



Alice Springs Town Council

Annual Report 2015/16

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Arrernte (pronounced Arunda) people are the traditional owners of Mparntwe (Alice Springs).

They have been here since time immemorial. In the beginning, Altyerrengge - ancestral figures - created the landscape and its features, as well as Arrernte Law.

Arrernte people continue to live in Mparntwe, observe that law, look after the country and teach children the Arrernte language, as well as the importance of culture.

According to Arrernte people, the landscape was shaped by caterpillars, wild dogs, travelling boys, two sisters, euros and other ancestral figures; and as such, many sites are of great importance to traditional owners.



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Annual Report Intent

This report has been produced in compliance with the Local Government Act to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council for the financial year ended June 30 2016, including the audited Financial Statements.

Council's performance is assessed against goals outlined in the 2015/16 – 2018/19 Municipal Plan including:

1. Economic
2. Recreation, culture and social infrastructure and programmes
3. Environment
4. Development
5. Public Order and Safety
6. Organisation

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

Vision

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

Mission

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

Core values

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

- Strong leadership
- Effective communication
- Honesty and integrity
- Good customer service
- Response and contribution to the community
- Transparency and accountability



A Town Like Alice

Alice Springs Town Council is considered to be the heart and soul of central Australia, made famous by Nevil Shute's novel, *A town like Alice*. It is the third largest town in the Northern Territory and has an estimated population of approximately 30,000.

The town is located in a picturesque part of central Australia, fondly known as the Red Centre. It is the physical and spiritual centre of Australia's arid zone, just south of the Tropic of Capricorn and on the northern side of the scenic MacDonnell Ranges. The town is located along the banks of the usually dry, Todd River. The Town Council spans 328 square kilometres; seventy-four percent of that land mass is Crown Land and as such, cannot incur rates.

Alice Springs is located 462 kilometres north east of Uluru. It is almost 1,500 kilometres from Darwin to the north; and 1,532 kilometres from Adelaide, south on the Stuart Highway.





Given Alice Springs' strategic geographic location, it is the government, retail, sports and health services hub for the southern half of the Northern Territory, as well as remote parts of South Australia and Western Australia.

Alice Springs Town Council is proudly involved with more than 120 community events each year, including the iconic Rotary Henley on the Todd Regatta, night markets, Finke Desert Race, Masters Games, Red Centre Nats, Australian Rules Football Games and Sheffield Shield cricket competition.

Alice Springs is a dynamic town, offering diverse retail and business outlets, as well as quality education, recreation, leisure and entertainment, for locals, and visitors, alike.



Mayor's Message

When the financial year concludes, it enables Councillors and staff to reflect upon accomplishments from the previous twelve months. 2015/16 continued at a rapid pace, successfully embracing our vision 'for a vibrant and growing community', in a multitude of ways.

During the financial year, four formal citizenship ceremonies and accompanying social gatherings were hosted by Council, welcoming more than two-hundred and twenty new Australian citizens. We celebrate the increasing multicultural diversity of our town.



Amenity, attractiveness and sustainability continue to be critical, ensuring Alice Springs' evolving liveability. As such, a focus upon well planned and relevant infrastructure development has continued. The project management of the Albrecht Oval carpark was undertaken; the partnership initiative to construct the new indoor Alice Springs netball facility occurred; and construction of the Alice Springs General (Memorial) Cemetery Chapel commenced.

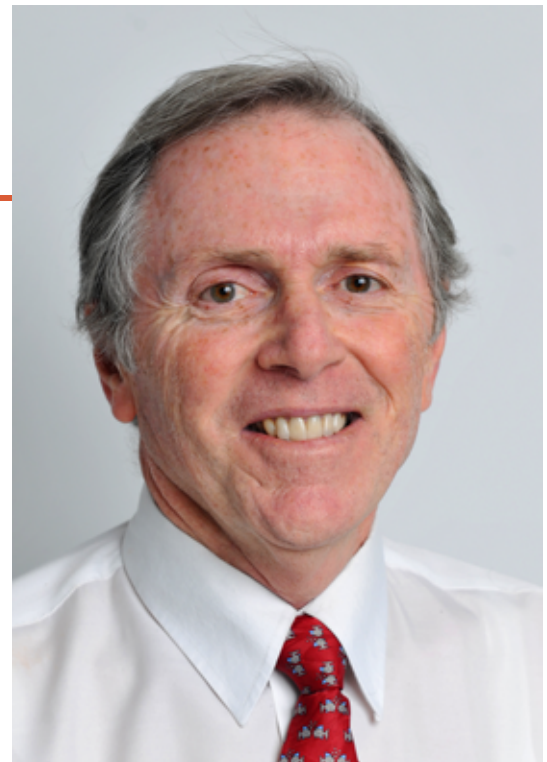
I am incredibly proud of our Council contributions towards the community. I sincerely thank Elected Members for their passion and dedication, representing the people of Alice Springs.

I also take the opportunity to express my thanks to Chief Executive Officer, Rex Mooney, the Executive team and staff, for their tireless contributions. I am privileged to represent the community, in my role as Mayor.

Damien Ryan
MAYOR



Chief Executive Officer's Message



Council is determined to provide and advocate for dynamic, relevant services, fulfilling the needs of the Alice Springs community. The ways in which we achieve this is via innovative leadership, continuous improvement and good governance, coupled with sound fiscal management.

Our pursuits and goals uphold the Alice Springs Town Council formal mission. We measure our performance, as compared with our published Key Performance Indicators and this 2015/2016 Annual Report provides a summary of the highlights and accomplishments, during the past financial year.

During the year, Council provided in-kind support for more than one-hundred and twenty annual, as well as once off events for a dynamic variety of organisations and community groups. This demonstrates our Council's unwavering support for the community, as well as benefits for both the local economy and tourism.

Alice Springs Town Council manages more than \$189 million in assets, on behalf of the community. Council works conscientiously to ensure that suitable maintenance and replacement of assets occurs within the realms of a restricted budget. Achievements in this area are detailed in this report.

Council continues to place much emphasis upon sustainability pursuits, too. Amongst an array of positive initiatives, a baling machine was installed at the Regional Waste Management facility and residents have been able to recycle paper and cardboard, free of charge. Council continued the shift towards renewable energy, as well as energy efficient approaches with the installation of solar power at the Regional Waste Management facility and a shift from fluorescent lights, to Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs), in the Alice Springs Public Library.

The achievements set out in this Annual Report are indicative of the commitment and vision that our Elected Members and staff exhibit, as a part of their daily tasks and responsibilities.

I would particularly like to thank Mayor Damien Ryan, as well as each of our Councillors, for their combined dedication and passion towards their Elected Member roles. To our dedicated and loyal staff, another big THANK YOU!

Rex Mooney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Our Council

The Council is a democratically elected body comprising the Mayor and eight Councillors. The elected members are Council's principal decision making body.

Ordinary Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber, the last Monday of every month. Official meetings begin at 6:00pm. However, the public are invited to informal information sessions with elected members, prior to meetings, at 5:30pm.

Council Standing Committee meetings are held in the Council Chamber, the 3rd last Monday of every month (except January and December), commencing at 5:30pm.

Periodic general elections are held every four years for the positions of Councillor and Mayor. The next general election is scheduled for August 2017.



Our Council

Damien Ryan

Mayor – Alice Springs Town Council

Mayor Ryan was born in Alice Springs in 1955 and completed his primary education at 'Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School' in Alice Springs.

His professional career began in 1972 when he started work at the Alice Springs Camera Shop, which he bought in 1974.

Since then, he has also gained invaluable knowledge of the tourism industry as licensee of the Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse (south-west of Alice Springs) and later as co-owner of Dunmarra Roadhouse.

Mayor Ryan is the President of the Local Government Association NT, an NT Grants Commissioner; Co-chairman of the Outback Way Development Council and Vice President of the Finke Desert Race. Mayor Ryan is also involved with Centralian Girls Academy Advisory Committee and the Alice Springs Alcohol Reference Panel.

First elected as Mayor of Alice Springs in March 2008, Mayor Ryan was re-elected in March 2012, for a second term.

Mayor Ryan is strongly committed to the sustainable development and advancement of Alice Springs.



External Committees:

- Outback Way
- RedHOT Arts Central Australia Inc.
- Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee
- Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee

Council Committees:

- Australia Day Coordinating Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Regional Waste Management Committee
- Risk Management and Audit Committee

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Our Council
Jamie de Brenni
Deputy Mayor



External Committees:

- Alice Springs Regional Economic Development Committee
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)
- Alice Springs Art Foundation
- Outback Way
- Development Consent Authority

Council Committees:

- Australia Day Coordinating Committee
- Parks Advisory Committee
- Sports Facilities Advisory Committee
- Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee
- Development Committee

A by-election was held October 10, 2015 electing Jamie de Brenni to Council.

Elected Deputy Mayor March 29 2016.

Councillor de Brenni is a third generation Alice Springs local, after his grandparents moved to the Northern Territory, during the 1940s. He and his wife Alice have raised their own family of three children in Alice Springs. They particularly enjoy the lifestyle and opportunities the town has to offer.

Councillor de Brenni attended Gillen Primary School and Sadadeen High School. After finishing high school he worked in a variety of jobs before undertaking an adult apprenticeship in Carpentry. He now has a successful building business.

Councillor de Brenni has a long history of involvement in many sports including AFL, Rugby League and Dirt Kart racing. He is currently the Vice President of Motorsports NT.

Councillor de Brenni's goals include creating opportunities and reasons for our younger generation to remain in and contribute to our fantastic town. He promises to keep his passion and to chip away each day at making a difference for the future benefit of Alice Springs.

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Our Council

Kylie Bonanni

Councillor

Councillor Bonanni moved to Alice Springs from Ballarat, Victoria in 1988 when her father became the gold room manager at Granites Mine.

She has worked in the building industry alongside her husband in the family business and has been involved in many aspects of Alice Springs community life, particularly as her three children were growing up.

Councillor Bonanni works full-time for the Cancer Council as the events and fundraising officer. She is the ambassador coordinator for the Masters Games and is also on the Masters Games steering committee plus is a board member for Tourism NT.

Councillor Bonanni would like to see more growth and business opportunities in Alice Springs. She is also focused on senior citizens and ensuring they continue to be looked after. She is a strong believer in looking at the positives in our community.



Councillor Kylie Bonanni resigned from Alice Springs Town Council, July 27, 2015.



Our Council **Steve Brown** Councillor

Council elected Councillor Steve Brown
Deputy Mayor 27 July 2015, position
held until 29 March 2016

Councillor Brown is a born and bred
“Alicspringian” who was raised on
a dairy farm called White Gums, just
outside of town along with three sisters
and six brothers.

After finishing school, Councillor Brown
undertook an apprenticeship as an
electrician with the Department of
Transport and Works. Upon completion
of the apprenticeship, he established
his own business.

His involvement with community has
been in the areas of sport, particularly
tennis and baseball; politics, as the
Chairman of Advance Alice; and later as
a co-founder of Action for Alice.

It is his burning ambition to see Alice
Springs become a united, equal
community where all children can
fulfill their dreams and ambitions,
in a vibrant, prosperous and caring
community, through the establishment
of a youth foundation for Central
Australia's neglected children.

External Committees:

- Alice Springs Water Advisory Committee (ASWAC)
- Council of the Ageing (COTA)
- Development Consent Authority – Alternate representative
- Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee
- Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee

Council Committees:

- Parks Advisory Committee
- Seniors Coordinating Committee
- Sports Facilities Advisory Committee
- Development Committee

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Our Council

Dave Douglas

Councillor

Councillor Douglas has lived in Alice Springs for more than 30 years and successfully runs two local businesses.

Councillor Douglas's aims are to refresh the town's image through streetscape improvements (including footpaths on both sides of all streets) and enforcements of anti-litter by-laws, reviewing removal of graffiti, improvements to the drainage system to limit flooding potential and improving facilities for the town's senior citizens.

Councillor Douglas's vision is that Council confronts the town's social issues and maintains its traditional responsibilities at the highest standards.

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Council Committees:

- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Community Grants/Araluen Access Grants Committee (incorporating Community Computers Program Committee)
- Seniors Coordinating Committee
- Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee
- Development Committee



Our Council **Brendan Heenan** Councillor

Finance Committee Chair

Councillor Heenan was born in Alice Springs and has worked for many years as a market gardener, landscape gardener and nurseryman.

Councillor Heenan and his wife Bev are the owners of a successful caravan park.

They have six children and 14 grandchildren with most of the family residing and working in Alice Springs.

Councillor Heenan's community involvement includes roles as President of the NT Caravan Park Association, CRVA National Board member and as a Bindi board member.

Councillor Heenan is a patron of the AFLCA and sponsors the under 17 football community with the Heenan Cup and is a proud NT Thunder member.

A Rotarian of the Stuart Rotary Club since 1970, Councillor Heenan was president in 1977-78 and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for services to Rotary and the community.

Councillor Heenan enjoys spending time with family and friends, gardening, reading, politics, walking, AFL and is a member of the Essendon Football Club.

External Committees:

- Place Names Committee
- Council of the Ageing (COTA) - Alternate representative

Council Committees:

- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Risk Management and Audit Committee
- Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee
- Development Committee

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Our Council

Jade Kudrenko

Councillor

Corporate and Community Services Committee Chair

Jade Kudrenko attended Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School and completed high school at St Philip's College.

Over the past decade Councillor Kudrenko has played active in roles within the Education, Natural Resource Management and Indigenous Employment sectors.

Her work has taken her to many remote indigenous communities in Central Australia.

Her extensive travels in the region have fostered a strong appreciation for the natural environment and Councillor Kudrenko is passionate about conserving Central Australia's unique arid plants and animals.

She was a graduating participant of the Desert Leadership Program which was focused on developing skills in adaptive leadership and uniting other young leaders to respond to entrenched community issues.

In her private life Councillor Kudrenko and her husband Scott are foster parents and enjoy the opportunity to have great kids in their lives.

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External Committees:

- Tangentyere's Women's Committee
- Family Safety Project Advisory Group
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)
- Alice Springs Population Intelligence Working Group
- Development Consent Authority
- Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee
- Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee

Council Committees:

- Youth Action Group
- Community Grants/Araluen Access Grants Committee (incorporating Community Computers Program Committee)
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Public Art Advisory Committee
- Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Risk Management and Audit Committee
- Development Committee



Councillor Liz Martin resigned from Alice Springs Town Council September 2, 2015.

Our Council **Liz Martin, OAM** Councillor

Councillor Martin is the CEO of the National Road Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs.

She has worked as a consultant and lobbyist on all matters pertaining to the road transport industry.

Councillor Martin has been involved in events and public relations in the tourism industry and is the author of Australia's Road Transport Heritage: Stories from the Road.

Councillor Martin gained one of the highest accolades in the Northern Territory Tourism industry at the 2009 Brolgas when she was awarded the Tourism Minister's Perpetual Trophy.

Her community involvement includes service as Director of Transport Women Australia Ltd, the NT Rest Areas representative for the Campervan and Motor Home Club of Australia, the NT representative for the Australasian Motor Museums Association, and 10 years as Public Officer of Holyoake Alice Springs Inc.

Councilor Martin's interests include Alice Springs, NT history and heritage, particularly road transport and the Old Ghan train, indigenous/cultural issues, the natural landscape and the connectivity between them all.

Our Council **Eli Melky** Councillor

Technical Services Committee Chair

Councillor Melky is proud to be a member of the 12th Council of Alice Springs.

He takes an attentive and pro-active approach towards the Council business of roads, rates and rubbish, whilst working equally hard to address his core concerns on law and order matters.

Councillor Melky enjoys representing this great town and ensuring Alice Springs has a bright future.

As well as wanting a safe and tidy town, Councillor Melky supports business and tourism growth initiatives, as well as many other sporting and special events in our town.



Council Committees:

- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Access Advisory Committee
- Development Committee

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Our Council **Chansey Paech** Councillor

Councillor Paech is a fifth-generation Centralian.

One of his major visions for the 12th Council is to take a strong role in the economic and social developments of Alice Springs.

Another priority of his is to develop, conserve and promote community assets, as he views the present Council as trustees for future generations.

Having been an active supporter of community groups for many years, Councillor Paech has a strong working knowledge, and sense of direction for, community groups in Alice Springs.

Councillor Paech's interests include Alice Springs and Australian history and heritage, indigenous/cultural affairs and the Centralian landscape.



External Committees:

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- Environment Advisory Committee
- Sister Cities Committee
- Development Committee

Our Council **Jacinta Price** Councillor

A by-election was held October 10, 2015 electing Jacinta Price to Council.

Councillor Price is a Warlpiri/Celtic woman who has grown up in Alice Springs.

Councillor Price has performed various professional roles within the Arts including Assistant Curator at the Araluen Galleries, Assistant Curator at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, and Project Manager at Desert. She has worked as a Cross Cultural Consultant for the past 17 years.

Councillor Price has co-produced and performed as part of the indigenous children's television program Yamba's Playtime for seven years. She is currently the co-founder and director of Yangapi Productions, which produces a popular children's TV series.

Councillor Price is passionate about music and is a nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter who has performed to audiences around Australia since 1996.

Councillor Price is also passionate about improving the lives of indigenous children, addressing tough issues such as domestic violence and helping build a unified community.

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External Committees:

- RedHOT Arts Central Australia Inc. – Alternate representative
- Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee
- Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee

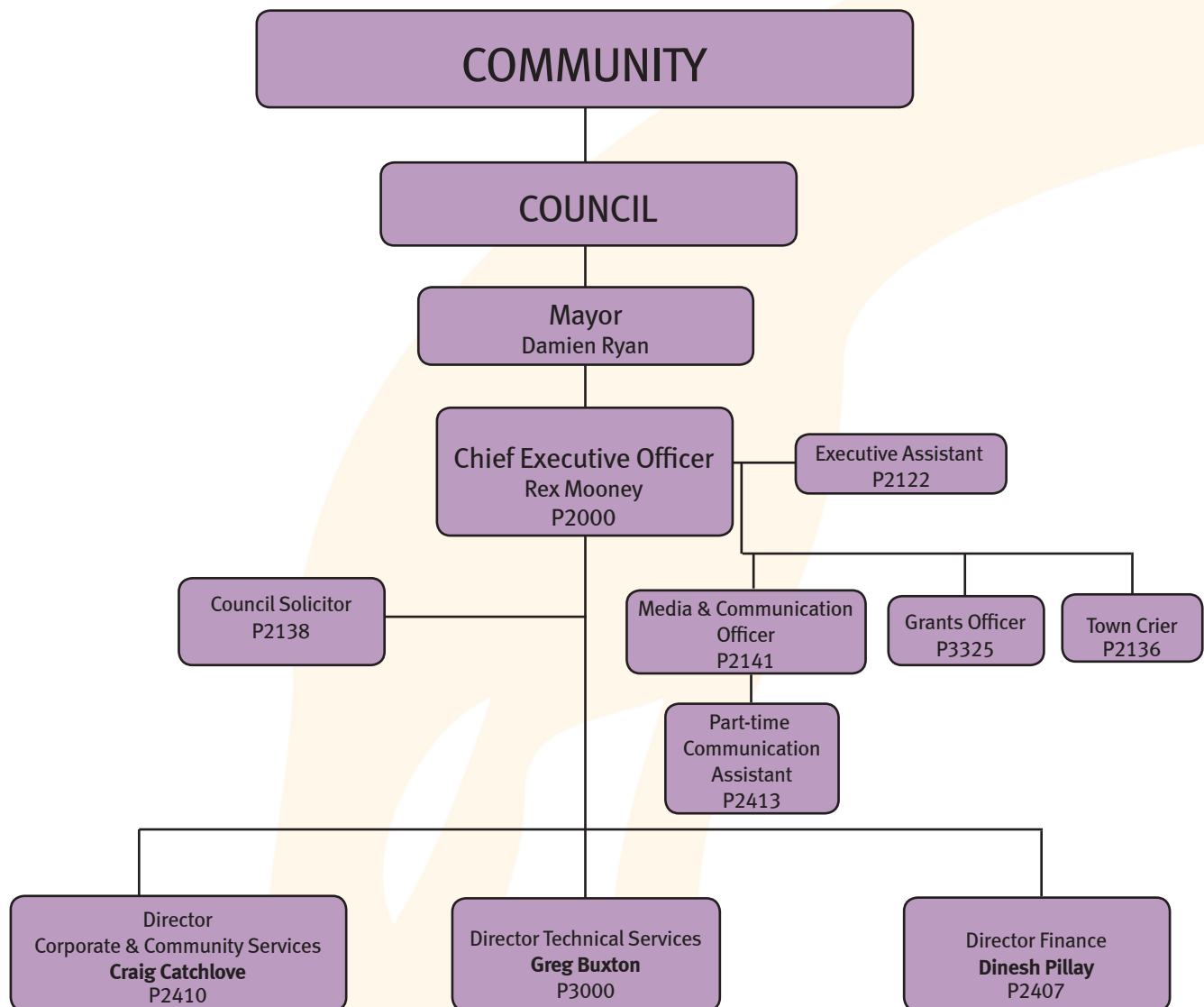
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Our Staff

Executive Structure

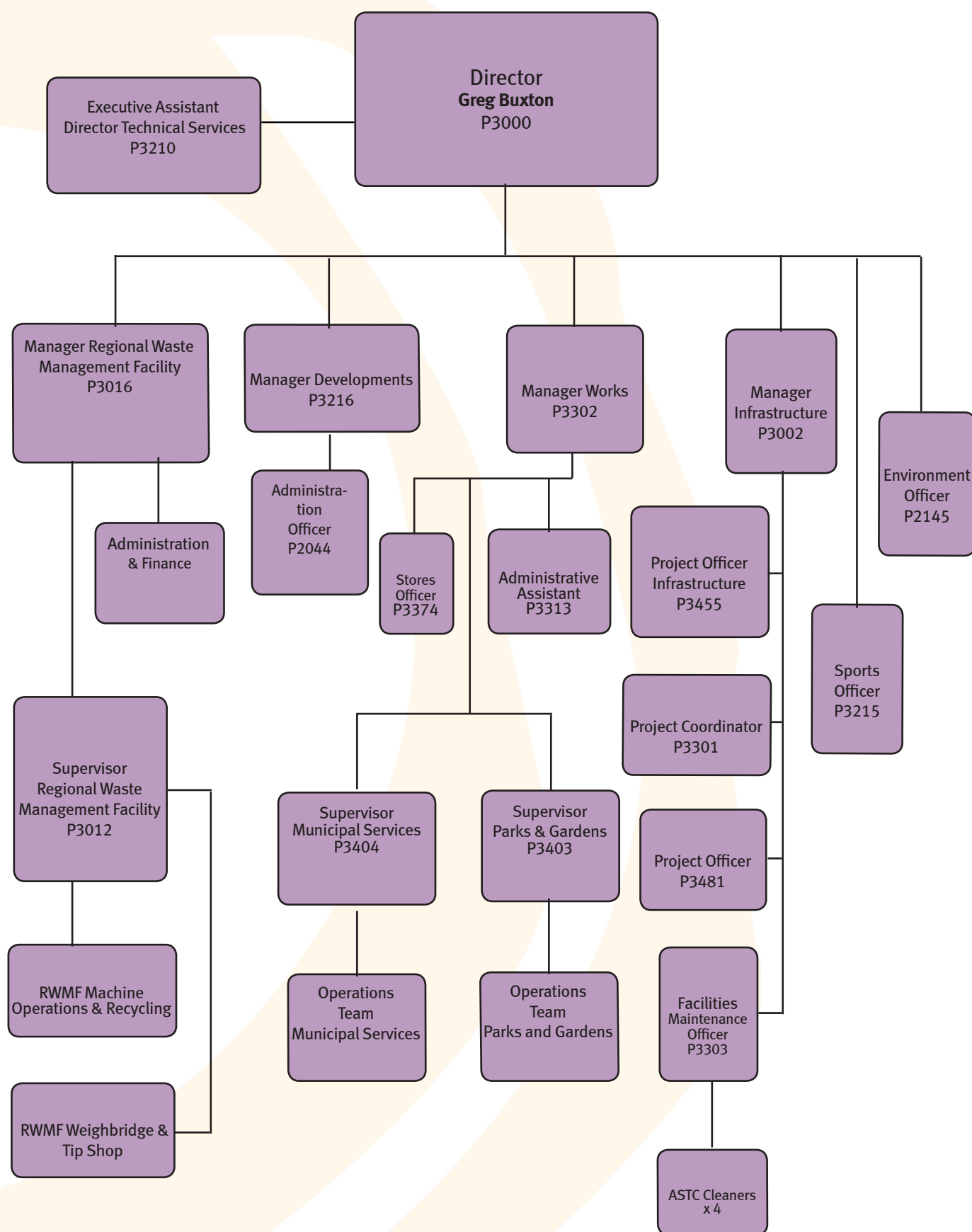
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Our Staff

Technical Services Structure

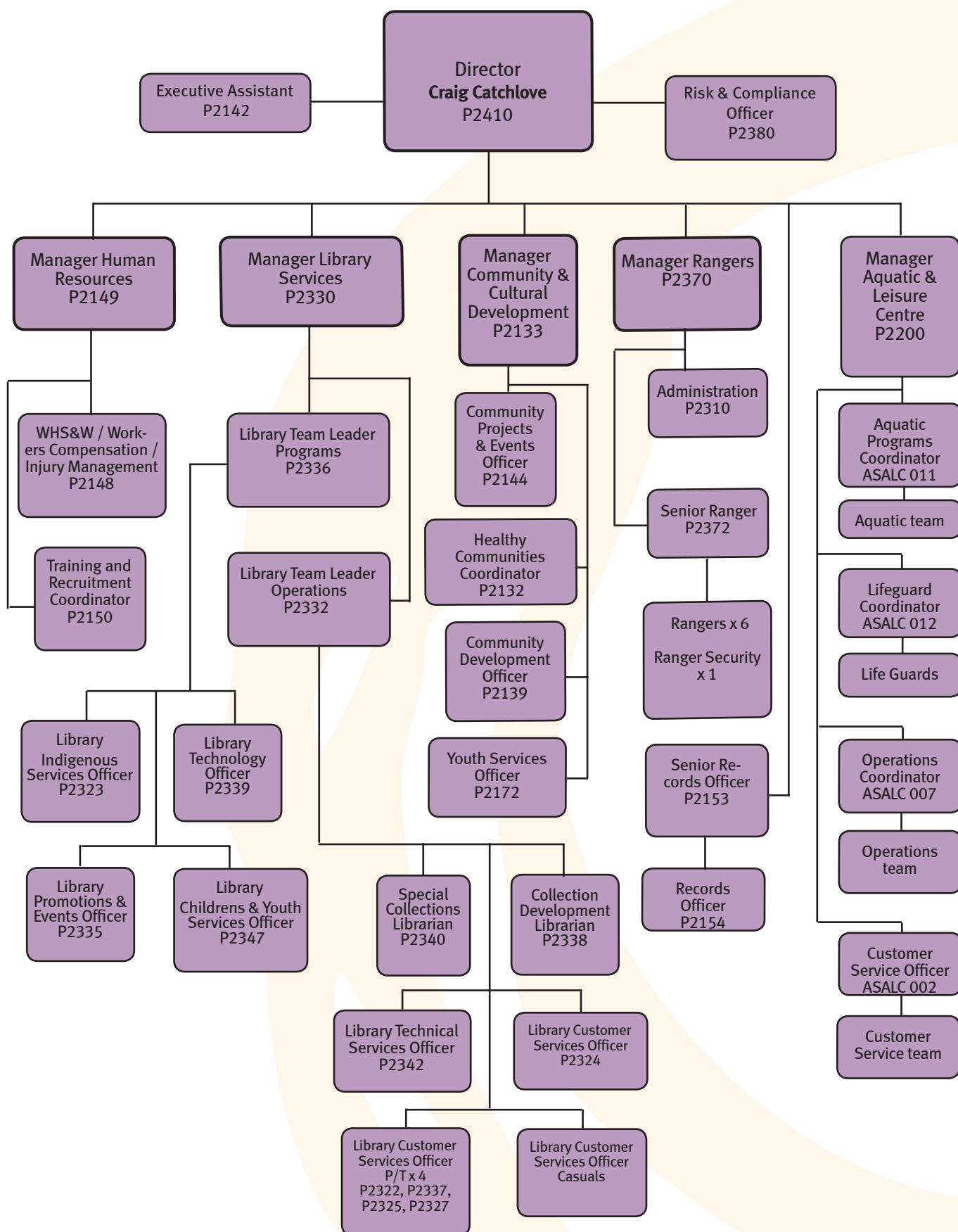
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Our Staff

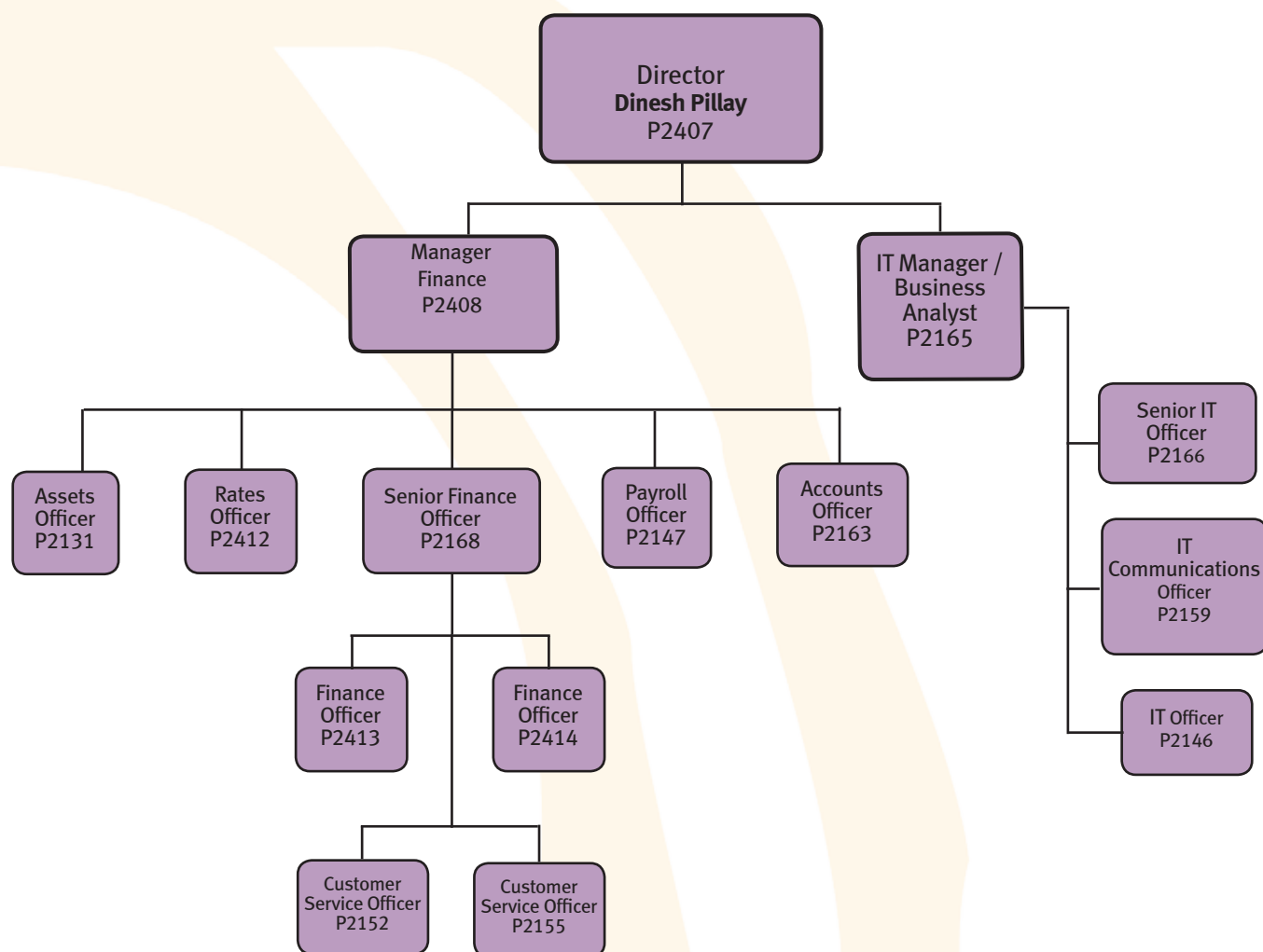
Corporate and Community Services Structure

(as at 30 June 2016)



Our Staff Finance Structure

(as at 30 June 2016)



1. Economic

To facilitate a growing and dynamic economy.

The Regional Economic Development Committee has Alice Springs Town Council elected member representation.

Staff participation and formal Council representation occurs in regular Alice Springs Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Council's in-house Development Committee exists to facilitate economic development and construction.

Staff have representation as a part of the Alice Springs Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group.

Four public citizenship ceremonies formally acknowledged and welcome two hundred and twenty one new Australians from a range of multicultural backgrounds, to ensure a more dynamic community fabric, as well as additional economic activity; and potential new business enterprises.

Alice Springs Town Council also organises four night markets in the Todd Mall, including up to sixty stall-holders and approximately three thousand visitors.

Some of Alice Springs Town Council's in-house committees have a prevailing focus upon economic prosperity, as well. They include the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee, Development Committee, and Public Art Advisory Committee.



2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

To create a harmonious and healthy community, actively engaged in recreation, arts and culture.

Community Grants

Alice Springs Town Council proudly encourages proactive community engagement and grass roots initiatives, by offering the annual Community Grants. During early 2016, the Community Grants were collectively valued at \$33,500. There were a variety of recipients including the NT Writers Centre, the Mental Health Association, Sustainable Couture and Hamilton Downs Youth Camp.

Community Development Grants:

Applicant	Amount	Purpose
NT Writers Centre	\$4,000	The NT Writers' Centre exists to develop, inform, advocate and showcase writers in the Northern Territory. Its purpose is fulfilled by providing an annual writers' festival that occurs biennially in Alice Springs as Eye of the Storm.
Alice Springs Beanie Festival	\$5,000	Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the festival positions Alice Springs as the "Beanie Capital of the World".
Sustainable Couture	\$4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signature event - the Sustainable Couture Opening Night Parade and Marketplace at the Central Australian Aviation Museum• The selling exhibition, to be held this year in a pop-up shop in the Alice Springs CBD• Community mentoring sessions/workshops in garment and fabric recycling.
TOTAL	\$13,000	

2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Community Assistance Grants:

Applicant	Amount	Purpose
Birth & Beyond	\$1,500	The aim of the project is to celebrate the different birth experiences of women and families in Alice Springs. These will include stories of IVF, caesarean, natural births, home births, hospital births and the feelings and emotions associated with the birth.
Mental Health Association	\$1,500	<p>A morning Wellness Walk and Fun Run along the Barrett Drive - South Terrace pathway circuit, culminating in a breakfast provided in the Double Tree Hilton car park. The purpose of the project is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote the close link between good physical and good mental health • support and encourage the general community and MHACA participants to maintain good mental health with a healthy activity • provide information about how physical exercise and becoming involved in community and group activities can help protect mental health and build resilience • provide information to increase mental ill-health literacy and to address stigma.
Acacia Hill School	\$1,500	To assist in the development of the Acacia Hill Community Art Exhibition. Art is valuable source of therapy for students.
Red Dirt Poetry Festival/ Laurie May (Auspiced by NT Writers Centre)	\$1,500	Facilitating an aspect of the Red Dirt Poetry Festival. A walking tour of poetry in the Todd Mall and displays for the duration of the festival. Ten poems from visiting and local poets will be displayed prominently in local shops and empty shop windows in the Todd Mall and its laneways.
Trustees of Edmund Rice Australia Trading as St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning Centre	\$1,500	<p>Saint Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning Centre works with disfranchised young people.</p> <p>Development of a wellbeing program which concentrates on the physical, mental and spiritual foundations for youth.</p>
TOTAL	\$7,500	

2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Youth Development Grants:

Applicant	Amount	Purpose
Hamilton Downs Youth Camp	\$5,000	Project: Restoration of Historic Well and Windmill
TOTAL	\$5,000	

The remaining \$2,000 was allocated to the Alice Springs Town Council Youth Action Group for a Youth and Music Festival.

Araluen Community Access Grants:

Applicant	Amount	Purpose
Central Australian Art Society	\$2,000	38th Advocate Art Award
Ross Park Primary School & 2nd Toe Dance Collective	\$2,000	The dancers from the 2nd Toe Dance Collective work across eight government schools, as well as Acacia Hill Special school and Imanpa School, over a period of 6 weeks, with groups of up to thirty students in each school. The final performance is at the Araluen Theatre with 240+ dancers.
Studio B	\$2,000	Studio B End of Year Production
Central Australian Singing	\$2,000	“Desert Dream’ The Headline Concert – Desert Song Festival
TOTAL	\$8,000	

2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Seniors Month

Alice Springs Town Council celebrates seniors' contributions towards our town. There were a range of calendar events for our respected citizens to kick up their heels, share a 'cuppa', or listen to inspiring awards recipients.

Still Got Talent

During Seniors Month the fourth Still Got Talent showcase had the biggest audience attendance ever; with more than 100 audience members entertained. Eleven acts performed during the occasion. The event has become the marquee event for Seniors Month, in Alice Springs. A DVD memento of the event was produced by Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA).

NT Tour of Honor Afternoon Tea

The NT Tour of Honour Afternoon Tea was held Tuesday July 14. The enthralling speakers included Ms Jackie French, 2015 Senior Australian of the Year; and Ms Chantel Obar, 2015 NT Young Australian of the Year.

Mayor's Morning Tea

The guest speaker was Graeme Bevis from Council on the Ageing (COTA), with more than sixty people in attendance.

Seniors in the Library

The library also had a scarf making workshop; caring for personal archives and a fascinator making workshop for senior citizens, during Seniors Month.

Youth Action Group

Alice Springs Town Council's Youth Action Group is responsible for a range of youth oriented events and activities. During the twelve months to June 30, 2016 there were late night cinema events, recycled creations, multimedia film entries, as well as the coveted Youth Arts and Music Festival.

- Youth Action Group Facebook page hit 420 likes by June 30, 2016
- 2015 YAG had sixteen active members

2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Movie Marathon

The Movie Marathon held on Friday April 15, at the Alice Springs Cinema had an attendance with more than 270 young people watching a variety of screenings.

Youth Recycled Art Prize

Fifty entries were received for the Youth Recycled Art Prize.

More than eight hundred and forty people had the privilege of viewing the gallery/exhibition, during National Youth Week.

Phoney Film Festival

The Phoney Film Festival was held Friday July 29, 2015, at the Alice Springs Cinema. More than sixty-five people attended the premiere screening and ten extremely varied short films were entered into the competition.

2015 YAM Fest (Youth Arts & Music Festival)

Held October 24, in the Northern end of the Todd Mall, the 1st annual event was developed by the Youth Action Group, with up to four-hundred and fifty people attended.

2016 Young Australians of the Year Meet and Greet

Held 17 May with Orange Sky Laundry Founders: Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett. 30 people attended.



2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Alice Springs Town Council Scholarship

The importance of providing ongoing educational opportunities was upheld by provision of two scholarships valued at \$2,000 each. They were awarded to Gail Schofield and Kathleen Munnich.

Mayoral Awards Ceremony & International Day of People with a Disability Celebrations

2015 Mayoral Awards Ceremony & International Day of People with a Disability (IDPwD) was held December 3, 2015, with guest speaker Tony Burns and 'Laddie' the smart pup, with an audience of one hundred people.

Healthy Communities

- Alice Springs Town Council actively participated as a part of the Northern Territory Live Lighter Campaign committee
- Free exercise programmes were regularly offered for residents at the Old Timers Village
- Health and Wellness Centre boasts thirteen programmes per week, for people with chronic health conditions
- Healthy Communities delivered regular exercise programmes for patients at Anglicare, MHACA and Alice Springs Hospital.
- Council received a NT State Finalist acknowledgment in the 2015 Heart Foundation Local Government Awards for Healthy Communities exercise programmes and initiatives
- Facilitated regular Arthritis Australia's Joint Movement exercise program

In conjunction with Heart Foundation NT, coordination of a Heart Health information evening occurred. Presentations included; Patient pathways, Absolute cardiovascular risk and the role of primary care, cardiac rehabilitation, cardiac research and cardiac services at the Alice Springs Hospital.

Council's 'Active in Alice' Heart Foundation Walking Group remains the 2nd largest in Australia; and there are 1,500 Heart Foundation Walking groups nation-wide.

2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre

- Greatest recorded yearly attendance of 151,990
- October greatest attendance for a month on record – 19,580
- February surpassing October and 20,000 for the first time (20,280)
- Two Memorandum of Understandings partnership agreements were signed: Get Physical (Health and Wellness Centre) and YMCA Central Australia (Joint Vacation Care Program)



2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Art and Culture

- Development of the Alice Springs Arts and Cultural Policy and five year Arts and Cultural Plan
- Development of Alice Springs Town Council Public Art Master Plan
- Public Art – Historical Flood Marker installed, Alice Springs Town Council Garden Cemetery public art commissioned. Art of Waste
- Development of the Pop-Up Shop program
- Conservation and Management Plan update for Totem Theatre

Christmas Carnival

The Christmas Carnival is an important family friendly event on the annual calendar, attracting up to 14,000 visitors. The occasion was suitably entered into the Tourism NT Brolga Awards. Christmas window display competition for Todd Mall traders' also occurred. Ten businesses participated and winners were announced during the Christmas Carnival, including Red Kangaroo Books, Lone Dingo adventure wear, and Ju Ju Beane garment store.

In-kind Support

In-kind support for Alice Pride Carnival, Australian Rescue Challenge, Bangtail Muster, Bush Bands Bash, Camel Cup, Carols by Candlelight, Finke Desert Race, Henley on Todd, Lens Flair, Longest Desert Lunch, Oz Outback Odyssey and Territory Day. The Alice Desert Festival also received \$15,000 cash, as well as the equivalent of \$15,000 in-kind support.

Big Day Out in Harmony – Multicultural Event

Indian, African, Filipino, Indigenous, Latino and belly dancing performers entertained more than seven hundred people.

Night Markets

Event management related to four night markets in the Todd Mall, including live music and street theatre to enhance the Alice Springs experience.

2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Property Ownership

During 2015/16, change of ownership database updates occurred with regard to four-hundred and thirty-two properties, comprising 384 houses and 48 Units.

Average sales per month comprised 36 houses and 4 units.

Cemetery Burials

Eighty conventional burials occurred during the year. There were also fourteen exclusive right burials and fifteen ashes burials.

The Authority cemetery database was implemented – 185,000 burial records entered from burial books, to digitise records.

Two rose gardens planted (provision for sixty memorials/ ashes in each rose garden).

War Graves were inspected by the Department of Veteran Affairs and fulfilled all necessary consideration and maintenance requirements .



2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Alice Springs Public Library

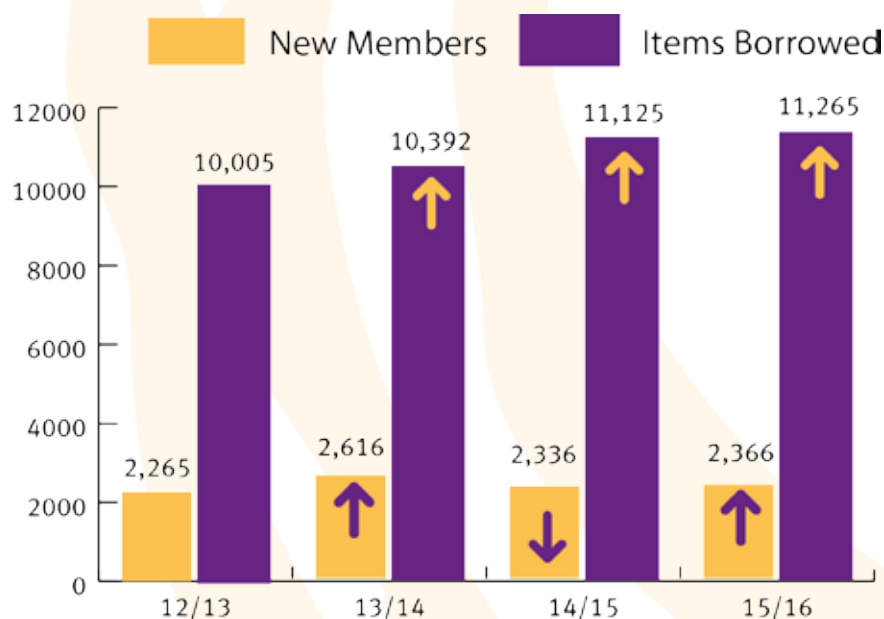
The Alice Springs Public Library runs a full calendar of events of activities. The reporting period saw even more diversity amongst the offerings for all ages and stages of life.

There were writing clubs, book/ reading clubs, chess club, baby sessions, a Foster and Kinship expo, activity-based events and the Eye of the storm writers' festival event. Celebrations of Harmony Day, Seniors Month, National Reconciliation Week and Adult Learners Week, as well as National Simultaneous Storytime, were a part of the offerings. Vacation care occurred and high tea gatherings, too.

Author presentations included:

- Greg Bastian
- Judy Nunn
- Peter Garrett
- Peter Latz
- Stuart Traynor

Students from St Phillips were volunteers, as a part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award program. Students from Our Lady of Sacred Heart School were also volunteers, completing community service.



2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Outreach Programmes

An important way for the Library to interact with the community is via outreach services and supporting other events.

During the year there were:

- Yipirinya School storytime visits
- Attended night markets
- Housebound services at the Old Timers Village and the broader community
- Alice Springs Show trade stand
- Community Harmony Day trade stand and participation
- Pets on Parade trade stand
- Alice Springs Desert Festival
- Commencement of partnership with Access to Education program through Tangentyere Council providing activities for children in Community Living Areas (Town Camps).
- Booka the library mascot attended 10 community events
- Alice Outcomes programmes:
 - Young Mums
 - Young Men (Bush Mob)
- Attended Territory Parents support program



2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Sports Events

Alice Springs residents enjoy sport spectating and active participation too. The depot team continue to provide curation for sporting fields, for the enjoyment of thirteen local clubs, as well as inter-state and national sports. They also provide in-kind support for a variety of sports, recreation and leisure events throughout the greater Alice Springs Town Council area.

Highlights on the calendar included preparations for the Australian Football League Premiership match, as a part of the Indigenous Round between the Port Adelaide Power and Melbourne Demons, held at Traeger Park. The National Rugby League football code also had a pre-season match between the Parramatta Eels and Gold Coast Titans, held at Anzac Oval.

A Sheffield Shield Cricket match occurred between the Victorian Bushrangers and NSW Breakers. Similarly, the National Indigenous cricket championships occurred when Alice Springs was given the opportunity to host the National Indigenous Cricket Carnival and Imparja Cup, during February and has the rights, during 2017.

Council's dedicated sports officer has also worked with stakeholders to ensure successful sports events:

- Traeger Park Tennis Courts hosted Tennis Australian Pro-tour event – September 26 until October 3
- Traeger Park Oval hosted Papua New Guinea versus NT Strike – October 1 and 2
- World Solar Challenge check point at Traeger Park sporting precinct October 19 until 22
- Anzac Oval hosted the annual community Carols by Candlelight, December 5 – 6
- Traeger Park Oval hosted Sheffield Shield match between Victoria Bushrangers and NSW 14th – 18th March 2016

NT Correctional Services

Council has continued its excellent relationship with the Community Support Program. Corrections assist Council in delivering municipal services for the ratepayers of Alice Springs including litter, mowing verges, events support, as well as other maintenance and upgrades.

2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programmes

Storm Cleanup

The Depot team were instrumental during the emergency response as a result of the hail storms and flash flooding in June, 17, 2016. There were more than sixty urgent call-outs, power lines were down and properties were inundated with water. According to the Bureau of Meteorology, the Northern Territory had 156% above average rainfall, during June 2016. Much of the rain in the south of the Northern Territory at that time was attributed to the single storm event.



3. Environment

To create a town at the forefront of sustainable management and protection of its built environment and natural resources.

Renewable Energy

Renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives included 30 kilo watt solar photovoltaics installed at the Rediscovery Centre and installation of an additional 75 kilo watt solar photovoltaics located on the Civic Centre roof-top. 340 fluorescent lights changed to energy efficient Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) in the Alice Springs Public Library.

Household Waste Audit

Council conducted waste audits of more than one hundred and thirty households to determine the contents of the average household bin, in Alice Springs. The results of the waste audit, which was funded by the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Agency, will assist Council in planning for future waste management services.

Compost Revolution

Alice Springs took part in the Compost Revolution – providing residents access to tutorials on composting and to discounted compost bins. Compost workshops were held at the Alice Springs Community Gardens in conjunction with the Compost Revolution.

Green Army Project

Weeding and native species plantings took place in the Todd River through the Green Army project. The Green Army is a Department of Environment initiative involving participants aged 16-24 undertaking conservation activities.

Free Paper and Cardboard Recycling

Paper and cardboard recycling was made available, free of charge to residents, at the Regional Waste Management Facility due to the installation of a baler.

3. Environment

Recycling Bins in the CBD

Public-place recycling bins have been installed in the CBD. These bins are for recycling of bottles that are eligible under the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). CDS recycling bins have also been made available at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

Sustainability Events

Sustainability focussed events hosted by Council included Ride2Work Day, Clean Up Australia Day, the Great Northern Clean Up and the National Garage Sale Trail.

Mobile Muster

Mobile Muster recycling continues with collection points in the Civic Centre, the Library, and the Rediscovery Centre. Council was awarded the Mobile Muster Top Collector Award (NT) in 2016.

Safe Recycling of Light Tubes

A Tube Terminator machine was purchased to enable safe recycling of fluorescent tubes. The machine safely extracts mercury vapour from the lights, whilst crushing the glass.



4. Development

A town developed with the desired infrastructure of its residents whilst reflective of its unique character.

Council has facilitated and project managed major projects including:

- Albrecht Oval Car Park Upgrade (commenced May 2016) – the Depot project managed the completion of the Albrecht Oval car park upgrade, whilst coordinating the Department Of Infrastructure, Department Of Transport, Department Of Environment, as well as the contractor.
- Garden Cemetery Chapel (commenced May 2016) – the Depot is currently project managing the construction of the Garden Cemetery Chapel.
- Parks and Gardens – establishment of irrigation plans and installation of infrastructure, including park seating and play equipment, fences, gates, locks, as well as ongoing tree management.



4. Development

Developments

Each development is assessed individually, according to the overall benefit provided to the community. These assessments are also crucial, to ensure any potential impact from a development to Council infrastructure and services is reduced. The overall benefit is evaluated before relevant conditions are proposed as a part of the permit.

In addition to assessments on developments, input from Council is sought for Planning Scheme Amendments. Recent amendments have been considered by the Development Committee and Council input has been provided.

The Development team continues to deliver services in the form of assessments, technical responses to development applications and planning scheme amendments, as well as site inspections and Part 5 clearances, for development proposals.

A major development upgrade of the apartments was completed at Heavy Tree Gap, provided valuable affordable housing.

Con-current applications (Rezone and subdivide)	1
Proposed Planning Scheme amendments	1
Exceptional Development permit applications	5
Development permit applications	75
Development permits	74
Exceptional Development Permits	5
Part 5 Clearances	40
Notice of Refusal	3
Partial Part 5 Clearances	6

4. Development

Major Development Works Currently Under Construction

- Ilpeye Ilpeye Subdivision – Subdivision works have recommenced. BTO is providing unconditional certification for this project which is managed by the Department of Infrastructure. Work is nearing completion.
- Lot 288 – 69 Ross Highway – To use and develop the land for the purpose of a motel, with 76 single rooms and caravan park with 25, two bedroom self-contained cabins and 6 camping sites including a communal kitchen, dining area, ablutions, laundry, recreation area and office. Pre-construction consultation has begun.
- Lot 8146 and 8147 – 14 Parsons Street – Construction of Supreme Court. Laneway consolidation in progress.
- Lot 8203 – 27 Head Street – Construction of nine, 3 bedroom dwellings, in two buildings
- Lot 3131 – 56 Milner Rd – School bus interchange facility and subdivision to create two lots

The Infrastructure Department has also worked on a range of other projects:

- Ilparpa road widening, stage 2 through Roads To Recovery program \$2.2m to improve traffic safety
- Albrecht Oval carpark upgrade \$2.2m to improve safety of children being picked up and dropped off from school
- CBD ramp upgrades to improve mobility for disabled access \$220,000
- Bath Street footpath upgrade to improve pedestrian access \$80,000
- Councils Annual Road reseal program – maintaining the road network to the highest standard \$389,000
- New park equipment installed – as part of Council's parks program
- New Chapel at the Garden Cemetery



4. Development

- New bicycle path along Spearwood road through Roads To Recovery program and Council's foot path program \$400,000
- New Paper Baler at the Regional Waste Management Facility – recycling of paper and cardboard
- New Solar systems at Council's Civic Centre to reduce power cost
- New sports storage facility at Jim McConville \$98,000 with a Government Grant
- Mona's Lounge upgrade \$150,000 Government Grant to improve disabled access
- The upgrade of the public restrooms at the Head Street athletics facility \$160,000

Other improvements included:

- Anzac Oval – non slip flooring paint applied to internal walkways and change rooms
- Anzac Oval – new scoreboard and roller shutter installed
- Monas Lounge – upgrade was completed with a balcony and automatic doors installed
- Traeger Park Oval – soakage pit was installed to assist with improved drainage
- Lyle Kepmster baseball diamond – new scoreboard installed
- Jim McConville Oval – Construction of a 5 bay storage shed was completed. This provided additional storage for Council, as well as baseball, softball, AFL and cricket sports groups
- Jim McConville Oval – works on converting diamond 1 to a turf diamond commenced with soil preparation, seeding applied and irrigation installed
- Ross Park precinct – Construction of an indoor netball stadium comprising four courts, commenced
- Tennis courts – resurfacing of tennis courts approved and work commenced

Image: Susan Dugdale & Associates



5. Public Order and Safety

A community with confidence in public safety.

After Hours Youth Night Patrol

With funding from the Northern Territory Government, Alice Springs Town Council commenced a partnership with Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, to implement an After Hours Night Youth patrol service. The service helps to ensure that young people get home safely and that they are suitably rested, better enabling their participation in school. During less than twelve months of operation, more than twelve thousand transportation journeys have been provided. The service has also provided social engagement with barbeques, as well as referrals to other agencies, for disenfranchised youth.

Pets on Parade

The Ranger unit coordinated this event, raising more than seven thousand dollars to support the Alice Springs Animal Shelter.

Purchase of an additional electronic speed zone indicator sign

The happy face/sad face electronic sign monitors the speed which approaching cars travel at and indicates compliance with a happy face, or illegal speed with a sad face. The sign is installed in school zones and other hot spots, on a rotational basis.

Radio Communications

Tendor completed for the replacement of the analogue radio system, with a new digital system which includes some GPS emergency functionality.

Shopping Trolley Management

Implementation of a new shopping trolley management system and better liaison with retail outlets resulted in 75% fewer impounded trolleys.

5. Public Order and Safety

Description	\$ value	Quantity
PARKING INFRINGEMENTS		
Number of Infringement Notices issued		1712
Value of Infringement Notices issued	\$85,875	
Amount of Infringement Notices paid	\$67,593	
ANIMAL CONTROL INFRINGEMENTS		
Number of Infringement Notices issued		58
Value of Infringement Notices issued	\$37,944	
Amount of Infringement Notices paid	\$15,108	
PUBLIC PLACES INFRINGEMENTS		
Number of Infringement Notices issued		120
Value of Infringement Notices issued	\$45,008	
Amount of Infringement Notices paid	\$3,671	
TROLLEY INFRINGEMENTS		
Number of Infringement Notices issued		14
Value of Infringement Notices issued	\$4,284	
Amount of Infringement Notices paid	\$0	
WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY INFRINGEMENTS		
Number of Infringement Notices issued		2
Value of Infringement Notices issued	\$906	
Amount of Infringement Notices paid	\$906	
CAUTION NOTICES ISSUED		
PARKING/TRAFFIC: Number of Caution Notices Issued		56
ANIMAL: Number of Caution Notices Issued		66
PUBLIC PLACES: Number of Caution Notices Issued		45
FINES RECOVERY UNIT		
Recieved	\$76 366	
Sent	\$94 503	
TROLLEYS		
Woolworths		15
Other (Coles, Kmart & Other)		41

5. Public Order and Safety

PERMITS ISSUED		
PUBLIC PLACES: Number of Permits Issued		117
TODD MALL ACTIVITY: Number of Permits Issued		88
TODD MALL VEHICLE: Number of Permits Issued (exc. markets)		10
PAINTING SELLER: Number of Permits Issued		42
NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS		
Number of complaints		1259
ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS		
DOGS: Lifetime Registrations		517
DOGS: New Annual Registrations		116
DOGS: Value of lifetime, new annual & annual renewals	\$80 391	
CATS: Lifetime Registrations		105
CATS: New Annual Registrations		16
CATS: Value of lifetime, new annual & annual renewals	\$12 513	
ANIMAL IMPOUNDED		
DOGS: Impounded		288
CATS: Impounded		237
OTHER: Impounded		2
TOWN CAMPS		
MALE DOGS: Removed from Town Camps		28
FEMALE DOGS: Removed from Town Camps		28
DOGS: Registered		6
RIVER RUNS		
Conversations with males		230
Conversations with females		197
Children encountered		11
PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL		
Conversations with consumers of alcohol		166
Verbal warnings		19
Infringements		45
Standard drinks emptied		283

6. Organisation

An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high quality public services.

A dedicated customer service team continued to provide recruitment, selection, safety and wellbeing, as well as training, development and employee support.

Human Resources

- Facilitation of Orientation days and comprehensive update of Employee Handbook
- Coordination of diverse vocational and tertiary training programmes with a range of courses including: First Aid, dogging, Certified Practising Accountancy, joint movement instructor training, 4WD training, legal practitioner training and chainsaw training, Emotional Intelligence as well as more than fifty other unique training courses
- Continued comprehensive recruitment and selection process to include skills testing, Jobfit pre-employment medicals and Fit2work criminal history checks
- Facilitated an annual Safety Day including guest speakers on prostate care and mental health
- Coordinated Reconciliation Action Plan working group to develop draft Reconciliation Action Plan
- Coordinated Council Representative groups including Wardens, Contact Officers and First Aid Officers. Activities included position descriptions, photo charts, training and information sessions.
- Promoted Local Government career opportunities at the Clontarf Indigenous Youth employment forum
- Alice Springs Town Council staff participated in the Local Government Management Challenge – ‘The Red Dust Storm Troopers’ - 3rd Place NT Competition

Information Technology Upgrades and Projects

- Commissioned replacement desk phone solution
- Major e-mail server upgrade
- New multi-function printers deployed
- Replaced Council chamber audio conferencing equipment
- E-mail archive solution implemented
- Deployed large screen tablets for the distribution of meeting papers
- Authority upgrade to version 6.11

2015/16 Financial Reflections

Alice Springs Town Council received Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government funding, during the year. The funding related to infrastructure, as well as specific events and programming activities.

Successful Applications 2015/16

Commonwealth Grants

Attorney-General's Department	Safer Streets Programme - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Initiatives	Reducing vandalism at Anzac Oval	\$18,145
Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development	Roads to Recovery	Alice Springs Roads	\$931,000
Subtotal			\$949,145

Successful Applications 2015/16

Northern Territory Government Grants

NT Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA)	Project Grants 2015-16	Household Waste Audit	\$10,000
NT Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA)	Project Grants 2015-16	ASTC Waste Strategy	\$10,000
NT Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA)	Project Grants 2015-16	ASTC Compost Revolution	\$11,374
NT Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA)	Project Grants 2015-16	The Art of Waste	\$7,210
Department of Transport	Road Safety Community Grants Program - Round 1 2015-2016	Creating speed awareness with the help of a Smiley Face SATS	\$5,000

2015/16 Financial Reflections

Successful Applications 2015/16			
Northern Territory Government Grants Continued			
Department of Transport	Improving Strategic Local Road Infrastructure Fund (ISLRIF) - Capital Investment and Minor New Works projects	Albrecht Oval Carpark Upgrade	\$692,000
Department Lands, Planning and the Environment	Heritage Grants 2015-16	Totem Theatre - Conservation & Management Plan	\$5,000
Department of Chief Minister	Office of Youth Affairs - Quick Response Grants	Alice Springs Youth Festival - Youth Art Exhibition/Street Art Workshop component	\$1,915
Department Local Govt & Regions	Special Purpose Grant Round 1	Returfing Jim McConville Diamond	\$85,549
Department of Transport	Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund (REIF) - Type 2	Albrecht Oval Carpark Upgrade - Stage 2	\$675,075
Department of Chief Minister	Office of Youth Affairs - Youth Week 2016	Youth Week Movie Marathon	\$2,000
NT Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA)	Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) Infrastructure Grants 2015-2016	Five Recycling Bins	\$23,478
Department Local Govt & Regions	Family Safe Environment Fund 2016	Anti-Graffiti Gerni	\$15,158
Department Local Govt & Regions	Special Purpose Grant Round 2	Library Carpark Solar Shade	\$200,000
Department of Chief Minister	Youth Vibe Holiday Grants - Winter 2016	Phoney Film Festival and Workshop	\$1,700

2015/16 Financial Reflections

Successful Applications 2015/16

Northern Territory Government Grants Continued

Territory Natural Resource Management (TNRM)	Community Capacity Grants	Alice Springs Roaming Cat Prevention Project	\$15,250
Department of Chief Minister	Office of Senior Territorians - Seniors Month 2015	Still Got Talent - 5th Edition	\$2,000
Central Australian Health Service - NT Health	One Off Funding	ASTC Health & Wellness Centre	\$30,000
Department of Chief Minister	Operational Funding	After Hours Youth Service	\$379,000
Subtotal			\$2,171,709
Total Grants Received			\$3,120,854



Analysis of Statement of Comprehensive Income

Income results have increased by \$4.06 million, in comparison with the 2014/15 financial year. This is largely attributed to:

- \$1.38 million increase in rate revenue in the 2015/16 financial year, as well as additional subdivisions.
- 20% increase in user charges at Council's Regional Waste Management Facility, primarily over the Weighbridge (\$452,000).
- Council's income from grants and contributions increased by \$1.75 million, when compared with 2014/2015. The significant funding increase was capital in nature.

Expenditure results show an increase of \$136K largely attributed to:

- Employee costs have increased by \$1.08 million after employee numbers increased from 148 in 2014/15, to 172 in 2015/16. This is partly because the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre is no longer operated with external contractors. Instead, it is now managed and operated internally.
- Materials, contracts and other expenses have increased by \$236,000, from 2014/15 figures.
- There was a decrease in depreciation from \$10.54 million in 2014/15, to \$9.38 million in 2015/16.

The net result is a surplus for the year (inclusive of depreciation but after asset disposal adjustments) of \$2.19 million.

Analysis of Statement of Financial Position

Accounts receivable have increased by \$744K in comparison with 2014/15, largely attributable to outstanding rates debtors increasing by \$431,000.

Non-current assets have increased by \$1.22million in comparison with 2014/15, attributed to capital works in progress with such projects as construction of the Garden Cemetery chapel; solar installation project at the Civic Centre, as well as the Aquatic & Leisure Centre; and the Illparpa road works, as well as the Albrecht Oval Car park project amongst others.

Current liabilities have increased by \$667,000 in comparison with 2014/15. This is largely attributed to an increase in accrued expenditure.

Non-current liabilities have decreased by \$246,000, in comparison with the previous financial year. Council has only one loan which commenced in 2004 with Westpac bank, to enable major construction upgrade of the Civic Centre. The fixed interest bearing loan will be fully paid off, at the conclusion of 2019.

Analysis of Statement of Changes in Equity

Council's reserve balances have increased by \$3,85 million since the 2014/15 financial year. Significant movement to reserves include the Street Lighting Reserve (\$1,67 million) so as to facilitate the projected capital and maintenance costs that are to be passed on from PowerWater, \$1,5 million to the Netball Facility Upgrade Reserve as well as various grant funding received that have been moved to reserves at financial year to facilitate works in the 2016/17 financial year.

Analysis of Statement of Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents was \$32.62 million as at 30th June 2016. This cash balance is sufficient to cover Council's reserve holdings (apart from the Asset Revaluation Reserve). Unexpended grants amounted to \$1.37 million at the end of the reporting period.

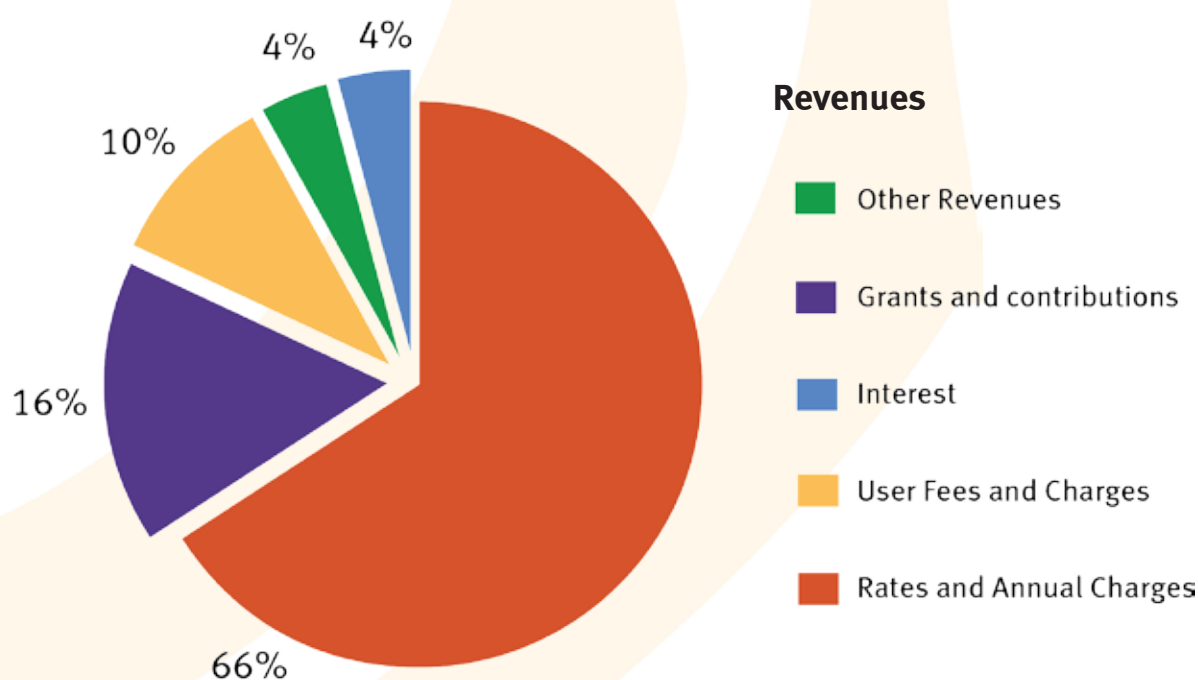
Operating Income and Operating Expenditure

The detailed audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2016 follow this report.

During the 2015/2016 financial year Council maintained its delivery of core services to the community at a high level. Services delivered included road and footpath maintenance, animal registration and control, waste management collection, public cemeteries and toilets, the provision and maintenance of sporting and recreation facilities and the operating of the Regional Waste Management Facility and the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

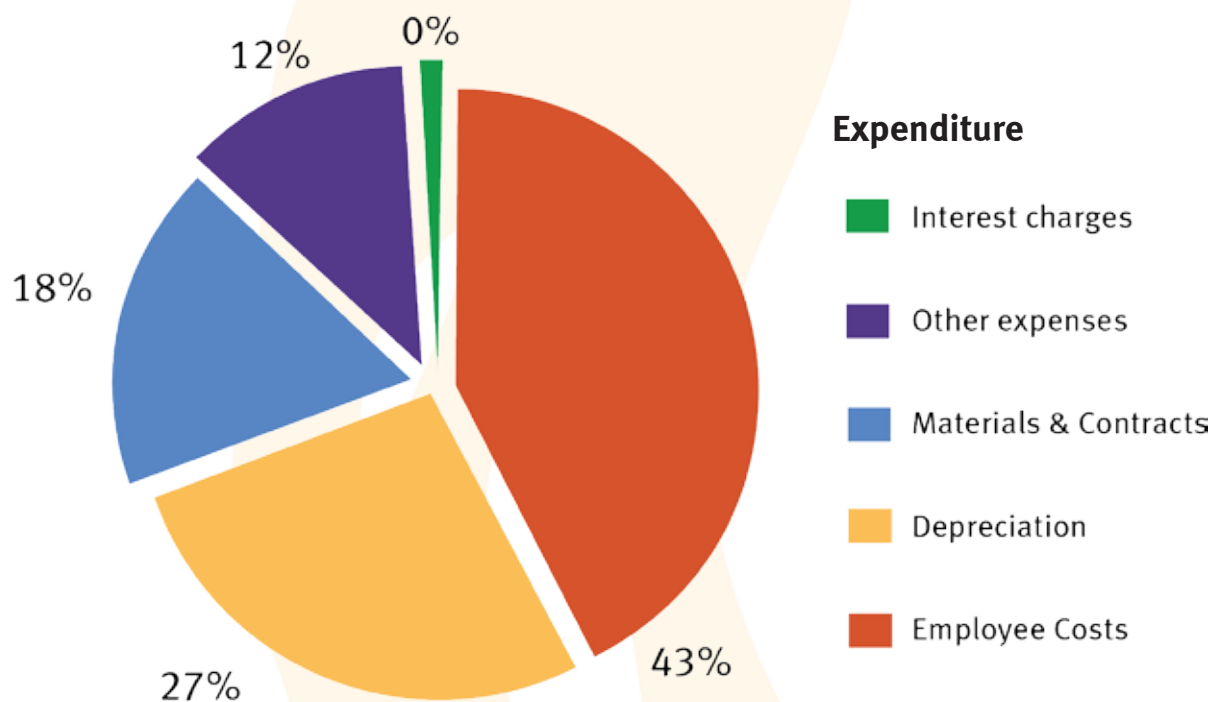
Summary of the operating income and operating expenses

Operating Income	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Rates and annual charges	\$20.33m	\$21.63m	\$22.81m	\$24.42m
User fees and charges	\$2.96m	\$2.91m	\$3.26m	\$3.64m
Interest	\$1.54m	\$1.25m	\$1.16m	\$1.33m
Grants and contributions	\$7.17m	\$5.56m	\$4.18m	\$5.93m
Other revenues	\$0.77m	\$3.85m	\$1.29m	\$1.43m
Total	\$32.77m	\$35.20m	\$32.70m	\$36.75m



2015/16 Financial Reflections

Operating Expenditure	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Employee costs	\$12.41m	\$12.88m	\$13.66m	\$14.75m
Materials & contracts	\$6.82m	\$9.33m	\$5.79m	\$6.09m
Interest charges	\$0.29m	\$0.26m	\$0.15m	\$0.13m
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	\$8.62m	\$10.28m	\$10.54m	\$9.38m
Other expenses	\$3.79m	\$4.91m	\$4.29m	\$4.23m
Loss on disposal of assets	\$1.10m	\$0.09m	\$0.00m	\$0.03m
Total	\$33.03m	\$37.75m	\$34.43m	\$34.61m



Alice Springs Town Council's financial position at the end of the year is sound. Core functions have been carried out as required; and additional expenditure planning has occurred, to enhance the quality of life in Alice Springs. Where Council has an obligation to carry out specific work as a condition of grant funding and that work has not yet been completed, provision has been made to ensure that funds are carried forward into the next financial year.

Council continues to set aside reserve funds to meet future requirements. These are specifically itemised and financially quantified, in the detailed audited financial statements.

2015/16 Financial Reflections

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
CURRENT ASSETS	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Cash Assets	\$27.19m	\$22.05m	\$27.01m	\$32.62m
Receivables	\$3.96m	\$2.26m	\$2.10m	\$2.84m
Inventories	\$0.09m	\$0.16m	\$0.13m	\$0.13m
Other	\$0.01m	\$0.04m	\$0.07m	\$0.13m
Total	\$31.25m	\$24.51m	\$29.31m	\$35.72m

NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Deferred Rates	\$0.02m	\$0.01m	\$0.02m	\$0.02m
Work in Progress	\$7.02m	\$0.65m	\$0.10m	\$1.32m
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$177.37m	\$199.51m	\$193.03m	\$188.01m
Total	\$184.41m	\$200.17m	\$193.15m	\$189.35m

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Payables	\$4.59m	\$1.11m	\$0.81m	\$1.33m
Borrowings	\$0.35m	\$0.38m	\$0.40m	\$0.43m
Provisions	\$1.28m	\$1.25m	\$1.34m	\$1.46m
Total	\$6.22m	\$2.74m	\$2.55m	\$3.22m

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Borrowings	\$2.43m	\$2.06m	\$1.65m	\$1.22m
Provisions	\$2.68m	\$2.74m	\$2.86m	\$3.04m
Total	\$5.11m	\$4.80m	\$4.51m	\$4.26m

Alice Springs Town Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2016

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.



Alice Springs Town Council

General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

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Alice Springs Town Council

General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

I, Rex Roger Mooney, 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; and
- ☐ are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.



Rex Roger Mooney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 1 November 2016

Alice Springs Town Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
Income			
Rates	2a	24,428	22,817
Statutory Charges	2b	206	247
User Charges & Fees	2c	3,441	3,020
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2f	5,938	4,185
Investment Income	2d	1,338	1,160
Other Income	2e	1,432	1,292
Total Income		36,783	32,721
Expenses			
Employee Costs	3a	14,750	13,663
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	3b	10,345	10,109
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	3c	9,388	10,548
Finance Costs	3d	132	159
Total Expenses		34,615	34,479
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		2,168	(1,758)
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	4	31	(3)
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		2,199	(1,761)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss)		2,199	(1,761)

Alice Springs Town Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5a	32,622	27,006
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	2,848	2,104
Other Financial Assets	5c	127	69
Inventories	5d	131	131
Total Current Assets		35,728	29,310
Non-Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7a	188,008	193,034
Other Non-Current Assets	6	1,349	121
Total Non-Current Assets		189,357	193,155
TOTAL ASSETS		225,085	222,465
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8a	1,333	816
Borrowings	8b	433	404
Provisions	8c	1,461	1,340
Total Current Liabilities		3,227	2,560
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8b	1,221	1,653
Provisions	8c	3,048	2,862
Total Non-Current Liabilities		4,269	4,515
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,496	7,075
Net Assets		217,589	215,390
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		12,466	14,118
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9a	176,840	176,840
Other Reserves	9b	28,283	24,432
Total Council Equity		217,589	215,390

Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2016

		Accumulated Surplus \$ '000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$ '000	Other Reserves \$ '000	Total Equity \$ '000
	Notes				
2016					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		14,118	176,840	24,432	215,390
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,199	-	-	2,199
b. Other Comprehensive Income					
- Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of I,PP&E	7a	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		2,199	-	-	2,199
c. Transfers between Reserves	9b	(3,851)	-	3,851	-
Balance at the end of period		12,466	176,840	28,283	217,589
2015					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		19,993	176,840	20,318	217,151
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(1,761)	-	-	(1,761)
b. Other Comprehensive Income					
- Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of I,PP&E	7a	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		(1,761)	-	-	(1,761)
c. Transfers between Reserves	9b	(4,114)	-	4,114	-
Balance at the end of period		14,118	176,840	24,432	215,390

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates Receipts		23,997	22,817
Statutory Charges		206	-
User Charges		3,785	3,267
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (operating purpose)		6,022	4,185
Investment Receipts		1,338	1,160
Other Receipts		1,920	1,292
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to Employees		(14,777)	(13,615)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(10,729)	(10,112)
Finance Payments		(132)	(159)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	11b	11,630	8,835
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of Replaced Assets		98	30
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(5,653)	(3,530)
Net Purchase of Investment Securities		(58)	-
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(5,613)	(3,500)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Nil			
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(403)	(378)
Repayment of Bonds & Deposits		2	-
Net Cash used in Financing Activities		(401)	(378)
Net Increase in Cash Held		5,616	4,957
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	11	27,006	22,049
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	11	32,622	27,006

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue on 1 November 2016.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Alice Springs Town Council is incorporated under the NT Local Government Act and has its principal place of business at 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations.

3 Income Recognition

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

Rates and levies

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

Grants and subsidies

Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations that are non-reciprocal in nature are recognised as revenue in the year in which Council obtains control over them. An equivalent amount is placed in a reserve until the funds are expended.

Where grants, are received that are reciprocal in nature, revenue is recognised as the various performance obligations under the funding agreement are fulfilled.

Cash contributions

Developers also pay infrastructure charges for the construction of assets, such as roads and stormwater drainage. These infrastructure charges are not within the scope of AASB Interpretation 18 because there is no performance obligation associated with them. Consequently, the infrastructure charges are recognised as income when received.

Rental income

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

Interest and dividends

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 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.

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments 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 stock room 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 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 such thresholds, the nature of the asset and its estimated service life are considered.

Capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are: Items of infrastructure, property plant and equipment with a total value of less than \$5,000, are treated as an expense in the year of acquisition. All other items of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are capitalised.

Where homogenous items are purchased with each individual item less than the threshold (\$5,000) consideration is given to capitalisation based on materiality and practicality.

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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	5 to 20 years
Infrastructure	
- Sealed Roads	40 to 50 years
- Unsealed Roads	10 to 25 years
- Stormwater Drainage	50 to 100 years
- Other	10 to 25 years
Art Collection & Heritage	Indefinite

Other Assets

Library Books	10 to 15 years
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6.5 Impairment

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).

For 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, the value in use is the depreciated replacement cost. In assessing impairment for these assets, a rebuttable assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

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.

6.6 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

6.7 Land under Roads

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 as an asset in accordance with AASB 1051 *Land under Roads*. Land under roads acquired after 30 June 2008 has not been recognised as in the opinion of Council it is not possible to reliably attribute its fair value.

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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

8 Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

The effective interest rate method is a method calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discount the estimate future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or where appropriate, or a shorter period.

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

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

9.2 Superannuation

Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.

10 Provisions

10.1 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 maximised recycling is extending the operational life of these facilities, and significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future closure date.

11 Leases

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

In respect of finance leases, where Council substantially carries all of the risks incident to ownership, the leased items are initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed within the appropriate asset class, and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Council is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

In respect of operating leases, where the lessor substantially retains all of the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased items, lease payments are charged to expense over the lease term.

12 Construction Contracts

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

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

13 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.

14 New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

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

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

At the date of authorisation of the financial report, AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* and AASB 2015-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Related Party Disclosures to Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities* are the only new accounting standards with a future application date that are expected to have a material impact on Council's financial statements.

The following standards and interpretations are likely to have an insignificant impact on the financial statements for future reporting periods, but the exact impact is yet to be determined are as follows:

From 1 July 2016, AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* will apply to Council, which means that Council will disclose more information about related parties and transactions with those related parties.

From 1 July 2016, AASB 2015-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Value Disclosures of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities*. This Standard makes amendments to AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* to exempt not-for-profit public sector entities from certain requirements of the Standard.

AASB 9, which replaces AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 and must be applied retrospectively. The main impact of AASB 9 is to change the requirements for the classification, measurement and disclosures associated with financial assets. Under the new requirements the four current categories of financial assets stipulated in AASB 139 will be replaced with two measurement categories: fair value and amortised cost and financial assets will only be able to be measured at amortised cost where very specific conditions are met.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

As a result, Council will be required to measure its financial assets at fair value.

Council is still reviewing the way that revenue is measured and recognised to identify whether AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* will have a material impact. To date no impact has been identified.

AASB 15 is effective from 1 January 2018 and will replace AASB 118 Revenue, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and a number of Interpretations. It contains a comprehensive and robust framework for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of revenue from contracts with customers.

Other amended Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which were issued at the date of authorisation of the financial report, but have future commencement dates are not likely to have a material impact on the financial statements.

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Effective for periods commencing 1 January 2016:

- AASB 1057 *Application of Australian Accounting Standards*
- AASB 2014-4 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards-Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation*
- AASB 2014-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture* [AASB 10 & AASB 128]
- AASB 2015-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements to Australian Accounting Standards 2012–2014 Cycle* [AASB 1, AASB 2, AASB 3, AASB 5, AASB 7, AASB 11, AASB 110, AASB119, AASB 121, AASB 133, AASB 134,

AASB 137 & AASB 140]

- AASB 2015-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 101* [AASB 7, AASB 101, AASB 134 & AASB 1049]

Effective for periods commencing 1 July 2016:

- AASB 2015-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Related Party Disclosures to Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities* [AASB 10, AASB 124 & AASB 1049]

Effective for periods commencing 1 January 2017:

- AASB 2014-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 15*
- AASB 2015-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of AASB 15*

Effective for periods commencing 1 January 2018:

- AASB *Financial Instruments (December 2009)*
- AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*
- AASB 2010-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010)*
- AASB 2014-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (Part E)*
- AASB 2014-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2014)*

Effective for periods commencing 1 January 2019:

- AASB 16 *Leases*

15 Comparative Figures

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

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 2. Income

	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(a). Rates		
General Rates		
- Residential	13,505	12,581
- Rural	542	510
- Business	6,810	6,383
Total General Rates	20,857	19,474
Other Rates (Including Service Charges)		
Waste Collection	3,508	3,284
Airport	63	59
Total Other Rates	3,571	3,343
Total Rates Revenues	24,428	22,817
(b). Statutory Charges		
Regulatory / Statutory Fees	211	227
Trolley Release Fees	(5)	20
Total Statutory Charges	206	247
(c). User Charges		
Cemetery Charges	173	210
Sundry	25	63
Hire of Council Equipment	33	39
Rates Searches	7	20
Rental Charges	127	141
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Sales/Kiosk Income	191	181
Weighbridge Charges	2,629	2,177
Night Markets	7	7
Library Charges	65	30
Tip Shop	184	152
Total User Charges	3,441	3,020
(d). Investment Income		
Banks & Other	1,007	887
Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges	331	273
Total Investment Income	1,338	1,160

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 2. Income (continued)

	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(e). Other Income		
Sundry	128	143
Fines	150	150
Fuel Rebates	24	14
Insurance Claims	131	151
Development Consent Authority Charges	91	106
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Casual Visits	218	218
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Memberships	105	94
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Multi Pass	39	46
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Business Income	393	259
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Function Income	35	111
Merchant fees	20	-
Total Other Income	1,432	1,292
(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions		
NT Operating Grants		
General Purpose - Australian Government via Northern Territory Grants Commission		
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose	739	768
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	925	963
	1,664	1,731
Specific Purpose		
Senior Month Event	-	3
Storage Solutions - Jim McConville Oval	39	30
Library Operational	595	595
Recycling Cages - RWMF	-	13
Alice Springs Chess Club	-	3
Pensioner Subsidies	228	243
Arts & Cultural Program	-	120
National Youth Week	2	2
Aged Care Initiative - Allied Health Program	-	11
Youth Vibe Holiday	2	1
Youth Oral History Films - ANZAC Centenary	-	5
ANZAC Legend in Alice - Then & Now	-	5
ANZAC Centenary - NTG	-	30
Rethinking Waste in Alice	-	10
Cardboard & paper processing facility - RWMF	-	206
Company Directors Course	25	-
Roaming Cat Prevention	13	-
Container Deposit Scheme	23	-
After Hours Youth Service	379	-
Road Safety Community Program	5	-
Heritage Grant - Totem Theatre	5	-
ASTC Compost Revolution	11	-
The Art of Waste	7	-
ASTC Waste Strategy	10	-
Household Waste Audit	10	-
Youth Arts & Music Festival	2	-
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection	266	251
	1,622	1,528
Total NT Operating Grants	3,286	3,259

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 2. Income (continued)

	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions (continued)		
NT Capital Grants		
NT Natural Disaster Resilience Program	-	7
Solar Panels Structure - Library Carport	200	-
Albrecht Oval Carpark	1,121	-
Jim McConville Park - Diamond	86	-
Mona's Lounge Extension	105	-
FSEF Anti Graffiti Gerni	15	-
Family Safe Environment	-	41
Total NT Capital Grants	1,527	48
Commonwealth Operating Grants		
Specific Purpose		
Healthy Communities	30	-
Waste Management Centre	30	-
ANZAC Memorial Walk	-	38
Upgrades to Totem Theatre	-	11
Braitling Neighbourhood	-	30
Total Commonwealth Operating Grants	60	79
Commonwealth Capital Grants		
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	931	690
Total Commonwealth Capital Grants	931	690
Total Grants	5,804	4,076
Contributions		
Bus interchange - Gregory & Railway Terrace	-	13
Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies	114	83
Training Reimbursements	-	2
Other	1	4
Green Army Project	11	-
Pets on Parade	8	7
Total Contributions	134	109
Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	5,938	4,185

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

Sources of grants

Commonwealth Government	991	769
Northern Territory Government	4,813	3,307
Other	134	109
Total	5,938	4,185

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

	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(g). Conditions over Grants & Contributions		
Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:		
Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	773	597
<i>Less:</i>		
<i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
Aged Care Initiative	-	(8)
Upgrades to Pedestrian Ramps	-	(30)
Cash For Containers	-	(2)
Removal of Goal Posts	-	(15)
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection	-	(32)
Braitling Neighbourhood	-	(316)
Natural Disaster Resilience Program	-	(21)
Upgrades to TIO Traeger Park	-	(8)
Dept. of Lands & Planning Todd Mall Revitalisation	-	(26)
Flynn Drive Upgrade Ablution	-	(50)
Arts & Cultural Program	(29)	-
Youth Vibe Holiday	(1)	-
Storage Solutions - Jim McConville Oval	(23)	-
Recycling Cages @ RWMF	(12)	-
Cardboard & Paper Processing Facility	(206)	-
Alice Springs Chess Club	(3)	-
Seniors Grant	(2)	-
Family Safe Environment	(41)	-
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	(287)	-
Rethinking Waste in Alice	(4)	-
Air-conditioning Upgrade Stage 2 - Civic Centre	-	(15)
Subtotal	(608)	(523)

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 2. Income (continued)

	Notes	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(g). Conditions over Grants & Contributions (continued)			
<i>Plus:</i>			
<i>Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
Rethinking Waste in Alice		-	4
Storage Solutions - Jim McConville Oval		-	23
Recycling Cages @ RWMF		-	12
Cardboard & Paper Processing Facility		-	206
Alice Springs Chess Club		-	3
Arts & Cultural Program		-	120
Youth Vibe Holiday		2	1
Seniors Grant		-	2
Family Safe Environment		-	41
ASTC Waste Strategy		1	-
The Art of Waste		7	-
After Hours Youth Service		164	-
Container Deposit Scheme		5	-
FSEF Anti Graffiti		15	-
Green Army Project		11	-
Company Director Course		25	-
Health and Wellness Centre		30	-
Carpark Structure for Solar Panels		63	-
Roaming Cat Prevention		13	-
Mona's Lounge Extension		25	-
Jim McConville Park - Diamond		35	-
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery		811	287
Subtotal		1,207	699
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period	10	1,372	773

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Note 3. Expenses

	Notes	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(a). Employee Costs			
Salaries and Wages		12,264	11,220
Employee Leave Expense		796	861
Superannuation	16	1,239	1,137
Workers' Compensation Insurance		252	221
Travelling		28	31
FBT		60	54
Training		95	123
Other		16	16
Total Operating Employee Costs		14,750	13,663

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

172*

148

* This included the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre employees.

(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses

(i) Prescribed Expenses

Auditor's Remuneration

- Auditing the Financial Reports

26

21

Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses

26

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(ii) Other Materials, Contracts and Expenses

Advertising	12	10
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Food & Drink Purchases	80	82
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Merchandise Purchases	35	35
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Chemicals	47	45
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Cleaning Expenses	33	33
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Facility Maintenance	137	62
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Grounds Maintenance	35	11
Aquatic & Leisure Centre OH & S Equipment & Maintenance	6	7
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Repairs & Maintenance	111	73
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Computer Software	3	3
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Minor Equipment Purchases	6	33
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Gas	88	72
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Water & Sewerage	72	75
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Staff Amenities	2	1
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Office Support	18	28
Books/Resources	24	20

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses (continued)		
Children and Youth events	14	15
Computer consumables	3	15
Consulting fees	270	158
Contract material and labour	3,021	2,792
Equipment Hire	8	8
Food (catering)	69	89
Fuel and oils	260	310
General events	7	6
Internet service provider	30	34
IT equipment	46	36
Journals and periodicals	10	12
License and maintenance fees	180	171
Materials	1,090	1,227
Membership and subscriptions	71	64
Network communication	45	69
Office equipment	25	3
Other equipment	18	8
Printing	39	31
Promotional/Education	5	5
Security	111	102
Software development	17	2
Stationery	31	35
Uniforms	12	9
Subtotal - Other Material, Contracts & Expenses	6,091	5,791
(iii) Electricity		
Electricity costs	767	877
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Electricity costs	379	452
Subtotal - Electricity	1,146	1,329

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses (continued)		
(iv) Other Expenses		
Advertising	109	97
Bad & doubtful debts	4	40
Bad debt write off	7	5
Contributions and/or donations made	63	54
Courier and freight	38	7
Elected member allowances	245	237
Elected members other expenses	-	1
Elected members training course fees	-	1
Elected members travel and accommodation	15	7
Gas expenses	8	5
General rates - Early Bird draw	13	14
Grants made	45	55
Telephone	76	85
Insurance	447	485
Legal fees	42	12
Merchant transaction fees	47	48
Other expenses	47	65
Pensioner concessions	270	285
Postage	23	16
Refunds/Reimbursements	10	3
Relocation expenses	17	3
Rent	-	15
Travel and accommodation expenses	29	9
Vehicle registration	81	68
Water consumption, sewerage and service charges	1,446	1,351
Subtotal - Other Expenses	3,082	2,968
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	10,345	10,109

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	Notes	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(c). Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment			
(i) Depreciation and Amortisation			
Land Improvements	7a	2,391	2,637
Buildings		1,199	1,206
Infrastructure		4,423	5,251
Plant & Equipment		1,176	1,281
Furniture & Office Equipment		199	173
Subtotal		9,388	10,548
(ii) Impairment			
Provision for impairment losses		-	-
Total Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		9,388	10,548
(d). Finance Costs			
Interest on Loans		127	154
Finance expense - Provision for Restoration of the Landfill		5	5
Total Finance Costs		132	159

Note 4. Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced

Proceeds from Disposal	98	30
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(67)	(33)
Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal or Revaluation of Assets	31	(3)

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Note 5. Current Assets

	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(a). Cash & Cash Equivalents		
Cash on Hand at Bank	5,622	3,006
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.	27,000	24,000
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	32,622	27,006
(b). Trade & Other Receivables		
Rates - General & Other	1,708	1,277
Accrued Revenues	112	99
User Charges and Fees	712	602
ATO	141	48
Other	351	316
Subtotal	3,024	2,342
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	(176)	(238)
Total Trade & Other Receivables	2,848	2,104
(c). Other Financial Assets (Investments)		
Prepayments	127	69
Total Other Financial Assets (Investments)	127	69
Amounts included in other financial assets that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date are disclosed in Note 13		
(d). Inventories		
Stores & Materials	131	131
Total Inventories	131	131

Note 6. Non-Current Assets

Other Non-Current Assets

Capital Works-in-Progress	1,325	101
Deferred Rates	24	20
Total Other Non-Current Assets	1,349	121

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Note 7a (i). Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000	as at 30/6/2015					Asset Movements during the Reporting Period			as at 30/6/2016				
	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated		Carrying Value	Asset Additions	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c)	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated		Carrying Value
			Dep'n	Impairment							Dep'n	Impairment	
Land	63,125	-	-	-	63,125	-	-	-	63,125	-	-	-	63,125
Land Improvements	38,187	-	5,144	-	33,043	1,019	-	(2,391)	39,206	-	7,535	-	31,671
Buildings	27,311	-	2,241	-	25,070	821	-	(1,199)	28,134	-	3,440	-	24,693
Infrastructure	64,094	-	9,047	-	55,047	-	-	(4,423)	-	-	-	-	-
- Sealed Roads	-	-	-	-	-	437	-	-	32,480	-	11,385	-	21,095
- Unsealed Roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	219	-	141	-	77
- Stormwater Drainage	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	31,860	-	1,109	-	30,751
Plant & Equipment	9,047	-	2,423	-	6,624	1,091	(67)	(1,176)	9,942	-	3,470	-	6,471
Furniture & Office Equipment	1,110	-	333	-	777	179	-	(199)	1,289	-	532	-	757
Art Collection & Heritage	2,932	-	-	-	2,932	-	-	-	2,932	-	-	-	2,932
ASALC - Furniture & Equipment	11	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	11	-	1	-	10
Other Assets	7,936	-	1,531	-	6,405	853	-	-	8,790	-	2,364	-	6,426
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	213,753	-	20,719	-	193,034	4,428	(67)	(9,388)	217,988	-	29,977	-	188,008
Comparatives	209,694	-	10,189	-	199,505	4,111	(33)	(10,548)	213,753	-	20,719	-	193,034

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

Valuation of Assets

General Valuation Principles

Existing valuations, methods and values are detailed below. Purchased assets brought to account for the first time are valued at cost. Donated assets brought to account for the first time are valued at fair value. Assets are revalued every 3-5 years. Revaluation was carried out by Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2013 and these figures were incorporated into the general ledger with an effective date of 1 July 2013.

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).

Information on Valuations

Certain Land, Land Improvements and Buildings

Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. The fair value of 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 buildings, infrastructure and other assets. These assets are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

- The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.
- The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

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

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

Valuation of Assets (continued)

Art Collection and Heritage

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

Capital Works

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

Other Information

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost. With subsequent addition at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

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.

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

Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliable to qualify for recognition of the land under roads, has not recognised land under roads in the financial statements.

Land - Council Owned and Council Controlled

Freehold land and land over which Council has control but does not have title, as valued by the Australian Valuation Office on the basis of fair market value on 1 July 2013, is disclosed at its fair value.

Buildings, Furniture and Office Equipment, Plant and Equipment and Infrastructure Assets

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2013 and pursuant to Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

Art Collection and Heritage

The art collection was valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2013 and pursuant to Council's election, is disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

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Note 8. Liabilities

	2016 Current \$ '000	2016 Non Current \$ '000	2015 Current \$ '000	2015 Non Current \$ '000
(a). Trade and Other Payables				
Goods & Services	21	-	1	-
Payments Received in Advance	108	-	65	-
Accrued Expenses – Other	1,089	-	633	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	70	-	68	-
Unearned Income	45	-	49	-
Total Trade and Other Payables	1,333	-	816	-

(b). Borrowings

Westpac loan - Civic Centre	433	1,221	404	1,653
Total Borrowings	433	1,221	404	1,653

All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council

(c). Provisions

Restoration of Landfill	-	2,612	-	2,607
Airfares	5	-	8	-
Annual Leave	1,118	-	1,038	-
Long Service Leave	338	436	294	255
Total Provisions	1,461	3,048	1,340	2,862

Movements in Provisions

	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
2016 (current & non-current)				
	Airfares	Annual Leave	Long Service Leave	Restoration of Landfill
Opening Balance	8	1,038	549	2,607
Add Additional Amounts Recognised	-	80	21	5
(Less) Payments	(3)	-	-	-
Closing Balance	5	1,118	774	2,612

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Note 9. Reserves

	1/7/2015	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	30/6/2016
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(a). Asset Revaluation Reserve					
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	176,840	-	-	-	176,840
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	176,840	-	-	-	176,840
Comparatives	176,840	-	-	-	176,840
	1/7/2015	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	30/6/2016
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000

(b). Other Reserves

Elections	100	120	-	-	220
Regional Waste Management Future Funds	2,507	509	-	-	3,016
Sports Facility Advisory Committee	319	58	-	-	377
Developer Contributions Trust	200	-	(66)	-	134
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	109	-	-	-	109
Capital Infrastructure	6,260	535	(1,630)	-	5,165
Employee Entitlement	315	-	-	-	315
Working Capital	2,125	371	-	-	2,496
Todd Mall & Environs Redevelopment	2,389	-	-	-	2,389
Regional Waste Management Facility P&E	1,065	398	-	-	1,463
Civic Centre Upgrade	371	100	-	-	471
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee	14	-	-	-	14
Carbon Tax	80	-	(80)	-	-
Park Reports	202	-	-	-	202
Crematorium	512	350	(85)	-	777
Christmas Tree Replacement	44	22	(15)	-	51
Mount John's Development Road Maintenance	110	-	-	-	110
Town Camp Waste Collection	2	398	(268)	-	132
Roads to Recovery	287	755	(231)	-	811
Open Drains	332	-	-	-	332
Parks & Playgrounds	130	-	-	-	130
Upgrades To Pedestrian Ramps	287	-	(209)	-	78
Town Beautification	601	-	-	-	601
Storage Solutions Jim McConville Upgrade	23	41	(64)	-	-
Street Lighting	469	1,671	-	-	2,140
Cardboard & Paper processing facility	207	-	(207)	-	-
Solar Initiatives	1,094	-	(225)	-	869
Arts & Cultural program	120	-	(29)	-	91
Cycle Study	142	-	(40)	-	102
Map Signage	50	-	-	-	50
Cricket Wicket Replacement	35	7	-	-	42
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Unexpended Funds	67	-	-	-	67
Mona's Lounge Extension	-	102	(76)	-	26
Jim McConville Park – Diamond	-	86	(51)	-	35

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

	1/7/2015	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	30/6/2016
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b). Other Reserves (continued)					
Improving Strategic Local Roads	-	947	(293)	-	654
After Hours Youth Service	-	379	(215)	-	164
Netball Facility Upgrade	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Supreme Court Laneway	-	200	-	-	200
Radio Network Upgrade	-	180	(1)	-	179
Improving Local Roads Stage 2	-	675	(675)	-	-
Solar Structure Library Carpark	-	198	(135)	-	63
Kerbside Recycling Collection	-	560	-	-	560
Unexpended Funds	3,864	2,126	(3,842)	-	2,148
Total Other Reserves	24,432	12,288	(8,437)	-	28,283
Comparatives	20,318	11,715	(7,601)	-	24,432

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserves

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

Other Reserves

These reserves are used to record funds set aside for future committed expenditures of Council.

Note 10. Assets Subject to Restrictions

	2016	2015
	\$ '000	\$ '000

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

Cash & Financial Assets

Unexpended amounts received

Other Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	1,372	773
Total Assets Subject to Externally Imposed Restrictions	1,372	773

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

Provisions	8	4,509	4,202
Total		4,509	4,202

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Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

	Notes	2016 \$ '000	2015 \$ '000
(a). Reconciliation of Cash			
Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:			
Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	5	32,622	27,006
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		32,622	27,006
(b). Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities			
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		2,199	(1,761)
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		9,388	10,548
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		(31)	3
Movement in unexpended Grants		-	39
		11,556	8,829
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		(682)	97
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		62	-
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		-	37
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets		(128)	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		515	(271)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unpaid Employee Benefits		-	126
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		307	(13)
Net increase (decrease) in provision for Doubtful Debts		-	30
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		11,630	8,835

(c). Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

There are no non-cash financing or investing activities noted during the year.

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Note 12a. Functions

Functions/Activities \$ '000	Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).											
	INCOME			EXPENSES			OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2016	2016	2015	2016	2016	2015	2016	2016	2015	2016	2016	2015
General Public Services	29,111	27,032	27,192	19,030	12,510	20,856	10,081	14,522	6,336	2,066	2,037	2,183
Public Order & Safety	227	209	235	1,309	1,294	1,164	(1,082)	(1,085)	(929)	-	-	-
Economic Affairs	2,624	2,089	800	2,541	4,571	1,706	83	(2,482)	(906)	1,354	1,948	690
Environmental Protection	3,524	3,595	2,660	4,991	6,199	4,855	(1,467)	(2,604)	(2,195)	1,648	804	322
Housing & Community Amenities	378	405	650	1,320	2,648	1,158	(942)	(2,243)	(508)	105	150	-
Recreation, Culture and Religion	950	638	1,180	5,343	8,157	4,619	(4,393)	(7,519)	(3,439)	631	573	877
Education	-	-	-	4	4	4	(4)	(4)	(4)	-	-	-
Social Protection	-	-	4	77	69	69	(77)	(69)	(65)	-	-	4
Total Functions/Activities	36,814	33,968	32,721	34,615	35,452	34,431	2,199	(1,484)	(1,710)	5,804	5,512	4,076

The Council deemed that it is not practicable to disclose assets allocation by functions.

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Note 12b. Components of Functions

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

General Public Services

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

Public Order & Safety

Animal control and impounding; control of public places and enforcement of By-laws.

Economic Affairs

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

Environmental Protection

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

Housing & Community Amenities

Public cemeteries, public conveniences and street lights.

Recreation, Culture and Religion

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

Education

Charles Darwin University sponsorships.

Social Protection

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

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Note 13. Financial Instruments

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

Short term deposits have an average maturity of 90 days and an average interest rate of 3% (2015: 90 days and 3.1%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables

Rates & Associated Charges

(including legals & penalties for late payment)

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

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 19% (2015: 19%). 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

Fees & Other Charges

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

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

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

Recognised Financial Instruments

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.

Liabilities

Interest Bearing Borrowings

Accounting Policy:

Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.

Terms & Conditions:

Secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable monthly; interest is charged at fixed rate of 6.75% (2015: 6.75%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

Liabilities

Finance Leases

Accounting Policy:

Accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

	Due < 1 year \$ '000	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years \$ '000	Due > 5 years \$ '000	Total Contractual Cash Flows \$ '000	Carrying Values \$ '000
2016					
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	32,622	-	-	32,622	32,622
Receivables	1,175	-	-	1,175	1,175
Other Financial Assets	127	-	-	127	127
Total Financial Assets	33,924	-	-	33,924	33,924
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	1,312	-	-	1,312	1,312
Current Borrowings	433	-	-	433	433
Non-Current Borrowings	-	1,221	-	1,221	1,221
Total Financial Liabilities	1,745	1,221	-	2,966	2,966
2015					
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	27,006	-	-	27,006	27,006
Receivables	1,065	20	-	1,085	1,065
Other Financial Assets	69	-	-	69	69
Total Financial Assets	28,140	20	-	28,160	28,140
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	816	-	-	816	816
Current Borrowings	404	-	-	404	404
Non-Current Borrowings	-	1,653	-	1,653	1,653
Total Financial Liabilities	1,220	1,653	-	2,873	2,873

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's Borrowings at balance date:

	30 June 2016		30 June 2015	
	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value
Fixed Interest Rates	6.75%	1,654	6.75%	2,057
		1,654		2,057

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

Risk Exposures (continued)

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

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

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

Note 14. Commitments for Expenditure

	2016	2015
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000

(a). Capital Commitments

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

Other	649	824
	649	824

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	649	824
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	649	824

(b). Other Expenditure Commitments

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

Non-capital expenditure	413	398
	413	398

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	413	398
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	413	398

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Note 15. Financial Indicators

	Indicator 2016	Prior Periods 2015 2014	
1. Current Ratio			
Current Assets /less Externally Restricted Assets	10.47	11.26	8.73
Current Liabilities			
2. Debt Service Ratio			
Net Debt Service Cost	69.40	61.51	65.11
Operating Revenue			
3. Rate Coverage Percentage			
Rate Revenues	66.41%	69.73%	61.43%
Total Revenues			
4. Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding			
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding	6.99%	5.59%	6.03%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible			

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 (9.5% in 2015/16; 9.50% in 2014/15). No further liability accrues to 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

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 Council.

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

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet, but 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 reliably attribute a value to these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in the financial statements.

At reporting date, Council controlled 220 km of road reserves of average width 8.5 meters.

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. As at 30 June 2016, there are no known claims made against Council.

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

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

3. BANK GUARANTEES

Council does not guarantee loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies at reporting date.

Note 18. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2016, 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.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 1 November 2016.

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

Independent auditor's report to the Council of Alice Springs Town Council

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Alice Springs Town Council (the "Council"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, and statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal controls relevant to the Council's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Chief Executive Officer, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

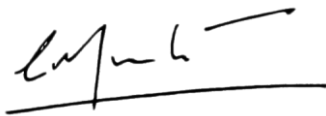
Opinion

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

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards.

Merit Partners

Merit Partners

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MunLi Chee', written over a horizontal line.

MunLi Chee
Director

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1 November 2016