Alice Springs Town Council 2005 - 2006 Annual Report



our community...
our vision...
our values...



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The 2005 - 2006 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 2006.

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 2005-2006 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. Alice Springs Town Council continues to move ahead as one of the most progressive and innovative local governments in the Territory.

Council continues to increase its communication and partnerships with both the NT Government and the Australian Government to improve our major infrastructures such as road, rail and the airport.

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.

Town aesthetics and cleanliness have been identified as important to the community and will continue to be a focus for Council in the year ahead.

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:

- Three year Action Plan Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs Tourism;
- Short-listing success to become a Solar City;
- Development of Town Camp Taskforce and Chief Minister's Alcohol Taskforce.

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. Over the last 12 months Council has updated its Asset Register and Council has the task of developing an Asset Maintenance and Replacement Program.

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 2005-2006 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. Council is striving to be the employer of choice and are undertaking a number of indicatives to achieve this including a comprehensive annual Training Calender, the introduction of service awards and improving working facilities.

After years in the planning, Council's \$10.4M Civic Centre Redevelopment Project is finally complete. The community now has a Civic Centre which will cater for the long term future of local government in Alice Springs. The building is a first of its kind in Australia. All of the innovations incorporated in the design may be found elsewhere, but not combined as they are in our Civic Centre. In the International Year of Desert and Desertification, this new Centre will highlight Alice Springs both on the national and international stage.

The Mayor and Aldermen are totally committed to the progress and sustainability of Alice Springs and its vibrant and unique environment for the long term. 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 the Civic Centre
- Deepening of the Town Pool
- Receiving \$8.1M in funding from the NT Government for the development of an Indoor Aquatic Centre
- Improvement of our road network through the Roads to Recovery Program

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 and consistent with the Alice Springs Town Council 2005 -2009 Strategic 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. Throughout the construction process of the Civic Centre redevelopment, Council staff remained committed to delivering quality services to the Alice Springs Community whilst working in cramped conditions both at the Depot and the Civic Centre.

The 2005-2006 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 6.30pm for its Ordinary Council meeting. Meetings are held in the new Civic Centre off of Todd Street, and are open to the public. All Aldermen and the Mayor stand for election every four years with the next election due in March 2008.



Front left-right: Alderman Jane Clark, 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.

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Alderman Marguerite Baptiste-Rooke - (08) 8953 2424

Alderman Geoff Bell - (08) 8952 4648

Alderman Samih Habib - (08) 8953 3105

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Alderman Melanie van Haaren - (08) 8952 0201

Alderman Meredith Campbell - (08) 8952 4272

Committee Representatives at 30 June 2006

Council decisions are made through a series of Council and Committee meetings. The Council and Committee structure for the year 2005-2006 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

Corporate and Community
Services Committee
Chairman Alderman Robyn

Technical Services Committee
Chairman Alderman Samih Habib

Finance Committee
Chairman Alderman Geoff Bell

Council representation on other committees

Access Advisory Committee

Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

Alice in Ten Built Environment

Alderman van Haaren

Alice in Ten Quality of Life - Safer Communities Steering Committee

Mayor Kilgariff

Lambley

Alice in Ten Qua<mark>lity of Life Todd and Charles River Committ</mark>ee

Alderman Bell

Alice Springs Festival

Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

Alice Springs Town Coun<mark>cil and Lhere</mark> Artepe Aboriginal Corporat<mark>ion (LAAC)</mark>

Steering Committee

Mayor Kilgariff Alderman van Haaren Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering

Committee
Mayor Kilgariff

Mayor Kilgariff Alderman Habib

Alice Springs Urban Water Management Strategy Reference Group

Alderman Stewart

Alliance of Inlands Towns Group Mayor Kilgariff **Araluen Grants Advisory Committee**

Alderman Clark

Australia Day Committee

Alderman Lambley

Central Australian Tourism Industry

Association

Alderman Nicholls

Community Computers Sub-committee

Alderman Koch Alderman Clark

Community Grants Sub-committee

Alderman Habib Alderman van Haaren

Development Consent Authority

Deputy Mayor Koch Alderman van Haaren

Garden Cemetery Committee

Alderman Bell Alderman Habib

Heated Swimming Pool Development

Committee

Mayor Kilgariff

Finance Sub-committee

Alderman Bell Alderman Stewart Alderman Habib Alderman Lambley

Garden Cemetery Committee

Alderman Bell Alderman Habib **Local Government Association NT**

Mayor Kilgariff Alderman Clark

Local Government Association NT

Executive Committee

Alderman Clark

Local Government Association NT Substance Misuse Committee

Alderman van Haaren

NT Grants Commission

Mayor Kilgariff

Outback Way Development Council

and Outback Way Committee

Mayor Kilgariff

Road Safety Council

Alderman Habib

Regional Development Board

Mayor Kilgariff

Solar Cities Committee

Mayor Kilgariff

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

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Traffic Management and Parking

Committee
Alderman Koch

Alderman Habib

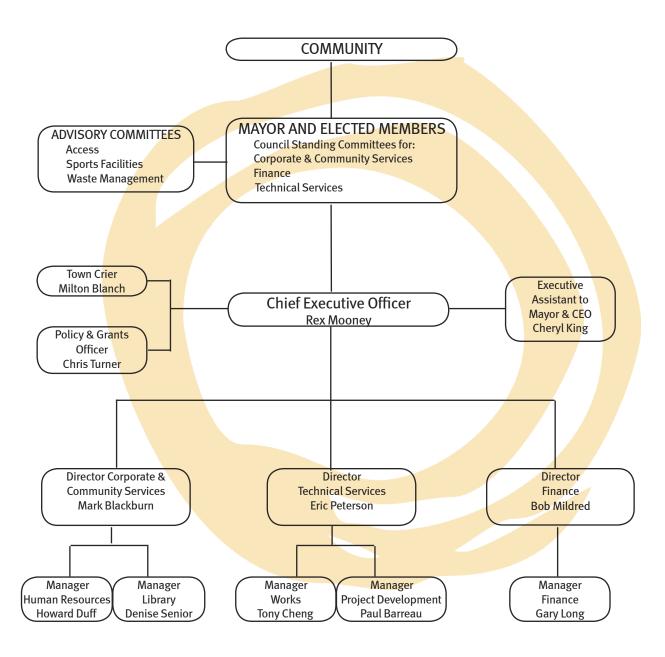
Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

Waste Management Advisory

Committee

Alderman Koch 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

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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.

Whilst Council is committed to developing existing industries, it recognises that opportunities remain for economic diversification through the development of the arts, defence, mining, pastoralism and solar power. Council has worked toward furthering the development and promotion of Alice Springs as a "Smart Town" by supporting environmental, technological and innovative projects.

Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs Tourism

A document titled 'The 2006-2015 Tourism Infrastructure Framework - Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs Tourism' was launched in April 2006. Tourism NT worked in partnership with the Alice Springs Town Council, Central Australian Tourism Industry Association, Department of the

Chief Minister and Department of Planning & Infrastructure, and Alice in 10 Built Environment Committee to produce this long-term framework.

The document highlights the fact that Alice Springs is the main hub for Central Australia, and it is therefore vitally important that the town undergoes c on t i n u a l enhancement and the Alice Springs Town Council, the

NT Government, the Tourism Association, the business and local community and aboriginal custodians, are embarking on these improvement projects.

Sister City Program - Paghmam, Afghanistan

Deputy Mayor David Koch travelled to Canberra on 18 August 2005 to sign a letter of intent as the first step in the development of a formal agreement between

Alice Springs and Paghmam, which is located in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan.

The benefits for local government in having a Sister City realtionship includes a wide range of exchange activities under the headings of education, culture, sports, tourism, technology, economy and trade.



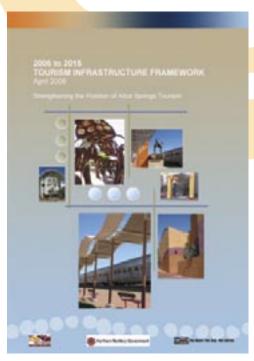
Alderman David Koch

These contacts could potentially translate to

hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in tourism and cultural exchange dollars. The district of Paghmam met the key criteria for selection as a Sister City, including:

- The historic connection between Afghans, such as Sallay Mahomet, and Alice Springs (Sallay's father, Gool Mahomet, was originally from Kabul)
- Both cities are national icons because of their landscapes, climates and historical connections
- Alice Springs was named and founded because of its spring-fed water source, Paghman is also famous for its sprinfs that provide drinking water to parts of Kabul

Alice Springs Town Council also encourages all members of the community to use this relationship as an opportunity to learn more about the people of Paghmam, and to gain a deeper appreciation of the rich and unique Afghan culture.



Alice Springs Tourism Infrastructure Project Team

The Alice Springs Tourism Infrastructure Project Team was developed as part of 'The 2006-2015 Tourism Infrastructure Framework - Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs Tourism'. The team, comprising of members from Alice Springs Town Council, Tourism NT, Central Australian Tourism Industry Association, Department of the Chief Minister, Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the Alice in 10 Built Environment Committee.

The team has several strategies in place for the near future to reach its goal of ensuring Alice Springs is highly regarded and recognised as a quality destination of choice that meets the needs of a growing tourism industry.

With the formation of the Tourism Infrastructure Team, each of the participatory organisations' projects have been identified, assessed and prioritised in line with their impact on visitor experience, feasibility, practicality, desirability, employment capability and funding potential.

A total of 30 projects were initially identified by the group. These included local and Territory government, community and private enterprise initiatives. In order to maintain a realistic and practical approach, the projects underwent further assessment and were prioritised according to their likelihood and importance.

The importance of developing ongoing strategic partnerships is crucial to the success of this framework.

In addition to the local and territory government



The Redevelopment of the Todd Mall forms a key component to the Tourism Infrastructure Framework

agencies and Central Australian Tourism Industry Association, the Project Team recognises the value of other partners some of which include the Chamber of Commerce and Lhere Artepe (representing the Arrernte native title holders in Alice Springs), private enterprise such as Great Southern Railway, NT Airports and the local community of Alice Springs.

Todd Mall Redevelopment

The Alice Springs CBD Enhancement and Todd Mall revitalisation formed part of the recent Tourism Infrastructure Framework and the Todd Mall redevelopment was identified as a key component.

The Todd Mall is a major tourist and local attraction, and is a destination for all visitors to Alice Springs

It is Alice Spring's major shopping, café and restaurant district. Elements being incorporated into its redevelopment include:

- Improving pedestrian walkways
- Improving shade area
- Better promotion and display of Indigenous art and installation of painted bins
- Street furniture
- Improved lighting for night time ambience

Council works vigorously to maintain the aesthetics of the town and to provide visitors with a rich cultural experience and many fond memories. In 2004 Council commissioned a traffic and parking study of the CBD in which a range of issues were identified.

Council has given some consideration to proposals submitted by local traders to open up the Northern end of the Mall and this is one of the options that could be considered. Council is also looking at strategies to help minimise the level of anti-social behaviour in the CBD area, especially within the Mall.

Through the *Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs Tourism* project a three year action plan has identified initiatives needed to achieve positive 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.

A mid week night market was also being considered to help reinvigorate the Mall.



Community Events

Council proudly supports key community events unique to Alice Springs. These events bring thousands of Australian and 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

A fair go for Local Government

As representatives for the Alice Springs Town Council, Mayor Fran Kilgariff and Alderman Jane Clark joined other councils from across Australia to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government held in Canberra in November 2005.



(L-R) Mayor Fran Kilgariff with the Mayor of Tennant Creek Mr Rod Swanson and Alderman Jane Clark

The Assembly was aimed at sending a clear message to State and Australian governments - that local government is facing severe financial pressure which needs immediate and concerted action to address the issue.

This Assembly was used as a rallying point to exert pressure on the State and Australian government for fair funding and formal constitutional recognition. One of the main issues raised at the Assembly was the inter-governmental agreement to stop cost shifting.

It is vital that councils around Australia gain ready access to growth funding that reflects the increasing



Council proudly supports community events such as the Henley-On-Todd Regatta

costs and demands faced by councils. Both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition addressed the Assembly and listened while local government made their message loud and clear.

New ablution blocks for CBD

In November 2005 Chief Minister Clare Martin announced that \$500,000 was to be distributed to various tourism-related projects across the Northern Territory as part of the 2005/06 Tourism Development Fund.

Council received \$50,000 to go some of the way towards funding new public toilets which will be located, subject to planning approvals, in the Hartley Street Carpark.

Council applied for the grant in response to identified actions in the recently released "Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs Tourism" document.



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.



Cultural Protocols

GOAL: A united, supportive and healthy community...

The Alice Springs Town Council supports the Cultural Protocols Project and is working collaboratively with Lhere Artepe Aborginal Corporation (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 antisocial 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.

Some of the strategies to address anti-social behaviour include:

- promotion of the Visitors Protocols to the regional communities of Central Australia
- representatives from the Native Title Holders group will travel with Tangentyere's Night and Day Patrols and will talk to people about the disrespect shown to the custodians of Alice Springs
- executive members of Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation and the Mayor to travel to the bush communities and will be approaching the Community Councils with a request to discuss the Visitor Protocols
- the Return to Country program will be supported by all stakeholders and every assistance possible will be provided to strengthen this program that is imperative for peoples well-being
- strong support of the take-away alcohol laws and promotion of the law and the consequences in several Central Australian languages.

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.





Community Grants

In 2005-2006, Council approved over \$58,000 in community grants to encourage social, cultural, sporting and environmental development in Alice Springs. Some of the organisations and projects included:

- Lifeline Central Australia purchase of audio-visual equipment to improve training of local volunteers
- Desert Knowledge Australia COOL Mob
 create a booklet to present greenhouse friendly habits to the Alice Springs Community
- Gap Youth Centre Aboriginal Corporation
 hold an Outback Youth Film Festival
- Teen Challenge Australia host an event at Convention Centre, with speaker to motivate youth

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.

Alice Springs Mobility Access Map



The Alice Springs Town Council Access Advisory Committee informs and advises the Council on community access issues in Alice Springs.

The Committee's charter is to promote and enhance "Access for All" in Alice Springs to Council services and facilities, as well as those in the broader community.

The Committee is made up of representatives from Council, government and local

organisations as well as individual members from the community.

The Alice Springs CBD Mobility Access Map has now been updated and is a guide to facilities for people with limited mobility and shows public and disabled toilets, disabled parking, steep footpath crossfalls, and more.

The maps are made available free of charge to members of the public.

International Day of People with a Disability

International Day of People with a disability is part of a worldwide celebration held on 3 December each year.

Council's Access Advisory Committee has been working together with other agencies to raise awareness of this important day.

In December 2005 Council "celebrated our inclusive community" with an evening of fun for the whole family at the Alice Springs Swimming Centre.



(L-R) Jeenie Mintinkeri, Andrew Harrison, Kerryanne Morgan & Farron Swan

Activities included Tai Chi, Aqua Aerobics, Belly Dancing and a Tug-O-War. A free sausage sizzle and cake were provided and Yamba and Booka were there to help celebrate.

This event is unique among community awareness days, as it unites disability organisations, individuals with a disability, businesses, federal, state and local governments and the community.

This is an important event as it raises awareness and understanding and helps build a united and cohesive community.



Senior Centralian's Active in Recreation (SCAR) program

Every year in August Alice Springs celebrates 'Active Seniors Month' and in 2005 the 'SCAR' program was developed by Council and the University of the Third Age (U3A) Seniors Group as a series of activities open to all community members over the age of 50.

The Senior Centralian's Active in Recreation (SCAR) program was established to help provide more opportunities for Senior residents of Alice to participate in a diverse range of activities to help live a fitter, healthier and happier lifestyle.

The 'SCAR' program was an excellent way for the senior citizens of Alice Springs to get out and get active.

According to a survey conducted in 2003 by the NT Government, only 55% of Territorians engage in sufficient physical activity to gain health benefits. This is an alarming statistic but the SCAR program is doing a wonderful job in raising awareness and providing enjoyable activities for our community.

The 'SCAR' program seeks to provide social outing opportunities to meet new people and participate in healthy, challenging, stimulating and inexpensive activities with an emphasis on good health, well being and an active lifestyle.

The program also aims to promote positive attitudes and an improved quality of life while offering a diverse range of recreational and leisure activities on a regular basis.



The 'SCAR' program, was launched at the U3A general meeting/enrolment day on 13 July 2005 at the Seniors Club of Alice Springs on Wills Terrace.

Aged Pensioners Removal of Garden Pruning Service

The Alice Springs Town Council is committed to providing quality assistance to aged pensioners in our community



Twice a year the Alice Springs Town Council runs a removal of garden prunings service for interested aged pensioners in the community.

The service is provided free of charge to those who sign up for the service. The service is advertised leading up to the pick-up dates, and people can register at the Civic Centre.

The garden prunings are then taken to Council's green waste facility, where it is turned into organic mulch.

In 2005-2006 there wer 59 aged pensioners who utilised the service.

We're the Alice - Our Song

Alice Springs residents now have a new song they can be proud of – We're the Alice by David Ezard. The song competition was the brainchild of Alderman Murray Stewart.

David Ezard said he was inspired by the strong Indigenous culture, the amazing landscape and the beauty of Alice Springs and the many classic stories of 'Came for a week and have been here for 30 years'.

Council received 18 submissions, and short listed to three. Local radio stations all played the songs and community feedback was sought on which song was the best fit Alice Springs.

The panel of judges all agreed that the calibre of all three contestants was very high but a final winner had to be picked. Council endorsed the recommendation of the expert panel that included local musicians.



Kids breathe new life into Skate Park

Alice Springs skate board enthusiasts now have a vibrant skate park to inspire them thanks to the teams of young artists and volunteers who competed in the 'Battle of the Cans' competition held during National Youth Week 3-7 April.

Council provided a mentor, professional graffiti artist Kieron Wilson, to conduct a series of workshops in the lead up to the event.



Craig Sunders (R) infront of the Skate Park signage he designed and developed. Standing to his left is Council's Trevor Packham.

The decision by Council to host the event was due to graffiti 'taggers' regularly vandalising and deface the Alice Springs Skate Park and surrounds leaving Council to clean up at a cost of around \$1,000 per week.

By offering mentorship rather than instruction, the desired outcome was empowerment, a sense of ownership and recognition for the participants.

The skate park received the much needed make-over during the five day workshop led by artist Kieron Wilson and coordinated by Council's Community



Projects Officer C a s s a n d r a Shultz.

The winners were officially announced at April's Ordinary Council Meeting with Mayor Fran

Kilgariff awarding a tie for first place and prize money to the value of \$800. The decision to award a joint first prize was made to acknowledge a collaborative approach to working together to achieve the best outcome.

Joint winners for first place were Jake Wood from Alice Outcomes and Ny Somkrua of Alice Springs High School. Second place went to the team from After Hours Youth Drop In with third place going to a team from Ross Park Primary School.

Council received 19 submissions for the competition which were made up of individuals and teams of up to four people from many local schools and youth organisations. Almost one hundred kids in total entered the competition.

Alderman Jane Clark, one of three judges of the competition, offered to put the contestants work on a website, and to allow them to keep individual online portfolios.

2005 Croc Festival

Alice Springs Town Council increased its funding to the Indigenous Festivals of Australia Ltd. for the 2005 Croc Festival held in Alice Springs.

The Croc Festival is a major, professionally run event offering an extremely valuable experience to the indigenous and non-indigenous youth of Alice Springs and the surrounding regions.

Over sixty schools participated in the 2005 Croc Festival which is the only event of its kind in the Northern Territory. Many students commenced preparation on their performances months before the event, including 300 students from Alice Springs High School.

The Croc Festival contributes to youth development in the promotion of education, training and skills development. The Festival also brings together members of the Indigenous community and practitioners of vocational education, career pathways, health, arts and sport.

The 2005 Croc Festival was held at Blatherskite Park. This venue proved to be more suitable in terms of facilities, fencing, security, sewage and grey water outlets, location, space and availability.



Swimming Pool Redevelopment

The Alice Springs Swimming Pool Redevelopment began early in 2005 when Council received a report

from the Outdoor Swimming Pool Redevelopment Committee.

The report outlined submissions made by key user groups, and Swimming Australia's national swimming pool designadvisor, to modify the pool to bring it in line with Australian Standards.



Council received a total of five Tenders and approved local company JSD International Consultants.

JSD submitted the lowest priced tender while

still being able to satisfactorily demonstrate compliance with the major construction requirements involved in a project of this size.

A non slip surface has been added to the concourse of the pool and permanent starting platforms are located at one end of the pool.

Prior to the

redevelopment, the 30 year old pool was considered to be structurally sound. However, the diving blocks did not compy with recognised guidelines. This created a major challenge for Council.

Council Works Manager, Mr Tony Cheng, in consultation with GHD, decided the best method was to deepen the pool.



By deepening the pool in a manner that approximately maintained the same volume of water meant that changes to the mechanical plant were not required and the new design resulted in a significant saving for the project.

Sportsfest

Sportsfest is an annual sports and recreation event aimed at expanding and promoting sport and recreational opportunities in the local region and showcasing what's on offer in Alice Springs.



Sportsfest was a finalist in the 2006 Australian Sports Commission Ausport Awards, and was highly commended in the Rural and Regional category.

In recent years local sporting and recreational associations have seen a decline in membership numbers and retention of existing members, along with difficulty in acquiring new volunteers and officials.

After liaising with local associations Council realised there existed a real need for promotion of available sports and recreation choices for the community.

Alice Springs is a transient town and the opportunity



for promotion of sports is not always easy, accessible or affordable for local associations.

Sportsfest focuses on all members of the community



including abled and disabled and encourages people of all ages, cultures and abilities to embrace a healthy and active lifestyle.

It has also proved to be an excellent opportunity for sporting businesses and health professionals to promote their services. It also enables sporting and recreational associations to develop positive links with Council and the community.

The 3rd annual Sportsfest was held on Thursday 9 March at the Lyle Kempster Baseball Field.

The event was host to well over 45 interactive and static display stands and a range of exciting activities, including a visit from Olympic Gold Medal Volley Ball Champion Kerry Pottharst.

Just Walk It

The Alice Springs Town Council proudly supported the Alice Springs Just Walk It group in 2005-2006. The group meets in the Alice Plaza every Wednesday morning at 7am for a one hour walk.

Just Walk It is a free community walking program coordinated by the Heart Foundation and supported



by Council, YMCA, Alice Plaza & Piccolo's. The session consists of a warm up, then back for a warm down and some stretches.

The Alice Springs Town Council provided T-shirts to the Just Walk It group, which are used as incentives to give to participants after joining in after several weeks.

National Voluneers Week

To help launch National Volunteers Week, Alice Springs Town Council's Volunteer Resource Centre held the first ever Volunteer Expo at the Alice Plaza on Wednesday May 17.

Deputy Mayor David Koch launched the event, which was a truly unique event for Alice Springs and helped highlight the work of the many volunteers and not-for-profit organisations in our community.



The aim of the Volunteer Expo was to showcase the vast array of not-for-profit organisations working in the Alice Springs community.

Many local not-for-profit organisations were on hand with information about their organisations and how people can get involved and become a volunteer.

The people of Alice Springs are passionate about their town and there is always a high level of community involvement. The Alice Springs Town Council recognises the people willing to lend a hand and as a community we have to ask ourselves – where would we be without our hardworking volunteers?

Organisations that held stalls included Masters Game, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Australia, Lifeline, MS Readathon, Red Cross, National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame, Australian National 4WD Radio Network, Childbirth Education Centre, Uniting Church Op-Shop, Salvation Army, Indigenous Community Volunteers, NTES and Conservation Volunteers Australia.



Canine Control

In December 2005 Council held a meeting to discuss the complex problem of controlling animals, particularly dogs, within town, including Town Camps. The meeting involved all relevant stakeholders including, Tangentyere Council, Alice Springs Rural Area Association, Department Primary Industries, National Parks & Wildlife NT and Local Vet Debbie Osborne.

The purpose of the preliminary discussions was to help identify current strategies, obstacles and difficulties in controlling dogs around town.

The meeting also helped to identify gaps in existing services and develop strategies for providing a well coordinated, long-term, inter-agency approach to dealing with the issue of animal control.

Topics for discussion included:

healthy community

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GOAL: A united, supportive

- Improved enforcement of Council By Laws dog trapping
- Positive enforcement of dog policies within Town Camps
- Enhanced and on-going "Doctor Bob" program
- Improved and ongoing education program regarding responsible animal management and responsibilities of ownership.

Canine control is a multi-faceted problem that will require on-going support from all agencies involved.

A range of strategies involving all key stakeholders have been implemented now in order to produce long term beneficial outcomes to this problem.

Local Vet Debbie Osborne offers her services to deliver dog education programs in Town Camps; the Alice Springs Rural Area Association liaises with residents to pass on information regarding trouble areas so Council and Tangentyere can respond quickly; Department of Primary Industries offers expertise and advice on remote animal management; Tangentyere Council offers ongoing support for Council's Rangers to assist on all Town Camps and National Parks & Wildlife NT offers labour, traps and nets to help capture stray dogs around town.

Safe Community Parks

In 2005 an assessment of several Council parks found a number of unsafe objects, including holes that could potentially cause serious injury to park users. It was decided at the July 2005 Technical Services Committee Meeting that immediate action needed to be taken to bring the parks in line with Australian

Standards.

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Rex Mooney, requested the assessment on all of Council's main playgrounds after an incident at Frank McEllister Park. A large hole had been dug by youths to build a BMX jump and a child fell into it. Fortunately on this occasion there was no serious injury to the child.

The Council initiative saw the removal of unsafe objects from Frank McEllister Park, Kurrajong Park and Frances Smith Memorial Park (formerly known as



Undoolya Park).

Council recognises it has a duty of care to the residents of Alice Springs and it is Council's responsibility to provide safe, clean recreational parks and facilities. A letterbox drop was conducted to ensure all residents living close to the parks in question were informed.

Christmas Carnival

Alice Springs Town Council and the Todd Mall Traders combined to present the Alice Springs Christmas Carnival on Friday December 16. There were over 60 stalls which is more than double the amount of sites held at the previous years Carnival. The Christmas Carnival is an occasion for the entire community, especially families, to enjoy. Mayor Kilgariff lit up the Christmas tree that had been decorated by Sadadeen Primary School students.



Alice Springs Public Library

The Alice Springs Public Library provides instant access to the ever-expanding world of information with a touch of a button. By logging on to Council's website residents can access the Library catalogue, and a whole host of information including the Alice Springs Collection, one of the biggest and most important sources of information on Alice Springs and Central Australia. It is an excellent educational resource and holds material that relates to the historical, scientific and cultural heritage of Alice Springs and Central Australia.

In 2005-2006 there were 141,792 loans from the Library, 199,281 visitors through the doors and 7985 active borrowers.

Access for everyone

Alice Springs Public Library is committed to providing access for everyone with a range of disability services to allow all patrons to fully utilise the wonderful facilities on offer at the Library.

The building features an entrance with easy access



for wheelchairs or prams and sliding doors with wide access passages between the book shelves for wheelchairs to manoeuvre safely and easily.

Resources also include facilites for the visually impaired with large computer keyboard buttons, large print text books and a range of audio books for

adults and children. These are full length, unabridged novels and works of non-fiction, voice recorded onto cassette tape and CD-ROM.

Night time story sessions

A new Library dress code of pyjamas came into effect on Wednesday 11 January at 7pm when the Children's



Area was transformed into Alice Springs' Biggest Bedroom for Bedtime Storytime.

Reading to children from an early age is known to be a very important part of a child's literacy and language development.

"Bedtime Storytime" is great fun for the kids and it's also a great way for parents to learn skills to help them feel more comfortable reading to their children.

Library Manager Denise Senior said Bedtime Storytime is a safe and fun children's activity the whole family can enjoy.

Lapsit Story-time Sessions

Lapsit storytime sessions are held at the library regularly. They were started as they are a great way to introduce very young children to books and to start a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and knowledge. Lapsit storytime sessions are for babies 0 - 18 months, are free to all members of the community.

Family Friendly

With an emphasis on creating a community that is not just child friendly but family friendly, the Alice Springs Public Library aims to assist residents with young families in a supportive and welcoming manner.

The library has a Parenting Room which is located in the children's section of the library. The Parenting Room is a well equipped, air-conditioned space complete with hot and cold water, change table, bottle heating facilities and comfortable seating.



3. Environment

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

Alice Springs' vast and unspoiled; and scapes attract visitors from all over the world. The community and Council have an important part to play in the preservation and enhancement of this natural environment. Town aesthetics and cleanliness have been identified as important to the community and have received greater focus from Council. Ensuring effective management of waste and greater emphasis on greening and recycling are important roles for Council.

Civic Centre 5 Star Rating

management of its arid land natural resources

GOAL: To lead Australia in the

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

maximise the rating and will use all existing resources available in its construction.

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.

Solar Cities short-listing

On Monday 5 December 2005 the Australian Government announced Alice Springs as one of 11 consortia from around Australia short-listed in the race to host one of the nation's first Solar Cities.

Along with the other short-listed consortia Alice Springs will now receive \$50,000 to help prepare a detailed business case, which will be assessed by an expert panel before a final decision is made later this year about the location of Australia's Solar Cities.

The \$75 million Solar Cities programme, announced in the 2004 Energy White Paper, is part of the Australian Government's \$1.8 billion climate change strategy which aims to help build an effective global response to climate change, encourage domestic action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and prepare industries and communities for the impacts of climate change.

If successful Alice Springs will embark on a four-step journey to become:

- Energy wise: engaged in a debate about energy efficiency and solar power
- Energy savvy: aware of the need to conserve energy and the things we can do to contribute
- Energy committed: prepared to make changes in our lives to conserve energy
- Energy champions: a model for the rest of Australia and the world to follow



Cities for Climate Protection Australia Campaign

Council is proud to announce completion of Milestone Three in the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Australia Campaign.

Council is part of a world-wide network of efforts to address climate change, as a member of the CCP program of International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Local Governments for sustainability in Australia and New Zealand.

Milestone One involved an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions in the base year of 1996, as well as a forecast of expected emissions in 2010. Milestone One was completed in October 2001 and awarded to Council in November 2001.

Milestone Two involved the setting of reduction goals, which the Council set as 20 % of 1996 levels by 2010. In Australia, 214 local governments, representing over 80% of the country's population, have committed to reducing their emissions through the CCP Program.

Local governments in Australia are supported by a strong national commitment through the Dept of Environment & Heritage and Australian Greenhouse Office.

The Council showed its strong commitment to this project by preparing a local action plan to greenhouse gas emissions abatement.

The local action plan supports a wide range of excellent actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in both the corporate and community sectors.

Some of Council's commitments include energy efficiency and lighting retrofit programs for Council buildings, further improvements in energy efficiency of streetlights are and a reduction of water consumption in Council parks.

The Council will work on the implementation of this Local Action Plan, which constitutes Milestone Four, and monitoring and reporting, which constitutes Milestone Five.

Parks and Ovals Maintenance

The newirrigation 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.

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.

Safe and Tidy Town

In 2005, Keep Australia Beautiful NT, honoured Alice Springs Town Council, Tangetyere Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Organisation, with the Community Partnership Award.



This award recognises the partnership arrangement between our three organisations, which includes the Safe and Tidy Town program and other joint projects.

The partnership aims to achieve a Safe and Tidy Alice Springs. Joint activities have been very positive, with the potential to establish a benchmark for the whole of the Territory.

Some highlights of the partnership include the Fertile Ground Green Waste Processing Facility (a joint project between Council and Tangentyere) and the Cultural Protocols Project, including the Interpretative Signage project along the Todd River (a joint project between Council and Lhere Artepe,

Council has great enthusiasm for the many further opportunities for working together.

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. Council provided funding of \$200,000 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 \$ 200,000
- General Road Maintenance \$80,000
- Footpath Maintenance \$ 30,000 (includes cycle tracks)
- Traffic Control Roads to Recovery program planning was undertaken and work commenced on a roundabout at the intersection of Smith Street and Whittaker Street costing in excess of \$500,000. The roundabout is designed to allow road trains to negotiate the corner while still controlling normal vehicular traffic.
- Parks and Reserves including mowing, Tree Maintenance & spraying
 \$ 250,000
- Cleaning of graffiti Councilspends an estimated \$20,000 per year removing graffiti. This is in addition to correctional services who attend to many instances where Council notify and supply paint if needed.

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 continued to provide 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.

Introduction of daily cleaning of Todd Mall

In 2005-2006 the Alice Springs Town Council established a seven day per week cleaning service in the Todd Mall. The daily service was introduced in response to a community call for a tidier town. This service has helped to maintain a clean and tidy atmosphere in the Mall, a popular community and tourist destination.





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.



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 mulch is placed in garden beds in the community 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.

whole of council

approach to Asset Management.

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.

Asset Management

In 2005-2006 Council continued to capitalise new assets and replaced or upgraded existing assets, including but not limited to:

- upgrade of Ross Park Soccer change rooms \$16,000
- 9 x Shade and shelter structures \$44,000
- Todd River walks and cycle path continued with upgrades and extensions of \$150,000
- footpaths and car parks \$126,000
- pool redevelopment \$584,000



- totem air-conditioning \$7,500
- Plant and Equipment Purchases/Additions
 \$645,000
- Plant and Equipment income from sales and trade ins \$69,000
- Civic Centre \$9,046 Million

Council has also completed an asset recognition project which is the first stage of implementing a

Laneway lighting

In 2005 Council carried out an audit of bollard lighting in eight residential laneways and found that all lights had been badly damaged by vandals.

Following a consultation process with residents in the area Council installed new pole mounted lights.

The existing lighting had been severely damaged



by vandals and was non-repairable, raising safety concerns and to simply replace the existing lighting was not an option as replacement parts are no longer available in Australia.

The eight laneways run adjacent to Holterman Court, Crann Street, Flynn Drive, Spencer Street, Peuce Place, Irvine Crescent, Poeppel Gardens and Standley Crescent.

The residents of the properties closest to the laneways received a letter to inform of Council's urgent need to take action. Mayor Fran Kilgariff said the move to replace the lighting was necessary to increase public safety.

Council's Technical Services Department liaised with Power & Water Corporation for their expertise with this Council initiative.

The new lighting is specially designed to create minimum 'spillage' into adjoining properties while effectively lighting the laneway for increased safety.

National Tree Day

Alice Springs Town Council, together with Planet Ark, encouraged Centralians to get down & dirty for National Tree Day's 10th birthday celebrations on Sunday 31 July.

Schools, community groups and individuals got behind Tree Day and helped plant 500 native seedlings provided by Council in Kurragong Park.

Approximately half a million tonnes of carbon dioxide is produced in Alice Springs each year, so it's important we plant more trees to help purify the air we breathe.

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.

The Deputy Mayor David Koch was joined by local landscaping expert Geoff Miers and Yamba, who both assisted with the task.

Waste Management Advisory Committee

Council's Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) was established to provide advice and recommendations to Council's Technical Services Standing Committee regarding public policy for the disposal of waste in the municipality of the Town of Alice Springs.

The Committee is also concerned with matters referred to it by either the Technical Services Committee or Council.

The Waste Advisory Committee consider issues that relate to the management of waste relevant to Council's functions.

The Committee provide advice and recommendations to the Technical Services Committee for the promotion of responsible management of waste appropriate to the unique environment of Alice Springs.

The Committee's main aim is to achieve sustainable outcomes for Alice Springs.

Council's presence on the Waste Advisory Committee include Alderman Robyn Lambley, Chariman of the Committee, Deputy Mayor David Koch; CEO, Rex Mooney; Manager Works, Tony Cheng; Operations Officer, James Farrell and Executive Assistant, Sa'de Cook.





3. CULTURE & HERITAGE

GOAL: A community proud of its Indigenous heritage and pioneer history



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.

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.

Cultural Protocols

GOAL: A community proud of its Indigenous Heritage and pioneer history...

The Alice Springs Town Council is proud to be a supporting partner for the Lhere Artepe Cultural Protocols project.

Through this partnership a series of initiatives have been developed to address long standing concerns regarding the health and well being of itinerants and the problems associated with urban drift in an appropriate and culturally sensitive manner. This is a long term commitment with long term benefits.

As a public art initiative, native title holders have created painted artworks for public spaces to convey significant cultural messages to visitors and locals about the importance of respect and caring for Arrernte country.

Bins in Mall Project

In 2005/2006 Lhere Artepe employed a core group of 8 artists, with 12 or more artists working at any one time, to paint 30 rubbish bins to be placed along the famous Todd Mall.



It is hoped that when other Indigenous people from out of town come and see these bins they will know, they will understand and respect the traditional owners authority to speak for this country.

It is hoped they will know that always, beneath the buildings and the streets lays the traditional owners country and place. Lhere Artepe look forward to them visiting, seeing their stories and respecting their home.



The artists paintings depict a traditional maps and stories. One example shows more than just the passage of the Todd River. Along the way you can see some of the significant sites, the traditional activities that occur and some of the bush tucker.

A free brochure will be developed and distributed to tourists which will explain the stories behind the painted images and the cultural protocols.

Esther Pearce from Lhere Artepe hopes that Indigenous children can learn the stories, and find out more about who they are, the things their parents haven't taught them, to keep their culture strong and to respect themselves.

The Akaltye Antheme Collection - local knowledge collection

The Akaltye-Antheme (pronounced 'aculcha andum'), a local knowledge collection produced for and by the Aboriginal people of Central Australia is an exciting part of the Alice Springs Collection.

Meaning 'giving knowledge' in Arrernte, Akaltye-Antheme is also referred to as the Local Knowledge Collection, offering visitors to the Library an insight into contemporary indigenous issues and culture.

A survey conducted in late January 2002 showed that indigenous patrons represented 30% of library use. These statistics showed there were 604 aboriginal visitors over 4 days, 298 of whom were from remote communities.

In response to this the Alice Springs Public Library established the 'Akaltye Antheme Collection' - a unique collection of Indigenous resources including books, magazines, newspapers, photostories and websites to provide accessible and friendly indigenous information services for the whole of the community.

Some examples of the materials in the collection include the Yirrara College Yearbook, Junga Yimi - produced by the Yuendumu Community, Our Place - produced by the Centre for Aprropriate Technology, as well as materials such as story and and colouring books in local languages.

The collection is successful because Indigenous patrons have taken ownership of the collection. They recognise it as their material - information and photographs of their family.

It is successful and important from a non-indigenous perspective because it contributes to the preservation and education of a changing culture.

This Akaltye Antheme Collection gives the whole community a depth of information about indigenous issues and is appropriate to the needs of indigenous family groups and individuals using our services. Items are not for loan to ensure they are always available within the library

The collection is presented with sensitivity and respect for local indigenous communities, and is dedicated to contemporary indigenous knowledge and information.

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.



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.

Harmony Day

Alice Springs celebrated its cultural diversity and said "no" to racism on Sunday 19 March by observing Harmony Day with a Free Community Event at the Senior Citizen's Centre on Wills Terrace.

Council feels that by celebrating Harmony Day it is encouraging communities to put a handbrake on racism and explore the different cultures in the community, and the benefits they bring.



5. ORGANISATION

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

New Council Civic Centre

After years in the planning Alice Springs' new Civic Centre is now open for business.

The new building boasts a high commitment to the environment with many 'green' features being incorporated into the design of the building to reduce energy consumption.

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 energy saving features, and has used all available resources from the old building in its construction. Many recycled materials were utilised in the development of the new building, which was a major achievement for Council.

efficient cooling system and increases the indoor air quality.

The design also includes an inbuilt monitoring system that will recognise open windows that may affect the energy level for cooling and includes auto open/shut high level windows as part of this natural ventilation system.

The new building makes excellent use of natural lighting with a back up system being further controlled by light intensity sensing and motion detectors for maximum efficiency.

PVC has been used at a minimum and polyethelene and copper have been used as alternatives where possible. The existing garden room air conditioning system has also been brought into the new Garden Room to be re-used.



One of the environmentally friendly aspects of the new Civic Centre is the geothermal usage which is the use of the existing sites untreated bore water for irrigation, toilet flushing, cooling and heating.

The 25 degree all year round temperature of the bore water results in the water being three times more efficient than an alternative water supply.

The use of an underfloor, natural ventilation system, supplemented by a moisture barrier creates a more

Occupational Health & Safety

Council continues to demonstrate its commitment to safety in the workplace by providing substantial resources into improving equipment, safety training, safe work practices and risk management programs.

This commitment from management has had a positive 'flow on' effect with the Council workforce that has seen workplace accidents and incidents and





workers compensation numbers drop over the last 12 months.

Council continues to develop and review its Occupational Health and Safety Policies and Procedures to ensure that they represent best practice.

Training

Council has a robust framework for the Training and Development of its workforce that is reflective of the skills it requires. Staff participation in training and development opportunities has increased significantly.

Part of the training framework for Council is that the HR department distributes a Training Calendar for the year and staff and managers are able to plan and schedule training in advance. Council has scheduled about 40 different training and development courses with other unscheduled training opportunities that arise throughout the year.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Council continues to exhibit strong commitment to best practice in equal employment opportunity by supporting staff and management through policies and procedures and addressing any inappropriate behaviours in timely and decisive manner.

All staff are given equal access to employment, training, higher duties, development opportunities, promotional opportunities and all other work related opportunities.

Staff are made aware of the culturally diverse rewards that a fair and just workplace brings and the culture





Council would like to maintain, through its induction program and training.

The Human Resources Department has been active in supporting Council in the areas of recruitment, selection, workers compensation administration, injury management, industrial relations, policy development and implementation, workplace partnership agreement development and administration, remuneration management, Work Choices compliance and other miscellaneous functions.

Council has, over the last twelve months, strengthened its work practices by maintaining and establishing systems that assist staff and management and that have contributed to workplace harmony and stability.

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 is committed to making Alice Springs the best place to live and work in the Territory. That's why whether you're a local, a business or a visitor to Alice Springs, Council's website will help you discover all you need to know about living and working in Central Australia.

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.

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 24,000 visits were made to the site in the second week of April 2006 which is almost double the figure for the same time in April 2005.

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". As well as tourism information and Council services the site also provides up to date information on entertainment, transport, events, maps, weather and news.

eServices

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.

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

Community Consultation Framework

In July 2005 Council adopted the Draft Framework after receiving 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.

For a copy of the framework, people can visit the Council website www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au.

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

Information Technology

Councils Information Technology Department had the massive task of ensuring that all computers, systems and servers were moved into the new Civic Centre.

The whole process was a smooth one, with minimal interruption to staff and public services.

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



Financial Snapshot

Council maintained expenditure for the year in accordance with the budget adopted at the commencement of the year and the variations approved following reviews carried out at the end of each quarter. The cash position of council was adequate to meet current liabilities and to fund nominated reserves. These reserves are;

	\$,000
• Infrastructure Reserve	95
• Sports Facility Reserve	523
• Developer Contributions	52
Aquatic Centre	8,100
Unexpended Grants Reserve	5,264
Waste Management Reserve	250
• TOTAL RESERVES	14,284

The funding for the Aquatic Centre was received from the NT Government immediately before the end of the financial year specifically to provide for a heated swimming pool and other additional features for the existing Alice Springs Swimming Complex. These funds will not be drawn down until the preliminary concept and design stages are completed.

The Civic Centre was substantially constructed during this financial year ready for full occupation in July 2006. However, \$1.3m in unexpended funds are held in amounts owing to the contractor and for items required for fit-out of the new building. Project management for the new building was largely undertaken by Council and held within the original budget. The internal project management resulted in savings of several hundred thousand dollars to Council.

The 2005/2006 Business Plan forecast a deficit of \$4.25m for the year equivalent to the unfunded depreciation cost for the year. The final result was a surplus of \$8.364m due mainly to additional funding provided for capital work and projects funded but not completed during the year. These funds will be carried forward into the 2006/2007 year to allow the work to continue. Council has maintained its commitment to the following community programs:

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

Funds carried forward for spending into 2006/2007 were 'tied' grant funds for specific projects and the major portion of these were for projects such as the Todd River Rechannelling, Todd River Walk, Soccer Fields, Leichardt Terrace Development and Roads to Recovery work.

Despite meeting its current financial commitments Council is faced with significant future costs which are not currently funded. Items such as infrastructure maintenance and replacement, employee entitlements, depreciation and the future site rehabilitation and replacement of the Landfill Complex are, at present, largely unfunded. This will provide a challenge to Council in the medium and long-term future in an environment of reduced recurrent government funding in real terms and the necessity of providing a greater proportion of funding from rates and charges revenue.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT

- I, Rex Roger Mooney, the Chief Executive Officer of the Alice Springs Town Council, hereby certify that the Annual Financial Statements:
- (a) have been drawn up in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations so as to present fairly the financial position of the Council and the results for the year; and
- (b) are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.

21st serious 2006.

R R Mooney

Chief Executive Officer

Date

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Notes	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Rates & Annual Charges	3	11,365	10,997
User Charges & Fees	3	1,146	980
Interest Revenues	3	626	594
Government Grants	3	13,203	4,024
Other Revenues	3	565	414
Revenues from Ordinary Activities		26,905	17,009
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Employee Costs	4	6,694	6,304
Materials & Contracts		4,092	4,532
Financing Costs	4	323	3
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4	4,045	3,935
Other Expenses	4	3,217	3,068
Expenses from Ordinary Activities		18,371	17,842
SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		8,534	(833)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	5	(170)	(588)
NET SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		8,364	(1,421)

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

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2006

CURRENT ASSETS Cash Assets Receivables Inventories & Other assets TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	Notes 6 7 8	2006 \$000 15,683 1,015 152 16,850	2005 \$000 9,412 1,617 133 11,162
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Deferred Rates Capital Work in Progress Property, Plant & Equipment TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL ASSETS	9 -	63 1,089 162,346 163,498 180,348	63 4,030 155,581 159,674 170,836
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade & Other Payables Current portion of Long-term Borrowings Short-term Provisions TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	10a 10a 10a _	2,353 221 996 3,570	1,061 208 944 2,213
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Long-term Borrowings Long-term Provisions TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL LIABILITIES	10b 10b _ -	4,455 162 4,617 8,187	4,676 150 4,826 7,039
NET ASSETS EQUITY Accumulated Surplus Asset Revaluation Reserve Other Reserves TOTAL EQUITY	14 _	11,450 146,427 14,284 172,161	7,738 146,427 9,632 163,797

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

STATEMENT OF WORKING CAPITAL as at 30 June 2006

CURRENT ASSETS	Notes	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
Cash Assets Receivables Inventories & Other assets TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	- -	15,683 1,015 152 16,850	9,412 1,617 133 11,162
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade & Other Payables Current portion of Long-term Borrowings Short-term Provisions TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	2,353 221 996 3,570	1,061 208 944 2,213
NET CURRENT ASSETS	_	13,280	8,949
CURRENT RATIO (current assets / current liabilities	=	4.72	5.04

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2006

		2006 \$000	2005 \$000
	Notes	4000	Ψοσο
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Balance at beginning of the reporting period		7,738	13,945
Net Result for Year	4.4	8,364	(1,421)
Transfers to Other Reserves Transfers from Other Reserves	14 14	8,784	184
	14	(13,436)	(4,970)
Balance at end of the reporting period		11,450	7,738
	'		
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE			
Balance at beginning of the reporting period		146,427	123,842
Gain on revaluation of property, plant & equipment		<u> </u>	22,585
Balance at end of the reporting period		146,427	146,427
	1		
OTHER RESERVES	14		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period		9.632	4,846
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus		13,436	4,970
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus		(8,784)	(184)
Balance at end of the reporting period		14,284	9,632
Total of all transfers to Equity		8,364	22,585
Total of all transfers from Equity		-	(1.421)
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	•	8,364	21,164
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This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Notes	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts Rates & Annual Charges Fees & other charges Interest etc Revenues Transfers from other Governments Other Revenues		11,307 1,355 841 14,839 814	10,902 937 438 4,135 601
Payments Employee Costs Materials & Contracts Financing Costs Other Expenses		(6,553) (2,974) (707) (4,406)	(6,105) (4,761) (3) (3,246)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	11	14,516	2,898
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Receipts Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment Sale of "available for sale" Financial Assets Repayments from Deferred Debtors	5	69 - -	75 5,300 (4)
Payments Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment Work In Progress Purchase of "available for sale" Financial Assets Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities		(11,048) 2,942 - (8,037)	(1,178) (3,373) (5,300) (4,480)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances Payments		-	5,000
Repayments of Borrowings & Advances		(208)	(116)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held	•	(208) 6,271	4,884 3,302
Cash at beginning of reporting period	6	9,412	6,110
Cash at end of reporting period	6	15,683	9,412

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

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritatative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations (UIGs) and relevant Northern Territory legislation.

1.2 Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

AIFRS include certain specific provisions relating to not-for-profit entities that are not included in the International Financial Reporting Standards. In addition, Australian Accounting Standard AAS 27 *Financial Reporting by Local Governments* also applies. Except to the extent that these special provisions require, these financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The principal areas of non-compliance relate to the recognition of non-reciprocal revenues, the definition of value in use for the purposes of AASB 116 Impairments, and the offsetting of revaluation increments and decrements within classes of assets, and are detailed more particularly below.

1.3 Adoption of AASB 1 First-time Adoption of AIFRS

These statements are the first Alice Springs Town Council financial statements to be prepared in accordance with AIFRS and AASB1 *First-time Adoption of AIFRS* has been applied in their preparation. Previous financial statements were been prepared in accordance with the former Australian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) which differ in certain respects from AIFRS. When preparing these financial statements, Council has amended certain accounting and valuation methods applied in the AGAAP financial statements to comply with AIFRS. With the exception of financial instruments, where Council has taken the exemption available under AASB1 to only apply AASB 132 and AASB 139 from 1 July 2005, the comparative figures have been restated to reflect these adjustments.

There were no financial effects of transition from previous AGAAP to AIFRS on Council® equity, net income and cash flows.

1.4 Historical Cost Convention

Except where stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

1.5 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with AIFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Councils accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

2 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 the Corner of Todd Street and Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

3 Revenue recognition

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

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. 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.

4 Cash Assets and other Financial Instruments

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

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (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 allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 17.

5 Inventories

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

5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 2 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. The amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

5.2 Other Real Estate held for resale

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are carried at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

Certain properties, auctioned for non-payment of rates in accordance with the Local Government Act but which failed to meet the reserve set by Council and are available for sale by private treaty, are recorded at the lower of the unpaid rates and charges at the time of auction or the reserve set by Council. Holding costs in relation to these properties are recognised as an expense when incurred.

6 Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Transitional Provisions

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads in accordance with the deferral arrangements available under AASB 1045.

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

6.2 Materiality

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

6.3 Valuation

Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 9. Plant, equipment and similar assets are carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation.

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all property, plant and equipment 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.

6.5 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the assets carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the *present value of future cash outflows* or *value in use*).

For assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, the *value in use* is the depreciated replacement cost. In assessing impairment for these assets, a rebuttable assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

6.6 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with the allowed alternative treatment in AASB 1023 Borrowing Costs. The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 4, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 4.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

Amounts 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.

8 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. Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

Weighted average discount rate 5.89% Weighted average settlement period 1.07 years

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

9.2 Superannuation

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.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

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 2005/06; 9% in 2004/05). 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.

10 Construction Contracts

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

11 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council participates in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities.

12 Leases

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

In respect of finance leases, where Council substantially carries all of the risks incident to ownership, the leased items are initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed as assets under lease, and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Council is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets. Lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

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

13 GST Implications

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

Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.

Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.

Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.

Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

14 Comparative Information & Transition to AIFRS

Comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with the current year disclosure of equivalent information in accordance with AIFRS.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

15 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2006 reporting period.

UIG 4 Determining whether an Asset contains a Lease

UIG 5 Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds

AASB 2005-8 Amendments to AASB 4, AASB 1023, AASB 139 & AASB 132

AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures and AASB 2005-10 Amendments to AASB 132, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 117, AASB 133, AASB 139, AASB1, AASB4 AASB 1023 & AASB 1038

UIG 6 Liabilities arising from participating in a Specific Market – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

AASB 2005-6 Amendments to AASB 121

Council is of the view that none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 2a - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Administration

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

Council does not administer any health issues.

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.

Other Economic Affairs

General economic, promotional and tourism.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 2b - FUNCTIONS

	REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES												
										TOT	AL		
	F	REVENUES	3	I	EXPENSES	3	OPER	RATING RE	SULT	GRA	NTS	ASSETS	HELD
	ORIGINAL			ORIGINAL			ORIGINAL			INCLU	JDED	(CURRE	NT &
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	IN REV	ENUES	NON-CUR	RRENT)
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Administration	20,886	21,189	13,611	15,950	11,231	11,221	4,936	9,958	2,390	1,800	1,794	32,817	19,841
Public Order & Safety	70	101	92	524	451	428	(454)	(350)	(336)	-	-	796	659
Health	-	-	205	10	-	235	(10)	-	(30)	197	199	-	-
Welfare	3	2	23	38	8	26	(35)	(6)	(3)	-	2	4,525	4,673
Housing & Community Services	1,079	1,395	1,070	3,086	2,472	2,425	(2,007)	(1,077)	(1,355)	27	77	41,373	41,895
Recreation & Culture	1,252	9,674	912	2,930	2,611	2,318	(1,678)	7,063	(1,406)	9,177	796	28,429	29,323
Transport	1,593	2,708	1,136	2,231	1,444	1,777	(638)	1,264	(641)	1,867	1,076	72,408	74,445
Other Economic Affairs	100	256	80	214	326	120	(114)	(70)	(40)	135	80	-	-
Fundamental Errors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eliminations		(8,420)	-		-	-	-	(8,420)	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS</u>	24,983	26,905	17,129	24,983	18,543	18,550	-	8,362	(1,421)	13,203	4,024	180,348	170,836

The above functions conform to the requirements of the NT Government Grants Commission and provide a basis for comparison with other Councils

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 3 - REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
Ordinary Rates Residential Farmland	6,139 264	5,945 253
Business	3,699 10,102	3,089 9,287
Special Rates (pursuant to s 73) CBD Todd Mall Promotional	18 18	505 18 523
Annual Charges (pursuant to ss 74(1) & 76) Waste Management Service	1,245 1,245	1,187 1,187
Total Rates & Annual Charges	11,365	10,997
Fees Regulatory/Statutory Fees	104 104	<u>91</u> 91
Charges Rent & Hire of Council Equipment Weighbridge Charges Cemeteries Other	48 852 77 65	93 691 70 35 889
Total User Charges & Fees	1,146	980

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 3 - REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (cont)

INTEREST REVENUES Interest on overdue rates & charges Interest on investments Total Interest Revenue	Note	2006 \$ 100 526 626	2005 \$ 111 483 594
OTHER REVENUES Fines Insurance Claims Legal Fees Recovery (Rates) Sales - Mulch Sales of Other Equipment (Not Assets) Developer Contributions - cash Other Contributions Other Total Other Revenues	- -	43 3 21 120 1 48 145 184 565	42 17 25 84 39 8 143 56
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT General Purpose (Untied) Specific Purpose - Recurrent Specific Purpose - Non-Recurrent TOTAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT	15 15 15 -	1,729 1,411 10,063 13,203	1,687 268 2,069 4,024

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 4 - EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

EMPLOYEE COSTS	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
Salaries and Wages Employee Leave Entitlements Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions Workers' Compensation Insurance Travelling Fringe Benefits Tax	4,741 1,136 576 141 32 62	4,531 1,100 518 96 36 23
Other Total Operating Employee Costs	6,694	6,304
Total Number of Employees (Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)	121	126
FINANCING COSTS Interest on Loans Charges on Finance Leases Interest on other debts	323 - -	- 1 2
Gross Financing Costs Total Financing Costs	323 323	2 3 3
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT Plant and Equipment Furniture & Fittings	433 30	386 31
Land Improvements Buildings Infrastructure	852 498	842 470
 roads, bridges & footpaths stormwater drainage other Total Depreciation & Amortisation 	1,503 363 366 4,045	1,498 363 345 3,935

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 4 - EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (cont)

		2006	2005
	Notes	\$	\$
OTHER EXPENSES			
OTHER EXPENSES		45	00
Auditor's Remuneration		15	20
Bad and Doubtful Debts		5	21
Donations & Contributions to Local & Regional Bodies		264	418
Insurances		210	176
Legal Expenses		23	42
Light, Power & Heating		661	659
Mayoral Allowance		50	45
Members' Fees & Allowances		148	90
Street Lighting		330	331
Telephone & Communications		53	53
Leases, Licences and Fees		9	3
Stationery/Postage/Printing		72	80
Fuel & Oil		222	185
Catering		23	22
Books & Non-Book Resources		53	47
Bank & Debt Collection Fees		47	48
Advertising		132	142
Training		69	46
Travel and Accommodation		68	78
Freight		10	7
Computer & Internet Costs		325	286
Vehicle Registration		79	35
Memberships and Subscriptions		44	44
Rates Concessions & Costs		174	161
Other		131	29
Total Other Expenses	_	3.217	3.068
	_	-,	5,550

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 5 - GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT Proceeds from disposal Less: Carrying amount of assets sold Gain (Loss) on disposal	69 239 (170)	75 663 (588)
TOTAL GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	(170)	(588)

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 6 - CASH AND BANK

	2006	2005
	\$000	\$000
Cash on Hand and at Bank	1,208	312
Deposits at Call	3,855	7,700
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	10,620	1,400
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	15,683	9,412

Note 7 - RECEIVABLES

Rates & Annual Charges	716	658
Fees & other charges	213	317
Accrued Revenues	64	222
Other levels of Government	67	363
Other	-	102
Total	1,060	1,662
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	45	45
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	1,015	1,617

Note 8 - OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Stores & Materials	105	78
Prepayments	47	55
TOTAL INVENTORIES & OTHER ASSETS	152	133

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 9 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2005 \$000			CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$000				2006 \$000			
	AT	ACCUM	CARRYING	Asset	Asset	Depresiation	Sale	Net	AT	ACCUM	CARRYING
	FAIR VALUE	DEPN	AMOUNT	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation	Depn	Revaluation	FAIR VALUE	DEPN	AMOUNT
Land											
Land	00.400		00.400								
- Council owned (freehold)	30,468	-	30,468	-	-	-	-	-	30,468	-	30,468
Land Improvements - depreciat	12,851	(838)	12,013	655	(20)	(852)	2	-	13,484	(1,688)	11,796
Buildings	13,474	(467)	13,007	9,061	(60)	(498)	3	_	22,472	(962)	21,510
Infrastructure		,			,	` ′				, ,	,
 Roads, bridges, footpaths 	59,019	(1,498)	57,521	125	-	(1,503)	-	-	59,144	(3,001)	56,143
- Stormwater drainage	34,501	(363)	34,138	-	-	(363)	-	-	34,501	(726)	33,775
- Other	3,721	(345)	3,376	272	-	(366)	-	_	3,993	(711)	3,282
Plant & Equipment	3,241	(382)	2,859	646	(159)	(433)	38	-	3,690	(777)	2,913
Furniture & Fittings	228	(31)	197	289		(30)	1	_	516	(60)	456
Other Assets		,				, ,				` '	
- Other	2,002	-	2,002	-	-	-	-	-	2,002	-	2,002
Totala	450 505	(0.004)	455 504	11.010	(000)	(4.045)	4.4		470.074	(7.005)	460.046
Totals	159,505	(3,924)	155,581	11,048	(239)	(4,045)	44	-	170,271	(7,925)	162,346

Certain of these assets are subject to restrictions, details of which are given in Note 16, imposed externally on the Council.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 9 ☐ 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 Australian Valuation Office on the basis of fair market value in the reporting period ended 30 June, 2005 and is disclosed at fair value.

Buildings

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

Major depreciation periods: 20-50 years Asset capitalisation threshold: \$2,000

Furniture and Equipment

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

Major depreciation periods: 10-20 years Asset capitalisation threshold: \$2,000

Plant & Equipment,

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

Major depreciation periods: 5-20 years Asset capitalisation threshold: \$2,000

Infrastructure - Sealed Roads

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

Major depreciation periods: 40-50 years Asset capitalisation threshold: \$2,000

Infrastructure - Unsealed Roads

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

Major depreciation periods: 10-25 years Asset capitalisation threshold: \$2,000

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 9 ☐ PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

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 election are disclosed at cost.

Major depreciation periods: 50-100 years Asset capitalisation threshold: \$2,000

Other Infrastructure

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

Major depreciation periods: 10-25 years Asset capitalisation threshold: \$2,000

Land Improvements

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

Major depreciation periods: 10-25 years Asset capitalisation threshold: \$2,000

Art Collection & Heritage

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

Artworks are not depreciated.

Current valuations

Current valuations are not considered to be materially different from carrying values.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 10a - CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
PAYABLES Goods & Services Accrued Expenses Deposits, Retentions & Bonds Total Payables	1,674 626 53 2,353	89 849 123 1,061
BORROWINGS Loans Total Borrowings	221 221	208 208
All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future reve	enues of the Counci	il.
PROVISIONS Employee Leave Benefits (including oncosts) Total Provisions	996 996	944 944

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 10b - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Note 10b - NON-CURRENT LI	ABILITIES	
	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
BORROWINGS Loans Total Borrowings	4,455 4,455	4,676 4,676
All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future rev	enues of the Council.	
PROVISIONS Employee Leave Benefits (including oncosts) Total Provisions	162 162	150 150

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 11 - CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities	2006 \$000	2005 \$000
Change in Net Assets resulting from Operations Non-cash items in Income Statement	8,364	(1,421)
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	64	130
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment - Property, Plant & Equipment	4,045	3,935
Remeasurements & additional provisions	-	(20)
(Gain) Loss on Disposals	170	588
	12,643	3,212
Add (Less) changes in Net Current Assets Net (increase) decrease in receivables Net (increase) decrease in other financial assets	602	(649)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	(27)	18
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets	` 8	(55)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	1,290	304
Net increase (decrease) in other payables		68
	14,516	2,898
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	14,516	2,898

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 12 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

2006	2005
\$000	2000

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

1,360	6,900
46	-
1,406	6,900
1,406	6,900
-	-
-	-
1,406	6,900
	1,406 1,406

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 13 - STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

<u>Indicators</u>	2006	2005	2004	2003
Current Ratio Current Assets Current Liabilities	4.72	5.04	3.76	5.54
Debt Service Ratio Net Debt Service Cost Operating Revenue * as defined in the Code	1.20%	0.02%	0.01%	1.09%
Rate Coverage Ratio Rates & Annual Charges Revenues Total Revenues	42.24%	59.62%	58.97%	54.92%
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	6.58%	6.24%	6.49%	3.33%

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 14 - MOVEMENTS IN OTHER RESERVES

These Reserves, established at the Council's discretion, are required to be held in cash or authorised investments. Council may at any time vary the amounts or purposes of funds held in Reserve, but whilst established they are subject this restriction.

Asset Replacement Sports Facility Developer Contributions Aquatic Centre Unexpended Funds Waste Management

Balance 1	Move	Balance	
	Transfer	Transfer	30 June
July 2005	То	From	2006
\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
7,370	-	7,275	95
523	-	ı	523
256	42	246	52
38	8,130	68	8,100
1,195	5,264	1,195	5,264
250	-	-	250
9,632	13,436	8,784	14,284

The purposes for which each Reserve is held, and the estimated time of utilisation are as follows:

Asset Replacement Reserve - Replace existing assets
Sports Facility - Replace and maintain sporting facilities
Developer Contributions - Developer funds
Aquatic Centre - New swimming centre
Unexpended Funds - Government and internal unspent funds

Waste Management - Long term provision for replacement of rubbish dump

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 15 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS

This schedule records all amounts received from other levels of Government, whether described as grants, subsidies or otherwise. All amounts (other than untied grants) are required to be held as cash or authorised investments until expended.

		Balance 1	Move	ments	Balance
			Received/	Evpandad	30 June
	Source	July 2005	Receivable	Expended	2006
	'	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
GENERAL PURPOSE (Untied)					
Grants Commission - general purpose	GC	-	994	994	-
Grants Commission - roads component	GC	-	735	735	-
NT Operational	NT	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		-	1,729	1,729	-
SPECIFIC PURPOSE (Recurrent)					
Sport - Facility Development	NT	-	50	50	-
Sport - Local Governing Bodies	NT	-	26	26	-
Libraries	NT	42	480	513	9
Other NT	NT	-	662	662	-
Commonwealth Current Grants	С	-	50	50	-
Pensioner Rates Subsidies	NT	-	143	143	-
Subtotal		42	1,411	1,444	9
SPECIFIC PURPOSE (Non-Recurrent)					
NT Capital Grants	NT	879	9,106	427	9,558
Other NT	NT	223	192	216	199
Commonwealth Capital Grants	С	-	765	205	560
Subtotal		1,102	10,063	848	10,317
TOTAL AMOUNTS FROM OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT		1,145	13,203	4,021	10,327

Sources: GC - Grants Commission; NT - NT Government; C - Commonwealth; O - Other sources

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 16 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

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

Details of other Reserves, established at the discretion of Council but which, once established are required to be held in cash or approved investments, are given in Note 14.

		2006 \$000	2005 \$000
Developer Contributions Unexpended amounts from other levels of Government Domestic Waste Management Net of Current Liabilities & debtors Other commitments TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	18 15 12 -	52 10,327 250 2,555 1,406 14,590 14,590	252 1,145 250 0 0 1,647 1,647
Asset Replacement Sports Facility TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO INTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	-	95 <u>523</u> 618	7,370 523 7,893
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS	-	15,208	9,540
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	-	15,683	9,412
UNRESTRICTED CASH ASSETS	-	475	(128)

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 17 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

_ocal Government, and may b	nents of the Council are defined in an order made by the Minister of roadly be described as "Trustee Securities". Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value Interest is recognised when earned. Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0% and 5.2% (2005: 0% and 5.2%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 70 days and an average interest rates of 5.98% (2005: 141 days, 5.75%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
	Interest is recognised when earned. Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rate between 0% and 5.2% (2005: 0% and 5.2%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 70 days and an average interest rates of 5.98% (2005: 141 days, 5.75%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to
Short Term Deposits	Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rate between 0% and 5.2% (2005: 0% and 5.2%). Short term deposits hav an average maturity of 70 days and an average interest rates of 5.98% (2005: 141 days, 5.75%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to
	between 0% and 5.2% (2005: 0% and 5.2%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 70 days and an average interest rates of 5.98% (2005: 141 days, 5.75%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to
Pacaivables - Pates Annual	Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for
& User Charges (including	doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and reassessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.
payment)	Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attractinterest of 16% (2005: 16%) 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 the allowance).
Receivables - Fees & other charges	Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and reassessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable. Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Althoug Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit ris exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the
	Northern Territory. Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of an provision).
Receivables - other levels of	Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.
government	Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective program following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts and due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of Northern Territory and Australia. Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of an allowance).
	Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in
Accruals	the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the
	Council.
	Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.
Laborate to the state of the st	Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
L iabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest in charged as an expense as it accrues.
	Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal monthly instalments of principal & interest; interest is charged at fixed rates of 6.75% for 15 years (2005: 6.75% for 15 years).
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

Note 17 (CONT) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Interest Rate Risk Exposures

	Floating <u>Fixed interest maturing in</u> Non-					
2006	Interest	1 year	> 1 year	> 5 years	interest	Total
	Rate		> 5 years		bearing	
Financial Assets	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	5,063	10,620	-	-	-	15,683
Loans & Receivables		716	63		280	1,059
Total	5,063	11,336	63	-	280	16,742
Weighted Average Interest	4%	16%	16%			9%
Rate	470	10%	10%		-	970
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	-	-	1,727	1,727
Interest bearing liabilities					-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	1,727	1,727

2005 Comparatives

In accordance with AASB 1.36A, comparative figures are not presented for the first year of adoption of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards.

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

		2006 \$000
Net financial assets		
	Financial Assets	16,742
	Financial Liabilities	1,727
		15,015
Non-financial assets and liabi	lities	
	Accrued Revenues	64
	Inventories	105
	Property, Plant & Equipment	162,346
	Other Assets	1,199
	Accrued Expenses	-626
	Provisions	-1,158
	Work In Progress	-449
	•	161,481
Net Assets per Statement of I	176,496	

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 2006

Note 18 - DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions made by developers (as a condition of planning consent) for the future provision or enhancement of public services impacted by the development are recognised as income when Council gains control over the cash or other assets contributed.

Cash amounts received are required to be held in cash or other authorised investments until expended for the purposes for which they were received (see note 16).

Parking Community Facilities Roads Traffic Facilities Other **Total**

				Balance					
	Balance	Contribution	Evpanded	30 June 2006					
	1 July 2005	s received	Expended	held as					
	•			restricted asset					
1	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000					
	111	-	(111)	-					
	15	-	(15)	-					
	95	48	(92)	51					
	30	-	(30)	-					
	3	-	(3)	-					
	254	48	(251)	51					

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2006

NOTE 19 - CORRECTION OF ERRORS

The following errors in 2005 figures were detected during the year ended 30 June 2006. In accordance with AIFRS the comparative figures have been restated to present as if the errors had not occurred. A comparison of the prior year figures as originally presented to the restated results is given below.

		2005 \$000 As restated	2005 \$000 As originally presented
Property, Plant & Equipment Receivables Provision for audit fees	a b c	155,581 1,617 (20)	155,870 1,497 (2)
Total equity at 30 June 2005 as originally pres Corrections as above Total equity at 30 June 2005 as restated	sented	163,984 (187) 163,797	

- a This reduction of Property, Plant and Equipment in the balance sheet is due to the errors during revaluation of assets in the previous financial year (2004/2005) by the Australian Valuation Office. Land, building and minor plant were included in Councils assets, but was either not in the control of Council or was double counted and therefore does not form part of Council's assets.
- b This reduction of materials and contractors is due to double payment of an invoice in error. The money was returned by the contractor during this financial year.
- c Under provision for audit fees.

Deloitte.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL (continued)

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 made by the chief executive officer.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

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

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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Partner

Chartered Accountants

Alice Springs, 25/29/2006.