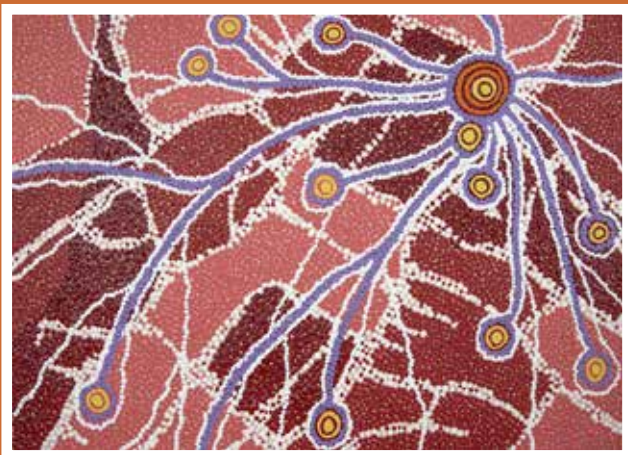




Alice Springs Town Council  
**ANNUAL REPORT** 2020/21



### Cover Artwork

**Anthea Pengarte Dobson**, Arrernte artist.  
Acrylic paint on canvas, 297x420mm.  
Commissioned by Alice Springs Town Council in August 2021.

*"The painting is a representation of the town and the Council's achievements, interaction and involvement within the community.*

*The background is the geographical landscape of the town, the large circle is Council reaching across the community delivering support and resources to the community.*

*The white is communication lines between the community and the Council."*

**Anthea Pengarte Dobson**

### Acknowledgement of Country

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

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

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Civic Centre courtyard

## Legislative compliance

This annual report has been produced in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008* to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council.

Council's performance for the FY21 is assessed against its Strategic Objectives (*Strategic Plan 2018-2021*) and budget (*Municipal Plan 2020-2021*, adopted at the Ordinary Meeting, held 29 June 2020).

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

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

# Our History:

## 50 years of the Alice Springs Town Council

*Among all the challenges 2021 has presented our community, Alice Springs Town Council celebrated our 50th anniversary this year.*

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

Our first Council was a collection of influential individuals. Jock Nelson voted as our first Mayor, Marlene Brown, Brian Martin, Paul Everingham, Len Kittle, Dave Baldock, Andrew McPhee, Peter Leunig and Allan Dunstan made up our first Council and their impact can still be seen through town today.

Whether it's Len Kittle Drive or the Jock Nelson Centre in our CBD, it's clear to see how our first Council shaped Alice Springs.

Their legacy extends further than Alice Springs with Marlene Brown being the first female Alderman to take part in the Annual Conference of Local Government Associations in Perth, and Paul Everingham as the NT's inaugural Chief Minister.

Originally servicing a population of around 11,000 people, Alice Springs Town Council has expanded greatly, as has the town.

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

The municipality covers an area of approximately 330km<sup>2</sup>, with a resident population of 26,500, and is also the service hub for 260 remote communities spread over an area of 550,000km<sup>2</sup>.

Council's facilities have become vital fixtures in our town, and this past year we celebrated an important milestone, marking 40 years since Alice Springs Public Library opened on the corner of Gregory and Leichhardt Terraces, alongside the Civic Centre.

On 19 October 1980, Mayor George Smith officially declared the new library building open, and it has grown in size and services over time.

It has become a hub where community groups, visitors and tourists come to relax and mingle, browse magazines and borrow books, watch 'John Wayne' DVDs, use computers and the internet, and research in our historical collections. This is just one example of how our Council has grown with the town.

Alice Springs Town Council's core responsibility, as with all councils, is to provide, deliver and maintain essential services in our community. The old adage of 'rates, roads and rubbish' is true to an extent and all are an important function of our Council.

Alice Springs Town Council has been a trailblazer in evolving and expanding from this mantra. Now, councils across Australia are growing to deliver more community engagement in the form of events and programs. Alice Springs has truly been a pioneer in this space.

We have always taken our responsibility for improving liveability in Alice Springs to heart and in 1986 Todd Street, between Gregory Terrace and Wills Terrace, was closed to create a pedestrian mall. Todd Mall is now the heartbeat of our town, with our regular Night Markets circled on calendars.

In the current day this responsibility flows through to programs and events, whether it be our annual Pets on Parade event, Seniors Still Got Talent or the Youth Planeteers program. Alice Springs Town Council is proud to offer something for all residents.

Beyond service, we aim to empower members of the community moving forward. We are excited for the future of our town and keen to work alongside the community to achieve great things.



Mayor George Smith opened the library building in October 1980

# Message from the Mayor



*"...we activated the MyAlice stimulus initiative in collaboration with the Northern Territory Government. More than \$2.7 million was injected into the local economy. "*

*On behalf of Alice Springs Town Council, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2020/21.*

It has been a year of renewal with many of our returning major events offering locals and tourists relief from the constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am proud to see our town's vision for a vibrant and growing community evident at the iconic Finke Street Party & Night Markets attracting people in their thousands.

Understanding the present challenges for businesses, we activated the MyAlice stimulus initiative in collaboration with the Northern Territory Government. More than \$2.7 million was injected into the local economy. A further \$595,000 of funding was delivered through Community Grants and Sponsorships, and in-kind support.

Events continued to be on the calendar with the inaugural Alice Upcycle Art Prize & Exhibition proving a success. This event encouraged the recycling and re-using of materials creating sculptural art pieces, in line with our Climate Action Plan.

Investing in the environment is critical. Several large-scale projects contributed to improvements at the Regional Waste Management Facility with 23 percent of all waste that came into the facility being recycled, including 300 tonnes of cardboard.

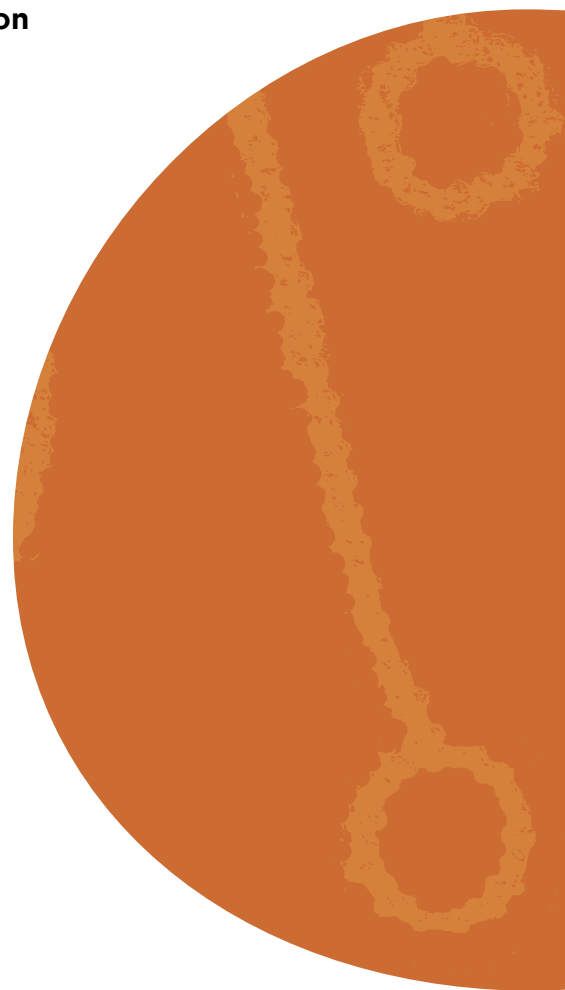
An exciting addition to our town is the dedicated dog park. Rotaract Park is the first space in the municipality to allow dogs off the leash for all hours of the day. Council also installed new play equipment and shade structures at Oleander Park and Tucker Park to promote a healthy and active lifestyle. A new fence now surrounds the oval at the much-loved Jim McConville Sports Facility, offering a place for all to enjoy exercise – for families, sportspeople, and pet-owners alike.

In reviewing our achievements across the year, it is clear we work hard to serve our community. This includes the Elected Members who represented you. I would like to acknowledge the 13th Council for their contributions and extend thanks to outgoing Mayor Damien Ryan for his many years of service. I am honoured to be the Mayor of the 14th Council of Alice Springs.

Council will continue to produce results for Alice Springs. I thank Council's Chief Executive Officer, Robert Jennings, and all Council staff for their amazing efforts and the work they do each and every week for the benefit of the whole of our community. Personally, I am excited about what we can achieve together.



**Matt Paterson**  
Mayor



# Message from the CEO

*Resilience has been a common thread across all sectors of our community in 2021 and, as is always the case, Alice Springs has responded with assurance.*

The quick thinking and flexibility of Council employees has enabled us to continue providing essential and support services to the community. I would like to thank the team for their ongoing commitment to ensuring programs and events continued for Alice Springs residents.

Unfortunately, this is the second consecutive year we have had such uncertainty due to the COVID-19 health crisis and it seems we have not seen the last of its impacts.

It is vital we remain fiscally responsible during this time and aligning with that, a new \$2M Disaster Relief Fund has been identified within the 2021/22 Annual Budget. This forward-thinking approach, combined with continual work on long-term asset management that wisely uses the reserves, gives Council the flexibility to assist the community and be agile in the face of hardship without mortgaging our future.

On a more positive note, I am eager to work with the new 14th Alice Springs Town Council that was elected in September and genuinely believe we can achieve greater results for the community.

In saying that, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Members of the 13th Alice Springs Town Council. Each Member sacrificed a great deal of time and energy to benefit our community and Alice Springs is grateful. Former Mayor Damien Ryan in particular has dedicated a significant portion of his life to the community and we wish him all the best with his next chapter.

Council has made major strides in the strategic direction of the organisation. One project that will produce great benefits is the development of a rigorous Long-Term Financial Plan. Its development signifies a greater move towards forward-thinking strategic planning so that we can better plan and utilise funds from ratepayers. This will assist in improved delivery of services and in time, save money for the community.

Council invests in its employees. In September 2020, Council delivered Cultural Awareness Training to more than 150 employees. This develops a greater understanding of Central Australian family groups and languages, allowing Council to better appreciate the municipality we serve.

Our team is passionate about the future of our town and creating opportunities for young people. This was evident through the employment of an outstanding Youth Programs Manager and the first of a series of Working at Council sessions with senior students of the Yirara Clontarf Academy. Students toured ASTC facilities, sampling the working environment, and gained knowledge and skills that will assist them in entering the workforce, following school.

I appreciate the team here at Council for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Their ability to deliver results and adjust quickly to the changing environment has been commendable.

I look forward to the next financial year working together with Elected Members on our shared commitment to the community.



*"Council has made major strides in the strategic direction of the organisation."*

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Jennings'.

**Robert Jennings**  
Chief Executive Officer

# Highlights FY21



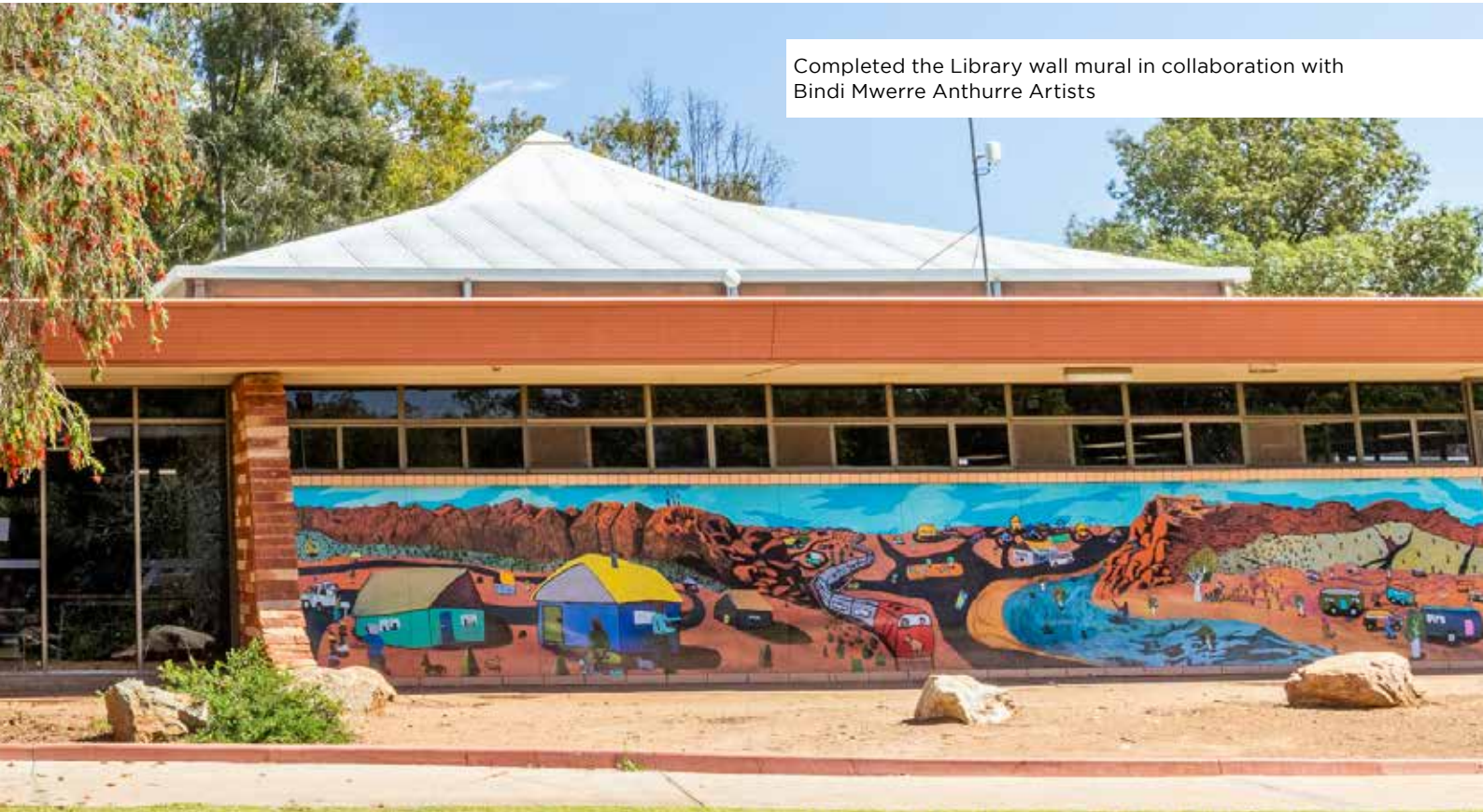
Council issued \$67,800 in Community Grants; \$130,000 in Creative Arts Recovery Grants; provided \$346,637 of in-kind support; and, gave event cash sponsorship of \$51,500



Re-launched our monthly e-newsletter as an online magazine, Council Connects



In conjunction with the Northern Territory Government, helped inject \$2.7 million into the local economy via MyAlice vouchers



Completed the Library wall mural in collaboration with Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists



Completed almost 3km of the Ilparpa Road foot and bicycle path



Recycled 300 tonnes of cardboard at the Regional Waste Management Facility



Hosted 6 Citizenship Ceremonies enabling 154 local residents to become Australians



Achieved lifetime registrations target for dog and cat registrations

# The Award goes to...

## Seniors Still Got Talent Quest, August 2020

- **1st:** Dave Oakes
- **2nd:** Rosemary Weiss
- **3rd:** Eunice de Kock

## Mayoral Awards, December 2020

- **Champion Award:** King Marong
- **Noteworthy Award:** Sandy Robinson
- **Michele Castagna Medal:** Virginia Heydon

## Phoney Film Festival 2020

- **1st:** *The Wood Hunt*, Frank Wilson and Joe Hurley
- **2nd:** *The Race*, Tristram Taylor-Apelt, Lucien Freidel, Elkin Eclipse
- **3rd:** *The Curious Case of the Missing Coco*, Emma Smith
- **Highly Commended:** *The Cookie Heist*, Wyatt Gaza

## Youth Recycled Art Prize 2020

- **1st:** *Kick the footy*, Asher and Taku
- **2nd:** *Dysfunctional*, Ellice Phillis
- **3rd:** *Skeletal*, Jacob Hatton
- **People Choice's Award:** *High Society*, Honey Pearson



NT Administrator, the Hon. Vicki O'Halloran AO, with Petina Franklin Manager ASALC, and former Mayor Damien Ryan

## Centralian Citizenship Awards, January 2021

- **Centralian Volunteer of the Year:**  
Matthew McKinlay
- **Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year:**  
Geoff Miers
- **Centralian Event of the Year:** Stress Less in the Park
- **Centralian Young Citizen of the Year:**  
Declan Miller
- **Centralian Citizen of the Year:**  
Bruce Simmons

## The Administrator's Medal Award, May 2021

**For exceptional contribution to Lifesaving, Water Safety and Drowning Prevention in the Northern Territory**

- Petina Franklin,  
Manager, Alice Springs  
Aquatic & Leisure  
Centre (ASALC)

## Upcycle Art Prize, June 2021

- **Welded Category**
  - **1st:** *Deadly Dog*, Will Ladson
  - **2nd:** *Goliah*, Jocelyn Davies
- **Unwelded Category**
  - **1st:** *Torus*, J9 Stanton
  - **2nd:** *Outlook*, Pip McManus
- **Climate Change in Australia Category**
  - *Goliah*, Jocelyn Davies
- **People's Choice Award**
  - *The Malpa Chair*, Julie Anderson and Margaret Smith



Centralian Young Citizen  
of the Year, Declan Miller

# 13th Council of Alice Springs

Elected Members, as at 30 June 2021



**Mayor Damien Ryan**  
Elected Member since 03/2008



**Deputy Mayor Jacinta Price**  
Elected Member since 10/2015



**Cr Glen Auricht**  
Elected Member since 09/2017



**Cr Marli Banks**  
Elected Member since 09/2017



**Cr Jimmy Cocking**  
Elected Member since 09/2017



**Cr Jamie de Brenni**  
Elected member since 10/2015



**Cr Matt Paterson**  
Elected Member since 09/2017



**Cr Eli Melky**  
Elected member since 02/2011



**Cr Catherine Satour**  
Elected Member since 09/2017

## Meetings Attended FY21

<b>COUNCIL MEETINGS (FY21 total 24), Attendance / Entitlement</b>	<b>Mayor Ryan</b>	<b>Cr Auricht</b>	<b>Cr Banks</b>	<b>Cr Cocking</b>	<b>Cr de Brenni</b>	<b>Cr Melky</b>	<b>Cr Paterson</b>	<b>Cr Price</b>	<b>Cr Satour</b>
<b>Council Meetings (24), Attendance / Entitlement</b>	<b>23/23</b>	<b>22/24</b>	<b>21/21</b>	<b>22/24</b>	<b>19/24</b>	<b>23/24</b>	<b>21/23</b>	<b>17/24</b>	<b>21/21</b>

<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (total), Attendance / Entitlement</b>	<b>The below figure reflects the number of meetings an Elected Member (EM) attended against the total they were entitled to attend. Totals were affected by the 2020 NTG Elections period for which four EMs resigned their positions, as well as by an EM's commencement or termination of membership on a committee. Where no figure is recorded, the EM was not a committee member.</b>								
Access Advisory Committee (4), Attendance / Entitlement	2/3	2/4		1/1	1/1				
ASALC Committee (4), Attendance / Entitlement	4/4	1/1		2/2	2/3	4/4	2/4	2/3	
Australia Day Coordinating Committee (4), Attendance / Entitlement	4/4	3/4						3/4	
Cemeteries Advisory Committee (5), Attendance / Entitlement	5/5	5/5		4/4	1/1		3/4	1/1	
Community Grants/Araluen Access Grants (1), Attendance / Entitlement	1/1			0/1		1/1		0/1	1/1
Development Committee (11), Attendance / Entitlement	9/10	10/11	5/9	8/11	9/11	10/11	9/9	5/11	7/9
Environment Advisory Committee (4), Attendance / Entitlement	3/4		4/4			4/4			3/3
Parks Advisory Committee (5), Attendance / Entitlement	3/4		4/4	1/1	0/1		4/4	4/5	
Public Art Advisory Committee (10), Attendance / Entitlement	8/8	7/10	8/8						7/8
Risk Management & Audit Committee (4), Attendance / Entitlement	3/3	1/1			3/3	4/4	1/2	3/3	
RWMF Committee (4), Attendance / Entitlement	3/4				4/4	3/4	3/4	2/4	
Seniors Coordinating Committee (9), Attendance / Entitlement	3/8	5/6			8/9				1/3
Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (5), Attendance / Entitlement	2/5			5/5	4/5			4/5	
Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee (10), Attendance / Entitlement	6/9		1/3	8/10	1/2		6/7		5/7
Youth Action Group (3), Attendance / Entitlement	3/3		3/3						3/3

## Role of Council

As per Section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2008*, the principal role of Council is to:

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

## Council Meetings

Local Government Guideline 2: allowances for Council Members, Elected Members are entitled to a range of allowances in relation to executing their role and responsibilities as Mayor and Councillors.

In FY21, Elected Members were paid 100% of the Base and Electoral allowances permissible under the guideline.

## Council Committees

### Council Standing Committees

Standing committees are established for Elected Members and relevant officers to hold focussed discussion on matters concerning Council and its operations.

Committees providing recommendations to the Council Ordinary Meetings:

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

### Internal Consultative Committees

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

### Advisory Committees

Advisory committees are established to provide advice to assist Council achieve its strategic objectives and better serve the community.

Advisory committees operating in FY21:

- Access Advisory Committee (AAC)
- Australia Day Coordinating Committee (ADCC)
- Cemeteries Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Community Grants Advisory Committee (CGAC)
- Environment Advisory Committee (EAC)
- Parks Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)
- Seniors Coordinating Committee (SCC)
- Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC)
- Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee (TEPC)
- Youth Action Group (YAG)

## Risk Management & Audit

The Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) is an advisory committee with an objective to provide independent assurance and advice regarding the integrity of Council's financial management and risk, internal control and compliance frameworks.

In FY21, the RMAC was chaired by Mr Iain Summers until 31 December 2020. An interim chair, Mr Bryan Whitefield, was appointed in March 2021 and continued to the end of the financial year.

A new Terms of Reference for the RMAC were adopted by Council in November 2020 after consultation with Committee Members and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development. These were developed in line with current and new legislation.

As required under general instruction No. 3: Audit Committees, issued by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development, the following information is provided (see tables for further details).

The RMAC undertook the following principle activities:

- Review of Council's enterprise risk
- Review of FY19/20 external audit activities undertaken by Merit Partners, including:
  - Audit Plan.
  - Interim audit findings.

- Audited financial statements, that were presented to RMAC in October 2020 and included in last year's Annual Report.
- Finalisation of the closing report and presentation to RMAC in April 2021 which marked the conclusion of Council's five-year engagement with Merit Partners.
- Appointment of the new external auditor KPMG in May 2021 for a two-year term.

Two internal audits planned for FY21 had to be postponed due to travel restrictions and resourcing impacts as a result of COVID-19.

2020/21 Internal Audits		Month / Consultant
RWMF Compliance Assessment		February 2021, SLR Consulting Pty Ltd
2020/21 Regulatory Audits		Month / Consultant
RWMF Environmental Performance Monitoring		May 2021, Tierra Environment
ASALC Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment		May 2021, Royal Life Saving Society of Australia

The total number of Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) meetings held in 2020/21 was four (4).

RMAC Members	Meetings Held = 4 (01/07/20 – 31/08/20 = 1 01/09/20 – 30/06/21 = 3)		Meetings Attended	
Mr Iain Summers (Independent Chair) B Comm, Grad Dip Mngt Psych, FCA, FCPA, FAIM, FAICD			1	2
Mr Bryan Whitefield (Independent Chair) MBA, CCRO, BE Hons			N/A	1
Mayor Damien Ryan			N/A	3
Councillor Glen Auricht			N/A	1
Councillor Jamie de Brenni			1	2
Councillor Eli Melky			1	3
Councillor Matt Paterson			N/A	1
Councillor Jacinta Price			1	2

**Note: The August NT Government Elections and a change of membership which occurred in March 2021 as a result of the new Terms of Reference are reflected in the attendances in this table.**

# Our People



Athol Mitchell,  
'Turf Master'

*Alice Springs Town Council is one of the largest employers in Central Australia. We employ 271 people in a variety of permanent and temporary roles on a full-time, part-time and casual basis.*

## Staff highlights

- **September 2020** Cultural Awareness training was delivered with more than 150 employees learning about Central Australian family group structures and languages. Staff also discussed the positive impact of having culturally aware interactions with First Nations people while working in the community.
- **March 2021** Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre employees enjoyed more office space thanks to a reconfiguration of the building during refurbishments. There is more storage and desk space, and a small kitchenette.
- **May 2021** Council facilitated the first of a series of 'Working at Council' sessions with senior students of the Yirara Clontarf Academy. Employees from across Council offered insights into their employment, what qualities they look for in future employees, and some tips on how to present yourself in job interviews. The students also learned about the diversity of jobs at Council, and enjoyed a tour of the Civic Centre.
- **June 2021** More than 90 employees engaged in activities during Men's Health Week, including free gym passes and four Mental Health talks at various Council sites.

# Service Awards 2021

Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges the following Officers for their long-term service

## 5 YEARS

Petina Franklin  
Sarah Rhodes  
Julie Ligertwood

James Heenan  
Warwick Martin  
Reggie Smith

Rory Kearns  
Kalisito Wulf  
Caleb Goman

## 10 YEARS

Richard Becker  
Christopher Haselton  
Felicity Waldock  
Norman Percy

Ashley Renton  
Shem Deso-Asido  
Lucinda Moody

Teresa Brodrick  
Tina Hall  
Virginia Raymond

## 15 YEARS

Lindsay McMillan  
Eric Blackmore

## 20 YEARS

James Stow

## 25 YEARS

Estelita Ociones



Estelita 'Telly'  
Ociones, 25 years  
at Council



Lucinda Moody,  
celebrating  
10 years

# Our Organisational Structure





Volunteer, Ben Russell

### **IN FOCUS: Library Volunteer Ben Russell**

Ben Russell first got involved with the Alice Springs Public Library six years ago as a year 10 student on work experience.

After getting a taste of Library operations Ben said he *“didn’t want to leave”*, and has been coming back once a week as a volunteer to keep the shelves stocked and tidy, put together book displays and process deletions.

*“I believe books can give everyone a new experience and make their life better,”* he said.

*“I love all the different people that come in to the Library and I feel like I get to help the community through reading.”*

# Our Vision, Mission and Core Values



## Our Vision

Alice Springs Town Council's vision is for a vibrant and thriving community that embraces our culture, diversity and environment.

## Our Mission

Through leadership and innovation Alice Springs Town Council will provide Local Government services, and will enable and advocate for our community.

## Our Core Values

Alice Springs Town Council will be recognised and appreciated by 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

# Strategic Objectives of Council

## 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

Council's performance for the FY21 is assessed against its Strategic Objectives (*Strategic Plan 2018-2021*) and budget (*Municipal Plan 2020-2021*, adopted at the Ordinary Meeting, held 29 June 2020).

## 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. Leadership in Sustainability

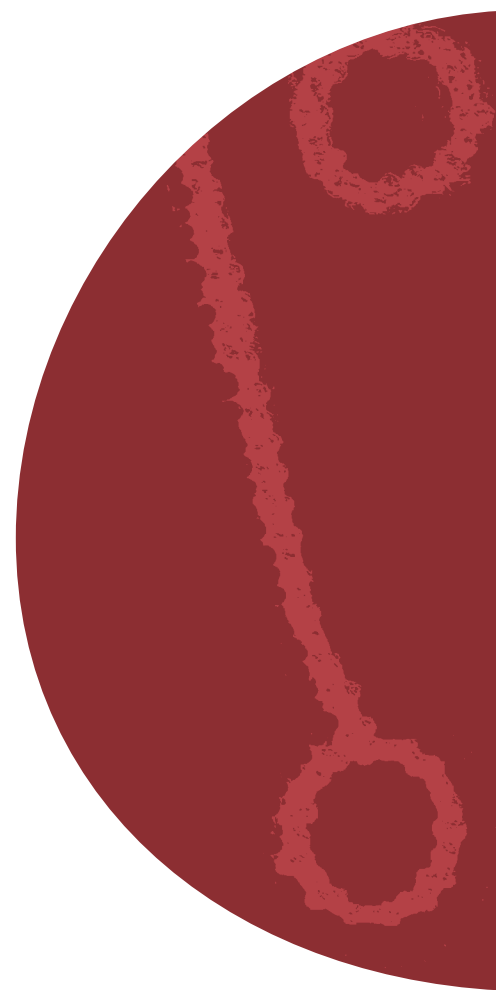
A leader in sustainability and best practice, living well in our desert context and minimising our impact.

- 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



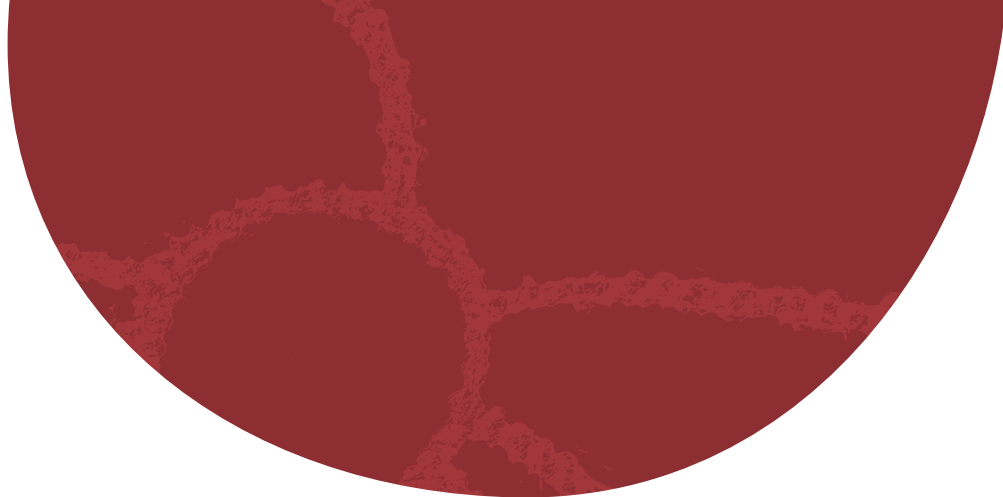
# Strategic Plan 2018–2021 – progress update

## Objective 1: A dynamic community

Indicators	Progress Status	Year 2020/21
Establish key indicators and yearly improvement targets for inclusion and diversity for Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) programs by 2019.	Not Achieved	Quotes for the creation of the <i>Multicultural Action Plan</i> have been received. Specific funding is to be sourced.
Sealed gazetted public roads increased from 92% to 93% by year-end FY19, 94% by end FY20, and 95% by end FY21.	Not Achieved	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 FY21 was a 1:6 Return on Investment (based on Regional Development Australia's event impact calculator for the ASTC LGA, and financial output on the ASTC LGA economy).
Increase ASTC website sessions from a baseline of 250,000 by 10% per annum	Not Achieved	There was a 7.22 per cent increase in website sessions from FY20 (362,000 session) to FY21 (388,139 sessions).
Grow the proportion of lifetime animal registrations, compared to annual registrations from 4:1 to 5:1.	Exceeded	Ratio achieved of 6.7:1
Consistently achieve 100% response rate to NeatStreets notifications.	Achieved	Achieving 100% response rate

## Objective 2: A great place to live

Indicators	Progress Status	Year 2020/21
Completion of short-term and medium-term <i>Arts &amp; Cultural Plan</i> strategic actions by 2020, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development and implementation of a <i>Public Art Master Plan</i></li> <li>Development and implementation of a <i>Public Art Interpretation Plan</i></li> <li>Strengthen existing strategic relationships across arts and culture, education, health, tourism, community, and local enterprise.</li> </ul>	Achieved	<i>Public Art Masterplan</i> and <i>Public Art Action Plan</i> endorsed by Council. All ASTC artworks now have interpretive signage. Online Public Art Map launched. Continued collaboration with organisations across the community.
Placemaking strategies utilised in 20% of Alice Springs Town Council controlled open spaces by end FY19, 30% by end of FY20, and 40% by end FY21.	Achieved	Community consultations/surveys conducted in FY21: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park Surveys / Consultations</li> <li>Jim McConville Oval Lighting</li> <li>Alice Springs Skate Park</li> <li>Alice Springs Public Library</li> </ul>
Work with sporting partners to increase organised sporting participation by 5% per annum from 2019 onwards.	Not Achieved	There has been an 8% decrease in sports participation numbers for season 2020/21, compared to previous season. The decrease is due to COVID-19 restrictions in place, and some sports were unable to start a competition.
Increase Alice Springs Public Library membership by 25% per annum.	Not Achieved	11,254 members in FY21 (10,333 FY20). Increase of 9%. Currently 43% of the Alice Springs Community is a member of the library which exceeds the Northern Territory average of 31%.



Increase STEAM and digital engagement event participants by 25% per annum.	Not Achieved	There were 44 participants in FY20 compared to 1,659 participants in FY21. The reduction is due to COVID restrictions and closures of STEAM programs.
Increase participation in Healthy Communities Program activities by 10% per annum.	Not Achieved	FY21 participation in Healthy Communities was 7,753, a decrease of 8.2% from FY20. This is due to the impact of COVID-19 which cancelled community events; and, the requirement for reduced class numbers
Support the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia NT to improve water safety as per the <i>NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-2021</i> . 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.	Exceeded	In 2019/20, 52 primary school-aged children completed the Swim & Survive Royal Life Saving Level 3 in support of the NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-2021 goals. COVID 19 impacted the programs available during this period. Figures for 2020/21 have established there has been an increase of 26.92% with 66 children having attained Level 3, exceeding our goal of an increase of 5%.
Three public park refurbishments per year.	Not achieved	Oleander Park, Tucker Park and Spencer Park refurbishments 85% completed.

### Objective 3: Leadership in Sustainability

Indicators	Progress Status	Year 2020/21
Increase proportion of solar-generated electricity at Alice Springs Town Council facilities or reduce consumption to achieve energy savings from the grid from 20% to 30% by year-end 2019, 40% by year-end 2020, and 50% by year-end 2021.	Not achieved	Achieved 43% at 30 June 2021
Develop and implement an Alice Springs Town Council <i>Climate Action Plan</i> , 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	<i>Climate Action Plan</i> completed 40% implementation completed
Use 25% of the crushed glass collected from 48 tonnes of wine and spirit bottles under the Cash for Containers scheme annually.	Exceeded	60% of crushed glass recycled in FY21 utilised.
Reduce fleet vehicle fuel usage by 2.5% by December 2020	Not achieved	No fleet vehicle fuel reduction
Increase reuse/recycling rates of waste presented at the Regional Waste Management Facility by 5% per annum.	Not achieved	23% recycled in FY21 compared to 39.5% in FY20. This is partly due to a spike in recycling rates in FY20 due to 3,000 tonne of crushed concrete being used in the Ilparpa Road Upgrades.

# Strategic Plan 2018–2021 – progress update

## Objective 4: A dynamic Council

Indicators	Progress Status	Year 2020/21
Elected Members participate in 100% of Ordinary Council and Standing Committee meetings and 80% of Advisory and other committee meetings as appointed (to be reported on in Council's Annual Report)	Not achieved	100% of Ordinary and Standing Committee meetings achieved by three of nine Elected Members. 80% of Advisory Committee attendance, as appointed, achieved by eight of nine Elected Members. See page 15 for full attendance details.
CEO to undertake benchmarking or organisational culture, values and behaviour in 2018/19, and establish strategies and targets as required.	Progressing	Benchmarking survey completed FY19. Development of strategies and targets have begun in alignment with Health & Wellbeing plans and operational reviews based on staff feedback. CEO Talks on the principles underpinning organisational Cultural Change presented to all employees.
Develop a <i>Reconciliation Action Plan</i> (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 and accepted by Council. Reconciliation Action Plan Committee implemented and met 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	Progressing  Not achieved	81% of staff reported a high level of job satisfaction in the psychosocial risk assessment survey conducted in November 2019. There is no industry benchmark to compare this metric. No action taken on resident satisfaction.
Yearly surveys of Advisory Committee members show an increase in satisfaction and motivation rates, reflected in increased attendance rates.	Not achieved	Not carried out in FY21.
Meet all financial reporting requirements to the specified compliance level.	Achieved	
Outstanding Rates Ratio equal or better than 0.3 (being the total rates outstanding divided by total rates revenue).	Achieved	Current Ratio of 0.06 at 30 June 2021.
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 8.71:1 at 30 June 2021.
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.

# What We Delivered



## Community Development

The Community Development Directorate organises free community and civic events, workshops, activities and awards programs designed to engage with all residents of Alice Springs.

With programs, events and services covering the arts, health, mobility, seniors, youth, and pets, chances are high that you've experienced a Community Development initiative in FY21.



Santa @ Council's Christmas Carnival



Buffel-busting with The Planeteeers

# Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre



Central Desert Canoe Club playing canoe polo at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

*Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre (ASALC) is a state-of-the-art facility offering an outdoor 50 metre pool, splash pad, learn to swim pool, indoor 25 metre heated lap pool and indoor 20 metre pool with beach entry, disabled ramp access and an indoor spa.*

The facility also has two indoor water slides, shaded grassed areas, free BBQ facilities, kiosk and spectator seating.

In FY21, ASALC provided swimming programs for local primary schools, remote community schools and the broader community of Central Australia.

These programs catered for infants, toddlers, school aged children and adults. Many of these participants come from diverse cultural backgrounds and many were experiencing swimming and water safety for the first time.

ASALC is committed to providing water safety education and swimming programs to the whole community to assist in reducing the number of drownings and near drownings that occur in daily life.

## Completed Projects

ASALC received a facelift this financial year, with refurbishment of the entrance, kiosk and outdoor bathrooms completed in November 2020.

The new entrance and service desks have a modern, welcoming area and room for customers to check-in, as per COVID-19 guidelines. Screens have been installed for added hygiene measures and automatic entrance/exit gates to increase efficiency of flow through the centre.

The refurbished bathrooms were opened in January 2021 with timed taps on showers and basins to assist in saving water, and individual changerooms. There is also a large new family bathroom and an updated accessibility room.

Additional fencing around the BBQ area and outdoor learn to swim pool was installed in January 2021 to increase safety. This fencing allows the indoor centre doors to be opened in the heat of the day to increase air flow and provide a more comfortable environment for users.



Arrow Tag in action

## Events

**October 2020** The first event held was the Desert Ultra marathon with seven participants. Two category winners each took home \$500 cash: Tim Jenkins (1km) & Koen De Decker (2km).

This endurance event will be held annually in celebration of the end of the cold winter season in Central Australia. The goal is to attract interstate, intrastate and local competitors and become a regular event on the national swimming marathon calendar.

**November 2020** The Red Centre Splash celebrated the beginning of summer with free entry, a mechanical ride-on shark, interactive games, giant pool inflatables, chalk art demonstration, music and BBQs. The event attracted 1,031 visitors to the Centre.

**December 2020** Events held over the Christmas school holiday period included six Wet Wednesdays, six Splash Sundays and a New Year's Eve Party. These events included free entry and BBQ, inflatables, water slides and Arrow Tag – a new interactive game funded by the NT Youth Grants program to encourage healthy activity on the oval space.

**January 2021** ASALC provided an Australia Day Pool Party with 829 free attendances recorded.



Competitors in the marathon 12-hour Swim

## Total Visits for ASALC Free Events December 2020 – January 2021:

Event	Attendance
Wet Wednesdays	2,188
Sunday Splash Parties	1,522
New Year's Eve Party	426
Australia Day	829
Red Centre Splash	1031

The 'Sundaze at the Pool' music sessions were introduced for the first time this summer to assist artists who have been affected by COVID-19 performance cancellations. Local musicians played once a month on Sunday afternoons, providing a relaxing atmosphere for patrons.

The Sundaze session in November was a special NAIDOC Week event with a free BBQ and entry, and a centre stage for the performing artist. A total of 197 patrons were given free access from 1pm-4pm.

The 12-hour swim – a fundraising team event in April 2021 – was the last event for the financial year. It was won by a team from Central Australian Aboriginal Congress on fundraising merit, with their donation matched by ASALC to the value of \$1,720. A cheque was made out to Medicins Sans Frontieres, the charity chosen by the team.

# Alice Springs Public Library



Deep cleaning at the Alice Springs Public Library

*Alice Springs Public Library is a vibrant hub for people to meet, work, play, study, learn and attend a vast array of events.*

With more than 120,000 visits per year and housing an extensive collection, including the comprehensive historical Alice Springs Collection, the library is a must for locals and visitors.

## Completion of outdoor mural

Through a successful partnership with the Alice Springs Town Council, the Department of Arts and Museums, Billy Kenda, and the Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists studio, a wall mural on the Library's eastern wall was completed this year.

Covering over 40m<sup>2</sup>, the mural features iconic aspects of Central Australia Billy Kenda's natural talent for story-telling through art. See pages 10-11.

## The Library during COVID-19

As a public space, the library continued to refine its COVID-19 safety plan in FY21 with physical distancing, QR Codes and split opening periods to allow for thorough cleaning after lunch hours. The library also underwent a deep clean in September.

A new initiative was implemented that all returned items were cleaned and quarantined for a period of 72 hours, and a tracer was employed to ensure COVID-19 guidelines were followed by patrons.



Library Officer Michael Hayward's STEAM project

Our "Book a Book" program was established during the same time, which allowed patrons to order items online. Those items could be either picked up contactless or were delivered by volunteers to patrons homes.

To avoid people gathering in large groups, the October school holiday program events were run virtually.

## Event highlights

A total of 1,731 people participated in 57 special events and activities, made up of all age groups.

Demographic	Number of participants	Percentage of total
Seniors (60+)	81	5%
Adults	794	46%
Children	856	49%

Library events for FY21 were heavily impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and related event cancellations.

## NT Heritage Festival

**May 2021** The Alice Springs Collection hosted the annual Heritage Trivia Night for the NT Heritage Festival at the Jump Inn.

Trivia Night attracted the largest crowd of participants of all the events held during the Heritage Festival week in Alice Springs.

Feedback included: 'Loads of fun - very engaging' and 'We should have Heritage Trivia Nights more often'.



National Simultaneous Storytime

### National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Now in its 21st successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy and story-time activities in the Alice Springs Public Library.

### Read. Write. Chat.

'Read. Write. Chat.' is for anyone who wants help with reading, writing or spoken English. As part of the program Library Officers and Volunteers meet regularly with learners seeking literacy support.

Three years ago the 'Reading Writing Hotline' could only refer people seeking help to an intensive course for Centrelink recipients as there was no other program in Alice Springs.

In response to this, the Library introduced 'Read. Write. Chat'. In FY21, 21 learners accessed the program, most commonly for a period of a few months.



Oanh Nguyen studying English in the Library

### IN FOCUS: 'Read. Write. Chat.' participant Oanh Nguyen

Oanh moved to Australia from Vietnam in 2019. To improve her English, when she arrived in Alice Springs in April 2021, she went straight to the Alice Springs Public Library to see what resources were available to her.

After signing up for our Read, Write and Chat program, Oanh was matched with volunteer tutor Jennie Mears. The pair started meeting weekly for structured lessons and practice conversation.

Oanh said the lessons soon became her favourite part of the week.

*"Every conversation to me is so interesting and Jennie teaches me a lot," she said. "I just feel so good every time I come to see her."*

Since commencing the program, Oanh said she feels more comfortable in her job as a food and beverage attendant.

*"When I first came here I felt like I couldn't talk to people, I was worried if they could understand me," she said.*

*"Since I started the program I've learned a lot and I am much more confident."*

## Youth Programs



Enjoying the Youth Skate Park Festival program

*Council's Youth Programs team develop and implement activities for young people aged 12-25 years.*

These activities cater for diverse needs, interests and aspirations, determined by the young people through a consultative process.

While a number of well-established projects in the fields of sport and art are delivered on a regular basis, new opportunities are identified to promote youth engagement. This includes interactions with schools and other youth organisations.

Council's Youth Programs aim to empower young people to engage with and take up leadership roles in the Alice Springs' community.

**July 2020** The 6th Annual Phoney Film Festival, supported by the Northern Territory Government, showcased 25 short films (up to five minutes) created by young people on their smart phones or tablets.

A total of 32 people were involved in the individual and group productions, and the screening and awards night was attended by 55 people.

**February 2021** Following the successful delivery of a pilot conducted during the summer school holidays, the Arrernte Boxing Academy commenced the Youth Boxing Program.

The program focused on health, fitness and positive engagement and, from February to May, 26 sessions were delivered to 336 participants. Under the current agreement the program will continue through to January 2022.

This program was sponsored by Alice Springs Town Council with a grant from the Department of Health.



Phoney Filmers attending one of the free workshops

**April 2021** This month saw the staging of three programs:

- The 2021 **Youth Recycled Art Prize**, supported by a NT Youth Week grant, was very well received and exhibited 77 entries. Winners are listed on page 12.
- The **Youth Skate Park Festival** program, also supported by the Northern Territory Government, included regular skating and BMXing workshops for beginners to intermediate level. The program attracted an average of six participants per session.
- In support of the objectives of Alice Springs Town Council's *Climate Action Plan*, the **Youth Climate Forum** was launched. The project, supported by a Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant, aimed at building knowledge and skills that would enable young people to contribute to climate action through sustainable practices.



The Planteteers with freshly-made wicking beds

The program consisted of a forum, facilitated by Arid Lands Environment Centre, followed by six workshops delivered by Arid Edge Environmental Services, and Educator Lili Favrel. Each workshop was attended by an average of 12 participants named 'The Planeteers'.

- **June 2021** Eight participants in the Youth Climate Forum received the 'Introduction to Permaculture Design Course' certificate for attending the whole workshop series with Arid Edge Environmental Services. This project has channelled a pilot to transition the Youth Action Group into a new, more flexible model, aimed at attracting young people sharing similar interests and aspirations.

Since finishing the program, it was agreed that The Planeteers, using their new knowledge, would shape suggestions towards the *Climate Action Plan* targets.

## Community & Cultural Development



King Marong leads the opening parade at the Big Day Out in Harmony

### Community Support

- **February 2021** A Community Grants workshop was held with 32 in attendance. Following this, 40 grant applications were received and Council issued \$67,800 in grant funding:
  - 10 x Community Development Grants totalling \$48,600
  - 4 x Community Assistance Grants totalling \$5,700
  - 1 x Youth Development Grant totalling \$5,000
  - 4 x Araluen Community Access Grants totalling \$6,500
  - 1 x Sustainability Initiatives Grant totalling \$2,000.
- In-kind support provided by Council amounted to a FY21 total of \$346,637.
- The total amount provided by Council in Event Sponsorship was \$51,500.

### Healthy Communities Program

- Council's Health & Wellness Centre continued to thrive for people with chronic health conditions; The 'Keep You Moving' exercise program had over 3,000 visits.
- The 'Active in Alice' Heart Foundation Walking group remains the second largest in Australia out of 1,500 Heart Foundation walking groups nationwide. Registered walkers completed 1,254 walks as part of this program and 44 walkers attended a Christmas breakfast in December.
- For the residents at Old Timers Village, Council continues to offer free exercise programs twice weekly with the support of Get Physical.
- Healthy Communities delivered weekly exercise for participants at Life Without Barriers.
- **March 2021** Council provided eight free multicultural exercise classes at four parks including Rhonda Diano

and Flynn Drive Ovals. This provided an opportunity for people to engage in free exercise from multicultural communities including Nepalese, African and Spanish dance. There was an overall attendance of 202.

### Community Development

- **August 2020** Seniors Month was a great success with 10 talented groups and individuals performing to a 100 plus crowd at Seniors Still Got Talent Quest. It was also a full house for the annual Mayoral Morning Tea.
- **December 2020** The annual Mayoral Awards, marking International Day of People with Disability, were presented on 1 December 2020. Guest speakers included Sarah Brown, CEO of Purple House, and Andrew Harrison, recipient of the 2019 Michele Castagna medal. Award recipients are listed on page 12.
- **January 2021** The Centralian Citizenship Awards were announced at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony held on the Council lawns. Award recipients are listed on page 12.
- **March 2021** International Women's Day saw the creation of five online videos of Central Australian women discussing how they 'choose to challenge'. The project included Marie Killa, Augustine Gapinski, Sheri Barnes, Claire Pirrett and Myra Ah Chee.
- **April 2021** Council's Creative Arts Recovery Grants Program, created to support artists impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, finished with \$130,000 being awarded to 48 applicants.
- **May 2021** Council collaborated with the Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia to deliver the Big Day Out in Harmony. A range of cultural groups performed on stage for 750 attendees.



Alternatives to Custody Manager Kristy Ryan with the shade sail purchased using grant money

### IN FOCUS: Community Development Grant recipient, Drug and Alcohol Services, Australia (DASA)

DASA received a \$5,000 grant to install a shade sail at their Alternatives to Custody facility.

The facility delivers a life skills program to its female residents, and supports them to build a better future. Since the facility opened in August 2020 all residents who have completed the program have not reoffended.

The large shade sail has created an extra space for the delivery of the program and a comfortable area for residents to meet with family on visiting days.

Alternatives to Custody Facility Manager Kristy Ryan said having another area for people to sit has been a valuable addition to the facility.

*"We're limited in shade and program space, and the women love sitting outside," she said.*

*"Our residents are together 24/7 so they need space to go and just be. Everyone needs their own space."*

# Community & Cultural Development



Xavia Nou using 8CCC's new P.A. system at the launch of MusicNT's Women in Music strategy

## IN FOCUS: Creative Arts Recovery Grants recipient, 8CCC Community Radio

8CCC matched a \$5,000 contribution from Council to purchase a P.A. system to support more local music, arts and cultural events.

The very first assignment for the equipment was Council's Christmas Carnival where it was used on the Northern Stage to showcase young musicians and the Alice Springs Town Band. It has also been used at the International Women's Day event at the Women's Museum of Australia, Katie Harder's album launch, the launch of MusicNT's *Women in Music* strategy, the inaugural Dark Skies Festival, the Youth Recycled Art Prize and at Wide Open Space.

8CCC Station Manager Benjamin Erin said owning the equipment has greatly improved the support the station can provide to the local community.

*"Having access to this equipment meant that instead of us borrowing and scrounging in order to resource events we were able to share it with artists and events,"* he said.



Kemy entertains patrons at Stumps as part of Council's Mini Gigs initiative

## Community Projects and Events

- **July 2020** The 112ONE series of live music performances in the Todd Mall were held over lunchtimes with an average attendance of 145 per session. This series was developed to support local artists impacted by COVID-19 cancellations.
- **August 2020–June 2021** Council's Night Markets season was programmed to coincide with major events such as Desert Festival, Christmas Carnival, Parrtjima and the Finke Desert Race. Eight Thursday evening markets were held featuring live music, craft and food vendors. These markets were all run without single use plastics.
- **September 2020–February 2021** The Pop-up Parks series featured six different community events in parks across Alice Springs. Average attendance was 383 people, and was one of Council's first event series located outside the CBD.
- **December 2020** The Christmas Window Competition saw 11 local CBD businesses decorate their windows for the festive seasons to win cash prizes. Over 1,400 votes were received from the public, with prizes going to:
  - 1st place – Wildfire blooms
  - 2nd place – Phone a Flower
  - 3rd place – Sugar and Spice



Artist Julie Anderson and malpa Sarah Bourke with 'The Malpa Chair' – winner of the People's Choice Award in the inaugural Alice Upcycle Art Award.

- **March 2021–April 2021** The six week Mini Gigs Series saw live music sessions pop up in cafes and venues around town each week. A total of 16 local businesses and artists took part in this community activation series with an average attendance of 20.
- **May 2021** With more than 600 attendees this year, the annual Pets on Parade event is to help promote responsible pet ownership. Through raffles and games, over \$3,200 was raised on the day which was donated to the Alice Springs Animal Shelter.
- **June 2021** The inaugural Alice Upcycle Art Prize & Exhibition launched with 100 people attending. As part of the *Climate Action Plan*, this exhibition promoted creating art pieces by re-using materials. The exhibition ran for four weeks with a total of 25 entries. The winners are listed on page 12.



Pets on Parade was a hit with the crowd

## Public Art

The online Public Art Map was launched in September 2020. The map lists public art sites in Alice Springs for locals and tourists to visit and learn about the artists and the stories behind the work.

The map launched with a total of 60 entries; an additional 15 entries were added throughout the year. Council hosted four free public art walks to showcase the online map and share local artists' stories.

The Todd Mall entrance sign, designed by Sue Dugdale and Associates, officially unveiled in June 2021.

# Rangers



Ranger Sarah Rhodes and former Mayor Damien Ryan with one of the new K9-Kubes

*Council's Ranger Unit is responsible for upholding all Public Places and Animal Management By-laws, and providing additional support at community events and for visiting VIPs and dignitaries.*

In FY21, Council's Rangers managed 1,338 complaints. While some of these complaints resulted in infringements being issued, Rangers endeavour to educate community members as a first step prior to the enforcement of local By-laws.

## Abandoned vehicles

The removal of abandoned vehicles is a rigorous but necessary activity in order to maintain safe roads. This year Council removed 148 abandoned vehicles from public spaces within Alice Springs municipality.

The vehicles are stored in a secure Council facility while the registered owners are notified by letter. Registered owners are given 28 days to contact Council before vehicles are disposed of either by metal recycling or for sale by Public Tender.

## Public Place Permits

Council drafted and approved 266 Public Places Permits for events, Todd Mall activities, shipping containers and skip bins, busking, commercial filming, food vans, signage (A-frames), stacking of goods and alfresco dining permits.

**Please refer to the table below for a detailed overview of all permits issued for FY21.**

Public Places Permits	TOTAL
Civic Centre lawns, Snow Kenna Park, etc.	101
Filming	25
Hartley Street Car Park	29
Shipping Containers/Skip Bins	17
Todd Mall & Flynn Church Lawns	25
Busking in the Mall	14
Vehicle in the Mall	5
Painting Sellers	35
Alfresco Dining	10
Stacking Goods/Portable Signs	5
<b>Total Public Places</b>	<b>266</b>



Pet registrations reached a target of 6.7:1 lifetime to annual registrations

Other Permits	TOTAL
Banner Permits	66
Disability Parking Permits	572
Kennel Licence Permits	75

### Parking infringements

The Rangers continued to monitor, regulate and issue infringements where parking violations of the Australian Road Rules, and signage regulating parking and traffic, occurred within the municipality.

Parking infringements made up the majority of infringement notices, with a total of 550 issued. The unit also issued 71 animal management and 10 Public Places infringements.

### Pet registrations

Alice Springs Town Council encourages lifetime pet registration, which involves the microchipping of dogs and cats. This is the best method of identification in the retrieval of lost animals.

In FY21, our Ranger team processed a total of 701 lifetime registrations and achieved the target of 6.7:1 lifetime dog and cat registrations to annual registrations.



A scene from the TV series Maverix which Alice Springs Town Council assisted with Public Place Permits

Other highlights included:

- The installation of two K9-Kubes to ranger vehicles. With less stress to the animal and handler, K9-Kubes enable animals to be placed safely into a cage without the need to lift them.
- Council assisted Police and other stakeholders regarding community safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. When the Alice Springs lockdown was announced a large number of mandatory masks were given out to unprepared community members by Rangers on foot patrol. Council Rangers also piloted a drone to record numbers and locations of people sleeping rough in areas not easily accessed. The data collected was used to ensure the safety and welfare of the most vulnerable members of the community.
- The Ranger Administration Team assisted the filming crew of the ABC/Netflix series Maverix with Public Places Permits. The filming of this series occurred at multiple locations that required various approvals from Council including advice on traffic management.

# What We Delivered



Civic Centre entrance



## Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Directorate is responsible for the governance, risk and policy compliance of Council, its financial business, and legislative reporting.

At an operational level, Corporate Services oversees Human Resources, Security, Customer Service, Finance, and Communications. It also includes 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.



Council Chamber

## Customer Service



Customer Service Officer Roland Duering

During FY21, Council's customer service team received 19,226 enquiries on the main 8950 0500 number, including after-hours calls.

## Governance

During the FY21, Council focused on planning for the implementation of the **Local Government Act 2019**. The Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development ran an information session for Council CEOs and Governance Officers to discuss transitional matters and key dates. Council Officers who attended the focus group provided feedback relating to incoming Elected Members mandatory online training to follow the Local Government elections in August 2021. The new **Local Government Act** commenced in July 2021 with councils having 12 months to implement all regulatory changes.

To ensure Council's systems and procedures are delivered successfully, a total of 29 policies were reviewed and updated.

The development of a **Long-Term Financial Plan** and **Asset Management Plan** progressed in FY21. The purpose of these plans is to support Council to consider the long-term impacts of financial decisions made and assumptions used in the preparation of the Annual Budget, as well as guiding Council's future assets and actions on operating activities.

## Communications



Digital display marketing of the Pop-up Park series

Council maintains a proactive approach to media, marketing and communication strategies. Our online newsletter **Council Connects** ensures residents, ratepayers and visitors are kept informed of and able to respond to Council programs and projects.

There were 20 media releases issued, across FY21. Media Training sessions are also provided to Elected Members and executive staff members. Alice Springs Town Council has increased the use of digital platforms for its marketing campaigns and advertising. In FY21, Council's website and online platforms saw a 34% decrease in page visits. This decrease in visitors followed a website upgrade in December 2019 and the emerging COVID-19 health issue in March 2020.

Despite this decrease in visits, Council's website has seen a significant improvement in Bounce Rate of visitors. Bounce Rate measures page visits with no interactions. In FY21, the Bounce Rate on Council's website dropped 23.11%.

## Finance

### MyAlice Campaign

During FY21 Alice Springs along with the rest of the nation was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic putting local business under financial strain and hardship.

In collaboration with the Northern Territory Government, Alice Springs Town Council

## Finance



Overall statistics from the successful myAlice digital voucher program

developed the myAlice stimulus initiative.

Given the opportunity to inject \$400,000 into the local economy, Council prioritised the release of the 'myAlice' digital discount vouchers and aggressive 'go-live' dates were set in order to benefit local businesses as soon as possible.

The scheme was rolled in 3 rounds:

- Round 1: Commenced Friday, 11 December 2020 (\$150,000)
- Round 2: Commenced Monday, 11 January 2021 (\$100,000)
- Round 3: Commenced Monday, 15 February 2021 (\$150,000)

The local myAlice marketing campaign was developed by Council, and the program went on to be a resounding success with a total of 123 participating local businesses and 10,338 customers registered and accessing daily discounts.

Discounts totalling \$400,000 were dispensed to the community over a 3-month period, delivering \$2,744,468 in sales for local business.

The economic injection was steadily sustained over the 3-month period with an overall multiplier of 6.8% – every \$1 invested in discounts resulted in a return of \$6.87.

Businesses expressed significant support, describing the positive effect the myAlice program had in helping them through such difficult times.

MyAlice generated new customers, increased the number of sales, and increased sale values for the vast majority of participating businesses.

The timing of the rounds was greatly supported and businesses appreciated how easy the program was to register and use.

Respondents also thought the program could be used to address other economic challenges, subject to available funds. If this was to be considered in the future, it was suggested that an App would be more accessible for customers and efficient for businesses than a website.

Overwhelmingly businesses and customers have expressed gratitude for the initiative.

## Information & Communications Technology



Aparna Bachu and Nikhil Tom from the ICT Team

During the reporting period, Council's Information & Communications Technology (ICT) unit continued to play a critical role in the implementation, development, and support of systems to enable Council's workforce to continue operations as an essential service provider.

In FY21, the ICT team set up and configured 30 devices to support access for 44 staff to work remotely.

By the end of 2020, all of Council's systems were upgraded to Windows 10; a long-term project successfully completed.

In the servicing of ICT support tickets, the team responded to 3,971 requests.

Planning for the future played an important role in the department's activities this year, with a strategic review resulting in the development of an *ICT Master Plan*.

A staged implementation has commenced following an assessment of the most important tasks.

## Registry



Alice Springs Garden Cemetery

Council's Registry is responsible for the organisation's records management.

During FY21, there were 28,218 documents recorded, digitalised and uploaded into Council's content management system.

Registry also arranges plot bookings for the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery.

# Grants

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.

## Successful Applications 2020/21

### Commonwealth Grants

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI) - Stage 1
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI) - Stage 2
National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)	NAIDOC 2020

### Northern Territory Government Grants

MyAlice	NTG matched \$200K contribution by ASTC
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Alice Springs Youth Activities Grant 2020/21
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Alice Springs Youth Activities Grant 2020/21
Department of Primary Industries and Resources - Animal Welfare Branch	Animal Welfare Fund 2020
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	Towards Zero Road Community Grants
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Youth Vibe Holiday Grant Summer 2020/21
Australia Day Council NT	Australia Day Community Grants 2021
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	NT Youth Week 2021
Department of Health	Alcohol and Other Drugs Youth Grants 2020/21
Territory Families - Office of Gender Equity and Diversity	2021 International Women's Day Grant
Department of Health	Healthy Lifestyle Grants 2020/21
Australia Day Council NT	Territory Day Community Grants 2021
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs	Youth Vibe Holiday Grants - Winter 2021
Territory Families - Office of Senior Territorians	Seniors Month 2021
Territory Families - Office of Senior Territorians	Seniors Month 2021
Commercial Replenishment Fund 2020/21	
Dept of Housing and Community Development	Operational Funding

### Non-Government Grants

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)	ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant 2020
National Australia Day Council	Australia Day Branding Grant Program
National Australia Day Council	Australia Day COVID Safe Grant Program

## Total Grants Received

## \$ Received

Lovegrove Drive Works; Norris Bell Avenue Works	\$433,129
Beautification of Todd Mall	\$982,462
NAIDOC Film Screenings in Alice Springs	\$1,200
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,416,791</b>

Digital Voucher Program	\$200,000
ASALC Splash Parties 2020/21	\$28,860
School Holiday Skate Program 2021	\$8,200
ASAS Upgrades	\$7,938
Increasing safety in Alice Springs School Zones	\$5,000
ASALC Australia Day Party 2021	\$2,000
Australia Day 2021	\$2,000
Youth Recycled Art Prize 2021	\$2,000
Alice Springs Youth Boxing and Education Sessions 2021	\$16,500
Celebrating Centralian Women - A Collective Voice	\$2,000
Active Alice Mums	\$21,480
Territory Day 2021	\$3,000
Phoney Film Festival 2021	\$2,000
Still Got Talent - 10th Edition	\$2,000
Celebrating Seniors Month at the Alice Springs Public Library 2021 - High Tea Bingo	\$1,800
	\$273,166
Town Camp Rubbish Collection	\$215,830
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$793,774</b>

Green Book (HW2020)	\$8,429
Australia Day 2021	\$1,000
Australia Day 2021	\$20,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$29,429</b>

**\$2,239,994**

# What We Delivered



Illuminated Todd Mall  
entry statement



## Technical Services

Responsible for infrastructure assets, the Technical Services Directorate services and maintains parks, gardens, ovals, open spaces, local roads and laneways, foot and cycle paths, storm drains, and public amenities across the Alice Springs municipality.

This Directorate, comprises municipal services such as waste management and kerbside collection, asset management, litter collection, infrastructure, developments, and environmental programs.

Having developed the *Climate Action Plan*, Council is firmly focused on the town's future through sustainable management practices and initiatives.



Litter Crew Team Member,  
Kerry Willox

## Developments



### Kilgariff Estate

Council's Developments team manages and provides technical advice on development enquiries from residents, planners, contractors and officials from multiple Government departments in Alice Springs.

Highlights of FY21 include:

- Officers attended all meetings to represent Council at the Development Committee, Development Consent Authority, NT Planning Commission, One Stop Shop, and Development Assessment forum to promote growth of developments within Alice Springs.
- Part Five clearances were provided for compliant developments, assisting with the growth of businesses and improvement of amenities within town. Out of a total of 71 applications, 61 clearances were processed in FY21.
- The inheritance of assets is continually subject to thorough assessment on functionality and compliance to Australian Standards prior to Council acceptance.
- Officers raised awareness of the free *Verge Development Policy* to encourage innovative ways to improve the visual amenity of our streets.

- Officers worked with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics on the inheritance of the Ilpeye Ilpeye subdivision and Kilgariff Stage 1 subdivision.
- Other projects that commenced include a multi-storey car parking building and more than 70 units being built for the Alice Springs Hospital.

### Statistics for Developments in FY21

Development Statistics	FY21
Development Applications	71
Exceptional Development Applications	2
Development Permits	67
Exceptional Development Permits	1
Part 5 Clearances	61
Planning Scheme Amendments	0
Certificate of Compliance	56
Deferred, Refused, Concurrent / Others	2

# Regional Waste Management Facility



The RWMF team in front of the Rediscovery Centre

Located on Commonage Road, the Alice Springs Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF) provides for advanced waste management and recycling.

The facility was built to enhance environmental sustainability via a variety of long-term recycling and waste minimisation strategies.

The Waste Transfer Station at the facility provides a sorting area where recyclables can be separated from the waste stream, and to permit the identification of waste that is inappropriate for direct landfill disposal.

A range of these items are processed by a baler for transporting to major recycling facilities interstate.

Throughout FY21, staff undertook several large-scale projects to improve the efficiency and safety of operations at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

Projects included:

- The completion of an improved road network with clear, readable signage to safely direct traffic to each waste area.
- Council recycled 23% of all waste that entered the facility, including cardboard (300T), E-waste goods (24T), green waste (480T), metals (763T), glass (256T), and firewood (200T).
- The commencement of a trial of separating HDPE2 plastics for baling and sending away to be recycled.
- An extra over-flow area was cleared and filled with more items diverted from landfill, increasing stock for the Rediscovery Centre.
- The Rediscovery Centre was constantly full of stock and achieved \$370,000 in sales.



Team Leader Kim Shaw

- **November 2020** The RWMF participated in an advertising campaign in support of National Recycling Week.
- **March 2021** A new *Land Environmental Management Plan* (LEMP) was completed for Council's Environment Protection Licence (ELP206). A total of 61 points of the ELP206 were reviewed and met.
- **June 2021** The RWMF prepared an area to recycle wooden pallets, made more room for garden waste, and restarted the free white goods drop off day.



Recycling Machinery Operator Christian MacNab

### IN FOCUS: Cardboard recycling

In FY21, Alice Springs Town Council processed a whopping 300 tonnes of cardboard for recycling - that's a new record.

Recycling Machinery Operator, Christian MacNab, is responsible for sorting and processing most of that cardboard.

He said each bail of processed cardboard weighs around 400kg.

*"We turn a good chunk of cardboard into one bail," he said.*

*"The cardboard goes into the machine which compresses it and ties it into a bundle.*

*"The bails are picked up by truck and taken to Adelaide for recycling."*

Christian is hoping to process even more cardboard for recycling in FY22, so his message to the public is to "just keep it coming".

*"Every little bit of recycling we can do helps," he said.*

# Infrastructure



Minister for Local Government Chansey Paech MLA and former Mayor Damien Ryan with the new lighting at Albrecht Oval

Council's Infrastructure Unit is responsible for implementing public infrastructure projects of all sizes, from signs and flagpoles to grandstands and carparks.

This unit ensures Council's existing infrastructure is to the highest standard and that new works are completed in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Council undertakes a large volume of projects each year, some highlights from FY21 include:

- **Dog park at Rotaract Park** Council has 29 parks that are accessible for dog owners to exercise their pets off-leash from 5am to 8am, and 5pm to 8pm. Rotaract Park is the first park accessible 24/7 with a dedicated enclosure for dogs.
- **Albrecht Oval lighting upgrade** The \$2 million sport lighting upgrade at Albrecht Oval was completed to allow greater usage of the facility as part of

Council's provision of sport, recreation and leisure opportunities to maximise social capital.

- **Cromwell Drive Road repairs** As part of Council's strategy to maintain and improve the road network, a \$1 million road repair was carried out on Cromwell Drive.
- **Cricket fence for Jim McConville Oval** Through Council's Sports Facility Advisory Committee (SFAC) a new cricket fence was installed around Jim McConville Oval.
- **Park upgrades** Tucker Park, Oleander Park and Spencer Park all received upgrades during FY21. Tucker Park and Oleander Park received new play equipment, landscaping, shade structures and bicycle paths, while Spencer Park had a new shade structure installed.

## Environment



Team Leader Tree Crew Ashley Renton

- **July 2020** Council conducted all events free of single use plastics, reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.
- **August 2020** Council provided funding for the DesertSmart Eco Fair, an annual festival that aims to generate ideas and spark local action toward a healthy thriving future in the desert.
- **September 2020** Community volunteers joined Officers for the annual Great Northern Clean Up, removing rubbish from the Todd River bed.
- **November 2020** During National Recycling Week Council held the annual Youth Recycled Art Prize to encourage the younger members of our community to get creative with waste.
- **November 2020** In conjunction with Arid Lands Environment Centre, Council hosted a composting workshop at the Community Gardens attracting 40 participants.
- **March 2021** In line with our aim of reducing vehicle use in Alice Springs, Council commenced looking at ways to implement a community wide bike plan. This work will continue into the next financial year.
- **March 2021** 'No junk mail' stickers were endorsed by Elected Members to be circulated to the community. These stickers are now available from Council's facilities.
- **April 2021** In line with current targets, 40% of the *Climate Action Plan* had been implemented by April 2021.

## Works Depot



Council provided traffic management for the Red CentreNATS parade. Image courtesy of NT Major Events Company.

Depot crews comprise the largest group of employees across the entire organisation. They provide litter collection and maintain ovals, parks and gardens.

Depot Officers are also involved in the delivery of in-kind support such as grounds preparation, traffic management, and the provision of event equipment.

Highlights of the work completed by the Works Depot in FY21 include:

- Completed 2,900 metres of the Ilparpa footpath. This leaves just one third of the path remaining.
- The access ramp upgrade and installation project continued with 48 completed. Just 28 out of the 76 are remaining.
- **August 2020** Renovation works to Oleander Park, Tucker Park and Rotaract Dog Park commenced. Descriptions of each upgrade can be found in the Infrastructure section.
- **August 2020** To improve the safety of St Phillips College students, the road safety paint in the school zone was upgraded to be more visible to vehicles.
- **September 2020** Council provided support to the Red CentreNATS event including traffic management, and the provision of equipment and seating.
- **October 2020** To assist seniors in keeping their gardens tidy and safe Council held the first of two free Garden Waste Removal days.
- **November 2020** We gave the Anzac Centenary Memorial a facelift by constructing bollards, extending garden beds and paving around the reflection pond.
- **November 2020** To improve the safety of Todd Mall, Council installed concrete bollards throughout the Todd Mall.
- **November 2020** Council undertook paving rectification works in the Todd Mall near the Visitors Centre to improve the safety and aesthetics of the area.



Water Truck Operator Sue-Anne Brown

- **December 2020** Council undertook replacement of bins and tree grates along the Todd Mall.
- **December 2020** Completed the Akeyulerre signage project throughout the CBD.
- **January 2021** Council created the 'Garden of Angels' area at the Cemetery, creating a place for families to remember babies lost under 20 weeks.
- **January 2021** In response to reports of inconsistent lighting in the CBD, Council undertook lighting rectification works to improve lighting coverage.
- **February 2021** Installed Todd Mall retractable bollards to enhance pedestrian safety during events.
- **June 2021** Council's Works crew commenced building a footpath along Herbert Heritage Drive, providing a safe place for pedestrians and cyclists to travel from Stuart Highway to the Telegraph Station.



Tree Crew Team Member Uele Lavea with Syd Kinsman

### IN FOCUS: Pensioner Garden Waste Removal Service

In FY21, Council continued to offer aged pensioners a free garden waste collection service. Pensioners could access this service twice throughout the year to help remove garden clippings and weeds from their properties.

Syd Kinsman, 100, is an avid gardener and has used the service for years. He said the pick-up days make it much easier for him to maintain his large garden.

*"I'm out gardening every day - it's my exercise," he said.*

*"Usually I cut up the waste and family members take it to the tip.*

*"The Council saves us all of that with this beautiful pick-up."*

To find out more information about how you or an older loved one can access the service, visit Alice Springs Town Council's website –

**[www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au)**

# Financial Statements

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Andy McNeill Room,  
available for hire



# Alice Springs Town Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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*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.*



## General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

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### 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 2021; and
- are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.



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Robert Jennings  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated 12 November 2021

# Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2021

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>Income</b>			
Rates	2a	26,866	26,811
Statutory Charges	2b	177	208
User Charges	2c	5,239	4,402
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2f	3,967	5,354
Investment Income	2d	545	980
Other income	2e	668	897
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>37,462</b>	<b>38,652</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee costs	3a	18,974	18,832
Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	3b	15,334	13,816
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	3c	8,710	10,036
Finance Costs	3d	—	27
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>43,018</b>	<b>42,711</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(5,556)</b>	<b>(4,059)</b>
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	4	(105)	(28)
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2f	—	6,039
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(5,661)</b>	<b>1,952</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
<b>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</b>			
Changes in Revaluation Surplus - I,PP&E	9a	—	21,684
<b>Total Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>21,684</b>
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>21,684</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>(5,661)</b>	<b>23,636</b>

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2021

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	5a	41,368	42,754
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	2,266	2,679
Inventories	5c	238	245
Other Current Assets	5d	195	733
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>44,067</b>	<b>46,411</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Other Non-Current Assets	6	3,724	4,046
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	292,885	296,653
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>296,609</b>	<b>300,699</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>340,676</b>	<b>347,110</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	8a	3,209	3,696
Provisions	8b	2,147	2,259
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>5,356</b>	<b>5,955</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	8b	3,350	3,524
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,524</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>8,706</b>	<b>9,479</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>331,970</b>	<b>337,631</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus		15,946	13,288
Asset revaluation reserves	9a	290,888	290,888
Other reserves	9b	25,136	33,455
<b>Total Council Equity</b>		<b>331,970</b>	<b>337,631</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>331,970</b>	<b>337,631</b>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2021

\$ '000	Notes	Accumulated surplus	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Carrying amount
<b>2021</b>					
Balance at the beginning of the year		13,288	290,888	33,455	337,631
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(5,661)	—	—	(5,661)
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
- Changes in revaluation surplus - I,PP&E	7a	—	—	—	—
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		—	—	—	—
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>(5,661)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(5,661)</b>
Transfers between Reserves		8,319	—	(8,319)	—
<b>Balance at the end of period</b>		<b>15,946</b>	<b>290,888</b>	<b>25,136</b>	<b>331,970</b>
<b>2020</b>					
Balance at the beginning of the year		12,163	269,204	32,628	313,995
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,952	—	—	1,952
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
- Changes in revaluation surplus - I,PP&E	7a	—	21,684	—	21,684
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		—	<b>21,684</b>	—	<b>21,684</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>1,952</b>	<b>21,684</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>23,636</b>
Transfers between Reserves		(827)	—	827	—
<b>Balance at the end of period</b>		<b>13,288</b>	<b>290,888</b>	<b>33,455</b>	<b>337,631</b>

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2021

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates		27,062	26,307
Statutory Charges		177	208
User Charges		5,239	4,842
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (operating purpose)		4,295	4,949
Investment Receipts		545	980
Other Receipts		885	2,802
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to Employees		(19,454)	(18,839)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(15,415)	(15,479)
Finance Payments		–	(27)
<b>Net cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	11b	<u>3,334</u>	<u>5,743</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds on Sale of Replaced Assets		151	153
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(4,876)	(1,863)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		–	(9,487)
<b>Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities</b>		<u>(4,725)</u>	<u>(11,197)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Bonds & Deposits		5	62
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<u>5</u>	<u>62</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		<u>(1,386)</u>	<u>(5,392)</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period		42,754	48,146
<b>Cash and cash equivalents held at end of period</b>	11a	<u>41,368</u>	<u>42,754</u>
Additional Information:			
<b>Total Cash, Cash Equivalents &amp; Investments</b>		<u>41,368</u>	<u>42,754</u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Notes to and forming part of the Principal Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### (1) Basis of Preparation

##### 1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue on 12 November 2021.

##### 1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

##### 1.2 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

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

##### 1.3 Estimates and assumptions

COVID-19 is not expected to have a significant financial impact on Council operations with the Council working to reduce discretionary expenditure in the short term to help mitigate the effect of the reduced revenue and increased costs. It is expected further financial impacts will flow into the 2021/22 financial year but these have been largely taken into account during the development of the budget process for 2021/22. The budget assumptions for 2021/22 assume that no further harsher restrictions are put in place by the government. However, Council has determined that there is no material uncertainty that casts doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### 1.4 Rounding

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

#### (2) The Local Government Reporting Entity

Alice Springs Town Council is incorporated under the *NT Local Government Act* and has its principal place of business at 93 Todd 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.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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#### Rates and levies

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

#### Grants and subsidies

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

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

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

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

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

#### Cash contributions

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

#### Interest and dividends

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

#### Rendering of services

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

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

#### Sales revenue

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

#### Fees and charges

Fees and charges are recognised upon unconditional entitlement to the funds. Generally, this is upon lodgement of the relevant applications 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 an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for trade and other receivables. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and 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

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

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

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

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

#### (5) Inventories

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

#### (6) Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

##### 6.1 Initial Recognition

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

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

##### 6.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by 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 2021. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

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

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

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

#### 6.5 Impairment

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

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

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

### (7) Payables

#### 7.1 Goods & Services

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

#### 7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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#### **(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 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. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.

#### **(9) Provisions for Reinstatement, Restoration and Rehabilitation**

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

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

##### *Restoration of Landfill provision – Note 8 Liabilities*

The Council has recognised a provision for restoration for landfill of the Regional Waste Management Facility Stages 1 to 4, being those stages that are operational (have been disturbed) at 30 June 2021.

This provision represents Council's current best estimate of the present value of restoration costs to meet its legal and contractual, regulatory environmental requirements which have been estimated to occur between 2036 and 2051.

The timing, methodology and technology current at the time of restoration will impact this estimate in future periods. Further as the time frame to restoration works reduces this will increase the present value and associated liability.

#### **(10) Leases**

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

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

##### **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.

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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#### ii) Lease Liabilities

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

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

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

#### (11) GST Implications

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

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

#### (12) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020. New standards and amendments relevant to the Council are listed below. The Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

##### Amendments to AASB 101 and AASB 108 Definition of Material

The amendments provide a new definition of material that states, "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity." The amendments clarify that materiality will depend on the nature or magnitude of information, either individually or in combination with other information, in the context of the financial statements. A misstatement of information is material if it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions made by the primary users. These amendments had no impact on the financial statements of, nor is there expected to be any future impact to the Council.

##### Amendments to AASB 16 Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions

In 2020, the AASB issued AASB 2020-4, Amendments to AASs - Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions. The amendments provide relief to lessees from applying AASB 16 guidance on lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a practical expedient, a lessee may elect not to assess whether a Covid-19 related rent concession from a lessor is a lease modification. A lessee that makes this election accounts for any change in lease payments resulting from the Covid-19 related rent concession the same way it would account for the change under AASB 16, if the change were not a lease modification. The amendment applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020. This amendment had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Council.

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

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2021, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a significant impact for Council then further information has been provided in this note.

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments
- 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)

#### Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current and Associated Standards.
- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments.
- AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current – Deferral of Effective Date.
- AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates.
- AASB 2021-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 1 April 2021.

#### (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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## Note 2. Income

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>(a) Rates</b>		
<b>General Rates</b>		
- Residential	14,741	14,702
- Rural	622	621
- Business	7,505	7,507
- Airport	76	70
<b>Total General Rates</b>	<b>22,944</b>	<b>22,900</b>
<b>Other Rates (Including Service Charges)</b>		
Waste Collection	3,922	3,911
<b>Total Other Rates (Including Service Charges)</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>3,911</b>
<b>Total Rates</b>	<b>26,866</b>	<b>26,811</b>
<b>(b) Statutory Charges</b>		
Regulatory / Statutory Fees	177	208
<b>Total Statutory Charges</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>(c) User Charges</b>		
Cemetery Charges	244	203
Sundry	137	43
Hire of Council Equipment	4	4
Rates Searches	33	21
Rental Charges	110	127
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Income	918	812
Weighbridge Charges	3,409	2,875
Night Markets	6	6
Library Charges	29	25
Tip Shop	349	286
<b>Total User Charges</b>	<b>5,239</b>	<b>4,402</b>
<b>(d) Investment Income</b>		
Interest on Investments		
- Banks & Other	419	781
Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges	126	199
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>980</b>

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## Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>(e) Other income</b>		
Sundry	172	430
Fines	69	73
Fuel Rebates	84	80
Insurance Claims	204	124
Development Consent Authority Charges	(15)	27
Other	154	163
<b>Total Other income</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>897</b>

## (f) Grants, Subsidies, Contributions

Iparpa Road	–	2,500
Alice Springs Sporting Infrastructure	–	3,539
<b>Total Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6,039</b>
Active Alice Mums	–	–
Alice Springs Animal Shelter	8	8
ASALC Fencing	–	10
ASALC Australia Day	2	–
Australia Day Party	23	–
Be Connected Activation	–	2
Celebrating Centralian Women	2	–
Celebrating Centralian Women - A Visual Story	–	3
Celebrating Seniors Month	2	2
COVID-19	164	–
Cultural Sensitivity Assessment	–	5
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection	216	258
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability	104	–
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose	(14)	980
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	771	1,474
Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) Trial	–	45
Library Business Plan	–	9
Library Operational	627	631
MyAlice	200	–
<b>NT Operating Grants</b>		
Online Public Art Map	4	4
Pensioner Subsidies	176	186
Pets on Parade	3	–
Public Library & Bindi Mwerre Anthurra Collaborative Mural	6	19
Recycled Art Prize	3	–
Road Safety Community Program	5	5
School Holiday Skate Program	2	–
Senior Month Event	2	2
Smart Solar Trees	19	–
Special Community Assistance and Local Employment (SCALE)	443	107
<b>Specific Purpose</b>		
Stand Up!	–	1
Todd Mall Revamp	491	–
Youth Activities Library Geek Program	–	12
Youth Activities Library Youth Program	16	24

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## Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
Youth Activities Splash Parties	51	15
Youth After Hours Basketball Program	20	—
Youth Boxing and Education	9	—
Youth Skate Park Festival	6	—
Youth Vibe Holiday	—	1
Other	80	—
<b>Total NT Operating Grants</b>	<b>3,441</b>	<b>3,803</b>
<b>NT Capital Grants</b>		
Mobile Grandstand	—	17
Todd River Fitness Station	—	35
Alice Springs Aquatic Centre Lighting Upgrade	—	13
Black Spot Program - Hartley Street	—	70
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability	—	15
<b>Total NT Capital Grants</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>150</b>

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## Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>		
Ensure a Safer Town for Community CCTV	–	772
Roads to Recovery	448	433
First World War Memorial	–	55
Smart Solar Trees	–	35
Anzac Centenary Memorial Garden	–	31
Lovegrove Drive	18	–
Norris Bell Avenue	50	–
<b>Total Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>1,326</b>
<b>Contributions</b>		
Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies	–	71
Other	–	4
NAIDOC Week	6	–
Green Book Project	4	–
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>11,393</b>
The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.		
<b>(i) Sources of grants</b>		
Commonwealth Government	1,646	1,326
State Government	1,484	9,992
Other	837	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>11,393</b>
<b>(ii) Individually Significant Items</b>		
Grants Commission (FAG) Roads Grant Recognised as Income *	505	504
Grants Commission (FAG) General Purpose Grant Recognised as Income **	300	332

(\*) (FAG) Road Grant received in advance.

(\*\*) (FAG) General Purpose received in advance.

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## Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
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### (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:

<b>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>8,130</b>
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#### Less:

After Hours Basketball Program	(20)	—
After Hours Youth Service	(13)	—
Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure	—	(3,538)
ANZAC Centenary Garden Memorial Cemetery	—	(31)
Aquatic Centre - Lighting Upgrade	(18)	(13)
ASALC Fencing	(1)	(9)
Cultural Sensitivity Assessment	—	(5)
Energy Efficiency & Sustainability	(104)	(15)
Ensure a safer town for community CCTV	—	(86)

*Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods*

Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose	—	(324)
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	—	—
First World War Memorial - ANZAC	—	(55)
Iparpa Road Footpath Stage 1	—	(2,500)
Library & Bindi Artists Mural Project	(6)	(19)
Library Youth Program	(16)	—
Mobile Grandstands	—	(17)
Recycled Art Prize	(2)	—
Safer Streets Programme	—	(496)
Skate Park Festival	(6)	—
Smart Solar Trees	(19)	(35)
Special Community Assistance and Local Employment	(424)	—
Stand Up!	—	(1)
Todd River Fitness Stations	—	(35)
Waste Collection Town Camps	—	—
Youth Activities ASALC Splash Parties	(34)	—
Youth Activities Library Geek Program	—	(12)
Youth Vibe Holiday - Phoney Film	—	(1)
NT Sports Infrastructure	(620)	—
Animal Shelter	(8)	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>(1,291)</b>	<b>(7,192)</b>

#### Plus:

*Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions*

Special Community Assistance & Local Employment (SCALE)	—	655
Skate Park Festival	—	6
ASALC Splash Parties	13	34
Recycled Art Prize	1	2
Library Youth Program	—	20
Harmony Drumming Workshop	—	1
ASALC Swimming Classes	—	10
After Hours Basketball Program	—	20

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## Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
Youth Vibe Holiday	—	—
Youth Boxing	7	—
Australia Day Party	3	—
Todd Mall Revamp LRCI Phase 2	490	—
Active Alice Mums	21	—
School Holiday Skate Program	6	—
Commercial Rate Replenishment	109	—
Green Book Project	4	—
FAG General Purpose United	300	—
FAG Road	505	—
Lovegrove Drive Works	8	—
Norris Bell Avenue works	140	—
National Reconciliation	—	—
SCALE	—	—
Library Youth	—	—
Stand Up	—	—
Drumming Workshop	—	—
Smart Solar	—	—
Other	12	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>748</b>
<b>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>1,686</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>(6,444)</b>

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## Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>(a) Employee costs</b>			
Salaries and Wages		13,276	13,085
Employee Leave Expense		3,389	3,503
Superannuation	16	1,639	1,567
Workers' Compensation Insurance		483	487
Travelling		8	23
FBT		53	35
Training		106	112
Other		20	20
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>18,974</b>	<b>18,832</b>

Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period)	184	183
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Set out below, in bands of \$20,000, is the number of employees of Council entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more:

	No.	No.
100,000 - 119,999	19	15
160,000 - 179,999	3	2
240,000 - 259,999	1	1

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>Elected Members Remuneration</b>		
The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to Council Members:		
Councillor Allowance	154	150
Mayor Allowance	101	110
Deputy Mayor Allowance	34	38
Extra Meeting Allowance	46	32
Professional Development Allowance	—	4
Travelling Allowance	—	2
	<b>335</b>	<b>336</b>

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## Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>(b) Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</b>		
<b>(i) Prescribed Expenses</b>		
Auditor's Remuneration		
- Auditing the Financial Reports	43	24
<b>Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>(ii) Materials, Contracts and Expenses</b>		
Parts, Accessories & Consumables	21	27
Other	531	–
Advertising	21	12
Books/Resources	12	22
Children and Youth events	9	16
Computer consumables	6	6
Consulting fees	692	427
Contract material and labour	5,850	4,321
Equipment Hire	9	11
Food (catering)	55	89
Fuel and oils	314	384
General events	2	6
Internet service provider	101	30
IT equipment	122	206
Journals and periodicals	9	10
Licence and maintenance fees	461	462
Materials	1,881	2,423
Membership and subscriptions	83	93
Network communication	71	121
Non-book resources	4	5
Office equipment	5	10
Other equipment	28	37
Printing	58	37
Promotional/Education	2	1
Security	103	90
Software development	7	32
Stationery	26	30
Uniforms	17	13
Other - SFAC Contribution	–	87
<b>Subtotal - Material, Contracts &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>9,008</b>
<b>(iii) Electricity</b>		
Electricity Costs	1,013	972
<b>Subtotal - Electricity</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>972</b>

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### Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>(iv) Other Expenses</b>		
Advertising	90	115
Bad & doubtful debts	–	25
Bad debt write off	27	27
Consulting fees	–	14
Contributions and/or donations made	85	82
Courier and freight	29	42
Elected member allowances	239	340
Elected members training course fees	2	4
Gas expenses	112	183
General rates - Early Bird draw	15	15
Grants made	164	58
Insurance	601	549
Legal fees	395	46
Merchant transaction fees	65	62
Other expenses	92	99
Pensioner concessions	288	245
Postage	12	17
Refunds/Reimbursements	1	1
Relocation expenses	–	20
Rent	15	15
Telephone	16	43
Travel and accomodation expenses	21	25
Vehicle registration	87	105
Water consumption, sewerage and service charges	1,422	1,680
<b>Subtotal - Other Expenses</b>	<b>3,778</b>	<b>3,812</b>
<b>Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>13,816</b>

### (c) Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment

#### (i) Depreciation and Amortisation

Land Improvements	1,748	2,012
Buildings	2,105	2,770
Infrastructure		
- Sealed Roads	1,847	1,981
- Unsealed Roads	–	39
- Stormwater Drainage	530	579
Plant & Equipment	914	956
Furniture & Office Equipment	241	264
Other Assets	1,325	1,435
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,710</b>	<b>10,036</b>
<b>Total Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment</b>	<b>8,710</b>	<b>10,036</b>

### (d) Finance Costs

Finance expense - Provision for Restoration of the Landfill	–	27
<b>Total Finance Costs</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>27</b>

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## Note 4. Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
<b>(i) Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced</b>		
Proceeds from Disposal	151	153
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(256)	(181)
<b>Gain (Loss) on Disposal</b>	<b>(105)</b>	<b>(28)</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal or Revaluation of Assets</b>	<b>(105)</b>	<b>(28)</b>

## Note 5. Current Assets

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>(a) Cash &amp; Cash Equivalent Assets</b>		
Cash on Hand at Bank	6,609	3,135
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.	34,759	39,619
<b>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalent Assets</b>	<b>41,368</b>	<b>42,754</b>

## (b) Trade & Other Receivables

Rates - General & Other	1,707	1,903
Accrued Revenues	74	180
User Charges and Fees	589	618
ATO	110	158
Other	47	179
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>3,038</b>
Less: Expected Credit Losses	(261)	(359)
<b>Total Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,679</b>

## (c) Inventories

Stores & Materials	238	245
<b>Total Inventories</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>245</b>

## (d) Other Current Assets

Prepayments	195	733
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>733</b>

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**Note 6. Non-Current Assets**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Other Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
Capital Works-in-Progress	3,724	4,046
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>4,046</b>
<b>Total Other Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>4,046</b>

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### Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

#### (a) Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000	Fair Value Level	as at 30/06/20				Asset movements during the reporting period						as at 30/06/21		
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount	Additions New / Upgrade	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 Depreciation	Carrying amount
Land	2	60,607	-	-	60,607	-	-	-	-	-	60,607	-	-	60,607
Land Improvements	2	25,529	-	(2,017)	23,512	2,219	-	(1,748)	-	-	27,747	-	(3,765)	23,982
Buildings	2	53,038	-	(2,770)	50,268	973	-	(2,105)	-	-	54,011	-	(4,875)	49,136
Infrastructure														
- Sealed Roads	2	83,063	-	(1,982)	81,081	867	-	(1,847)	-	-	83,930	-	(3,829)	80,101
- Unsealed Roads	2	1,720	-	(39)	1,681	-	-	-	-	-	1,720	-	(38)	1,682
- Stormwater Drainage	2	37,440	-	(579)	36,861	-	-	(530)	-	-	37,440	-	(1,108)	36,332
Plant & Equipment	2	9,694	-	(957)	8,737	1,014	256	(914)	-	-	10,435	-	(1,853)	8,582
Furniture & Office Equipment	2	1,275	-	(264)	1,011	57	-	(241)	-	-	1,332	-	(504)	828
Art Collection & Heritage	2	3,555	-	-	3,555	-	-	-	-	-	3,555	-	-	3,555
Other Assets	2	30,769	-	(1,429)	29,340	64	-	(1,325)	-	-	30,834	-	(2,754)	28,080
<b>Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		<b>306,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,037)</b>	<b>296,653</b>	<b>5,194</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>(8,710)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>311,611</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(18,726)</b>	<b>292,885</b>
Comparatives		299,596	-	(23,894)	275,702	9,487	(181)	(10,036)	(640)	22,324	306,690	-	(10,037)	296,653

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## Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

### (b) Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

#### 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.

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

#### Highest and best use

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

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

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

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

#### Land Under Roads

The Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently 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.

#### 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	2021 Current	2021 Non Current	2020 Current	2020 Non Current
<b>(a) Trade and Other Payables</b>				
Goods & Services	1	—	184	—
Payments Received in Advance				
- Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	2,014	—	1,686	—
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements	189	—	669	—
Accrued Expenses - Other	830	—	987	—
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	175	—	170	—
<b>TOTAL Trade and Other Payables</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,696</b>	<b>—</b>

## (b) Provisions

Restoration of Landfill	—	2,715	—	2,715
Airfares	6	—	12	—
Annual Leave	1,469	—	1,528	—
Long Service Leave	529	635	559	809
TIL Liability	143	—	160	—
<b>TOTAL Provisions</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>2,259</b>	<b>3,524</b>

## Note 9. Reserves

\$ '000	as at 30/06/20				as at 30/06/21
	Opening Balance	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	Closing Balance
<b>(a) Asset Revaluation Reserve</b>					
Land	50,405	—	—	—	50,405
Land Improvements	11,662	—	—	—	11,662
Buildings	30,585	—	—	—	30,585
Infrastructure					
- Sealed Roads	116,080	—	—	—	116,080
- Unsealed Roads	2,699	—	—	—	2,699
- Stormwater Drainage	44,888	—	—	—	44,888
Plant & Equipment	4,258	—	—	—	4,258
Furniture & Office Equipment	556	—	—	—	556
Art Collection & Heritage	3,477	—	—	—	3,477
Other Assets	26,278	—	—	—	26,278
<b>Total Asset Revaluation Reserve</b>	<b>290,888</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>290,888</b>
Comparatives	269,204	21,684	—	—	290,888

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## Note 9. Reserves (continued)

	as at 30/06/20				as at 30/06/21
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	Closing Balance
<b>(b) Other Reserves</b>					
Elections	348	—	—	—	348
Regional Waste Management Future Funds	4,023	—	—	—	4,023
Sports Facility Advisory Committee	860	43	(395)	—	508
Developer Contributions Trust	134	7	—	—	141
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	1,391	—	—	—	1,391
Capital Infrastructure	4,535	121	(1,491)	—	3,165
Employee Entitlement	315	—	(30)	—	285
Working Capital	749	—	(16)	—	733
Todd Mall & Environs Redevelopment	518	—	—	—	518
Regional Waste Management Facility P&E	1,504	—	(318)	—	1,186
Civic Centre Upgrade	432	—	—	—	432
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee	88	—	(72)	—	16
Christmas Tree Replacement	42	—	(42)	—	—
Mount John's Development Road Maintenance	110	—	—	—	110
Town Camp Waste Collection	86	46	—	—	132
Open Drains	351	—	—	—	351
Parks & Playgrounds	582	—	(260)	—	322
Town Beautification	832	—	—	—	832
Baler Shed Reserve	9	—	—	—	9
Street Lighting	3,371	—	(230)	—	3,141
Albrecht Lights Reserve	1,715	—	(1,715)	—	—
Solar Initiatives	304	—	—	—	304
Map Signage	52	—	—	—	52
Cricket Wicket Replacement	44	—	—	—	44
Unexpended Funds	2,239	—	(2,239)	—	—
City Deals Project Reserve	153	—	(100)	—	53
Netball Facility Upgrade	41	—	—	—	41
Kerbside Recycling Collection	956	—	—	—	956
Pedestrian Refuge Reserve	14	—	(13)	—	1
Public Toilet Project Reserve	178	—	—	—	178
South Edge Estate Defective Works Reserve	50	—	—	—	50
Plant Equipment Replacement Reserve	946	—	(310)	—	636
Ilparpa Road Reserve	1,187	—	(641)	—	546
Cemetery Master Plan Reserve	105	—	—	—	105
Tree Planting Reserve	53	—	—	—	53
Library IT upgrade Reserve	132	—	(74)	—	58
COVID19 Reserve	2,731	—	(590)	—	2,141
South Edge Subdivision Reserve	75	—	—	—	75
CBD Revitalisation Project	2,200	—	(243)	—	1,957
Roads to Recovery Reserve	—	552	(552)	—	—
After Hours Youth Service Reserve	—	13	(13)	—	—
Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure	—	707	(707)	—	—
Investment Interest Income Reserve	—	352	(109)	—	243
<b>Total Other Reserves</b>	<b>33,455</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>(10,160)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>25,136</b>
Comparatives	32,628	11,993	(11,810)	644	33,455

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### Note 9. Reserves (continued)

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#### PURPOSE 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.

##### **Security and Safety 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.

##### **City Deals Project Reserve**

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

##### **Plant & Equipment Replacement Reserve**

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

##### **Ilparpa Road Reserve**

For upgrade works associated with Ilparpa Road

##### **Disaster and Emergency Reserve**

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

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### Note 10. Assets Subject to Restrictions

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<p>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.</p>			
<b>Cash &amp; Financial Assets</b>			
<b>Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government</b>			
Other Specific Purpose Unearned Grant Income		2,014	1,686
<b>Total Cash &amp; Financial Assets</b>		<b>2,014</b>	<b>1,686</b>
<b>Total Assets Subject to Externally Imposed Restrictions</b>		<b>2,014</b>	<b>1,686</b>
<b>The following liabilities, included in Note 8, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance:</b>			
Provisions	8	5,497	5,783
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,497</b>	<b>5,783</b>

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## Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
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### (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	41,368	42,754
<b>Balances per Statement of Cash Flows</b>		<b>41,368</b>	<b>42,754</b>

### (b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		(5,661)	1,952
<b>Non-Cash Items in Income Statements</b>			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		8,710	10,036
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		—	(6,039)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		105	28
Other grants collected in previous years but recognised as income during the year		—	(1,153)
		<b>3,154</b>	<b>4,824</b>
<b>Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets</b>			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		511	(435)
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		98	27
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		7	(42)
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets		342	(517)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		(492)	659
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		(286)	479
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Grants Received in Advance		—	748
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>		<b>3,334</b>	<b>5,743</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 12(a). Functions

Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).												
\$ '000	INCOME			EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME			
	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
Functions/Activities												
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,039
General Public Services	29,641	28,826	31,016	10,388	17,031	15,173	19,253	11,795	15,843	935	935	2,746
Public Order & Safety	237	1,171	960	1,613	2,454	2,404	(1,376)	(1,283)	(1,444)	—	946	780
Economic Affairs	950	1,329	3,124	5,151	5,823	2,530	(4,201)	(4,494)	594	658	1,135	3,008
Environmental Protection	3,877	4,089	3,603	6,421	6,594	5,132	(2,544)	(2,505)	(1,529)	—	216	352
Housing & Community Amenities	257	264	310	1,337	2,911	1,723	(1,080)	(2,647)	(1,413)	—	—	—
Recreation, Culture and Religion	1,747	2,431	5,676	11,642	13,106	15,761	(9,895)	(10,675)	(10,085)	—	1,369	4,505
Social Protection	2	4	2	159	128	16	(157)	(124)	(14)	2	4	2
Total Functions/Activities	36,711	38,114	44,691	36,711	48,047	42,739	—	(9,933)	1,952	1,595	4,605	17,432

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

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 12(b). Components of Functions

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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.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 13. Financial Instruments

#### Recognised Financial Instruments

##### Initial Recognition and Measurement

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

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

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

##### Subsequent Measurement

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

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

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- amortised 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 effective interest rate method, net of any provision for impairment losses. Whereas, trade payables are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest rate method.

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

##### Derecognition

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

##### Expected Credit Losses

Refer to Note 1 (4).

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

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#### Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits

**Accounting Policy:**

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost; interest is recognised when earned.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Short term deposits have an average maturity of 288 days and an average interest rate of 0.40% (2020: 147 days and 1.53%).

**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 9% (2020: 19%). Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

#### Receivables - Fees & Other Charges

**Accounting Policy:**

Carried at nominal 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
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
<b>2021</b>					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	41,368	–	–	41,368	41,368
Receivables	710	–	–	710	449
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>42,078</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>42,078</b>	<b>41,817</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	1,195	–	–	1,195	1,195
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,195</b>
<b>2020</b>					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	42,754	–	–	42,754	42,754
Receivables	977	–	–	977	618
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>43,731</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>43,731</b>	<b>43,372</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	2,010	–	–	2,010	2,010
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>2,010</b>

#### Net Fair Value

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

### Risk Exposures

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

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

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

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

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 14. Capital Expenditure Commitments

\$ '000	2021	2020
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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
Other	426	469
	<b>426</b>	<b>492</b>

**These expenditures are payable:**

Not later than one year	426	492
	<b>426</b>	<b>492</b>

### (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	686	1,090
	<b>686</b>	<b>1,090</b>

**These expenditures are payable:**

Not later than one year	686	1,090
	<b>686</b>	<b>1,090</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 15. Financial Indicators

\$ '000	Amounts 2021	Indicator 2021	Indicators 2020      2019	
1. Current Ratio				
Current Assets less Externally Restricted Assets	44,067	8.23	7.79	4.50
Current Liabilities	5,356			
2. Debt Service Ratio				
Net Debt Service Cost	—	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Revenue	37,462			
3. Rate Coverage Percentage				
Rate Revenues	22,944	61.25%	51.24%	66.71%
Total Revenues	37,462			
4. Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding				
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding	1,707	6.35%	8.31%	5.34%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	26,866			

### 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 2020/21; 9.50% in 2019/20). 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 the Financial Statements

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

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

#### 1. LAND UNDER ROADS

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

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

#### 2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

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

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

#### 3. BANK GUARANTEES

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 still 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 Covid19 has continued to affect the operations of its services to the community and have provided support in current year by not increasing rates and a cessation of infringement fines being issued. Rates were increased in 2021/2022 and normal practice will resume in relation to fines and infringements. Council will continue to monitor the evolving nature of the pandemic and respond accordingly.

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

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Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2021, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

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

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

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 19. Related Party Transactions

### 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.

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>(i) Total remuneration and allowances paid to KMPs during the year consisted of:</b>		
Short-Term Employee Benefits	1,129	782
Termination Benefits	281	183
Other Short-Term Benefits	11	3
Elected Member Allowances	335	330
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,298</b>

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

#### (ii) Retirement Benefits

No retirement benefits have been made by the Council to KMP during the reporting year.

#### (iii) Loans to Responsible Persons

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

#### (iv) Other Transactions

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

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

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

#### (v) Outstanding Amounts

As at 30 June 2021, there was no outstanding amounts receivable from the Council's KMP.

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# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Councillors of Alice Springs Town Council

## Opinion

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

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Alice Springs Town Council as at 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards and the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2008*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies
- Chief Executive Officer's Statement.

## Basis for opinion

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

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

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

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

The Chief Executive Officer and Council are responsible for:

- the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements, *Australian Accounting Standards and the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2008*.
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Council or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Our objective is:

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

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

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

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

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Luke Snowdon  
Partner  
Alice Springs  
12 November 2021

