant & Equipment	-	417
Other	469	885
	492	1,369

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	492	1,369
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	492	1,369

(b). Other Expenditure Commitments

Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to investment properties at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Non-capital expenditure	1,090	998
	1,090	998

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	1,090	998
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	1,090	998

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Note 15. Financial Indicators

\$ '000	Amounts 2020	Indicator 2020	Prior Periods 20192018	
1. Current Ratio				
Current Assets less Externally Restricted Assets	46,411	7.79	4.50	15.97
Current Liabilities	5,955			
2. Debt Service Ratio				
Net Debt Service Cost	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Revenue	38,652			
3. Rate Coverage Percentage				
Rate Revenues	22,900	51.24%	66.71%	59.52%
Total Revenues	44,691			
4. Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding				
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding	1,903	8.31%	5.34%	6.15%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	22,900			

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 2019/20; 9.50% in 2018/19). 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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

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, the 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 227 km of road reserves of average width 16 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

The 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.

The 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.

The 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

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

4. LEGAL MATTERS

The 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, the Council did not have any notice of appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date.

5. STREET LIGHTS

The Council is disputing costs levied by Power and Water Corporation totalling \$1,297,172 in relation to repairs and maintenance on streetlights.

6. IMPACT OF COVID-19

The Council recognises that COVID-19 has affected the operations of its services to the community, and have planned into 2020/2021 a support package to assist the future economic, social and well-being of the community and the organisation. However due to the evolving nature of the pandemic, as at reporting date, it is uncertain its long term impact.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 18. Events After the Statement of Financial Position Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2020, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

The 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 03/11/20.

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

Note 19. Related Party Transactions

\$ '000	2020	2019
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Key Management Personnel

Transactions with Key Management Personnel

The related parties of the Council include:

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

(i) Total remuneration and allowances paid to KMPs during the year consisted of:

Short-Term Employee Benefits	782	946
Termination Benefits	183	-
Other Short-Term Benefits	3	27
Elected Member Allowances	330	261
Total	1,298	1,234

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

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Note 19. Related Party Transactions (continued)

(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 2020, there was no outstanding amounts receivable from the Council's KMP.

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

Opinion

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 2020, 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 2008*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Alice Springs Town Council as at 30 June 2020 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 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.

Emphasis of Matter – COVID-19 Pandemic Impact

We draw attention to Note 17 to the financial report, which describes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Council. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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 there is either an intention to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or there is 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.

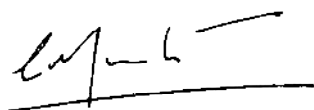
As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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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