

The 2004/2005 Alice Springs Town Council Annual Report

Purpose of this Report

This report highlights the achievements and activities of the Alice Springs Town Council and includes the Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2005.

Council's performance is reported under the strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan:

- 1. Economic
- 2. Community
- 3. Environment
- 4. Culture & Heritage
- 5. Organisation

While this report is primarily produced to satisfy statutory requirements, the report provides an overview for residents, clients, staff, the Department of Local Government and other interested parties.

Vision

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

Mission

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

Core Values

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

- Strong Leadership
- Clear Communication
- Integrity
- Customer service
- Response and Contribution to the Community
- Transparency and Accountability

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Mayor's Message

The 2004/05 year has been another successful year for the Council and for the people of Alice Springs. Council is committed to developing forward strategies to ensure a bright and prosperous future for our Town. Following extensive consultation over the last two years the Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan was adopted in April 2005. The Plan sets a clear vision for Council in partnership with the two other tiers of government, non government agencies, service clubs and the general community to improve the quality of life in Alice Springs.

My review of the past year highlights a number of achievements that are important for the continued social and economic growth of Alice Springs.

Those projects include:

- The establishment of the University of the 3rd Age for the senior Citizens of Alice Springs;
- Participation in a major consortium bid for Solar Cities;
- Three year Action Plan. Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs.

One of the major challenges facing Alice Springs and local governments across Australia is the backlog of asset maintenance and the standard of community facilities. This year we were challenged with compliance guidelines with the Alice Springs Swimming Pool that will require additional Council funds in addition to the funds provided by the Northern Territory Government to ensure a safe pool.

Council will need to continue to increase its communication and partnerships with both the Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government to improve our major infrastructures such as road, rail and the airport. In 2004 -2005 there was major planning discussions about improvements to Alice Springs Railway station and the connections to our township. Further work is required in progressing the development of the Alice Springs Airport to increase our international services for us to remain the gateway to Central Australia.

The Councillors and staff have delivered exceptional service to the Alice Springs community and I thank them for their resourcefulness and desire to achieve high quality outcomes. As Mayor of the Town of Alice Springs I am proud to be part of this community.

It is with pleasure that I present Council's 2004/05 Annual Report. The Report provides a clear and open account of Council's activities during the last financial year.

Fran Kilgariff MAYOR





Chief Executive Officer's Message

As one of the largest employers in Alice Springs Council has a lead role in ensuring that Alice Springs is seen as an attractive place for career development. I am committed to creating a learning and development organisation at Alice Springs Town Council.

In 2004 -2005 a comprehensive training needs analysis was conducted of all staff across Council. The result saw the establishment of an Annual Training Calender that aims to meet the future needs of our Depot and Civic Centre staff.

Organisationally the staff at the Civic Centre has operated under a busy and cramped work environment.

The completion of the new Civic Centre in 2006 will provide a setting much more conducive to staff meeting professional requirements their work involves.

Council has made progress on a number of infrastructure developments aimed to improve the health and well being of the community. These include:

- Completion of major river walks along the Todd River;
- Completion of fencing at Tragaer Park, our premium sports facility; and
- Increasing shade protection at other sporting facilities.

The Council remains in a strong financial position and has introduced a number of good governance practices to ensure this continues in the future. Each quarter the Council conducts a financial review to ensure that it continues to support the major projects as committed in the Annual Business Plan.

I would like to recognise the outstanding efforts of the dedicated staff at Alice Springs Town Council. They have contributed another great year for the Council and the community. This year Council introduced service awards to recognise those that had contributed to significant milestones (10 years and beyond) of community service.

The 2004-2005 Annual Report is a testament to the enthusiasm and dedication of Her Worship the Mayor Fran Kilgariff and the Aldermen in providing the leadership to meet the needs of our community.

Rex Mooney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



The 10th Alice Springs Town Council

The Council is a democratically elected body comprising ten Aldermen and the Mayor. The elected members are Council's principal decision making body. Council Standing Committees meet on the second and third Monday of each month commencing at 5.15pm and the last Monday of each month at 7 pm for its Ordinary Council meeting. Meetings are held in the Civic Centre on Gregory Terrace, and are open to the public. All Aldermen and the Mayor stand for election every four years with the next election due in May 2008.



Front left-right: Alderman Jane Muré, Alderman David Koch, Mayor Fran Kilgariff, Alderman Marguerite Baptiste-Rooke, Alderman Murray Stewart (seated), Alderman Melanie van Haaren(seated).

Back left-right: Alderman Geoff Bell, Alderman Ernie Nicholls, Alderman Samih Habib, Alderman Robyn Lambley.

Absent: Alderman Des Rogers

Mayor Fran Kilgariff - (08) 8950 0525

Alderman Jane Muré - (08) 8952 8090

Alderman Marguerite Baptiste-Rooke - (08) 8952 8776

Alderman Ernie Nicholls - (08) 0438 789 544

Alderman Geoff Bell - (08) 8952 8913

Alderman Des Rogers - 0417 810 769 (Resigned 23 May 2005)

Alderman Samih Habib - 0411 661 963

Alderman Murray Stewart - 0407 256 428

Alderman David Koch - 0418 890 260

Alderman Melanie van Haaren - (08) 8952 0201

Alderman Robyn Lambley - (08) 8953 2008

Committee Representatives at 30 June 2005

Council decisions are made through a series of Council and Committee meetings. The Council and Committee structure for the year 2004-2005 is as follows. More information about Council meetings including meeting schedules, locations, agendas and minutes are available on Council's website www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Council Standing Committees

Finance Committee

Chairman Alderman Geoff Bell

Corporate and Community Services Committee

Chairman Alderman Robyn Lambley

Technical Services Committee

Chairman Alderman Ernie Nicholls

Council representation on other committees

Access Advisory Committee

Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

Alice in Ten Built Environment

Alderman van Haa<mark>ren</mark>

Alice in Ten Quality of Life - Safer Communities

Alderman Habib

Alice in Ten Quality of Life -Substance Misuse

Alderman Lambley

Alice Springs Festival

Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

Alice Springs Marketing

Alderman Stewart

Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering

Committee

Mayor Kilgariff Alderman Habib

Alliance of Inlands Towns Group

Mayor Kilgariff

Alice Springs Visioning

Mayor Kilgariff

Araluen Advisory Committee

Alderman Muré

Australia Day Committee

Alderman Lambley

Central Australian Tourism Industry

Association

Alderman Nicholls

Community Grants Sub-committee

Alderman Habib

Alderman van Haaren

Development Consent Authority

Alderman Koch

Alderman Rogers

Garden Cemetery

Alderman Bell

Alderman Habib

Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory

Committee

Mayor Kilgariff

Local Government Association NT

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman van Haaren

NT Grants Commission

Mayor Kilgariff

Regional Development Board

Mayor Kilgariff

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

Alderman Stewart

Swimming Pool Centre Advisory

Committee

Alderman Stewart

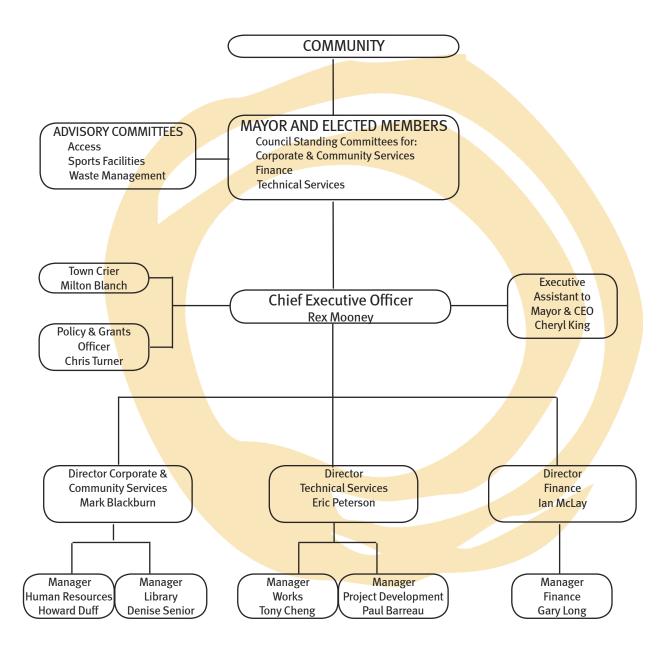
Alderman Muré

Waste Management Advisory

Committee

Alderman Lambley

Organisational Structure



A complete organisational chart is available at www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Council's Goals

The Alice Springs Town Council's Annual Report is divided into five goals:

1. Economic Goal:

A growing and dynamic economic base underpinning strong employment.

2. Community Goal:

A united, supportive and healthy community.

3. Environment Goal:

To lead Australia in the management of its arid land natural resources.

4. Culture & Heritage Goal:

A community proud of its indigenous heritage and pioneer history.

5. Organisation Goal:

An organisation dedicated to good governance, effective leadership & provision of high quality services.

1. ECONOMIC

GOAL: A growing and dynamic economic base underpinning strong employment

The Alice Springs economy has traditionally been based around tourism and while it remains vitally important Council has identified the need to diversify this base to ensure a strong future for our town. In addition to proactively supporting the growth of existing industries, opportunities remain for economic diversification through the development of the arts, defence, mining, pastoralism and solar power. Council has been working hard towards furthering the development and promotion of Alice Springs as a "Smart Town" by supporting environmental, technological and innovative projects.

1.1 A More Diversified Economic Base

Sister City Program

In January 2005 Council explored the benefits of establishing a Sister City relationship. Council liaised with His Excellency Mahmoud Saiakal of Afghanistan to initiate the signing of a letter of intent which means that Alice Springs and the Afghan District of Paghman, located in the city of Kabul, will become Sister Cities.



Deputy Mayor David Koch presents His Excellency Mahmoud Saiakal (L) with an Alice Springs gift in Canberra

The benefits for local government in having a Sister City relationship includes a wide range of exchange activities including education, culture, sports, tourism, technology, economy and trade. His Excellency Mahmoud Saiakal considers this relationship could potentially translate to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in tourism and

cultural-exchange dollars alone. Council is looking forward to enjoying a vibrant relationship with Paghman with regular and increasing links between schools, cultural and sporting organisations, social clubs, professionals associations, business and governments. Council encourages all members of the community to use this relationship as an opportunity to learn more about the people of Paghman, and to gain a deeper appreciation of the rich and unique Afghan culture.

1.2 A Vibrant Tourism Industry

Tourism Grants

Council has continued its commitment to work towards the maintenance and expansion of Central Australia's tourism industry and in March 2005 approved nearly \$50,000 in Tourism Grants for the development of tourism in Alice Springs. These annual grants are to assist incorporated organisations and individuals in the following ways:

- Promote the development of Indigenous cultural experience as a major tourism icon
- Actively promote and support local events
- Educate the community on the importance of tourism to the local economy
- Maintain and develop tourism alliances that will benefit the whole town

The National Road Transport Hall of Fame used its grant towards the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the National Hall of Fame Museum, which saw over 10,000 tourists travel to Alice Springs for the event.

Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs Tourism

The Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs Tourism project was undertaken by the Northern Territory Tourist Commission and the Central Australian Tourism Industry Association (CATIA) to provide a stronger platform for the future marketing of the Territory. Council's Mayor, Fran Kilgariff and Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mark Blackburn participated on the Steering Committee that oversaw the project.

A three year action plan has identified the steps and the key roles to be played by the stakeholders in achieving outcomes. Council, in partnership with CATIA and the Chamber of Commerce, will work with retailers, galleries, aboriginal communities, tour operators and artists to promote the presentation, interpretation and display of aboriginal arts, crafts and artefacts. A mid week open night in the mall, supported by a night market, music and community displays is being considered to help reinvigorate the mall and create a critical mass of visitor products. Council will establish clean, safe public toilets and showering facilities within the CBD. Two new ablution blocks will be established in 2005/06.

World Heritage Listing for MacDonnell Ranges

Council continues to promote World Heritage listing for the MacDonnell Ranges. The NT Government and the Australian Government will ultimately need to take a leadership position on this major initiative.



The majestic West MacDonnell Ranges

Community Events

Council proudly supports key community events unique to Alice Springs. These events bring thousands of international tourists to the centre annually and significantly boost the local economy. Some of the events actively supported by Council through grant money and in-kind support include:

- Finke Desert Race
- Alice Desert Festival
- Henley-on-Todd Regatta
- Alice Springs Masters Games

1.3 Increased Participation of Indigenous People in the Economy

Council continues to work with the NT Government to position Alice Springs as the National Indigenous arts and culture centre.

1.4 Businesses with a Customer Focused Culture to Service Delivery

Community Survey

In 2004 the community gave Council an overall 'thumbs-up', after the results were collated from a four-page questionnaire that was posted at random to approximately 5,000 Alice Springs residents. Council is determined to provide a high standard of customer service and has made a concerted effort to become more customer focused. The community responded with a very high rating. From around 1000 responses, nearly 75 per cent indicated they were happy with Council's overall performance.

When dealing with Council, 90 per cent of respondents found staff to be courteous, and 74 per cent were satisfied by the turn-around time for Council service requests. Council takes great pride in achieving such a good customer service rating, and will continue to provide the staffing and resources necessary to impress the community with a continued high level of service delivery.

According to the public, some of the other things Council does best include:

- Civic activities and events
- Community website
- Alice Springs Show stand
- Support for the Masters Games

While the results of the community questionnaire were generally favourable, there were some areas identified for improvement. The community's main concerns were excessive litter, anti-social behaviour, lack of parking and toilets in the CBD, and illegal camping in the river. Some of these issues do not fall directly under the jurisdiction of Council, however Council is now looking at working with other agencies to try and address these issues. Litter collection and enforcement has been identified as one of the main priorities for Council, and developing new initiatives to improve in this area is high on the agenda. The results of the community questionnaire were used by Council as a basis for developing its 2004-09 strategic plan.

1.5 Alice Springs Strengthened as a Regional Service Provider

Council has been working in partnership with NT & Australian Governments to establish Alice Springs as a Regional Service Centre and will continue to lobby to establish a government office here in Alice Springs.



1.6 A High Standard of Physical Infrastructure to Support Economic Development

Civic Centre

The redevelopment of Council's Civic Centre will provide a range of benefits that will flow into the community. A larger public amenities building, a more spacious Garden Room, close short term parking, new walking paths and a refurbished East/West wing to create a multi-functional Council Chamber come community function centre are just some of the features of the redevelopment.

In October 2004, Sitzler Bros were awarded the contract for the redevelopment of the Civic Centre with a contract value of \$9.15 million excluding GST and a total project value of \$10.2 million excluding GST. This signalled the start of one of the largest projects ever undertaken by the Alice Springs Town Council and will contribute greatly to the look and feel of the CBD whilst instilling pride in the local community.

1.7 Alice Springs is Seen as an Attractive Place for Career Development

Attraction and Retention of Skilled Workers

Council continues to promote Alice Springs as an attractive destination for job opportunities and career development through its regular presence in national job guides, careers websites and newspapers. A continuing Territory wide shortfall of qualified staff in specialist skills areas, such as Engineering, has impacted upon Council's ability to recruit and retain personnel in a very competitive employment environment.

1.8 Strategic Partnerships to Capitalise on Economic Opportunities

Council has been actively utilising and participating in the Regional Development Board to achieve economic outcomes. Council has been maintaining and developing the economic partnership with the NT Government and continuing to assist in the facilitation of resourcing for Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation.



2. COMMUNITY

GOAL: A united, Supportive and Healthy Community

Council has been actively involved in the planning, coordination, development, and provision of community services, with much activity undertaken in partnership with community groups and agencies in Alice Springs. Council's focus has been to minimise anti-social behaviour, support and develop volunteer and community based services and to improve the general well-being of our community.

2.1 Reduced Anti-Social Behaviour

A Safe and Tidy Town

In November 2004 and April 2005 Council, in conjunction with Lhere Artepe, Tangentyere and community members, held public meetings to discuss the issues of making Alice Springs a Safe and Tidy Town. Discussion at the meetings focused on the key activities that need to be implemented in order to achieve that aim:

- Raising awareness of anti-litter campaigns through maintaining a strong presence in media
- Build & develop partnerships between all levels of government, local business & community
- Appropriate planning for buildings & parks
- Educating youth through music & fun activities
- Government & local business working together to improve look of railway line & passage to town

Council is committed to working together with the people of Alice Springs to make long-term changes that will benefit the whole community.

2.2 A Strategic and Collaborative Approach to Community Service Provision

Community Grants

In April 2005, Council approved nearly \$33,000 in community grants to encourage social, cultural, sporting and environmental development in Alice Springs. Some of the organisations and projects included:

- Elderly Support Group to provide transport for isolated elderly people to attend activities
- Olive Pink Botanic Garden to purchase drinking fountains along a new walking path

- St Phillips College to host & promote 9th Careers Expo
- Tangentyere Council to create circus masks for kids
- •Land for Wildlife to fund a program to enhance native habitat development and conservation

It is envisioned that the funded projects will ultimately contribute to Council's goal of a united, supportive and healthy community. Council believes that collaborative partnerships and alliances are a key to the success of growing a vibrant community. Projects funded under Council's Community Grants Scheme were to assist incorporated organisations and individuals with Community Development, Assistance and Support.

Volunteers

More than 70 volunteers were recognised for their contribution to the community on Wednesday 13 October 2004 at the Excellence in Volunteering lunch under the sails in Todd Mall. The Excellence in Volunteering lunch, held during Local Government Week, was hosted by Council to recognise and acknowledge all the hard work our volunteers do within our community on a regular basis.



Council CEO, Rex Mooney (L) & Director Corporate Community Services Mark Blackburn lend a hand for the Tsunami appeal

To assist in maximising the town's volunteer resources, Council established a Volunteer Resource Centre (VRC), where interested volunteers are

matched with organisations in need of volunteer help. Since opening for business in May 2004, the centre has placed many new volunteers with 22 registered not-for-profit organisations. While volunteers can use the service for free, organisations pay an annual registration fee of \$40 to receive access to resources and support, as well as volunteer referrals.

The VRC continues to provide a great service for the community. The Centre has increased resources available to local not-for-profit organisations, enhanced opportunities for individuals and benefited the community as a whole. Council is grateful for funding assistance provided by Volunteering Australia and the Commonwealth Department of Family & Community Services.

2.3 Relevant and Quality Health and Family Support Services For All

Healthy Lifestyle Challenge



In September 2004 Council's Community Development Officer, Cindy Pierson, got more than 140 Alice Springs residents busy counting calories, joining gyms and breaking bad habits with the Healthy Lifestyle Challenge, a joint initiative by Council and the Cancer Council of the Northern Territory. The ten week challenge was launched by Mayor Fran Kilgariff under the sails in Todd Mall. The aim was for participants to achieve a range of personal goals - the majority of which were to lose weight, exercise more or quit smoking - before Saturday 27 November 2004. Trial sports memberships, free nutrition advice and other incentives included in the registration further encouraged participants to make positive lifestyle choices. The primary aim was to make it easier for community members to think active and healthy by having the support of the whole group to boost morale. The Healthy Lifestyle Challenge raised nearly \$3,000 in registration fees, which was donated to the Cancer Council of the Northern Territory.

In May 2005 Council received notification of an award in the National Local Government Heart Foundation Awards for the Challenge in the category of "project with limited resources". Cindy's hard work and dedication to the health and vitality of the local community paid off and the plaque will be presented to Council at an awards presentation to be held in August. As a result of this award Council is also in the running for a National award and will be judged against the winners from around Australia.

2.4 Youth Development and Well-Being

BMX Clinics

During 2005 National Youth Week (held from 4 - 10 April), two pro-athlete freestyle BMX accredited coaches from Melbourne came to Alice Springs to run 'Rampage' BMX clinics at the Skate Park. The event, which was supported by Council in partnership with Tangentyere Youth Services and ASYASS Deadly Treadlies, was a unique opportunity for young people of Alice Springs to receive coaching in BMX skills from some of Australia's best BMX riders.

The coaches, Mike Daly and Brad Grantham, inspired participants to learn new skills and trick tips. The clinics were accessible to all young people in the community and allowed them to gain new skills under the guidance of experienced mature riders in a safe and clean environment. Approximately 85 participants between the ages of 6-21 years turned out for the never before seen event.



Coach Brad Grantham and enthusiastic kids at the 'Rampage' BMX Clinics at the Alice Springs Skate Park

2.5 Improved Aged Care and Disability Services

Senior Citizens

Council's Community Development Officer, Cindy Pierson, worked with the senior citizens of Alice Springs to set up the first Central Australian University of the Third Age. The U3A allows seniors to choose from an array of subjects including such things as basket weaving, French conversation, astronomy and yoga. The idea was developed from the seniors workshops run by Council during 2004. Seniors can now coordinate their own activities, and share their knowledge and skills with each other.

The establishment of the U3A group encourages and promotes lifelong learning, which will increase community well-being and energy, and have a positive social, cultural, economic and environmental outcome. Council is proud to be able to support the provision of active ageing activites for seniors and will continue to support on-going consultation with the older community to assist in the planning and provision of services.



Seniors learn self defence with instructor Grant Oakland

Access for Disabled

Council's Access Advisory Committee has continued to assist Council with on-going access needs within the town in terms of public infrastructure, transport, information, communication and attitudes. Council's Access Policy and Action Plan was revised in conjunction with the Access Advisory Committee and was adopted by Council on 25 November 2002. Council has continued working in partnership with government, non government organisations and the business and community sectors to achieve long-term, positive outcomes for those in the community who require special access considerations. A long

term strategic approach to provide for improved access for disabled will see the upgrading of footpaths, kerbing, disabled parking and ramps in the Alice Springs CBD.



ASBUS - access for everyone

2.6 Recreational, Sporting and Leisure Facilities and Programs That Improve The Community's Quality of Life

Recreation & Sport

The Sports Facility Advisory Committee committed to maintain the following facilities:

- Playing fields
- Tennis courts
- •Indoor Recreation Centre
- Bowling greens
- Equestrians facilities; Netball courts
- Playgrounds; Bicycle paths
- •Walking trails; Parks and gardens
- Senior Citizens Club

Sportsfest

The 2nd annual Sports Fest was held at Traeger Park Sports Complex was held in March 2005 and was hailed a success by Council and the community. Over 4,000 people attended and more than forty local sport & recreational organisations participated including the Central Australian Volleyball Association and Red Centre BMX. The event featured interactive displays and the opportunity for the community to try new things.





A local youngster clocks up time with a police gun

Two high profile footballers attended the event, Richmond Football players Brett Deliedo & Darren Gasper to share their experiences with visitors to Sportsfest and sign autographs before attending a team training session.

The most popular activities were the Police speed gun at the Junior Athletics display and the activities path with well over 300 people taking part. Visitors had the chance to try activities including table tennis and Touch football. Prizes included a gold pass to the YMCA for 1 year and a BMX bike donated by the Broken Spoke.

Riverside Cycle/Walking Path

Council has continued its commitment to develop and maintain cycle and walking tracks for the community of Alice Springs. The new pedestrian/cycle path along the Todd River Banks was funded by the NT

Government and stretches from Tuncks Road to Undoolya Road. The construction of the paths are nearing completion with the final stages due to commence shortly.

This work could not have been possible without the cooperation and involvement by Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation and Aboriginal Area Protection Authority (AAPA) who have helped with clearance for use of the River bank.

The end result will be a walking/cycling track on both sides of Todd River from Stephens Road to Schwarz Cres and a new path on the Western side of the river all the way to the Telegraph Station. The existing New Barrett drive section is well used and appreciated by locals and tourists walking to the CBD from the casino area.

Christmas Carnival

Council, in conjunction with the Alice Plaza and the Todd Mall Traders, successfully staged the 2nd annual Christmas Carnival in Todd Mall. In addition to late night trading and live entertainment there were over 40 market stalls selling arts, crafts, woodwork, plants, jewellery and food and drink.

Free to ride Christmas Train for kids under the sails and appearances by Booka, Hector and Yamba. A live stage featured a great line-up of impressive local talent performing throughout the evening including: the Desert Rose Dancers, Tim & Mat Rickards, Tashka Urban, Laura White and Gareth Evans to name a few.



Santa's little Helpers gave the kids a free ride on the Christmas Train

Library



The Alice Springs Public Library saw an increase in its patrons/borrowers from 9,434 in 2003/04 to 10,602 in 2004/05. Library circulation figures for 2003/04 were 123,488 and went up to 124,072 in 2004/05. Library staff worked hard to meet the needs of the community and developed a range of programs for patrons and visitors throughout the year.

Indigenous Services Officer

Natalee Norsworthy commenced in the Indigenous Services Officer position in April 2005. Since her appointment Natalie's main projects have been the introduction of art classes for Indigenous patrons. On average 4-5 people, mainly women attend and paint from 10-1pm every Monday. The library will be displaying their works, with a view to selling them later in the year.

Natalee also works with Sadadeen Primary School, and the Pathways class, who visit twice a week and do craft and/or have a story read to them. The main project for the next financial year is developing a bilingual storytime session, once a month, for black and white children.

Computer Facilities

The library continues to offer a range of computer



applications to patrons. Utilisation of the equipment is very high amongst patrons with many people exploring the new opportunities for recreation, obtaining information and communicating.

New Electronic Resources

In January 2005 the Alice Springs Public Library officially launched an upgrade of the Alice Springs Collection's electronic resources. The new resources consist of:

- •Centralian Advocate issues dating from 1947-1990 available on public computers and microfilm
- •Alice Springs Collection website links page for those researching local history & culture

Children's Activities

Homework Help program

on Friday 8 October 2004, the Library officially launched its new free Homework Help program. The program caters for school aged children and runs Monday, Tuesday & Thursday after school until 6pm and Wednesday and Friday after school until 5pm. The Library's Homework Help Tutor, assists children to use the Library catalogue, the collection of reference, periodicals and the internet for research.

Library School Holiday Program

In January 2005 the library ran 10 fully booked school holiday programs with activities such as juggling, hula hooping, mask making and wool crafts. 132 children attended the holiday activities.

Publicity and Promotions



Come in and meet your friendly library staff

Library Information Week

In May 2005 library staff participated in the ABC radio "Stump the Librarian" challenge. Listeners called into the station to ask a librarian the most difficult questions they could think of and the library team had 24 hours to come up with the answer. The library staff did very well with 11 correct answers out of 12.

Outback Out-takes - Historical Visions of Central Australia

During Heritage Week in April, the library hosted a special film event in conjunction with the Strehlow Research Centre. Featuring historic silent movie footage it provided a rare glimpse of life in Central Australia during the 1930's & 50's. The event was attended by more than 100 people.



2.7 Enhanced Public Safety

Dog control

Council's Rangers Unit is charged with the task of providing animal control in accordance with legislative requirements.

In the 2004/05 financial year Council's Ranger Unit issued a total of 73 animal infringement notices to the value of \$4,350. A total of 14 cats and xx dogs were registerd for the period.

In August 2004, two Council Rangers travelled to Adelaide to attend the National Urban animal Management Conference. The Conference covered all aspects of daily Ranger activities, with guest speakers on various subjects, including programs assisting remote area dogs. New products were on display and various workshops were attended.

Pets on Parade



October 2004 saw Council's first Pets on Parade day, a pet education day with fun for the whole family. The event began with a public parade of all sorts of owners and their pets. The parade finished at the Council Lawns where there were a variety of displays including, The RSPCA, Canine association, face painting and Rotary Club to name a few. The event was very well attended with more than 300 people and coverage by local radio station 8HA.

2004 Business Expo

Council Rangers were again involved in the Central Australian Business Expo held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Always a highlight, the Rangers had 800 people visit the stand and sold four puppys from the "live display". The Rangers followed up on approximately 30 enquiries from the public. Council's display contained all aspects of the Ranger Unit Operations with free information sheets and power



Rangers Amanda (L) and Paul (R) at Council's 'live display' point display.

Parking Control

Council controls are administered and enforced both for public safety and to facilitate the effective use of various controls. Regular turnover of parking spaces is an essential component in supporting access to local businesses and other services. In the 2004/05 financial year Council's Ranger Unit issued a total of 978 parking infringements worth \$40,070

Sunday Markets and Todd Mall usage

The use of Todd Mall is always encouraged and Council was delighted to receive record busker applications during 2004/05. The finalisation of the Todd Mall lighting project has been completed and Council is anticipating growth in public usage of the Mall by local clubs, community groups and individuals.





3. Environment

GOAL: To lead Australia in the management of its arid land natural resources

3.1 Increased Awareness and Knowledge of The Environment

Solar City

In April 2005 an Alice Springs consortium prepared a bid for the Federal Government's \$75 million Solar Cities program and Council committed \$20,000 towards the successful outcome. The bid to make Alice Springs one of the four cities in Australia, to be involved in the Solar Cities Program, will see Alice Springs moving closer towards a stronger, more sustainable and energy-conscious community. The Solar Cities Program is aimed at reducing reliance on fossil fuels and creating an environment that increases uptake of solar technology and energy efficiency measures.

Council made an 'in-principle' agreement to assist with the development of a permanent energy efficiency shop front should the Alice Springs Solar Cities bid be successful. The focus of the program is to implement innovative strategies for delivering what is essentially a process of attitudinal change on the part of householders, businesses, financial institutions and government agencies.

Alice Springs enjoys one of the highest levels of solar insolation on the planet. Energy efficiency (and water conservation) is always a consideration for Council. With the population of Alice Springs at around 30,000 there are potentially 10,000 roofs that could support solar panels. At this stage very few do with existing policy settings and costs.



Alice Springs 'Cool Living House' - Photo courtesy of ALEC

3.2 Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources

5 Star Rating

The design of the new Civic Centre boasts a high commitment to the environment with a Green Star rating of 5, which equates to an Australian Excellence level. The prestigious green star rating is usually only allocated to multi story constructions in larger cities. Council is very proud to be able to offer this level of innovation to the Alice Springs community. The design has made a deliberate attempt to maximise the rating and will use all existing resources available in its construction.



Artist's impression of the new 5 star rated Civic Centre

The high rating results from inclusions in the design such as Geothermal usage which is the use of the existing sites untreated bore water for irrigation, toilet flushing, cooling and heating through a chiller system. The 25 degree all year round temperature of the bore water results in it being three times more efficient than an alternative water supply. The use of an underfloor, natural ventilation system will create a more efficient cooling system and increase the indoor air quality.

The design promotes the use of natural lighting to most of the new administration building and the refurbished sections of the Civic Centre with a back up system being further controlled by timers and motion sensors for maximum efficiency.

3.3 Open Spaces Developed and Maintained for Use and Benefit of the Community

National Tree Day

This year Mayor Fran Kilgariff urged the community to get behind National Tree Day and join the tree planting celebrations at Gosse Park. Council was pleased to provide more than 500 native seedlings for the event.

Approximately half a million tonnes of carbon dioxide is produced in Alice Springs each year and Council's tree planting program is going someway towards reducing this figure. By planting trees on National Tree Day Council, with the help of the community, introduced more shade and improved the look and feel of the town. It is one of Council's goals to create a safe, clean and "green" environment for future generations to enjoy. Council has made a commitment to cut its greenhouse emissions by 20 per cent over the next seven years under the Cities for Climate Protection program.

Local landscaping expert Geoff Miers and Yamba were there to assist with the task, with a free barbeque and live radio broadcasts throughout the day. National Tree Day was organised by environmental group Planet Ark in association with Toyota, and proudly supported by Council and the Eastside Residents Association.



Katie Muir and Ella Dan help plant trees on National Tree Day

Parks and Ovals Maintenance

The record drought caused various issues for Council's parks and ovals with a new flood irrigation system being implemented in May 2005. The new irrigation scheduling system was implemented across Council's eight main ovals as part of the new flood irrigation trial. This system has already been tested with great success at Traeger Park, Anzac Oval, Rhonda Diano Oval and Albrecht Oval and has now been rolled out over Council's remaining four ovals.



Council works hard to keep our playing fields in top condition

The high quality of parks and ovals in Alice Springs will not be compromised in these extreme environmental conditions. Council is proud to provide quality parks and playing fields to the community but proper management practices must be followed to ensure these facilities remain at the high standards we currently enjoy. The trial was a necessity and planned specifically to minimise disruption to sporting ovals. Part of the reason for implementing the new system was due to problems associated with the ongoing drought and lack of any natural rainfall to leech the turfed areas. Results of soil and water analysis tests showed high presence of salts which was restricting healthy root growth of the turf.

3.4 Improved Appearance and Cleanliness of the Town

Council has expended nearly \$1.5 Million on carrying out waste collection and litter control activities in this financial year. Added to this are efforts of Correctional Services, Tangentyere Council, Masterpath (on behalf of the Northern Territory Government) and civil minded members of our community which would substantially increase the overall figure. Council seeks the cooperation of the whole community in keeping these costs down and to help keep Alice Springs litter free.



3.5 Appropriate Housing Options Available to The Community

Council continues to work in partnership with Lhere Artepe to advocate for the release of land for future residential development.

Memorandum Of Understanding

Council has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tangentyere Council. It promotes co-operation and joint ventures between the two Councils. Council, in collaboration with Tangentyere Council is advocating for increased affordable public housing and assists the Tangentyere EHO with animal problems in all of the Town Camps.

3.6 Safe and Reliable Roads, Footpaths and Storm Water Drainage

Road Maintenance

The ongoing challenge of maintaining a good quality local road network is an expensive task. The total area of the Alice Springs municipality is 327 square kms and Council maintains approximately 248 kilometres of roadway within that area. Of Council's roads, 229km kilometres of roads are sealed roads and 19km kilometres are unsealed. Road lengths increase each year as new subdivisions are created. The asset value of Council's road network is approximately \$57,520,000 million. Council continued to provide funding of \$300,000 in this financial year for the resealing of roads identified within its asset register as requiring suitable treatments and \$100,000 was spent on upgrading footpaths.



Maintenance expenditure during the financial year has been comprised as follows:

- Road Reseal \$283,000
- General Sealed Road Maintenance \$78,000
- General Unsealed Road Maintenance \$4,000
- Footpath Maintenance \$21,000 (includes cycle tracks)
- Traffic Control \$340,000 was spent on the Roads to Recovery program, some of the projects included Bloomfield St & Stuart Tce traffic islands
- Mowing, Tree Maintenance & spraying \$5,000
- Cleaning of graffiti Council spends an estimated \$10,000 per year removing graffiti. This is in addition to correctional services who attend to many instances where Council notify and supply paint if needed.
- Three new shade structures \$135,000 on Spicer
 Cres, Hillside Gardens and Kurrajong Drive

3.7 Effective Waste Management

Waste Management

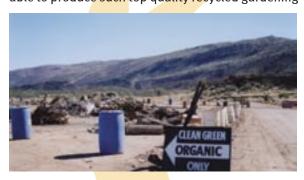


Council continues to provide a weekly domestic refuse collection service to all ratepayers within the rural, residential, commercial and industrial areas. To complement that service Council also provides two pruning removal service rounds per year for aged pensioners.

Council also provides a free domestic hazardous waste drop off on the first Sunday of every month between 10am and 2pm. The drop off is located at the hazardous waste compound near the weighbridge on Commanage Road. Residents can dispose of up to five litres of oil and small domestic quantities of insecticides weed killers and other hazardous chemicals.

Fertile Ground

Fertile Ground, located at the back of the landfill site, began in November 2002 as a joint undertaking of Tangentyere and Council to divert green waste from the towns rapidly growing Landfill. Council took control of the facility in September 2004 identifying potential to turn the operation into a profitable business enterprise. Members of the community can take their clean green waste free of charge to the site, where it is fed through a tub grinder and turned into nutrient rich mulch. The finished product can be purchased by the cubic metre or in bags from the Fertile Ground Company (Alice Springs Landfill) 0419 833 646 or Centre Landscapes (Ross Highway). Council is proud to be able to produce such top quality recycled gardening



products for the community. The mulch is one of the most inexpensive, highest quality, homegrown mulches available for domestic or commercial garden use in Alice Springs and is 90-100 per cent weed free. Sales of mulch from Council's Fertile Ground green waste processing facility for the 2004/05 financial year totalled \$84,300.

In May 2005 Council laid down 300 cubic metres of mulch from Fertile Ground. The mulch was placed in garden beds along Leichhardt Terrace, Anzac Hill and various other locations along Gap Road and around the CBD. The beautification of the CBD was a Council initiative designed to enhance, protect and nourish the garden beds against drought conditions.





3.8 Facilitate and Support the Development of the Built Environment

Asset Management

In 2004/05 Council was please to recognise recycled materials utilised in the development of the new Civic Centre to the value of \$6,355,000. This value was listed as work in progress in the accounts.

Council also purchased the following assets:

- •8 portable grandstands \$29,000
- Cycle path & landscaping \$101,000
- •Totem Theatre upgrade & fencing \$21,100
- •Flynn Oval change rooms & canteen upgrade \$40,650
- Plant replacement plan actioned \$285,000

The Heritage listed Totem Theatre received an upgrade funded by a Federal Government grant to bring the building up to the relevant building standard for a theatre. The upgrade involved strengthening the roof, fire safety, painting and the installation of a new perimeter fence.



Cemeteries

Council maintains three cemeteries, the Stuart Memorial Cemetery, the Memorial Cemetery (both of which are closed) and the Garden Cemetery, an attractive Cemetery on the southern outskirts of the town, and the only cemetery currently in use.

The Alice Springs Garden Cemetery offers a range of interment options including lawn sections, general traditional, niche wall, rose gardens and native garden areas. At present an average of eighty seven burials are conducted per year with one full time staff member maintaining the grounds. In 2004/05 Council expended \$46,000 on the development and maintenance of these cemeteries and \$70,000 was received from cemetery operations.

3. CULTURE & HERITAGE

GOAL: A Community Proud of its Indigenous Heritage and Pioneer History



4.1 Cultural Preservation and Harmony

Council's vision is for a vibrant and growing community that embraces its cultural heritage, its unique identity and desert living environment. It is always Council's aim to support initiatives, festivals and events that promote interaction between cultures and help maintain a cohesive community. In identifying and implementing integrated projects that embrace and preserve local culture and heritage such as Lhere Artepe's Cultural Protocols initiative, Council is continuing to work with key local organisations towards a more united and integrated community.

Bangtail Muster



Library staff member Anneke Rose joined in the fun for the 2005 May Day Bangtail Muster March

This year Council was delighted to participate for the first time in the Bangtail Muster, an annual event held over the May Day long weekend. There were many wonderful floats with the Mayor Fran Kilgariff, Council Aldermen and staff and local youth drumming

group, Drum Atweme leading the way. Council, Tangentyere and Lhere Artepe shared a combined float with *Working Together* as the theme. A street wide banner and smaller hand held signs with the slogan 'Everybody's Business' were carried by the participants in the float and helium filled balloons were handed out along the way.

Cultural Protocols

The Cultural Protocols Project was launched on Tuesday 24 May 2005 by the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC). Council supports the Cultural Protocols Project and is working collaboratively with LAAC in the development, implementation and evaluation of the project.

LAAC sought and received funds from the Northern Territory Government (Community Harmony Strategy and Quality of Life) to assist LAAC to conduct research into issues associated with itinerants and anti-social behaviour in the Alice Springs region.

Itinerants' anti-social behaviour in the Todd River and surrounding township has been an ongoing issue for the Traditional Owners for many years. The research will facilitate meetings of stakeholder organisations to draw up a clear set of written guidelines/protocols.

The project outcomes will remind all visitors that Aboriginal Law requires respect for the cultural authority of the Traditional Owners. The research project will bring LAAC together with other stakeholders in town to address anti-social behaviour. Formal links will develop and communication will be enhanced between LAAC and other Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations.



Town Crier

In June 2005 Council appointed Milton Blanch to the position of Alice Springs Town Crier. The public ceremony was held at the Residency on Hartley Street on Friday 17 June.

At the ceremony the President of Afghan Cameleers Heritage Society, Eric Sultan, presented Milton with a Kameez Shalwar, traditional Afghan shirt and pants, as a show of support for the initiative. The remainder of the Town Crier's attire reflects the indigenous and pioneer history of the town by way of an Akubra hat with matching vest and hat band in indigenous print.

In his new role,
Milton Blanch is
promoting Council and
community events by
performing in public places in the

lead up to and during particular events. Milton brings his own unique brand of humour and enthusiasm to the role. The unique qualities of Central Australia call for a Town Crier who breaks from the traditional mould – and Milton, with his creativity and great sense of humour, is definitely the right person for the job.

Milton made his inaugural appearance at the Alice Springs Convention Centre during the official Finke Desert Race presentation. Since his debut the Town Crier has been a major success and has received an enormous amount of positive feedback from the community.

4.2 Retention of Our Unique Character

Civic Centre Façade

Due to strong support from community and staff to retain the outside façade of the existing Civic Centre it was decided that rather than rebuilding the Civic Centre the project would become a redevelopment. This design approach resulted in a minimal amount of demolition to the site including the public toilets,

garden room, plant room and the Southern and North/South wing of the Civic Centre.

When completed the redevelopment will result in a new foot print area of approximately 2700 m² representing a one hundred percent total increase in the size of the Civic Centre.

Araluen Access Grants



Council identifies and supports public art initiatives through its Araluen Access grants which have been established for community groups requiring access to The Araluen Centre for Arts and Entertainment. Grants are provided for visual and performing arts and other community-based activities.



Incite Youth Arts perform 'Driven' after receiving one of Council's Araluen Access Grants in 2005

Funding is available for venue hire, front of house labour, technical labour, gallery attendant's labour, standing charges, publicity provided by Araluen and equipment hire. The upper limit of this grant is \$2,200 inc GST. These grants are available three times per year and are advertised in the local newspapers.

5. ORGANISATION

GOAL: An Organisation Dedicated to Good Governance, Effective Leadership and Provision of High Quality Services.

5.1 Effective Governance and Leadership

This year Council aimed to improve governance by increasing community participation in decision-making and policy development through its community consultation framework, improving leadership and accountability, and ensuring a sound policy and planning framework through its Strategic Plan. Policies, procedures, governance structures and decision processes were reviewed and amended on a regular basis.

Access to Information

The Northern Territory Information Act became applicable to Council on 1 July 2005. The Act gives to the general public a right to access information held by Council if it is in the public interest to do so. A person may also apply for access and if necessary correct personal information held by Council. Under Section 11 of the Act, Council, as a public sector organisation, must publish a statement about its structure and functions, the kinds of information usually held by it and a description of its procedures for providing access to information and correcting personal information.

Structure and Functions

Council is a local government authority established under the Local Government Act. It is charged with the peace order and good government of the municipality of Alice Springs and has the control and management of that government. Its functions are prescribed by the Act and include the control and management of

- Public places
- Street lighting
- · On and off street parking
- Markets
- Public transport
- Public toilets
- Sanitation and garbage
- Litter and street cleaning
- Animals
- Halls and public buildings
- The Alice Springs Swimming Centre
- The Alice Springs Public Library

- Parks, gardens and reserves
- Roads (with some exceptions)
- Cemeteries

Council holds information falling into the following categories:

- (a) Information relating to discharge of its functions
- (b) Information related to inquiries and investigations into complaints against members of the public and Council employees
- (c) Information related to the management of Council including personnel, OH&S, contracts, legal advice, financial records and information about asset management
- (d) Information related to rates including the information in the rate book kept by Council pursuant to sections 59 and 60 of the Local Government Act

Pursuant to section 149 of the Local Government Act, any person may inspect the current version of the following documents at Council's office free of charge:

- Auditor's report
- Council's policy concerning Elected Members in relation to payment of expenses and provision of facilities
- Rate book (but not so as to disclose a rate payer's history of payment of rates and charges)
- Register of interests
- Agendas for Council meetings
- A copy of the unconfirmed minutes of each meeting of Council or a committee together with any recommendations and reports referred to in the meeting which are not prescribed as confidential.

The following documents may also be inspected at Council's office or accessed at its website:

- Previous 5 annual financial statements & reports
- Business Plan 2005 2008
- Strategic Plan 2001
- Strategic Plan 2004 2009

Any owner, occupier of mortgagee of land within the municipality of Alice Springs (or a person authorised in writing by any of them), any purchaser or person



who proposes to purchase the land or any prospective mortgagee may apply to Council for a certificate under section 223 of the Local Government Act.

The certificate either sets out the details of any rates, charges or other amounts due and payable to Council in relation to the land or certifies that no rates, charges or other amounts are then due or payable. It also give details of any notices or orders issued by Council for work to be carried out in relation to the land and of the amounts that may be recovered by it from the owner or occupier of the land for work done. Council charges a fee of \$30 for this certificate.

Accessing Council Information

In cases where information sought is not publicly available or cannot be provided by way of a Section 223 certificate, any member of the public may request that information by completing and lodging with Council an Application to Access Council Information. This form is available from Council's office or may be downloaded from its website. A fee of \$30 is charged for receiving this application.

Council's Information Officer must make a decision within 30 days of application whether to grant access to the information sought or to refuse access to the information in whole or in part. If access is granted, a further processing fee may be charged in accordance with the Information Act depending on the nature and extent of the information sought. Photocopying fees may also be charged.

A decision to refuse access may only be based on the ground that the information sought is exempt under the Act because to disclose it would be contrary to the public interest. A person aggrieved by a decision to refuse access may apply to Council for a review of the decision. In that case, Council's Director Corporate and Community Services must conduct a review within 30 days of application. If the person remains aggrieved after the review, he or she may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner.

Accessing and Correcting Personal Information

Any member of the public may access their personal information by completing and lodging with Council an Application for personal information. This form is available from Council or may be downloaded from its website. No fee is charged for receiving or processing an application to access personal information.

If, after accessing their personal information, they consider that the information is wrong, incomplete or out-of-date, they may request that records containing information about them be corrected by completing and lodging with Council an Application to correct personal informtion.

Council's Information Officer must make a decision within 30 days of application to agree to the request, refuse the request or make different corrections to those requested. A person aggrieved by the decision is entitled to request Council to take reasonable steps to associate with that information a statement by him or her that the information is incorrect. This form is also available from Council's office or may be downloaded from its website. Again, no fee is charged for receiving or processing an application to correct personal information.

A detailed explanation of Council's procedures and requirements in relation to applications to access and correct information may be found in its publication Access to Council Information available at its office or website.

Final meeting in Council Chamber

Council held its 285th and final Ordinary Council meeting in the Todd Street Chamber on Monday 27 September 2004. The Council Chamber was demolished to make way for redevelopment works on the Civic Centre. Seven previous Elected Members joined the current Council at a function to mark this historic occasion. With Mayor Fran Kilgariff making a short speech at the start of the meeting to recognise the history of local governance at the site for almost quarter of a century. Since the final meeting in the Chamber, Council and Committee meetings have been held in the Civic Centre foyer until the new Chamber's are complete.

5.2 Skilled, Committed and Professional **Staff in a Supportive Environment**

Occupational Health & Safety

Council continues to commit substantial resources into Occupational Heath and Safety (OH&S) by reviewing and continually updating policy, safe working procedures and Hazard & Risk Management programs. These strategies, along with the employee's commitment to a safe working environment, have seen a continued downward trend in workplace injuries, incidents and Workcover claims.

In August 2004 a new Training & OHS&W Coordinator position was created to develop and implement an OH&S Management System. It has been necessary for Council to focus on education and awareness of safety as an important first step and prerequisite to further development in this area.

Other new policies and procedures that have been introduced for improved management of OHS risks include:

- Hazard Control Procedure
- Accident/Incident Reporting Procedure
- Workplace Bullying Policy & Procedures
- Emergency Response Procedure
- Contractor Management Procedure
- Workplace inspections conducted monthly
- First Aid Kit checklists completed monthly

Training

Council has now developed a structured training framework and approval process. Researching training relevance and gaining input/authorisation from supervisors/managers has assisted significantly in developing a new structured framework. Training is now scheduled dependant on training relevance and availability and on approval of the respective supervisor/manager.

The development of a comprehensive Training Calendar will assist supervisor/managers further by enhancing the ability for middle to long term planning of work schedules around upcoming training. Council staff attended approximately eighty training sessions (including conferences) in the last 10mths.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Throughout the year a continued monitoring of Council's employment practices and conditions of employment for adherence to Equal Employment Opportunity legislation has been performed. The areas monitored included:

- Training opportunities
- Career development
- Recruitment and induction of new employees
- Complaint processes
- Staff consultation processes

The results have shown Council is adhering to it's current policies and procedures, but will continue to regularly review them with employees to create a higher awareness of their responsibilities in matters of discrimination and equity.

5.3 Effective Communication and Consultation With The Community

Communications

Council places great importance on good communication with the community so that residents can be involved in the decision-making process. Publications for the public included:

- Publication of the Annual Report & Strategic Plan
- Promotion of Council initiatives, success stories & sponsorship support for the community through regular media releases, newsletters & website
- Promotion of Council services at important events in Alice Springs and interstate such as the Alice Springs Show, Central Australian Expo, Local Government Week & the National Local Roads & Transport Congress in Tasmania

Website

Council's website has seen visitors to the site continue to grow and figures show the site is increasingly becoming the first port of call for residents and visitors wanting to find out more about Council services and the Alice Springs region in general. Council information which can be found on the website includes information regarding when the next round of community grants will be available and how to apply, an on-line library catalogue and comprehensive Community Directory and Community Events Calendar.



The eServices link provides the community with quick and easy access to a range of services including a convenient way to pay rates, renew dog registration or to lodge a request for a service. Council has gone much further with this website than many other local authorities with one of the most accessible and easy to use sites in local government. Figures showed that almost 13,000 visits were made to the site in the second week of April 2005 which is approximately

double the figure for the same time in April 2004.

The site enables people from interstate and oversees to view descriptions of the attractions, culture and history of Alice Springs and Central Australia. A large proportion of visitors come to the site after searching the web for "Alice Springs" and 6 per cent of all visitors to the site are from oversees. As well as tourism information and Council services the site also provides up to date information on entertainment, transport, events, maps, weather and news.

Future developments in the pipeline include a more dynamic community directory and calendar, with organisations being able to update their own information, more links to related websites and additional pages with an improved history of Alice Springs and the surrounding region.

Public Consultation

Community Consultation Framework

At the March 2005 Council meeting, Council resolved to endorse the Draft Framework in principle and to release the document for broad community consultation. The resolution supports community consultation as an essential part of the democratic process, and as an informed two way communication process between Council and the community. Consultation is a critical part of fostering community involvement and community engagement.

Invitations to provide feedback on the Draft Framework were posted out to 75 key stakeholders, as well as placed on Council's website, and advertisements placed in the local newspaper.

As the Community Consultation Framework is considered a dynamic document and always open to review and improvement, community feedback will be taken into account on an ongoing basis to ensure the Framework reflects the needs of the community. Objectives of the Framework include:

- Recognising that residents have a right to participate in decisions which may affect them
- Ensuring Council is informed about the needs and aspirations of its residents
- Building a balance partnership between Council & community
- Creating a sense of community ownership of outcomes & Council actions

The Draft Framework was adopted in July 2005.

5.4 Efficient, Effective and Responsive Corporate Services

Information Technology

New initiatives and enhancements for Council's Information Technology Department include:

- Implementation of a new weighbridge accounting system at the landfill, allowing for faster processing and better monitoring and reporting, using modern equipment and software.
- Implementation of phase one of the new records management system, integrating the tracking of our paper documents into our core software system.
- Implementation of phase one of the e-services system, allowing for online payment of Rates and other Council accounts.
- Implementation of a new intranet, bringing together information into one portal for staff
- Enhancements to the Alice Springs portal website, including local plant database, improved events and community directories and photo gallery.
- Conversion of Council's computers to a standardised Windows XP and Office XP installation with streamlined upgrading, patching and antivirus management

Registry

Authority EDM Implementation Project

An Electronic Document Management system was implemented to replace the existing paper based records processes within Council. All of Council's official records will now be kept in electronic form. Benefits include:

- Better records management
- Instant & secure access to records electronically
- Retention of corporate knowledge
- Improved business processes & efficiency

5.5 Effective Strategic and Business Planning and Reporting

Documents available for public inspection

The majority of Council's documents are available for inspection by the public. A copy of any document may be obtained, for which a charge will apply. Alternatively, most documents can be viewed on the Council website at http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/council/council_pubs.asp



Financial Snapshot

Council finished the financial year in excellent shape.

The cash position of Council was adequate to cover all reasonable liabilities and to fund significant reserves.

The Reserves are:

		\$'000
•	Infrastructure Reserve	7,370
•	Sports Facility Reserve	524
•	Developer Contributions	255
•	Swimming Pool Development Reserve	38
•	Unexpended Grants Reserve	1,195
•	Waste Management Reserve	_ 250
	Total Reserves	9,632

A major building project to redevelop the Civic Centre commenced on 1 September 2004 using the significant funds in the Infrastructure Reserve and a commercial loan of \$5 million. This project will provide Council with modern facilities from which to service the community and provide the community with a larger Garden Room, other meeting facilities, new public toilets and added parking for use in the CBD.

The operating deficit for the year was evidence of Council delivery of local government services to the community of Alice Springs in line with the published Business Plan. Council has maintained its commitment to the following community programs:

- Roads resurfacing & maintenance
- Footpaths
- Cycle paths
- Landscaping
- Shade structures
- Council community facilities upgrades
- Council plant & vehicle replacement

The only funds carried forward for spending into 2005/2006 were 'tied' grants funds for specific projects and the major portion of these were for projects such as the Todd River Walks (to construct walking paths along the Todd River).

The operating deficit was over \$1 million larger than in the previous year due to increased depreciation as a result of a revaluation of Council's assets 1 July 2004. This increase in depreciation is an indication that more funds are required in the future for the replacement of the municipality infrastructure assets.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

STATEMENT BY CEO

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 Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)
- the applicable Australian Accounting Standards
- the Local Government Accounting Code
- the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations

To the best of my knowledge and belief, these reports:

- present fairly the Council's financial position and operating result for the year
- · accord with Council's accounting and other records

I am not aware of any matter that would render the reports false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 31 October, 2005

Rex Mooney	
(Chief Executive Officer)	(date)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 30 June 2005

Budget 2005 \$'000		Notes	Actual 2005 \$'000	Actual 2004 \$'000
¥ 3 3 3	REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		+	4 5 5 5
11,008	Rates & Annual Charges	3	10,997	10,573
953	User Charges & Fees	3	980	885
616	Investment Revenues	3	594	456
3,523	Operating Grants & Contributions	3	3,620	3,695
287	Other Operating Revenues	3	263	225
268	Profit from Disposal of Assets	5	-	164
16,655	Total Operating Revenues	_	16,454	15,998
	EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
6,389	Employee Costs	4	6,304	6,221
13,714	Materials & Contracts	4	4,652	5,678
290	Interest Charges	4	3	2,070
-	Depreciation & Amortisation	4	3,935	2,937
3,347	Other Expenses	4	3,050	2,507
-	Loss from Disposal of Assets	5	588	2,507
23,740	Total Operating Expenses	٠ <u>-</u>	18,532	17,345
(7,085)	OPERATING RESULTS BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS	_	(2,078)	(1,347)
355	Capital Grants & Contributions	3	555	1,020
(6,730)	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$	(1,523) \$	(327)
	DIDECT TRANSFERS TO FOURTY			
	DIRECT TRANSFERS TO EQUITY		00.074	
(0.700)	Asset Revaluation Reserve		22,874	(007)
(6,730)	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ <u>_</u>	<u>21,351</u> \$	(327)

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2005

	Notes	Actual 2005 \$'000	Actual 2004 \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS		·	
Cash on hand and at bank	6	9,412	6,110
Investments Receivables	6 7	- 1,515	- 1,027
Inventories	8	1,515 78	96
Other	8	55	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	=	11,060	7,233
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	6	-	-
Receivables Property, Plant & Equipment	7 9	63 155,870	59 137,014
Work-in-progress	3	4,030	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_	159,963	137,073
TOTAL ASSETS	_	171,023	144,306
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	10	1,061	689
Borrowings Provisions	10 10	208 944	800
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	10 <u>-</u>	2,213	1,489
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	_		
Creditors	10	-	_
Borrowings	10	4,676	-
Provisions	10 _	150	184
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	4,826	184
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	7,039	1,673
NET ASSETS	\$_	163,984	142,633
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		7,636	13,945
Asset Revaluation Reserve		146,716	123,842
Asset Replacement Reserve		7,370	3,963
Sports Facility Reserve Developer Contributions Reserve		524 255	531 275
Swimming Pool Development Reserve		38	273 77
Unexpended Grants Reserve		1,195	-
Waste Management Reserve	_	250	
TOTAL EQUITY	\$_	163,984	142,633
	_		

STATEMENT OF WORKING CAPITAL

for the year ended 30 June 2005

CURRENT ASSETS	Notes	Actual 2005 \$'000	Actual 2004 \$'000
Cash on hand	6	9,412	6,110
Investments	6	-	-
Receivables	7	1,515	1,027
Inventories	8	78	96
Other	8 _	55	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	_	11,060	7,233
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	10	1,061	689
Borrowings	10	208	-
Provisions	10	944	800
Other	_	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,213	1,489
WORKING CAPITAL	\$_	8,847	\$ 5,744
CURRENT RATIO	13	5:1	4.86:1

The above amounts exclude restricted assets and cash held in a trust account or trust fund, and liabilities directly relating thereto.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2005

for the year ended 30 durie 200		2004
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
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ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	lotes	
	102 040	100.040
Balance at beginning of the reporting period Transfers to Asset Revaluation Reserve	123,842 22,874	123,842
Transfers from Asset Revaluation Reserve	22,074	-
Balance at end of the reporting period	146,716	123,842
balance at end of the reporting period	140,710	120,042
ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period	3,963	3,041
Transfers to Asset Replacement Reserve	3,407	922
Transfers from Asset Replacement Reserve	-	-
Balance at end of the reporting period	7,370	3,963
SPORTS FACILITY RESERVE		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period	531	453
Transfers to Sports Facility Reserve	118	154
Transfers from Sports Facility Reserve	(125)	(76)
Balance at end of the reporting period	524	531
DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS RESERVE		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period	275	361
Transfers to Developer Contribution Reserve	- (00)	79 (405)
Transfers from Developer Contribution Reserve	(20)	(165)
Balance at end of the reporting period	255	275
SWIMMING POOL DEVELOPMENT RESERVE		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period	77	88
Transfers to Swimming Pool Development Reserve	-	-
Transfers from Swimming Pool Development Reserve	(39)	(11)_
Balance at end of the reporting period	38	77
UNEXPENDED GRANTS RESERVE		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period	-	-
Transfers to Unexpended Grants Reserve	1,195	-
Transfers from Unexpended Grants Reserve		
Balance at end of the reporting period	1,195	-
WASTE MANAGEMENT DESCRIVE		
WASTE MANAGEMENT RESERVE		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period	-	-
Transfers to Waste Management Reserve	250	-
Transfers from Waste Management Reserve Balance at end of the reporting period	250	
balance at end of the reporting period	250	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period	13,945	15,175
Change in Net Assets recognised in the Statement of Financial	·	
Performance	(1,523)	(327)
Transfers to Reserve	(4,970)	(1,155)
Transfers from Reserve	184	252
Balance at end of the reporting period	7,636	13,945
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	163,984	142,633
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This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes		

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 June 2005

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts	Notes	Actual 2005 \$'000	Actual 2004 \$'000
Rates & Annual Charges User Charges & Fees Interest Received Grants & Contributions Other operating receipts		10,902 937 438 4,135 601	9,213 2,136 450 3,404 645
Payments Employee Costs Materials & Contracts Borrowing Costs Other operating payments Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	11	(6,105) (4,761) (3) (3,246) 2,898	(6,466) (6,718) - (1,163) 1,501
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts Proceeds from sale of Property, Plant & Equipment Proceeds from sale of Investment Securities Repayments from Deferred Debtors	5 5	75 5,300 (4)	368 - -
Payments Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment Work in Progress Purchase of Investment Securities	_	(1,178) (3,373) (5,300)	(3,587) (3,219)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(4,480)	(3,219)
Receipts Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances Payments		5,000	1,020
Repayments of Borrowings & Advances Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held	<u>-</u>	(116) 4,884 3,302	1,020 (698)
Cash at beginning of reporting period Cash at end of reporting period	11 11	6,110 9,412	6,808 6,110
This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attache	d Note	S	

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The Local Government Reporting Entity

Alice Springs Town Council is incorporated under the NT Local Government Act as amended and has its principal place of business at Cnr Todd Street and Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs. These General Purpose Financial Statements include the consolidated fund and other entities through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

1.1 The Consolidated Fund

All money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund.

1.2 The Trust Fund

A separate and distinct Trust Fund is maintained to account for all monies and property received by the Council in trust which must be applied only for the purposes of or in accordance with the trusts relating to these monies. Trust monies and property subject to Council's control have been included in these reports.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports.

2. Basis of Accounting

2.1 Compliance

The financial report complies with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, the requirements of the Local Government Act and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting and the Local Government Asset Accounting Manual. For the convenience of users the reference to the equivalent AASB Accounting Standard is also given.

2.2 Basis

The financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and, except where specifically indicated in these Notes, in accordance with the historical cost convention.

The accounting policies adopted for the reporting period are consistent with those of the previous reporting period except where otherwise indicated.

This financial report includes accounting estimates formulated in accordance with the above standards and have regard to the substance rather than the form of transactions. Nothing contained within this report may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

3. Rates

The rating period and reporting period for the Council coincide and, accordingly, all rates levied for the year are recognised as revenues. Uncollected rates are recognised as receivables after providing for amounts due from unknown owners and postponed rates in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

4. Grants, Contributions and Donations

Grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt. Where prior advice of grants has been received and expenditure has been incurred in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions, unreceived grant entitlements are recorded as receivables. Unreceived contributions over which the Council has control are recognised as receivables.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes as restricted assets. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

5. Cash Assets and Investment Securities

Investments in Bank Bills, Promissory Notes and Term Deposits are recognised at cost. Interest revenues are recognised as they accrue.

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.

6. Receivables

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 (as amended) and the Regulations and Determinations made thereunder.

Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

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

7. Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential. Inventories held in respect of business undertakings have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

8. Property, Plant & Equipment

8.1 Transitional Provisions

At the date of these accounts, the following infrastructure assets have not been capitalised:

Land under Roads

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".

8.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year under review are provided in Note 9 to these accounts.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

8.3 Valuation

The "Recoverable Amount Test" of paragraph 30 of AAS 10 (AASB 1010) does not apply to the Council

8.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

All assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are provided in Note 9 to these accounts. 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.

9. Payables

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.

Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

Amounts 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.

10. Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables".

11. Employee Benefits

11.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences (other than long service leave not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date) are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1028 "Employee Benefits".

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

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

11.2 Superannuation

The 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.

Accumulation Fund Members

The accumulation fund receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with Superannuation Guarantee Legislation (9% in 2004/05; 9% in 2003/04). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

17. GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 31 "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.

18. Rounding

In accordance with the Code of Accounting Practice all amounts shown in the Financial Statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

19. Comparative Information

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with the current year disclosure of equivalent information.

20. Impact of Australian International Financial Reporting Standards

The NT government regulator has yet to determine an introduction date for AIFRS.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 2 - 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.

Public Order & Safety

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

Health

Administration and inspection, food control, insect and vermin control, health centres.

Welfare

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

Housing & Community Services

Waste management, other waste management services, street cleaning, public cemeteries, public conveniences, other community amenities, community partnerships and grants, youth and family activities, community development.

Recreation and Culture

Facilities and venues, recreation parks and reserves, cultural services, public libraries.

Transport

Roads and streets, footpaths, parking areas, bus facilities and services.

Economic Affairs

General economic, promotional and tourism.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005 Note 2 - FUNCTIONS

	REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES														
	ADI	ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY		HEALTH		WELFARE			HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES		IUNITY				
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
OPERATING REVENUES															
Rates	11,007	10,997	10,573	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
User Charges & Fees	55	46	45	68	86	69	11	9	10	-	-	-	772	764	713
Interest	616	594	456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	360	135	294	5	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	84	60
Grants - NT recurrent	138	137	250	-	-	-	280	196	225	1	2	3	73	50	58
Grants - NT capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120
Grants - Cwlth recurrent	1,687	1,687	1,740	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions & Donations	4	15	113	-	-	-	-	-	34	25	21	-	29	52	1
Total	13,867	13,611	13,471	73	92	76	291	205	269	26	23	3	963	950	952
OPERATING EXPENSES															
Employee Costs	4,825	4,933	4,881	305	296	310	217	182	202	-	-	-	253	278	266
Materials & Contracts	7,245	234	1,339	129	123	127	58	18	27	38	18	17	2,349	1,645	1,558
Interest Charges	265	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation & Amortisation	-	3,935	2,937	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	1,706	2,098	1,337	29	9	4	57	35	27	10	8	-	530	502	497
Total	14,041	11,203	10,496	463	428	441	332	235	256	48	26	17	3,132	2,425	2,321
<u>TOTALS</u>	(174)	2,408	2,975	(390)	(336)	(365)	(41)	(30)		(22)	(3)		(2,169)	(1,475)	(1,369)
TOTAL ASSETS UTILISED		20,148	12,571		659	324			38		4,673	3,250	·	41,775	36,028

	RECRE	ATION & CL	JLTURE	1	RANSPOR	Т	OTHER E	CONOMIC	AFFAIRS				ELIMIN	ATIONS		TOTAL	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
OPERATING REVENUES																	
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	11,007	10,997	10,573
User Charges & Fees	47	53	28	34	22	20	-	-	-				-	-	987	980	885
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	616	594	456
Other Operating Revenues	18	-	15	40	38	11	2	-	2				-	-	514	263	389
Grants - NT recurrent	596	596	1,178	554	721	-	80	80	-				-	-	1,722	1,782	1,714
Grants - NT capital	-	200	-	355	355	900	-	-	-				-	-	355	555	1,020
Grants - Cwlth recurrent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	1,687	1,687	1,740
Contributions & Donations	64	63	58	-	-	35	-	-	-				-	-	122	151	241
Total	725	912	1,279	983	1,136	966	82	80	2	-	-	-	-	-	17,010	17,009	17,018
OPERATING EXPENSES																	
Employee Costs	715	578	524	74	37	38	-	-	-				-	-	6,389	6,304	6,221
Materials & Contracts	1,375	843	1,004	2,337	1,711	1,521	183	60	85				-	-	13,714	4,652	5,678
Interest Charges	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	285	3	2
Depreciation & Amortisation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	-	3,935	2,937
Other Operating Expenses	899	897	601	54	29	29	67	60	12				-	-	3,352	3,638	2,507
Total	3,009	2,318	2,129	2,465	1,777	1,588	250	120	97	-	-	-	-	-	23,740	18,532	17,345
TOTALS	(2,284)	(1,406)	(850)	(1,482)	(641)	(622)	(168)	(40)	(95)	-	-	-	-	-	(6,730)	(1,523)	(327)
TOTAL ASSETS UTILISED		29,323	28,043		74,445	61,490			2,562							171,023	144,306

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 3 - REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Ordinary Rates Residential Farmland Business	5,945 253 3,089 9,287	6,417 232 2,283 8,932
Special Rates (pursuant to s 73) CBD Todd Mall Promotional	505 18 523	485 17 502
Annual Charges (pursuant to ss 74(1) & 76) Waste Management Service Total Rates & Annual Charges	1,187 10,997	1,139 10,573
USER CHARGES & FEES		
Fees Regulatory/Statutory Fees	91	97
Charges Rent & Hire of Council Equipment Weighbridge Charges Cemeteries Other Total User Charges & Fees	93 691 70 <u>35</u> 980	24 651 39 74 885
INVESTMENT REVENUES Interest on overdue rates & charges Interest on investments Total Investment Revenues	111 483 594	84 372 456
OTHER REVENUES Fines Insurance Claims Legal Fees Recovery (Rates) Sales - Mulch Sale of Other Equipment (not assets) Other Total Other Revenues	42 17 25 84 39 56	53 53 34 - 8 77 225

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Notes	OPERATING		CAPITAL			
	2005	2004	2005	2004		
GRANTS	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
General Purpose (Untied)						
FAG - general purpose component	988	1,028				
- road component	699	712				
	1,687	1,740				
NT Specific Purpose (Recurrent) Grants						
Sport & Recreation - Facility Development	45	20				
Sport & Recreation Officer	26	25				
ASBUS	721	634				
Sportsfest	-	3				
Heated Pool Study	30	-				
WELL	9	44				
Environmental Health	196	225				
ibrary - Operational	451	459				
Library - Development	44	43				
Library - Other	-	60				
Other	_	40				
	1,522	1,553				
NT Specific Purpose (Non-recurrent) Grants	1,022	1,000				
Waste Oil Transfer	_	30				
Seniors Activities	2	3				
Fotal Organic Recycling Project	50	-				
Solar Cities	80	_				
Pensioners' Rates Subsidies	128	124				
Other	120					
Julei	260	<u>4</u> 161				
UT Capital Crapta	200	101				
NT Capital Grants			200			
Swimming Pool Deepening			200	F00		
Roads To Recovery			205	500		
Todd River Walks			150	400		
Motor Home Dump Point			-	30		
otem Theatre			-	90		
Commonwealth Capital Grants						
Total Grants	3,469	3,454	555	1,020		
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS						
	•	79				
Developer Contributions	8 51					
Sports Participation Fees & Levies	51	54				
Reimbursements - Other	69	80				
Volunteering Australia	23	28				
Total Contributions & Donations	151	241 3,695				
Total Grants, Contributions & Donations	3,620	2 606	555	1,020		

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 4 - EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

EMPLOYEE COSTS	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Salaries and Wages Employee Leave Entitlements Superannuation Workers' Compensation Insurance Travelling Fringe Benefits Tax Other	4,531 1,100 518 96 36 23	4,481 937 540 138 82 43
Total Operating Employee Costs Total Number of Employees	6,304 126	6,221 161
(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		
BORROWING COSTS Interest on Loans Charges on Finance Leases Interest on other debts Total Interest Charges	1 2 3	2 - 2
DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION Buildings Furniture & Equipment Plant and Equipment Infrastructure - Sealed Roads - Unsealed Roads - Stormwater drainage Other Infrastructure Land Improvements Other assets - Art Collection Total Depreciation & Amortisation	470 31 386 1,462 36 363 345 843	169 33 695 1,262 64 367 - 347 - 2,937
OTHER EXPENSES	3,333	2,337
Audit Services Bad and Doubtful Debts Donations & Contributions to Local & Regional Bodies Insurances Legal Expenses Power, Water & Sewerage Street Lighting Mayoral Allowance Elected Members' Allowances & Expenses Telephone & Communications Leases, Licences & Fees Stationery / Postage / Printing Fuel & Oil Catering Books & Non-book Resources Bank & Debt Collection Fees Advertising	2 21 418 176 42 659 331 45 90 53 3 80 185 22 47 48 142	29 44 155 174 21 588 326 40 79 61 1 104 153 35 44 54
Training Travel & Accommodation Freight Computer & Internet Costs Vehicle Registration Memberships & Subscriptions Rates Concessions & Costs Other Total Other Expenses	46 78 7 286 35 44 161 29	46 118 6 112 40 44 65 2,507

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 5 - GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY Proceeds from disposal Less: Carrying amount of assets sold Gain (Loss) on disposal	- - -	
DISPOSAL OF PLANT & EQUIPMENT Proceeds from disposal Less: Carrying amount of assets sold Gain (Loss) on disposal	75 663 (588)	368 204 164
DISPOSAL OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ASSETS Proceeds from disposal Less: Carrying amount of assets sold Gain (Loss) on disposal	- - - -	<u>-</u>
DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENT SECURITIES Proceeds from disposal Less: Carrying amount of assets sold Gain (Loss) on disposal	5,300 5,300 -	<u> </u>
TOTAL GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	(588)	164

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 6 - CASH & INVESTMENTS

		005 000	2004 \$'000		
CASH ASSETS Cash on Hand and at Bank Deposits at Call	<u>Current</u> 312 7,700	Non-Current	<u>Current</u> 610	Non-Current	
Short Term Deposits Total Cash	1,400 9,412	- -	5,500 6,110	- -	
INVESTMENT SECURITIES Term Deposits Bills of Exchange Total Investments	<u>-</u>	- - -	- -	- -	
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE	9,412	-	6,110	-	

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity with insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash Assets subject to external restrictions that are not expected to be discharged during the next reporting period are classified as Non-Current.

RESTRICTED CASH & INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

	COMMINICALLI			
EXTERNAL RESTRICTIONS				
- Included in liabilities	208	-	-	-
- Included in revenue	1,445	-	1,628	-
Total External Restrictions	1,653	•	1,628	-
INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS				
- Included in liabilities	333	-	4,571	-
- Included in revenue	_	-		-
Total Internal Restrictions	333	<u>-</u>	4,571	-
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	7,426		(89)	_
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE	9,412	-	6,110	-

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 6 (continued) - RESTRICTED CASH & INVESTMENTS

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	<u>Current</u>	Non-Current	<u>Current</u>	Non-Current
EXTERNAL RESTRICTIONS				
Included in Liabilities				
Specific Purpose Unexpended Loans (A)	208	-	-	-
DTW Advances (B)	-	-	-	-
Self Insurance Claims (C)	-	-	-	-
Other (H)	-	-		-
	208	-		
Included in revenue				
Developer Contributions (D)	-	-	275	
DTW Contributions (E)	-	-	-	
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	1,195	-	1,353	
Domestic Waste Management (G)	250	-	-	
Other (H)	-	-		
_	1,445	<u> </u>	1,628	
TOTAL EXTERNAL RESTRICTIONS	1,653	-	1,628	-
INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS Included in Liabilities				
Employee Leave Entitlements	333	-	-	
			4,571	
	333	<u>-</u>	4,571	
Included in revenue Construction of Buildings			_	
Replacement of Plant & Vehicles			_	
Sinking Funds	_		-	
Other	-		-	
•	_	-		-
TOTAL INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS	333	-	4,571	-

Legend

- A. Loan moneys that must be applied for the purpose for which the loans were raised.
- B. Advances by Department of Transport & Works for work on specified roads.
- C. Self insurance liability resulting from reported claims or incurred claims not yet reported must have cash or specific investments held for the full amount fo the provision.
- D. Development contributions that are not yet expended for the provision of services and amenities in accordance with contribution plans (also includes those not under contribution plans).
- E. Department of Transport & Works contributions that are not yet expended for the provisiom of services and amenities in accordance with those contributions.
- F. Grants that are not yet expended for the purposes for which the grants were obtained.
- G. Domestic Waste Management funds must be applied for the purpose for which they were raised.
- H. Other internally/externally restricted moneys.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 7 - RECEIVABLES

		005 000		004 000
	Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
Rates & Annual Charges	658	-	618	_
User Charges & Fees	317	-	185	-
Accrued Revenues	222	-	66	-
Deferred Debtors	-	63	-	59
Other levels of Government	363	-	89	-
Other	-		114	-
Total	1,560	63	1,072	59
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	45		45	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	1,515	63	1,027	59

Rates and Annual Charges -

Overdue rates and annual charges (being amounts not paid on or before the due date determined in accordance with the Local Government Act) are secured over the relevant land and are subject to simple interest at a rate of 16.00% calculated daily.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 8 - INVENTORIES & OTHER ASSETS

INVENTORIES	2005 \$'000 Current Non-Current	2004 \$'000 <u>Current</u> <u>Non-Current</u>
Stores & Materials Other Total Inventories	78 - 78	90 6 96
OTHER ASSETS Prepayments Other Total Other Assets	55 - 55 -	

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 9 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	1	200	04		CAR'	RYING AMOU	INT MOVEMEN	TS DURING \	/EAR	1	200	05		
		\$'00	.00		1		\$'000				\$'000			
	AT	AT	ACCUM	CARRYING	Asset	Asset	Depreciation	Transfer	Net	AT	AT	ACCUM	CARRYING	
	COST	FAIR VALUE	DEPN	AMOUNT	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation	to WIP	Revaluation	COST	FAIR VALUE	DEPN	AMOUNT	
Land - Council owned/controlled	17,941		_	17,941	_	_	_	_	12,762	_	30,703	_	30,703	
Buildings	15,604		1,170			(276)					13,482	467	13,015	
Furniture & Equipment	626		434	192	16	(270)	(31)	(636)	20	_	228	31	197	
Plant & Equipment	4,593		2,026	2,567	285	(125)	` '	-	555	-	3,278	382	2,896	
Infrastructure	1	1	,	1	1	1	1	1 '	1 1	1		Į.	1	
- Sealed Roads	62,149	-	7,242	54,907	274	-	(1,462)	-	3,480	-	58,661	1,462	57,199	
- Unsealed Roads	6,379	-	383	5,996	-	-	(36)	-	(5,639)	-	357	36	321	
- Stormwater drainage	36,700	-	2,199	34,501	1 - '	-	(363)	-	1 - 1	-	34,501	363	34,138	
Other Infrastructure	6,920	- 1	1,993	4,927	217	-	(345)	-	(1,423)	-	3,721	345	3,376	
Land Improvements	. '	- 1	_ '	-	137	(225)	(843)	-	12,953	-	12,860	838	12,022	
Other Assets	1	1	, 1	1 '	1 '	1	1	, '	1 1	1		,	1	
- Art Collection	1,549	-	-	1,549	-	- '	-	- !	453	-	2,002	-	2,002	
Totals	152,461	- 1	15,447	137,014	1,178	(626)	(3,935)	(636)	22,875	-	159,794	3,924	155,870	

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Note 9 – Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 9 (cont) - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

Land - Council owned and Council controlled

Freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, was valued by independent valuation in the reporting period ended 30 June, 2005 and is disclosed at fair value.

Current valuation

An independent valuation of freehold and controlled land based on fair value was undertaken as at 1 July 2004 by the Australian Valuation Office and totalled \$30,702,600. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

Buildings

Buildings were valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Major depreciation periods are: Buildings – 20-50 years Asset capitalisation thresholds include: New construction/extensions \$2,000

Current valuation

An independent valuation of all buildings, was undertaken as at 1 July 2004 by Australian Valuation Office totalled \$14,147,153. The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value, useful life and remaining life. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and Equipment was valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Major depreciation periods are: Furniture and Equipment – 10-20 years Asset capitalisation thresholds include: New Purchases/additions \$2,000

Current valuation

An independent valuation of all furniture and equipment, was undertaken as at 1 July 2004 by Australian Valuation Office totalled \$212,500. The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value, useful life and remaining life. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

Plant & Equipment,

Plant and Equipment was valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Major depreciation periods are: Plant and Equipment – 5-20 years Asset capitalisation thresholds include: New Purchases/additions \$2,000

Current valuation

An independent valuation of all plant and equipment, was undertaken as at 1 July 2004 by Australian Valuation Office totalled \$3,122,235. The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value, useful life and remaining life. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Note 9 – Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

Infrastructure - Sealed Roads

Sealed roads were valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Major depreciation periods are: Sealed Roads - 40-50 years Asset capitalisation thresholds include: New construction/extensions \$2,000

Current valuation

An independent valuation of all sealed roads, was undertaken as at 1 July 2004 by Australian Valuation Office totalled \$58,386,900. The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value, useful life and remaining life. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

Infrastructure - Unsealed Roads

Unsealed roads were valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Major depreciation periods are: Unsealed Roads - 10-25 years Asset capitalisation thresholds include: New construction/extensions \$2,000

Current valuation

An independent valuation of all unsealed roads, was undertaken as at 1 July 2004 by Australian Valuation Office totalled \$359,850. The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value, useful life and remaining life. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

Infrastructure - Stormwater Drains

Stormwater drains were <u>not</u> valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at cost.

Major depreciation periods are: Stormwater drains 50-100 years Asset capitalisation thresholds include: New construction/extensions \$2,000

Current valuation

The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value, useful life and remaining life.

Other Infrastructure

Other Infrastructure was valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Major depreciation periods are:

Other Infrastructure - 10-25 years
Asset capitalisation thresholds include: New construction/extensions \$2,000

Current valuation

An independent valuation of all other infrastructure, was undertaken as at 1 July 2004 by Australian Valuation Office totalled \$3,504,228. The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value, useful life and remaining life. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Note 9 – Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

Land Improvements

Land Improvements were valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Major depreciation periods are: Land Improvements - 10-25 years Asset capitalisation thresholds include: New construction/extensions \$2,000

Current valuation

An independent valuation of all Land Improvements was undertaken as at 1 July 2004 by Australian Valuation Office totalled \$12,952,737. The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value, useful life and remaining life. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

Art Collection & Heritage

The Art Collection was valued by independent valuation during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election is disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Artworks are not depreciated.

Current valuation

An independent valuation of all art works, was undertaken early 2004 by Mr William Mora totalled \$2,001,615. The valuation has been made in accordance with recognised valuation procedures as to fair and reasonable value. The new valuations have been brought to account for recording this class of assets.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 10 - LIABILITIES

	200	5	20	04	
	\$'00	0	\$'000		
	Current N	<u> Ion-Current</u>	<u>Current</u>	Non-Current	
PAYABLES					
Goods & Services	89	-	468	-	
Accrued Expenses	849	-	166	-	
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	123	-	55	-	
Total Payables	1,061	-	689	-	
BORROWINGS					
Loans	208	4,676	-	-	
Total Borrowings	208	4,676		-	
All interest bearing liabilities are se	cured over the	future revenue.	s of the Coun	cil.	
PROVISIONS					
Annual Leave	649	-	542	20	
Long Service Leave	267	150	210	164	
Airfares	28		48		
Total Provisions	944	150	800	184	
		<u> </u>			

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand, at bank and at call deposits with other financial institutions. Term deposits are also included. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

2005	2004
\$'000	\$'000
312	610
7,700	-
1,400	5,500
9,412	6,110
-	-
9,412	6,110
	\$'000 312 7,700 1,400 9,412

Cash Assets subject to legislative restrictions that are not expected to be expended in the next reporting period are described as non-current assets.

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

Change in Net Assets resulting from Operations	(1,523)	(327)
Add: Depreciation and Amortisation	3,935	2,937
Increase in provision for doubtful debts	-	
Increase in employee benefits	130	42
Increase in other provisions	-	-
Decrease in receivables	-	-
Decrease in inventories	18	-
Decrease in other current assets	-	22
Increase in trade creditors	-	-
Increase in accrued expenses payable	683	27
Increase in other payables	68	-
Loss on Sale of Assets	588	-
Decrements from Revaluations	-	-
	3,899	2,701
Less: Decrease in provision for doubtful debts	· -	33
Decrease in employee benefits	-	-
Decrease in other provisions	20	-
Increase in receivables	547	102
Increase in inventories	-	4
Increase in other current assets	55	-
Decrease in trade creditors	379	81
Decrease in accrued expenses payable	-	-
Decrease in other payables	-	125
Gain on Sale of Assets	-	164
Reversal of previous Revaluation Decrements	-	_
Non-cash Capital Grants and Contributions	-	691
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	2,898	1,501

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 12 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

(a) Capital Commitments Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting of financial statements as liabilities:	2005 \$'000 date but not recoç	2004 \$'000 gnised in the
Land Buildings Plant & Equipment	6,900	- - -
These expenditures are payable: Not later than one year Later than one year and not later than 5 years Later than 5 years	6,900 6,900 - - 6,900	- - - - -

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 13 - STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

	2005 Indicators	2004	2003	2002
Current Ratio Current Assets - Externally Restricted Assets Current Liabilities	4.25:1	3.76:1	5.54:1	3.1:1
Debt Service Ratio Net Debt Service Cost Operating Revenue* * as defined in the Code	0.01:1	0:1	1.09:1	5.18:1
Rate Coverage Ratio Rate Revenues Total Revenues	59.62%	58.97%	54.92%	49.95%
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	6.24%	6.49%	3.33%	0.83%

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 14 - CONDITIONS OVER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

		Move	ments	0
	Opening Balance 1 July 2004	Received/	Expended	Closing Balance 30 June 2005
GRANTS	1 July 2004	Receivable	Expended	30 June 2003
General Purpose (Untied)	\$	\$	\$	\$
FAG - general purpose component	-	987,767	987,767	-
 road component 	-	699,431	699,431	-
		1,687,198	1,687,198	-
NT Specific Purpose (Recurrent) Grants				
Sport & Recreation - Facility Development	-	45,000	45,000	-
Sport & Recreation Officer	-	25,525	25,525	-
ASBUS	-	720,750	720,750	-
Heated Pool Study	-	30,000	30,000	-
WELL	-	9,000	9,000	-
Environmental Health	-	195,832	195,832	-
Library - Operational	-	451,136	451,136	-
Library - Development	42,968	44,188	44,684	42,472
	42,968	1,521,431	1,521,927	42,472
NT Specific Purpose (Non-recurrent) Grants				
Waste Oil Transfer	84,108	-	84,108	-
Seniors Activities	-	2,400	2,400	-
Todd River Rechanneling	82,207	-	5,147	77,060
Town Camp Roads	65,736	-	65,736	-
Senior Citizens	18,806	-	18,806	-
Kurrajong & Gosse St Parks	8,763	-	8,763	
Oral History / Creating History Project	9,000	-	3,281	5,719
Seniors Information Booklet	2,700	-	311	2,389
Skate Park	7,847	-	7,847	-
Beverage Industry Environment Council	30,000	<u>-</u>	103	29,897
Total Organic Recycling Project	-	49,550	21,337	28,213
Homework Tutor	32,000	-	32,000	-
Children/Youth Professional Development	5,130	-	5,130	-
Solar Cities	-	80,000	-	80,000
Pensioners' Rates Subsidies	- 040 007	128,531	128,531	-
NT Conital Counts	346,297	260,481	383,500	223,278
NT Capital Grants		200,000		200 000
Swimming Pool Deepening	-	200,000	-	200,000
Roads To Recovery	- 700 115	204,712	204,712	670.040
Todd River Walks	780,115	150,000	251,166	678,949
Totem Theatre	208,219	-	208,219	-
Commonwealth Capital Grants	988,334	554,712	664,097	878,949
Total Grants	1,377,599	4,023,822	4,256,722	1,144,699
Total Grants	1,377,399	4,023,022	4,230,722	1,144,099
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS				
Developer Contributions				
- Parking	_	8,196	8,196	_
Sports Participation Fees & Levies	_	50,690	50,690	_
Reimbursements - Other	_	68,595	68,595	_
Volunteering Australia	5,000	23,414	28,414	_
voiding / tuoti and			_U.TIT	
Total Contributions & Donations				
Total Contributions & Donations Total Grants, Contributions & Donations	5,000	150,895 4,174,717	155,895 4,412,617	- 1,144,699

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 15 - STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION PLANS

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

		CONTRI	BUTIONS	INTEREST				
		REC	EIVED	EARNED	EXPENDED	EXPENDED	HELD AS	WORKS
	OPENING	DURIN	G YEAR	DURING	DURING	IN	RESTRICTED	PROVIDED
PURPOSE	BALANCE	CASH	NON-CASH	YEAR	YEAR	ADVANCE	ASSET	TO DATE
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Open Space	111						111	
Community facilities	15						15	
Roads	116	8			29		95	
Traffic Facilities	30						30	
Other	3						3	
Total Contributions	275	8			29		254	

Note: The above summary of contribution plans represents the total of Council's individual contribution plans. Individual plan details are shown below.

CONTRIBUTION PLAN - Subdivisions

		CONTRI	CONTRIBUTIONS I					
		RECE	EIVED	EARNED	EXPENDED	EXPENDED	HELD AS	WORKS
	OPENING	DURIN	G YEAR	DURING	DURING	IN	RESTRICTED	PROVIDED
PURPOSE	BALANCE	CASH	NON-CASH	YEAR	YEAR	ADVANCE	ASSET	TO DATE
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Open Space	111	-	-	-	-	-	111	-
Community facilities	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
Roads	18	-	-	-	-	-	18	-
Traffic Facilities	30	-	-	-	-	-	30	-
Other	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Total	177						177	

CONTRIBUTION PLAN - Carpark

CONTINECTION	Ourpark							
		CONTRI	BUTIONS	INTEREST				
		REC	EIVED	EARNED	EXPENDED	EXPENDED	HELD AS	WORKS
	OPENING	DURIN	G YEAR	DURING	DURING	IN	RESTRICTED	PROVIDED
PURPOSE	BALANCE	CASH	NON-CASH	YEAR	YEAR	ADVANCE	ASSET	TO DATE
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Roads	98	8	_	-	29	ı	77	-
Total	98	8			29		77	

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 16 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

described as "Trustee Securities".	
Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realiseable value; Interest i recognised when earned.
Receivables - Rates, Annual & User Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	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 16% (2004: 16%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credin risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the Northern Territory. 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. At 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. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the
	Council's boundaries in the Northern Territory. Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Receivables - other levels of government	Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.
Telectropies of government	Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the term and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not be a interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of Northern Territory and Australia.
	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. All liabilities and accruals have been billed to the Council a balance date.
	Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms. Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.
	Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equamonthly instalments of principal & interest; interest is charged at fixed rate of 6.75% for 1 years.
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 16 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Interest Rate	Risk	Exposures
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Interest Hate HISK Exposures		Floating <u>Fixed interest maturing in</u>				Non-	
2005		Interest	<u><</u> 1 year		> 5 years	interest	Total
Financial Access		Rate	ФІООО	≥ 5 years	фіооо	bearing	фіооо
Financial Assets		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash Assets		9,412	-			-	9,412
nvestment Securities			-			-	
Receivables			640				046
Rates & Annual Charges			613	-		0.47	613
Fees & Other Charges						317	317
Deferred Debtors			-	63			63
Other levels of Govt.						363	363
Retirement Home Contribs.						-	
Other						-	
Other Assets	- –	0.440	010			-	40.700
	Total_	9,412	613	63	-	680	10,768
Weighted Average Interest Rate							
Financial Liabilities							
Bank Overdraft		-					,
Payables						00	0/
Goods & Services						89	89
Payments in advance						-	
Advances						-	
Retirement Home Contribs.						-	400
Deposits, Retentions, Bonds						123	123
Other						-	4.00
nterest Bearing Liabilities						4,884	4,884
Finance Lease Liabilities	T-4-1			-		-	F 00/
Mainhtad Average Interest Date	Total	-				5,096	5,096
Weighted Average Interest Rate 2004							
Financial Assets Cash Assets		6 110					6 1 1 (
		6,110				-	6,110
nvestment Securities			-			-	
Receivables			F70				F7(
Rates & Annual Charges			573	-		105	573
Fees & Other Charges				50		185	185
Deferred Debtors			-	59		00	59
Other levels of Govt.						89	89
Retirement Home Contribs.						-	114
Other Other Assets						114	1 14
Diller Assets	Total	6.110	573	59		388	7,130
Neighted Average Interest Rate	TOTAL_	0,110	373			300	7,130
Financial Liabilities							
Bank Overdraft		_					
Payables		-					
Goods & Services						468	468
Payments in advance						-	+00
Advances						-	
Retirement Home Contribs.						-	
Deposits, Retentions, Bonds						- 55	55
Other						-	٥.
nterest Bearing Liabilities						_	
Finance Lease Liabilities		-	_	_		-	
manoo Loaso Liabiiitios	Total			-		523	523
Weighted Average Interest Rate	i Otai					J <u>2</u> J	اعد

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

Note 16 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Credit 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 provision for doubtful debts. Except as detailed in Notes 6 & 7 in relation to individual classes of financial assets, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries within the Northern Territory, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Reconciliation of Financial Assets & Liabilities

	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000
Net financial assets from previous page		
Financial Assets	10,768	7,130
Financial Liabilities	5,096	523
	5,672	6,607
Non-financial assets and liabilities		
Accrued Revenues	222	66
Inventories	78	96
Real Estate for resale	-	-
Property, Plant & Equipment	nt 159,900	137,014
Other Assets	55	-
Accrued Expenses	(849)	(166)
Provisions	(1,094)	(984)
Other liabilities		
	158,312	136,026
Net Assets per Statement of Financial Position	163,984	142,633

Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. With the exception of investments, there is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2005

Special Schedule 1 - SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET

Council's original budget, as varied, comprised part of the Business Plan adopted by Council on 27th June, 2005. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by decisions and new grant programs initiated by State and Federal Governments, by the weather, and by decisions made by the Council.

This Note sets out the principal variations between the original Budget, as varied, and Actual results for the Statement of Financial Performance. Comments are given for material variances of > 10%.

Further information of the nature and amount of all variations is available from the Council office upon request.

1 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

1.1 Materials & Contracts

Council's budget is based on major costs resulting from the construction of the Civic Centre. These costs have been included in Works-in Progress and therefore are not included in the "normal" mix of self-constructed and contract works.

1.2 Depreciation & Amortisation

Depreciation costs were not included in the budget for 2004/5

1.3 Interest Received & Paid

Interest has been affected by the capitalisation of interest on borrowings and investments related to the Civic Centre Redevelopment in terms accounting standards AAS34 "Borrowing Costs".

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

<u>Scope</u>

We have audited the financial report of Alice Springs Town Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2005 as set out on pages 3 to 35.

The chief executive officer is responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the council.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates and we agreed the budget amounts included in the financial statements to the budget approved by the Council. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects:

- a) the prescribed accounting records, other records, accounting manual and registers required to be kept by the council have been properly kept;
- the receipt, expenditure and investment of moneys and the acquisition and disposal of assets by the council during the year have been in accordance with the Local Government Act;
- c) the financial statements have been properly drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act and are in agreement with the accounts and records;
- d) the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the council and the results for the year;
- e) the council has complied with the provisions under the Local Government Act in respect of the conduct of its financial affairs; and
- f) the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations, all applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the applicable Local Government Accounting Code.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL (continued)

Audit Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) the prescribed accounting records, other records, accounting manual and registers required to be kept by the council have been properly kept;
- b) the receipt, expenditure and investment of moneys and the acquisition and disposal of assets by the council during the year have been in accordance with the Local Government Act;
- c) the financial statements have been properly drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act and are in agreement with the accounts and records;
- d) the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the council and the results for the year;
- e) the council has complied with the provisions under the Local Government Act in respect of the conduct of its financial affairs; and
- f) the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations, all applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the applicable Local Government Accounting Code.

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