

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Annual Report 2006 - 2007

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## 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 2007.

Council's performance is reported under the goals outlined in the 2006 - 2007 Business Plan including:

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.

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# 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

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I am very happy to be able to present the 2006/2007 Annual Report. The last financial year has certainly been one where we as a Council have been faced with many challenges. Alice Springs Town Council continues to move ahead as one of the most progressive and innovative local governments in the Territory.

The announcement that Alice Springs was successful in its bid to become a Solar City was certainly a highlight of the year, and will be a major driver for the development and uptake of Solar Energy initiatives in Alice Springs - Australia's Solar Centre. Alice Springs Town Council was the only Council in the country to play the lead proponent in the bid to become a Solar City, so the success in effect makes it a first for Alice, and a first for the country!

Throughout 06/07 Council remained committed to ensuring that Alice Springs become a Dry Town, as we felt it was an important step forward for our community. Although it will not win the fight, we feel it is a significant weapon in our armoury of combat against anti-social behaviour in Alice Springs.

The Todd Mall and CBD Redevelopment planning is well-underway with the NT Government, Council and the Uniting Church. It is hoped it will help refresh our Mall and CBD, and create a more unifying scheme. The current design has issues in linking these areas together, and the redevelopment will offer a more integrated plan, allowing ease of access and improved navigation for locals and visitors alike.

As Mayor, I have been proud of the way people from the community have actively taken part in Council debates, and the way they have brought their own passionate issues and ideas forward through the Council forum. It is through this type of community input that we can better understand what is important to our local community.

A perfect example is Council's decision to finance, research and implement Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in Alice Springs, after an extremely passionate group of local business owners and community members highlighted the need for them in our community. Council made the decision to allocate \$100,000 toward CCTV in Alice Springs and is currently liaising with Ipswich City Council in Queensland, who recently installed a state of the art system.

I would also like to thank my fellow Aldermen for their ongoing support, both to me as well as to the community of Alice Springs. Both the Aldermen 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.

Fran Kilgariff  
MAYOR

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# Chief Executive Officer's Message

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The 2006/2007 financial year has once again been one of major achievements and developments for the Alice Springs Town Council.

As an organisation we continue to be one of the largest employers in Alice Springs, and we proudly continue to provide some of the best employment conditions in the Territory. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the dedicated staff at Alice Springs Town Council. They always contribute so much to Council and the community, and their hard work should always be recognised.

Some major achievements for Council from an organisational perspective include:

- Completion of the Todd River Re-channelling Project
- Becoming Australia's Solar Centre
- Continued maintenance and development of our recreational parks and gardens throughout the municipality
- Successful Community Events including the Christmas Carnival, Night Markets and Harmony Day to name a few
- Successful Youth Events including Music and Mastery in the Summer holidays and Rage and Ride during National Youth Week
- Successful finalisation of the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
- The appointment of an in-house Solicitor

The achievements outlined within our Annual Report are testament to the commitment of our elected members to the Alice Springs community, combined with the hard work and vision of our dedicated Council staff.

I would also like to thank the Mayor and Aldermen for their tremendous efforts in representing the wider community of Alice Springs. Each year I witness fantastic democratic debates within the Council chamber, and I always urge members of the community to take an active role in attending Council meetings to see how local government works for their local community.

The 2006-2007 Annual Report is also 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

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# 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.

**Mayor Fran Kilgariff - (08) 8950 0525**

**Alderman David Koch - (08) 8952 4495**

**Alderman Marguerite Baptiste-Rooke - (08) 8953 2424**

**Alderman Geoff Bell - (08) 8952 4648**

**Alderman Samih Habib - (08) 8953 3105**

**Alderman Robyn Lambley - (08) 8953 2008**

**Alderman Jane Clark - (08) 8952 8090**

**Alderman Murray Stewart - (08) 8952 1335**

**Alderman Melanie van Haaren - (08) 8952 0201**

**Alderman Meredith Campbell - (08) 8952 4272**



*BACK LEFT TO RIGHT: Alderman David Koch, Alderman Meredith Campbell, Alderman Jane Clark, Alderman Murray Stewart, Alderman Samih Habib, Alderman Melanie van Haaren. FRONT LEFT TO RIGHT: Alderman Marguerite Baptiste-Rooke, Mayor Fran Kilgariff, Alderman Robyn Lambley. INSET: Alderman Geoff Bell.*

# Committee Representatives at 30 June 2007

Council decisions are made through a series of Council and Committee meetings. The Council and Committee structure for the year 2006-2007 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](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

## Council Standing Committees

### **Corporate and Community Services Committee**

Chairman Alderman Jane Clark

### **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 Springs Festival**

Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

### **Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Steering Committee**

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman van Haaren

Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

### **Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee**

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman van Haaren

Alderman Habib

### **Alliance of Inlands Towns Group**

Mayor Kilgariff

### **Aquatic and Leisure Centre Project Team**

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman Koch

Alderman Campbell

Alderman van Haaren

### **Aquatic and Leisure Centre Reference Group**

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman Koch

Alderman Campbell

Alderman van Haaren

Alderman Stewart

### **Araluen Access Grants Advisory Committee**

Alderman Clark

### **Australia Day Committee**

Alderman Lambley

### **Central Australian Tourism Industry Association**

Alderman Lambley

### **Central Desert Shire Transitional Committee for Local Government Reform**

Alderman Habib

Alderman Clark

### **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

### **Events, Tourism and Promotions Committee**

Alderman Stewart

Alderman Baptiste-Rooke

### **Garden Cemetery Committee**

Alderman Bell

Alderman Habib

### **Finance Sub-committee**

Alderman Bell

Alderman Stewart

Alderman Habib

Alderman Lambley

### **Indigenous Education and Employment Task Force (IET)**

Mayor Kilgariff

### **Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee**

Mayor Kilgariff

### **Local Government Association NT**

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman Clark

### **Local Government Association NT Executive Committee**

Alderman Clark

### **MacDonnell Shire Transitional Committee for Local Government Reform**

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman Koch

### **Outback Way Committee**

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman Koch

### **Public Art Advisory Committee**

Alderman Campbell

### **Solar City Committee**

Mayor Kilgariff

Alderman Koch

Alderman Stewart

Alderman Campbell

### **Sports Facilities Advisory Committee**

Alderman Stewart

### **Waste Management Advisory Committee**

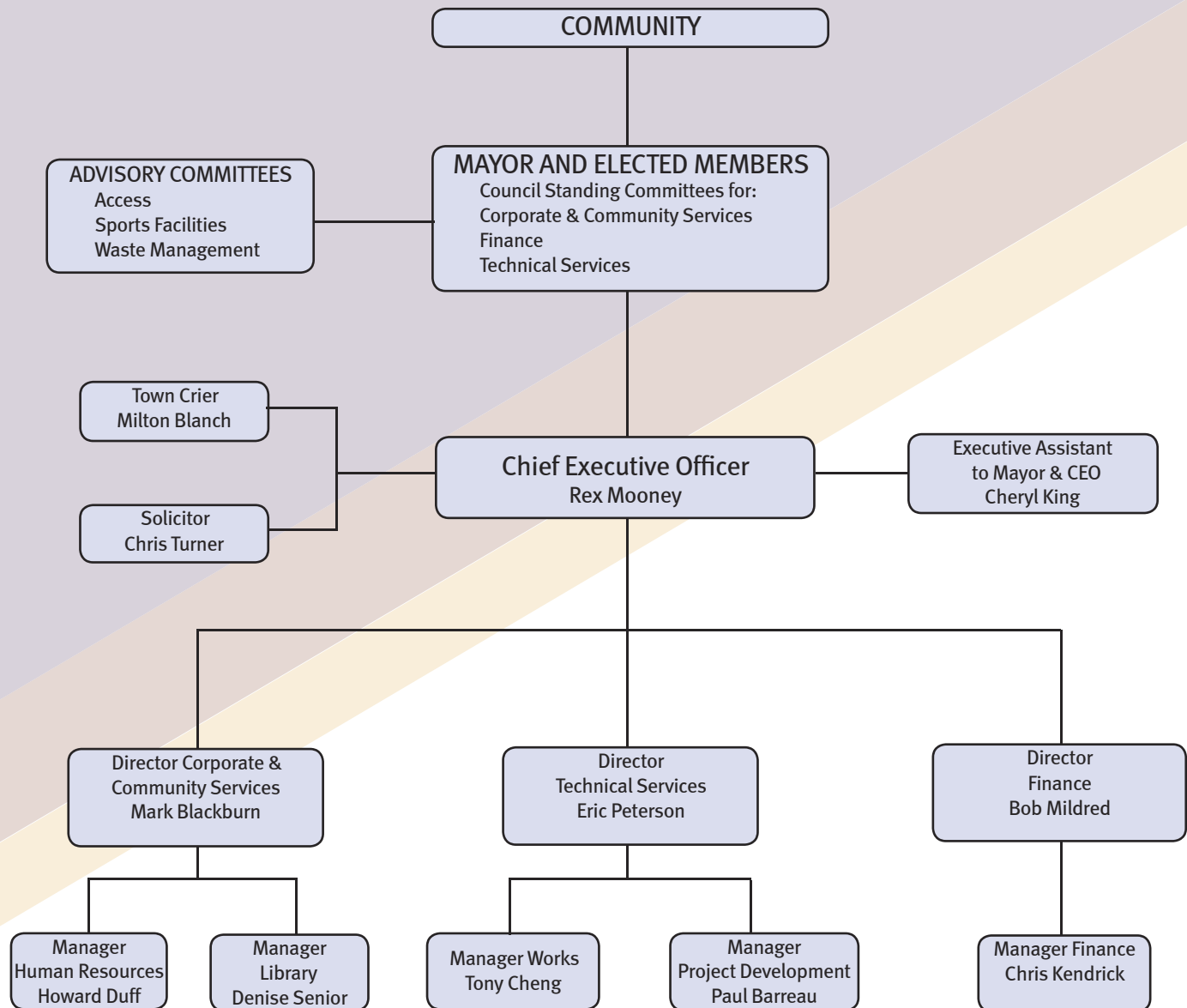
Alderman Koch

Alderman Lambley

# Alice Springs Town Council

## 2006-2007 Organisational Structure

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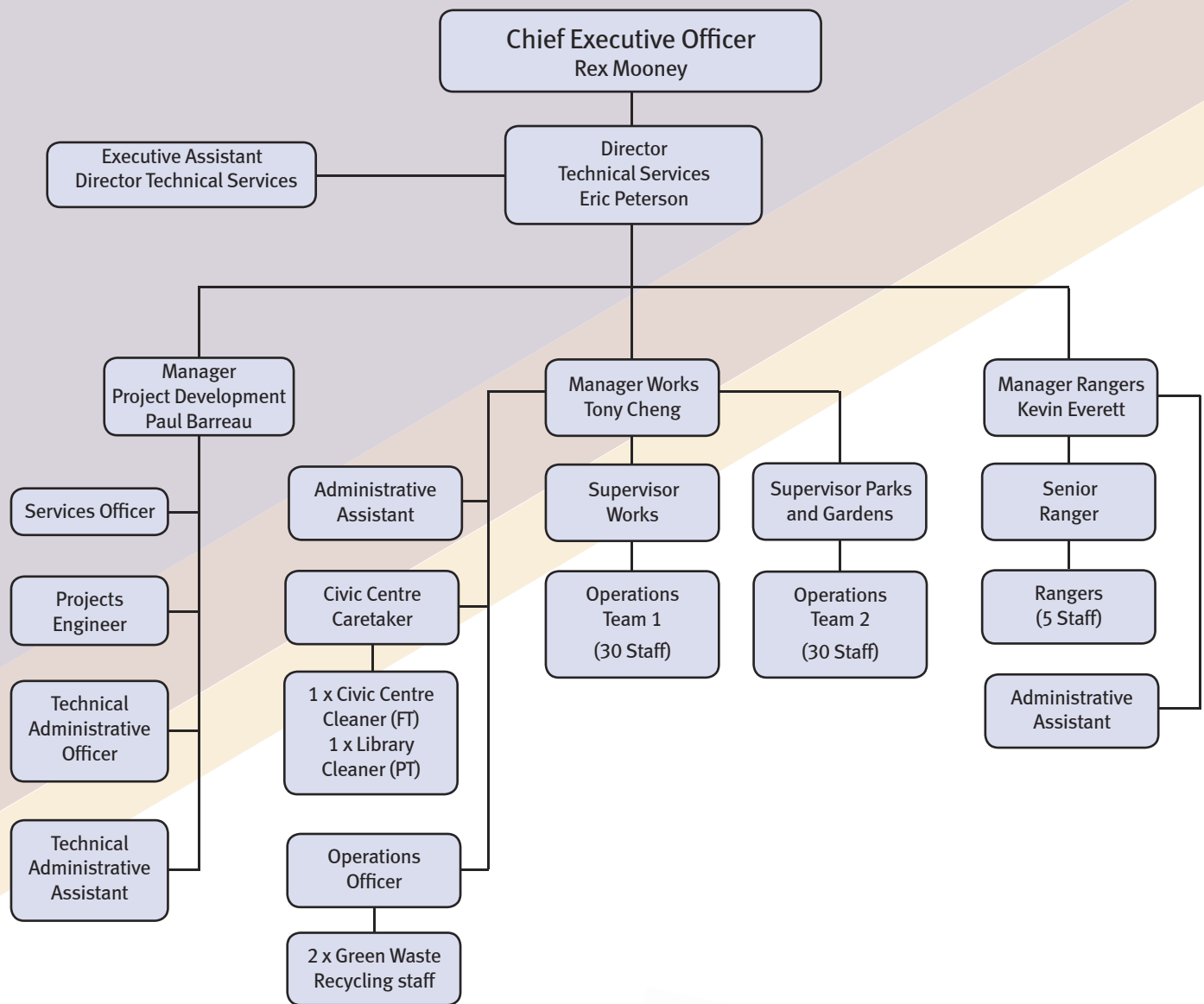




# Alice Springs Town Council

## 2006-2007 Technical Services Structure

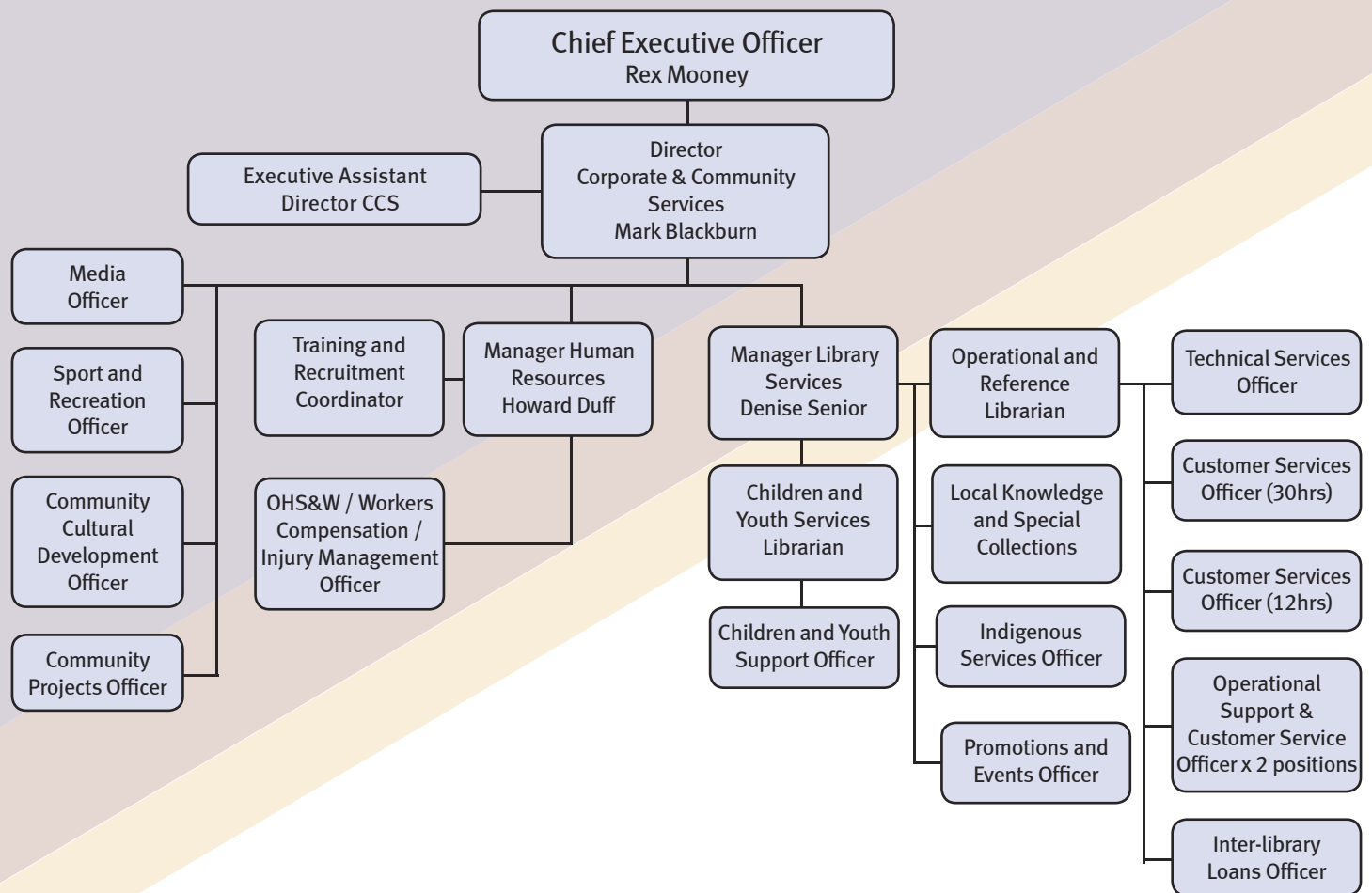
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## 2006-2007 Corporate and Community Services Structure

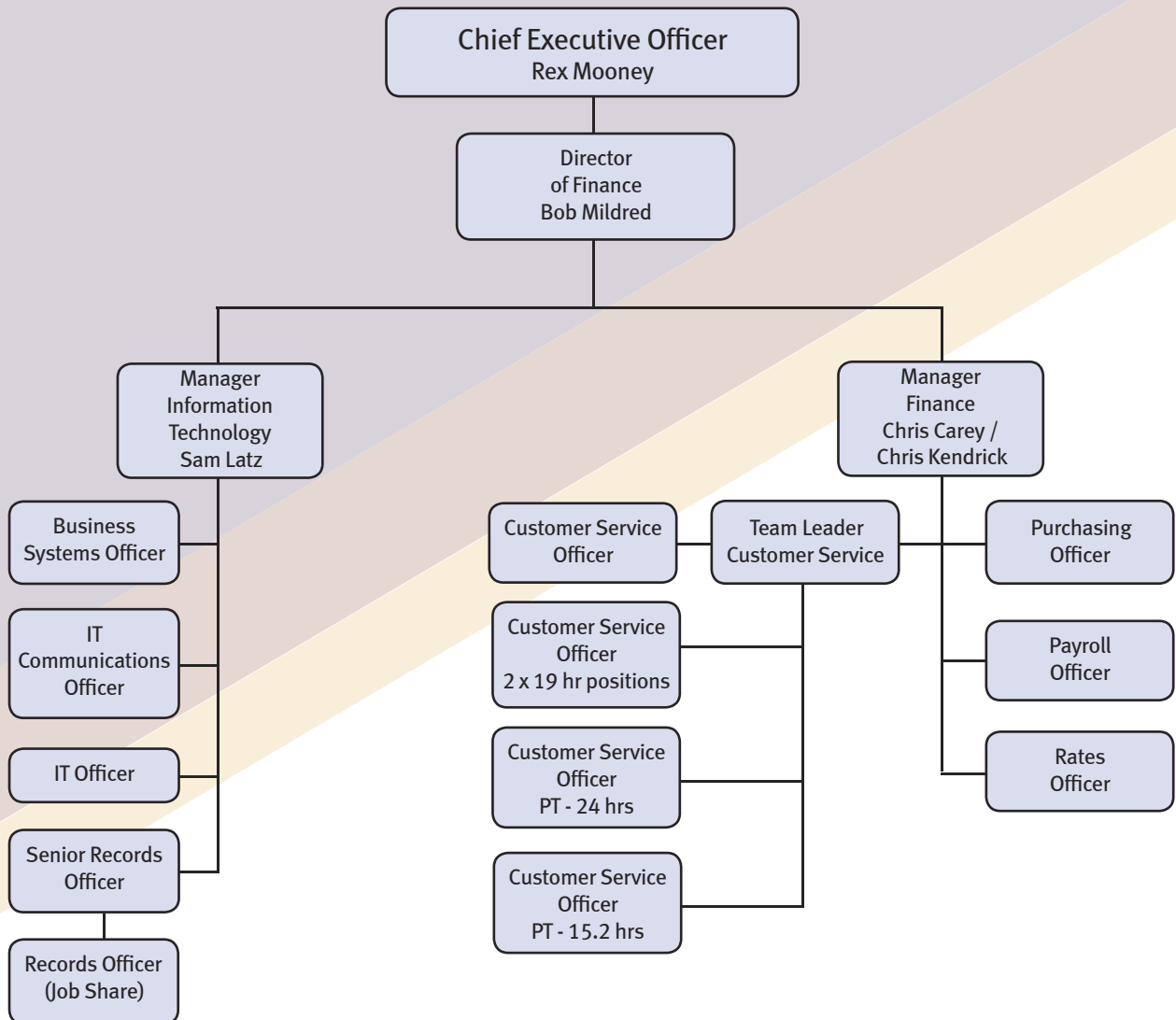
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# Alice Springs Town Council

## 2006-2007 Finance Structure

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# Council's Goals

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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.

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# 1. ECONOMIC

**GOAL: A growing and dynamic economic base underpinning strong employment**

## Alice Springs is acknowledged as Australia's Solar Centre



Monday 16 April 2007 started out quite ordinarily, however it turned out to be a historic day for Alice Springs when the Hon. Ian Macfarlane and the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull jointly announced that Alice Springs would join Adelaide, Townsville and Blacktown as the first four Australian Solar Cities.

Alice Springs Solar City Consortium will receive \$12.3 million of Australian Government funding for a variety of solar energy and energy efficiency measures to be implemented over the next seven years.

The Consortium consists of the Alice Springs Town Council as the lead proponent, Northern Territory Government (NTG), NT Power and Water Corporation (P&W), Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre, Arid Lands Environment Centre, Tangentyere Council and Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce.

Alice Springs Town Council is the only Council acting in the role of a lead proponent in Australia - all other Consortia were led by energy companies such as BP, Origin and Ergon. As such this is not just a 'first' in Alice, this is a 'first' Australia wide.

Due to a change in the funding regime, the Consortium will work collaboratively with the Australian Greenhouse Office to compile a modified business case where some measures may be discarded whilst others are enhanced.

The Consortium view this as an opportunity rather than a setback as the revised business case is likely to attract more funding and members.

The NT Government in their capacity as a funding provider have agreed to provide an initial pre-funding agreement seeding capital for measures including the installation of two large signs at the northern and southern entrances of the town to declare Alice's Solar City Status.

In a few short years, Alice Springs residents will be able purchase Solar generated power from a proposed Solar farm in Ilparpa.

They will also be offered the opportunity to purchase heavily subsidised hot water solar systems and roof top PV (photovoltaic) systems and the added opportunity to on-sell surplus power back to the





grid.

The Consortium will also facilitate a one-stop-shop, adeptly named the Smart Living Centre. It will be located close to or in the Alice Springs CBD. Although the final details are yet to be confirmed, it is envisaged that at the shop one will provide samples of a range of solar technologies, access to commercial or residential energy audits and even find out about Green Loans for solar equipment. People will also be assisted with any queries and information will also be available on any rebates associated with purchases.

Each year it seems that Alice Springs summers get a little warmer and our fuel and power costs climb a little higher. Council sincerely hopes the entire community will embark on this Solar journey and help create Alice Springs as the true SolarCity of Australia.

### **Council strengthen's buy local policy**

Alice Springs Town Council made changes to Council's Procurement Policy to better supporting local businesses.

Council feels very strongly about supporting local businesses, and knows that businesses will provide their most competitive prices when submitting quotes.

Purchases for items between \$1100 and under \$3300 (GST inclusive) will require three verbal quotations, with a 10% preference for local suppliers.

Purchases for items between \$3300 and under \$11000 (GST inclusive) will require three written quotations, with a 10% preference for local suppliers.

Purchases for items between \$11000 and under \$55000 (GST inclusive) will require three verbal quotations, with a 10% preference for local suppliers.

Items valued over \$55000 will go out for public tender (GST inclusive) with a 10% preference for local suppliers.

### **2006 National Local Roads and Transport Congress**

Alice Springs Town Council again displayed its commitment to the people of Alice Springs and the local economy by successfully lobbying for and hosting the 2006 National Local Roads & Transport Congress.

Mayor Fran Kilgariff was instrumental in bringing the Roads Congress to Alice Springs and the 500 delegates who travelled here to attend, by attending the previous three Roads Congress held in Kalgoorlie, the Barossa Valley and Launceston.

At Launceston in 2005 the Mayor gave a presentation to over 400 delegates about the benefits of travelling to Alice Springs for the 2006 Roads Congress which led to Alice Springs being chosen as the venue.

The Australian Local Government Associations (ALGA) Roads Congress has led to Australian Government increasing the amount of funding for our roads by double through the Roads to Recovery program.

The National Local Roads and Transport Congress is an important event on the national transport

calendar, and is an opportunity to share information and position local government to develop and define policies and policy outcomes regarding issues such as sustainable transport and equity of access.

Through the Roads Congress, Council is continuing its collaborative working partnership with the Australian Government.

Hosting the event was a great tourism opportunity with delegates estimated to have spent over \$400,000 on activities outside the event.

### **Central Australian Expo**

The Alice Springs Town Council once again supported the Central Australian Expo by hosting an information stall. Council offered more than ever to people who dropped by and the Council's Ranger Unit once again promoted responsible pet ownership.

People were able to find out information on how to register their dogs, and get details on local animal by-laws. There was also a range of RSPCA animals at the display, which were very popular with children.

All RSPCA animals purchased on the day were given free registration from Council, and people who bought a pet, or already owned a pet, could purchase a range of pet toys that were for sale at the display.

In addition to the ever popular Ranger Unit display, Council's stall received regular visits from Alice Springs Town Council's elected members, providing a great opportunity for people to meet and speak to their community representatives.

The Alice Springs Public Library had plenty of information for people to access about the library, and also provided give-aways.

### **New Resident's Kits**

Alice Springs Town Council successfully continued to compile and distribute free New Resident's Kits to those people who have just moved to Alice Springs, or those who were considering moving to Alice Springs.

The New Resident's Kits contain local information, in the form of information sheets and brochures, and are designed to ensure new residents are aware of all the services and facilities available to them in Alice Springs.

## 2. COMMUNITY

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

#### Opal Fuel

On 19 September the Commonwealth Government announced that within that week Opal fuel would replace unleaded fuel in most petrol stations in Alice Springs.

The Alice Springs Town Council was extremely pleased upon hearing the announcement, as it recognises the problems that exist in Alice Springs as a result of petrol sniffing.

Council hoped this rollout would make it harder for members of our community with a problem to get access to petrol that can be used for sniffing. Retail outlets currently selling premium unleaded fuel will continue to do so, to cater for customers who have cars designed to use it. Service stations who sell premium unleaded fuel are encouraged to ensure some security measures are put in place for its use.

Council viewed the change as a positive step towards recognising the real issues our town faces, and seeing some affirmative action put in place to deal with them. Council concurs that Opal won't eliminate the petrol-sniffing problem all together, but it is a huge move forward.

Unleaded Opal fuel performance is the same as regular unleaded petrol, and complies with the Australian fuel standards. It is understood it can also be mixed with other fuel in the tank without creating any problems. It is estimated the Government has committed more than \$52 million to rollout Opal fuel by 2009-10.

#### Walk to Work Day

Council encouraged the community to participate in National Walk to Work Day on Friday 6 October. Council promoted the day as not only good for health, but also good for the health of the environment.

Council also hosted an internal breakfast to encourage their entire workforce to take part in Walk to Work Day. An estimated 30 staff members participated in this national event.

#### 2006 Christmas Carnival

The Alice Springs Town Council invited the community to the 2006 Christmas Carnival, which was held on Friday 15 December in the Todd Mall from 5-9pm.

The free family-friendly community event was jammed packed with activities and live entertainment for people of all ages, not to mention the market stalls and late-night trading to help people with their last minute Christmas shopping.

Every year the Christmas Carnival gives the entire community the chance to come together







and celebrate the festive season, and the 2006 event achieved just that.

A dedicated children's area was located on the Uniting Church lawns between Flynn Church and Adelaide House, where children enjoyed face painting and balloon twisting or even have a free camel ride.

Live entertainment was provided on a main stage on the Uniting Church lawns, with a star-studded local line-up including the Moxie, Tashka Urban, Leon Spurling, Jacinta Castle, Multicultural Dancers and Drum Atweme to name a few.

The Alice Springs Town Band played under the sails in the Mall, and the Alice Springs Town Council stand will be located there as well.

In 2006 Council also setting up a 'Lost Kids Meeting Point' for the first time, which was well utilised and will continue in coming years. Many parents will showed their children this place, so they knew a safe place to go if they get

lost.

### **Council reallocates funds to maintain youth centre**

At its October Ordinary Meeting the Alice Springs Town Council approved the reallocation of budget funds to repair a series of maintenance issues at the Gap Youth Centre Aboriginal Corporation.

The major works on the Council owned facility began at the end of December, which includes repairs to the entire water and sewer systems, and the installation of a retaining wall and paving to eliminate the constant flooding from the basketball courts.

The Centre was in desperate need of the repairs, and Council had no hesitation in ensuring the funds were made available as Council is committed to maintaining its facility to help ensure that the Gap Youth Centre can continue to provide for young people in our community.

The Gap Youth Centre has been operating in Alice Springs for 30 years, and currently runs 35 different programs for young people of Alice Springs and surrounding communities to access.

Young people enjoy the wide variety of programs and activities available at the Centre, as well as have the opportunity to socialise with other young people in a drug and alcohol-free environment.

The programs that are run at the Centre range from after school and holiday activities, sports, recreational and educational programs, through to the widely accessed Late Night Drop-in Program.

### **Community leaders to discuss the future for Alice**

Around seventy community leaders in Alice Springs and Central Australia came together on Friday 20 April to identify, develop and commit to five priority actions, to try and make an immediate improvement to the level of anti-social behaviour in the community.

Mayor Fran Kilgariff opened the Forum and declared it a political-free zone, asking people to focus on solutions, instead of entering into debate.

Before the forum was opened the Mayor said the key focus was to create firm short term commitments for achievable actions and immediate results.

There were a lot of people in the room, from a large cross-section of the community, both Government and non-Government.

Mayor Fran Kilgariff described it as a rarity to see collaboration of this type, and was ever-thankful to everyone who attended. She felt the community was able to draw a line in the sand to pave the way forward for the community of Alice Springs.

All in attendance agreed that our community has some very real and hard issues that need to be addressed. This was evident in the groups ability to quickly identify short term solutions to what are considered to be major issues in an extremely tight time-frame.

Although it was agreed that there are many continuing long term solutions, the key point of the Community Leaders Forum was to create some immediate solutions to agreed major issues.

Mayor Kilgariff felt everyone who attended the Community Leaders Forum had the interests of the Alice Springs community at heart, but were also united in wanting the town to be a safe place to live and enjoy life.

There was also a consensus amongst the group who had gathered together that it was time for everyone to take a united approach to regain community safety.

Priority Actions put forward at the meeting included measures to address:

1. Threats to community safety and the current unconnected responses to these issues
2. Increasing rate of Urban drift from remote communities
3. Lack of youth activities and the increase in youth and children in at risk situations
4. Alcohol misuse and abuse
5. Sensational media

### **Music and Mastery – a youth music and entertainment initiative**



The Alice Springs Town Council joined forces with the YMCA in January and hosted Music and Mastery, a series of alcohol-free youth and family-friendly events held over a series of weekends at the Alice Springs Town Pool.

With an entry fee of only \$1, several local music groups and artists performed at each events. Free movie tickets were also given away, donated by the Chief Minister's Office.

The Alice Springs Swimming Centre is always a popular destination for youth during summer and the school holidays, but it is a rare occasion when



quality live music can be appreciated in its grounds.

The event brought a different edge to the normal activities kids see and participate in at the pool. Alice Springs Town Council has always had a great partnership with the YMCA in maintaining and running the Town Pool facility, and the Music and Mastery events highlighted the strength and success of this ongoing community partnership.

### Swimming Pool Deepening Project

Works were completed at the Alice Springs Town Pool, which involved a complete redevelopment to deepen the Olympic size pool. Prior to the project the swimming pool did not meet national requirements for usage of the swimming blocks for championship events.

The pool closed a week early to allow for works to begin, so that the pool was ready for the 2006 Masters Games held in October.



Council received a total of five Tenders for the pool redevelopment and approved local company JSD International Consultants as the successful Tenderer.

### Rage and Ride – action packed

The Alice Springs Town Council, Ultimate Ride Bike Shop and Tangentyere Council joined forces to host the first ever Rage and Ride event in Alice Springs. Rage and Ride was held on Friday 20 April from 4pm to 7pm at the Alice Springs Skate Park, and the action packed event helped form part of National Youth Week celebrations in Alice Springs.

There was live music and entertainment from local band The Moxie, as well a live performance from Drum Atweme, but the main feature of Rage and Ride were the demo-competitions, hosted and coordinated by Ultimate Ride Bike Shop.

Over 10 local BMX talents entered into the competition, and the crowd judged three different ride sessions. The first two sessions were open expression, where entrants were given two minutes to compete, and the last session was a jump contest from the Skate Park's far end quarter pipe.



Ultimate Ride Bike Shop also donated a door prize for Rage and Ride, and everyone who attended went into the draw to win a Trek Vert2 Freestyle BMX.

The Alice Springs Town Council was thrilled to partner with Ultimate Ride Bike Shop and Tangentyere Council to bring Rage and Ride to the youth in our community.

National Youth Week is about celebrating youth, and it is so important for Council, and community businesses and organisations, to work together and give young people activities they can truly enjoy and appreciate.

Alice Springs Town Council was also thrilled to see a local business like Ultimate Ride actively engaging with our youth through supporting community events like Rage and Ride.

### Community event to celebrate Families Week



During National Families Week the Alice Springs Town Council and Alice Springs Family Day Care Inc. invited the community to celebrate in the Alice Springs Civic Centre Courtyard on Todd Street. Poor weather on the day moved the event indoors, but this did not deter all those who attended from having a wonderful time.

The event was held to encourage parents, children and carers in Alice Springs to take the time to appreciate the special connection and bond they share from being part of their own unique families.

The event was fun-filled and family-friendly, with special guests and entertainment appearing throughout the morning, including balloon twisting, face-painting and special appearances from Booka the Library Dog, Yamba the Honey Ant and IMA Safety Hous, and story time.

Through promotion of the event Council encouraged residents to really hear and connect within their families, and make special effort to do one or two new or different things to improve relationships.

Council always endeavours to build on partnerships across the community, and would like to thank the Alice Springs Family Day Care Centre for their contribution in the planning and organising of the National Families Week event.

### Dry Town Submission

On March 8 and 9 the Alice Springs Town Council made it's official submission to the Northern Territory Licensing Commission, asking for the introduction of a municipal wide dry area in Alice Springs.

Council's submission was presented to three members of the Commission by Mayor Fran Kilgariff. After Council's submission was presented, community members and other interested parties were able to make presentations to the Commission concerning their opinions regarding the application.

In it's submission, Council presented it's position by highlighting the key reasons behind its decision to ask for Alice Springs to become a Dry Town.

Although Council was aware the Dry Town initiative wouldn't be the solution to alcohol problems in Alice Spring, it was viewed to be a step toward regaining public space.



With proactive adequately staffed policing, Alice Springs Town Council believed the Dry Town initiative would be effective in reducing the incidence of violence and general misbehaviour in Alice Springs, so friends and families will once again feel safe in our streets and parks.

### **Free asbestos awareness sessions in Alice Springs**

Alice Springs Town Council gave householders, business and trades people access to free asbestos training and information sessions in May 2007. The aim was to raise public awareness of the dangers of asbestos, and teach people how to deal with products that may contain asbestos. Training and information sessions were held in the Andy McNeill Room at the Alice Springs Town Council Civic Centre on Todd Street.

Householders attended and information on Wednesday 23 May, with the aim of helping people to understand the risks of asbestos and how to deal with and identify asbestos in the home.

Businesses, trades people and contractors were able to attend Specific Awareness Training – Level 1, and Working with Asbestos – Level 2 on Thursday 24 May from 12.30 to 4.30pm. This training session assisted people in dealing with small jobs, maintenance and emergency situations.

The training and information sessions were run by Asbestos and You, who are specialists in the field of asbestos management. John Carter, also known as “Mr Asbestos and You”, will be running sessions whilst in Alice Springs.

Alice Springs Town Council was pleased to provide the opportunity for members of the community to have access to free asbestos training and information sessions.

Through Council’s partnership programme with Asbestos and You, the level of awareness was increased in the community about the dangers of asbestos and what people can do when they come in contact with it.



### **Changes in place to deal with abandoned vehicles**

In January 2007 Alice Springs Town Council has recently reviewed its removal of abandoned vehicles procedures, following recent fire damage caused to abandoned vehicles in Alice Springs.

The new procedures are based on strict compliance with Territory Traffic Regulations and it is hoped that earlier removal of abandoned vehicles will prevent subsequent damage from occurring.

All vehicles that are left in hazardous places or deemed to be illegally parked, whether they be registered or unregistered, are now immediately be removed.

Previously all registered vehicles not left in a hazardous area, regardless of whether they were parked legally or not, were given a lengthy seven day grace period, and unregistered vehicles were given 24 hours.

Under the amended procedures, a legally parked registered vehicle can still remain there for seven days before removal, however an illegally parked registered vehicle will now be given a 24 hour grace period in accordance with Territory Traffic Regulations, instead of the former seven days.

Another major change means any unregistered vehicle, regardless of whether it is legally or illegally parked, will now be removed immediately.

Through earlier removal, Council felt damage to cars left in public spaces will lessen, and the detrimental effect this type of vandalism can have on perceptions of both residents and visitors will also decrease.

The changes also mean that owners of vehicles left in public spaces can be spared major financial losses if their vehicle was subject to vandalism and arson.

Council continues to charge a release fee to owners of impounded vehicles which goes toward recovering towing costs involved with the removal of abandoned vehicles.

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

### 3. Environment

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

#### **drumMUSTER now open at Alice Springs**

The Alice Springs Town Council announced in December that its drumMUSTER collection centre was open to collect empty, cleaned, non-returnable farm chemical containers.

The collection centre is open by appointment from 8am to 4.30pm on Monday to Friday, and is located at the Hazardous Waste Facility Compound on the Commonage Road landfill site.

The Alice Springs Town Council now operate a booking system so that farm chemical users can make a time to deliver their containers to our collection centre.



Each person making an appointment is asked how many containers they plan to deliver and then allocated a time to bring their containers to the compound.

Chemical users are also reminded that their empty containers must be correctly cleaned and air-dried, as all containers will be inspected as they are brought into the collection centre, and unclean or partly filled containers will not be accepted.

Containers collected by the drumMUSTER will be reconditioned and refilled, or processed and recycled into metal and plastic products.

drumMUSTER is the national program for the collection and recycling of empty, cleaned, non-returnable crop protection and animal health chemical containers. The program is funded by a 4 cent per litre or kilogram levy on crop protection and animal health chemicals sold in rigid steel and plastic non-returnable containers.

#### **Correctional Centre crews paint community bus shelters**

Inmates from the Alice Springs Correctional Centre painted bus shelters in Alice Springs during February. The aim of the project was to assist the Alice Springs Town Council and the wider community in the ongoing maintenance of the shelters, as well as help tackle graffiti.

The Alice Springs Town Council provided all painting materials and equipment, whilst the Correctional Centre will be supplied teams of prison inmates to take on the task.

The work forms part of a number of community tasks undertaken by the Correctional Centre within Alice Springs.

Council views projects like these as very positive, as the Correctional Centre is able to provide opportunities for prison inmates to give back to the community, through doing valuable community service.

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



## Council encourages community to help “Clean Up”

Every year hundreds of thousands of Australians take part in Clean Up Australia Day, and the Alice Springs Town Council encouraged the community to join in on Sunday 4 March.

Council will be waived fees for participants in Clean Up Australia Day to deliver domestic and green waste at the Alice Springs Landfill and Green Waste Processing Facility on Commonage Road.

Many community members used this as an incentive to get out in the community and be a part of Clean Up Australia Day in Alice Springs. Clean Up Australia Day is firmly entrenched in the Alice Springs calendar. It is an apolitical, non-profit community campaign in which everyone can participate.

## Council puts new vacuum sweeper into action

The Alice Springs Town Council put the new mini-LitterBoss vacuum sweeper into action for the first time in February. The new machine was purchased to help cope with the notable increase in glass and litter since the introduction of the Alice Springs Liquor Supply Plan.

Uniquely different to other street and path sweepers, that can only brush debris such as litter and glass to the side of paths, the LitterBoss actually sweeps material underneath the machine and vacuums it up into a collection hopper.

The decision to purchase the new machine was made as Council could not ignore the obvious public safety issues, and growing community concern surrounding the increase in glass on our paths and in public spaces.



It is obviously a very versatile machine, and Council is very pleased with the investment. As well as serving its primary purpose on our paths, it could also be useful for cleaning up parks, ovals and facilities after major functions and events.

The LitterBoss is a very compact machine, and will pick up materials such broken glass, soda cans, cigarette butts and leaves without difficulty from sidewalks, curbs, bicycle paths and parking lots.

Council was pleased to be able to give the community this new machine, and to show that Council is proactively finding solutions to address their very valid concerns.

The new machine has helped to improve the situation, and hope the community did start seeing a decrease in the amount of glass on our paths in Alice Springs with it's daily use across the community.

## Todd River Re-channelling Project

The Todd River Re-channelling Project's aim was to make the riverbank environment the natural centrepiece of Alice Springs.

The works, which included reforming and revegetating the river banks, removing the accumulation of silt and weeds in the river bed and cleaning up stormwater drains, were designed to make the Todd a more attractive public space.



Works on the river channel in the area of the Gap and around the Wills Terrace causeway have helped redirect the river flow.

When current works are completed the NT Government will have spent around \$500,000 on the river rechannelling component of the Todd project, managed by the Alice Springs Town Council.

Council also worked on redeveloping the banks

to make the area is more serviceable and accessible and to improve appearance. Work has also gone into revegetating the river banks with native flora and fauna to mitigate erosion.

## 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 \$300,000 in this financial year for the resealing of roads identified within its asset register. Maintenance expenditure during the financial year has been comprised as follows:

- Road Reseal - \$250,000
- Roads to Recovery - \$ 343,000
- Footpath Maintenance and Programs - \$ 160,000 (includes cycle tracks)

## Asset Management

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

- Hartley Street toilets - \$248,000
- Gap Youth Centre maintenance work - \$18,000
- Totem Theatre toilets - \$116,000



- Todd River Walk - \$65,000
- Todd River Re-channelling Project - \$450,000
- Parks and Reserves including mowing, Tree Maintenance & spraying - \$ 250,000
- Cleaning of graffiti – Council spends 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 continued 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.

## 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.

## Volunteer youths transform park in Diarama

Residents living on Diarama Close would have noticed the transformation of a local park from a vacant, overgrown and unused space to a magnificently landscaped natural park – and it was all the work of young volunteers.



Alice Springs Town Council and Conservation Volunteers Australia, who facilitate a youth development and environment training program for Green Corps, teamed together for the project.

Residents in the area now have a park land incorporating paths, contoured areas, natural shrubs, bench seats

for people to sit on and enjoy the new space and tranquillity.

In addition to contributing to their local community, the young people who worked on the project were able to develop work skills, accreditation and confidence in their own abilities

The end product truly is a testament to the young people who volunteered for the project, as they

obviously committed themselves to the task. By volunteering, they have shown immense initiative toward improving their professional skill-set. Their enthusiasm is something the community should embrace and recognise.

The original site was chosen by and cleared by Council, and the team of volunteer youths completed the initial design of the park. Their designs were then approved by Council's Technical Services Team. Over a period of around eight weeks, the volunteers then completed the entire project.

The Alice Springs Town Council is proud to recognise the effort of these young members in our community. It is through enabling our young people, and providing them with opportunities for growth, that we can all work toward a stronger and healthier community.

The park was officially opened on Saturday 30 June at 11am by Mayor Fran Kilgariff, and the community and residents in the area enjoyed a free barbecue and refreshments at the opening sponsored by Council.

### 3. CULTURE & HERITAGE

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

#### **Alice Springs Public Library best of the best**

The Alice Springs Public Library won the Delegate's Choice Award at the national 'Library Stars: Best of the Best' forum held in Perth earlier this year. It was awarded in recognition of Akaltje Antheme, the Library's Indigenous local knowledge collection.

Akaltje Antheme is a unique and dynamic collection of materials in a variety of formats by, about or for the Aboriginal peoples of Central Australia.

The Alice Springs Public Library was one of just seven library services selected from around Australia to give presentations at the forum, which is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and acts as a showcase for outstanding and innovative programs in the public library sector.

In her presentation at the forum Library Manager Denise Seinor described the history of the program, the range of materials in the collection, how it was built up and how it is organised to help patrons in the library access Indigenous resources.

The success of the Akaltje Antheme program can be seen in the increase in events held in the library, such as Indigenous story-writing competitions, photographic exhibitions and film screenings. The local Indigenous community feels welcome and part of the wider community at the library.

The Alice Springs Town Council is extremely proud of the ongoing hard work and achievements of the Alice Springs Public Library and its staff.

This award is a significant achievement, and gives recognition of the outstanding service and innovation being delivered by our Public Library.

#### **Regional Arts Australia National Regional Arts Summit**

Mayor Fran Kilgariff was been invited to Canberra in August to attend the Regional Arts Australia National Regional Arts Summit. She was joined by leaders in the art sector, decision-makers and national service organisations in opening productive discussion oriented towards the timely achievement of the Regional Arts Australia National Directions policy's aims.

The format of the day involved 25 people in a 'round table' focused discussion facilitated by Anne Dunn, addressing two key areas 'Improving recognition of the arts in regional Australia and developing new partnerships,' and 'Extending and strengthening the network'.

The Summit was an important opportunity to present the interests of the Central Australian arts sector to further develop regional arts activities and infrastructure.

Following on from lengthy consultation with key members of the Alice Springs arts community Mayor Kilgariff was able take the issues to a Federal Level.

In addition to those involved in the round table conversation, an audience of approximately seventy people who are stakeholders in regional arts development across Australia were invited to the summit.



## Mayor welcomes migrants to Alice Springs

Alice Springs is home to many international migrants, and in March 2007 Mayor Fran Kilgariff hosted the first official Mayoral Reception to welcome those who have been living here for up to two years.



The Welcome Reception was held in the Civic Centre Function Room on Todd Street and was attended by various multi-cultural migrants living in Alice Springs. It was also an opportunity for the invitees to meet local politicians and the Mayor and Aldermen from Alice Springs Town Council.

Mayor Kilgariff was excited to be able to host and welcome those who have made such long journeys from their home lands, to settle in Central Australian and call Alice Springs their home.

There was also a large amount of important information at the Welcome Reception, from New Resident Kits to information on banking, home loans and the first home buyers grant.

The idea to hold the event was one that came from Council Alderman Marguerite Baptiste-Rooke, who herself migrated to Australia from the Seychelles Islands, and is now resides in Alice Springs.

Alderman Baptiste-Rooke realised in 2006 that there were over 200 people in Alice Springs who had migrated from overseas, some of which are highly skilled and work in important areas such as nursing, specialist fields and engineering.

By officially welcoming these people, it was a very special way for Council to acknowledge the fact that they are an integral part of our widely multicultural community.

The Welcome Reception also helped kick off Alice Springs' Harmony Day celebrations for 2007, in addition to the free community Harmony Day event being held at the Civic Centre.

## Harmony Day

Alice Springs' Harmony Day celebrations were held on Sunday 25 March, and the community joined in the celebrations at the Alice Springs Civic Centre Courtyard and Function Room on Todd Street.

The Civic Centre was be abuzz with excitement between 3.30pm – 7pm, with people invited to come and enjoy a range of multicultural stalls and food tastings, and entertainment including multicultural dance, and various musical performances.



Council moved the 2007 Harmony Day celebrations to the Civic Centre Courtyard and Function Room to make full use of this fabulously designed space, and fill it with community, culture and activity.

The 2007 Harmony Day celebrations in Alice Springs were enjoyed by people of all ages, with individual performances from Jacinta Castle, Mei Lai Swan and Drum Atweme, appearances by Yamba and Booka, as well the amazing colours and sounds from various other multicultural performances.

Harmony Day is a time to focus on the values and beliefs that unite us as one. It is a day to celebrate all things that make Alice Springs home to a diverse and culturally rich community. It is also about maintaining respect for each individual, celebrating our differences, acceptance of one another.

### **Cultural Protocols – Bins Project**

As part of the Cultural Protocols Project, Alice Springs Town Council and traditional owners Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) worked together in the Bins in Mall Project. The bins have been installed in the Alice Springs CBD. 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. LAAC look forward to them visiting, seeing their stories and respecting their home.

# 5. ORGANISATION

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

## Our people, our staff

Alice Springs Town Council remains one of the largest employers in Alice Springs, and offers some of the best employment conditions available. Over 60 positions were filled during the 06/07 financial year, and Council has achieved an indigenous employment rate of around 11%.

Alice Springs Town Council is committed to learning and development, and as such organised over 25 training courses for over 200 participants in a variety of areas including computer skills, machinery licenses, cultural awareness, customer service and OH&S procedures.

Council also maintained its Employee Recognition Program in 06/07, and also continued to recognise the efforts and milestones of long term staff.

## In-house Solicitor appointed



Alice Springs Town Council appointed Mr Chris Turner as its first in-house Solicitor, making him the first in-house solicitor to be appointed within any local authority in the Northern Territory.

Mr Turner's appointment was a result of Council recognising that local government is becoming increasingly complex, and it was therefore decided that an in-house solicitor would benefit both Council and the wider community.

Mr Turner brings 25 years of professional experience in private legal practice, and he is also a long-time resident of Alice Springs. As Solicitor within Council, some of Mr Turner's duties will involve advising Council as to governance and compliance issues, drafting local laws, negotiating Council agreements, conducting litigation on behalf of Council and providing general in-house legal advice.

Mr Turner studied law at the University of Adelaide Law School, and graduated in 1977 with honours. He

was then admitted as Barrister and Solicitor to the Supreme Courts of South Australia and the Northern Territory. He moved to Alice Springs in 1979 to establish a new legal practice, and was a founding partner of two commercial law firms within the community.

It is a huge step for Council, and indeed any local government authority in the Territory, to appoint an in-house Solicitor.

## Greenwaste

In September Council announced its decision to operate the green waste business at the Alice Springs Landfill as an internal operation, and as such will no longer be making the mulched green waste available for public sale.

Council assumed ownership of the green waste business, known as "The Fertile Ground Company"



in September 2004 under terms of an agreement with Tangentyere Council. The agreement at the time provided for the Council to operate the business for two years, after which it could review the future of the business.

After the two year period, it became quite obvious that continuing to run the business as it has been would not be a financially viable option for the Alice Springs Town Council.

Although the business made a marked improvement under Council management, it still recorded high net losses over the two year period.

The low level of green waste throughput did not permit productive use of Council equipment and labour, and this has been one of the major problems affecting the viability of the business.

Over the past two years, Council has had to ensure the facility is staffed by two employees to serve

the public who wish to purchase mulched green waste, as well as process the green waste coming in.



Council hoped that by making the business part of our internal operations, it could utilise these employees in other areas when there is no green waste to be processed. The green waste is now processed at the facility and used in the community for municipal landscaping.

## Interplan

Council purchased Interplan Integrated Business Software and has begun set up and use of the system to record and report on Council's achievements. One of the strengths of Interplan lies in its performance measures and reporting. Interplan offers high level executive reporting including enhanced KPI functions, roll-up KPIs, scorecards and dashboards.

The core Interplan product provides a suit of some 80 different reports, covering all levels of the planning and organisational structure. These range from individual business unit, directorate and the whole of the organisation.

This is further complimented by the executive reporting package which provides high level reports including scorecards and dashboards and the ability to tailor make your own reports to suit internal and external reporting environment.

Automating of KPIs involves the use of information already stored in organisational business systems and transforming it into well presented, interpretable and reportable information in Interplan. Automated KPIs enhance the process of monitoring and reporting on Key Performance Indicators across an organisation by increasing frequency of collection, reducing errors and saving time and resources in the calculation and entry of KPIs.



## NT Manager of the Year

Alice Springs Town Council's Works Manager, Mr Tony Cheng, was awarded the Professional Manager of the Year – Public Sector Northern Territory at the 2006 Management Excellence Awards held in Darwin on Saturday, October 14.

The award recognised Tony's outstanding efforts as a senior manager within the Alice Springs Town Council, but for Tony it is also an award he attributes to the stellar efforts of his Depot and Office team.

Tony also said that his growth as a manager since working with the Alice Springs Town Council is largely due to being able to work alongside and learn from experienced managers.

The award, in recognition of the efforts of Tony and his team, is something that the Alice Springs Town Council looks upon with great pride.

## Freedom of Information

The Northern Territory Information Act applies to the Alice Springs Town Council. The Act gives to the general public a right to access information held by Council if it is in the public interest to do so. A person may also apply to access and if necessary correct personal information held by Council.

Under Section 11 of the Act, Council as a public sector organisation must publish a statement about its structure and functions, the kinds of information usually held by it and a description of its procedures for providing access to information and correcting personal information.

## Structure and functions

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

- Public places
- Street lighting
- On and off street parking
- Markets
- Public transport
- Public toilets
- Sanitation and garbage
- Litter and street cleaning
- Animals
- Halls and public buildings
- The Alice Springs Swimming Centre
- The Alice Springs Public Library
- Parks, gardens and reserves
- Roads (with some exceptions)
- Cemeteries

## Kinds of Information

Broadly speaking, the Alice Springs Town Council holds information falling into the following categories:

- (a) information relating the discharge of its functions;
- (b) information related to inquiries and investigations into complaints against members of the public and Council employees;

- (c) information related to the management of Council including personnel, occupational health and safety, contracts, legal advice, financial records and information about asset management; and
- (d) information related to rates including the information in the rate book kept by Council pursuant to sections 59 and 60 of the Local Government Act.

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

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

The following documents may also be inspected at Council's office or accessed at its website at [www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au):

- The previous 6 annual financial statements and annual reports
- Business Plan 2005 – 2008
- Strategic Plan 2001
- Strategic Plan 2004 – 2009

Any owner, occupier of mortgagee of land within the municipality of Alice Springs (or a person authorised in writing by any of them), any purchaser or person who proposes to purchase the land or any prospective mortgagee may apply to Council for a certificate under section 223 of the Local Government Act.

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

Council charges a fee of \$66 for this certificate.

### **Accessing Council information**

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

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

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

Commissioner.

### **Accessing and correcting personal information**

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

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

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

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

# Financial snapshot 2006 - 2007

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Operating Income and Operating Expenditure

The detailed audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007 follow this report.

During the 2006/2007 financial year Council maintained its delivery of core services to the community at a high level. Those services include road and footpath maintenance, animal registration and control, waste management collection, landfill management, public cemeteries and toilets and the provision and maintenance of sporting and recreation facilities.

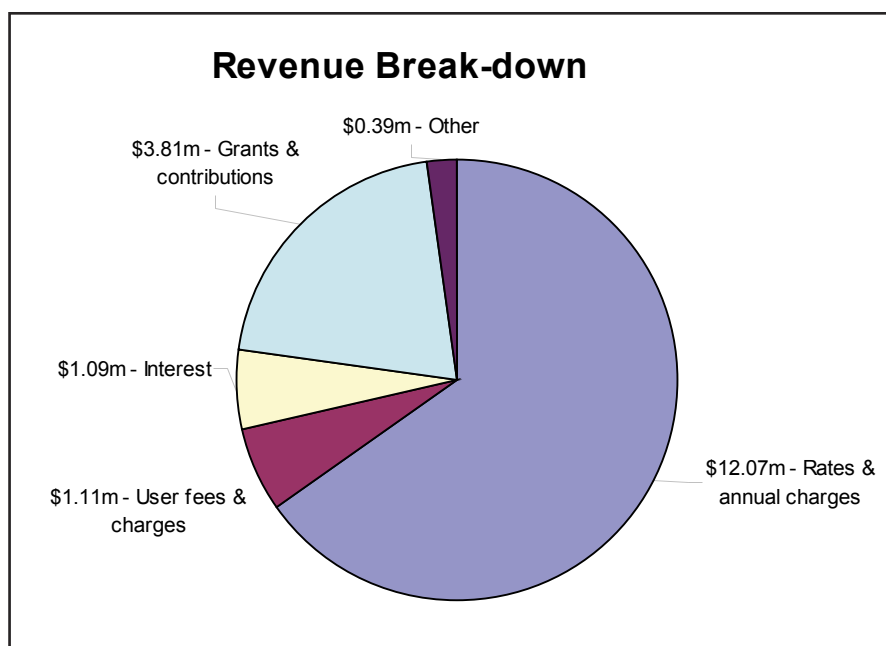
Revenue for 2006/2007 was raised from rates and annual charges, fees and charges, interest, grants and other revenue. Rates and annual charges increased by 6.2% from \$11.36m to \$12.07m. Grants and contributions decreased from \$13.37m in 2006/2007 to \$3.81m in 2006/2007 reflecting the receipt of \$8.10m in the 2005/2006 period for the provision of a heated pool and other improvements to the aquatic centre. These funds are being held and are accruing interest pending finalisation of the design in consultation with professionals and key stakeholders.

Expenses have increased by 11% from \$18.54m to \$20.58m mainly as a result of increases in salary and wage expenditure and additional materials and contracts provided for council projects.

### Summary of the Operating Income and Operating Expenses

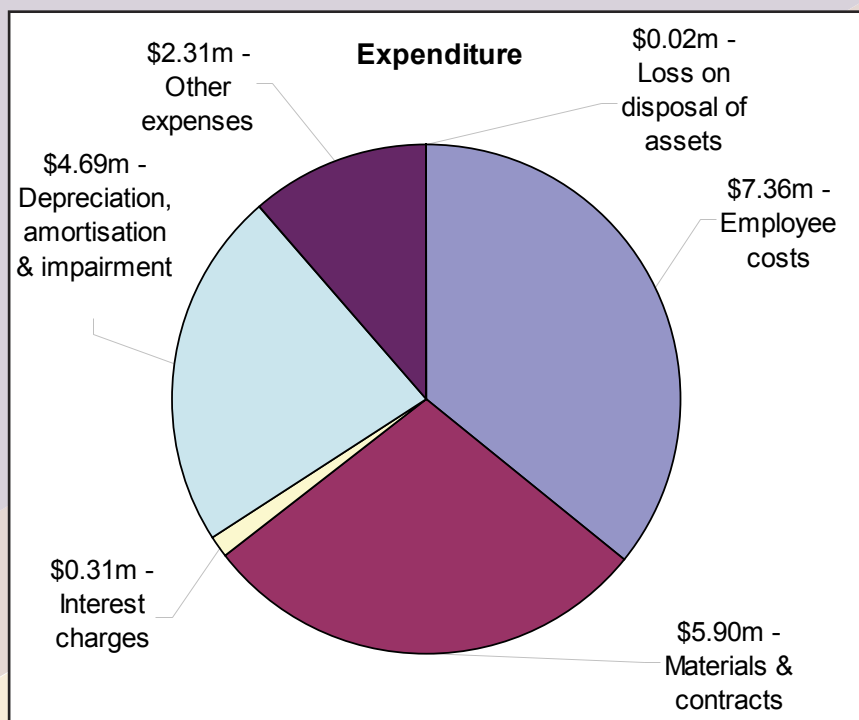
#### OPERATING INCOME

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Rates and annual charges	\$11.00m	\$11.36m	\$12.07m
Users fees and charges	\$0.98m	\$1.12m	\$1.11m
Interest	\$0.59m	\$0.63m	\$1.10m
Grants and contributions	\$4.02m	\$13.37m	\$3.81m
Other revenues	\$0.41m	\$0.42m	\$0.39m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17.01m</b>	<b>\$26.91m</b>	<b>\$18.47m</b>





<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
Employee costs	\$6.30m	\$6.81m	\$7.36m
Materials & contracts	\$4.53m	\$4.97m	\$5.90m
Interest charges	\$0.00m	\$0.32m	\$0.31m
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	\$3.94m	\$4.05m	\$4.69m
Other expenses	\$3.07m	\$2.22m	\$2.31m
Loss on disposal of assets	\$0.00m	\$0.17m	\$0.02m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17.84m</b>	<b>\$18.54m</b>	<b>\$20.58m</b>



## Assets and Liabilities

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
Cash Assets	\$9.41m	\$15.68m	\$14.48m
Receivables	\$1.62m	\$1.02m	\$1.36m
Inventories	\$0.13m	\$0.11m	\$0.09m
Other	-	\$0.05m	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.16m</b>	<b>\$16.85m</b>	<b>\$15.93m</b>

<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
Deferred Rates	\$0.06m	\$0.06m	\$0.06m
Work in Progress	\$4.03m	\$1.09m	\$0.56m
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$155.58m	\$162.35m	\$176.30m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$159.67m</b>	<b>\$163.50m</b>	<b>\$176.92m</b>

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
Payables	\$1.06m	\$2.32m	\$1.38m
Borrowings	\$0.21m	\$0.23m	\$0.23m
Provisions	\$0.94m	\$1.02m	\$1.23m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.21m</b>	<b>\$3.57m</b>	<b>\$2.85m</b>

<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
Borrowings	\$4.68m	\$4.46m	\$4.26m
Provisions	\$0.15m	\$0.16m	\$2.15m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.83m</b>	<b>\$4.62m</b>	<b>\$6.41m</b>


The most significant change in the Balance Sheet items is the increase in long term provisions from \$0.16m to \$2.15m due to the inclusion of \$2m for the restoration of the Landfill Site at the end of its useful life as a waste management facility. While the site has a remaining life of approximately 15-20 years it is necessary to recognise the cost that will be required to meet statutory and environmental requirements over the life of the facility.

Council's financial position at the end of the year shows that it is in a reasonable financial position and that it has carried out its core functions as required and provided additional planned expenditure to enhance the quality of life within the community of Alice Springs. Where Council has an obligation to carry out specific work as a condition of grant funding and that work has not yet been completed provision has been made to ensure that funds are carried forward into the next financial.

Council continues to set aside reserve funds to meet future requirements and these are specifically set out in the detailed financial statements. Not all long term obligations, such as depreciation, are cash funded as Council does not have the cash resources to do so at this time but, where possible, cash provisions have been increased out of cash held at the end of the financial year.

# **Financial Statements 2006 - 2007**

## **Alice Springs Town Council**



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# Alice Springs Town Council

## **General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT**

I, Rex Roger Mooney, the Chief Executive Officer of the Alice Springs Town Council, hereby certify that the General Purpose Financial Reports:

- (a) have been drawn up in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Accounting Code, 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 the Council.

  
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Rex Roger Mooney  
Chief Executive Officer

Date

20<sup>th</sup> September 2007

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Alice Springs Town Council (the "Council"), which comprises the balance sheet and statement of working capital as at 30 June 2007, operating statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, Chief Executive Officer's certificate and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

#### *The Responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report*

The Chief Executive Officer of the Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Local Government Act 1993, (the "Act"), the Local Government Accounting Code and Local Government (Accounting) Regulations. The responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit and whether the Council has complied with the requirements of the Act in relation to the keeping of accounting records. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

We performed procedures to form an opinion whether, in all material respects:

- a) the prescribed accounting records, accounting manual and registers required to be maintained by the Council have been maintained;
- 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL (...continued)

#### *Inherent Limitations of Compliance Procedures*

Because of the inherent limitations of any compliance procedure, it is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance with the Act may occur and not be detected. An audit is not designed to detect all weaknesses in the Council's compliance with the Act as an audit is not performed continuously throughout the period and the tests are performed on a sample basis. Any projection of the evaluation of compliance with the Act to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures, may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

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

#### *Auditor's Independence Declaration*

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

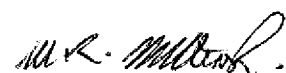
#### *Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion, in all material respects:

- a) the prescribed accounting records, accounting manual and registers required to be kept by the council have been maintained;
- 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 as at 30 June 2007 and the results for the year then ended;
- 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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W R McAinsh  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants

Alice Springs, 21 / 09 / 2007.

## Alice Springs Town Council

### General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2007

#### INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Rates & Annual Charges	3(a)	12,071,754	11,364,919
User Charges & Fees	3(b)	1,105,744	1,124,708
Interest	3(c)	1,092,882	626,471
Grants & Contributions	3(d&e)	3,808,800	13,367,319
Other Revenues	3(f)	388,268	422,588
<b>Revenues from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>18,467,448</b>	<b>26,906,005</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Costs	4(a)	7,362,737	6,811,469
Materials & Contracts	4(b)	5,901,150	4,974,707
Interest Charges	4(c)	308,260	322,606
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4(d)	4,686,975	4,044,785
Other Expenses	4(e)	2,307,935	2,217,463
Loss on Disposal of Assets	5	16,047	169,966
<b>Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>20,583,104</b>	<b>18,540,996</b>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the Year</b>		<b>( 2,115,656)</b>	<b>8,365,009</b>

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



# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Reports as at 30th June 2007

### BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash Assets	6	14,476,648	15,683,120
Receivables	7	1,358,138	1,013,186
Inventories	8(a)	94,933	105,141
Other	8(b)	-	46,608
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>15,929,719</u>	<u>16,848,055</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Deferred Rates		60,514	62,996
Work in Progress	8(c)	554,673	1,089,666
Property, Plant & Equipment	9	176,299,893	162,345,751
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>176,915,080</u>	<u>163,498,413</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>192,844,799</u>	<u>180,346,468</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	10(a)	1,381,024	2,324,196
Borrowings	10(b)	234,532	221,000
Provisions	10(c)	1,232,923	1,023,100
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>2,848,479</u>	<u>3,568,296</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings	10(d)	4,263,065	4,455,043
Provisions	10(e)	2,151,806	160,874
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<u>6,414,871</u>	<u>4,615,917</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>9,263,350</u>	<u>8,184,213</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>183,581,449</u>	<u>172,162,255</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		10,223,290	11,451,096
Asset Revaluation Reserve		159,945,972	146,427,381
Other Reserves		13,412,187	14,283,778
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>183,581,449</u>	<u>172,162,255</u>

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

## Alice Springs Town Council

### General Purpose Financial Reports as at 30th June 2007

#### STATEMENT OF WORKING CAPITAL

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash Assets		14,476,648	15,683,120
Receivables		1,358,138	1,013,186
Inventories		94,933	105,141
Other		-	46,608
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>15,929,719</u>	<u>16,848,055</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables		1,381,024	2,324,196
Borrowings		234,532	221,000
Provisions		1,232,923	1,023,100
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>2,848,479</u>	<u>3,568,296</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>13,081,240</u>	<u>13,279,759</u>
<b>Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)</b>	13	<u>5.59:1</u>	<u>4.72:1</u>

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

# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2007

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	11,451,096	7,737,839
Net Result for the Reporting Period	( 2,115,656)	8,365,009
Transfers from Asset Revaluation Reserve	16,259	-
Transfers to Other Reserves	( 4,843,627)	( 13,435,752)
Transfers from Other Reserves	5,715,218	8,784,000
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>10,223,290</b>	<b>11,451,096</b>
<b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	146,427,381	146,427,381
Gain on Revaluation of Property, Plant & Equipment	13,534,850	-
Derecognition of Assets Sold	( 16,259)	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>159,945,972</b>	<b>146,427,381</b>
<b>OTHER RESERVES</b>		
<b>ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	95,000	7,370,000
Transfers from Asset Replacement Reserve	( 65,000)	( 7,275,000)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>95,000</b>
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	250,000	250,000
Transfers to Waste Management Reserve	370,000	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>620,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>
<b>SPORTS FACILITY RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	524,430	524,430
Transfers from Sports Facility Reserve	( 236,466)	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>287,964</b>	<b>524,430</b>
<b>DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	50,596	254,596
Transfers to Developer Contributions Reserve	37,702	42,000
Transfers from Developer Contributions Reserve	-	( 246,000)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>88,298</b>	<b>50,596</b>

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

# Alice Springs Town Council

## **General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Cont'd)**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>UNEXPENDED FUNDS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	5,263,752	1,195,000
Transfers to Unexpended Funds Reserve	2,988,415	5,263,752
Transfers from Unexpended Funds Reserve	( 5,263,752)	( 1,195,000)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>2,988,415</b>	<b>5,263,752</b>
<b>AQUATIC CENTRE RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	8,100,000	38,000
Transfers to Aquatic Centre Reserve	516,973	8,130,000
Transfers from Aquatic Centre Reserve	( 100,000)	( 68,000)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>8,516,973</b>	<b>8,100,000</b>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Infrastructure Reserve	631,875	-
Transfers from Infrastructure Reserve	( 50,000)	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>581,875</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Employee Entitlements Reserve	298,662	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>298,662</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>13,412,187</b>	<b>14,283,778</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>183,581,449</b>	<b>172,162,255</b>

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



# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2007

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Rates & Annual Charges		12,369,976	11,307,141
User Charges & Fees		1,299,736	1,632,594
Interest		1,092,882	840,257
Grants & Contributions		3,585,252	14,949,039
Other Revenues		155,156	427,110
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Employee Costs		( 5,150,308)	( 6,835,484)
Materials & Contracts		( 7,163,639)	( 3,071,212)
Interest Charges		( 308,260)	( 530,606)
Other Expenses		( 2,321,500)	( 4,201,841)
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities</b>	11(b)	<u>3,559,295</u>	<u>14,516,998</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment	5	69,175	69,728
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		( 5,191,485)	( 11,048,000)
Work in Progress		534,989	2,940,505
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Investing Activities</b>		<u>( 4,587,321)</u>	<u>( 8,037,767)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Repayments of Borrowings & Advances		( 178,446)	( 208,000)
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities</b>		<u>( 178,446)</u>	<u>( 208,000)</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		<u>( 1,206,472)</u>	<u>6,271,231</u>
Cash at Beginning of the Reporting Period		15,683,120	9,411,889
<b>Cash at End of the Reporting Period</b>	11(a)	<u><u>14,476,648</u></u>	<u><u>15,683,120</u></u>

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

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **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**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative 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.

##### **1.3 Historical Cost Convention**

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

##### **1.4 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 Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

#### **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 on Todd Street, 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.

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

#### **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 occurs first.

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 Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 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.

#### **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.

#### **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 purposed or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use".

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

#### **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. Capitalisation thresholds applied during the year under review are as follows:

Land - Council owned and controlled	All Land Capitalised
Land Improvements	Capitalised if value > \$2,000
Buildings	Capitalised if value > \$2,000
Furniture & Office Equipment	Capitalised if value > \$2,000
Plant & Equipment	Capitalised if value > \$2,000
Infrastructure:	
- Sealed Roads	Capitalised if value > \$2,000
- Unsealed Roads	Capitalised if value > \$2,000
- Stormwater Drainage	Capitalised if value > \$2,000
- Other	Capitalised if value > \$2,000
Art Collection & Heritage	Capitalised if value > \$2,000

#### **6.3 Valuation**

Existing valuations, methods and values are detailed below. Assets brought to account for the first time are valued at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets are revalued every 3 years.

##### **6.3.1 Land - Council owned and Council controlled**

Freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, was valued by the Australian Valuation Office on the basis of fair market value on the 1st July 2006 and is disclosed at fair value.

##### **6.3.2 Buildings / Furniture & Office Equipment / Plant & Equipment / - Sealed Roads / - Unsealed Roads / - Other Infrastructure**

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1st July 2004 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

##### **6.3.3 Stormwater Drains**

Stormwater Drains have not been revalued and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at cost.

##### **6.3.4 Art Collection & Heritage**

The Art Collection was valued by Mr William Mora, an independent valuer, on 1st July 2004 and pursuant to Council's election is disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.



# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

#### **6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

Other than Land and Art Collection & Heritage, 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 as follows:

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Major Depreciation Periods</b>
Land Improvements	10 - 25 years
Buildings	20 - 50 years
Furniture & Office Equipment	10 - 20 years
Plant & Equipment	5 - 20 years
Infrastructure:	
- Sealed Roads	40 - 50 years
- Unsealed Roads	10 - 25 years
- Stormwater Drainage	50 - 100 years
- Other	10 - 25 years

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 asset's 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.

#### **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.

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

#### **8 Borrowings**

Borrowings are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities to the extent that they are payable within 12 months and as non-current liabilities where Council has the right to defer payment beyond 12 months from the reporting date.

#### **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 the reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based on-costs) measured in accordance with *AASB119 Employee Benefits*.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based 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	11.78%
Weighted average settlement period	2.14 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. Whilst the Scheme has two different types of membership, each of which is funded differently, the Council only pays into members under the following scheme.

##### **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 2006/07; 9% in 2005/06). 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.

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

#### **10 GST Implications**

In accordance with *UIG Abstract 1031 Accounting for 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 Cash Flow Statement are disclosed on a gross basis.

#### **11 Reclassification**

Amounts have been reclassified from the previous reporting period including those shown below. This was done to correctly classify these items in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards. Comparisons from the previous reporting period have also been reclassified to ensure comparability between the two years.

##### **11.1 Materials & Contracts**

The following expenses have been reclassified to Materials & Contracts:

Audit Fees	Network Communication
Books	Non-book Resources
Computer Consumables	Office Equipment
Consulting Fees	On-line Resources
Contract Material and Labour	Other Equipment
Equipment Hire	Printing
Food (Catering)	Project Officers
Fuel and Oil	Promotional / Education
Internet Service Provider	Publications
IT Equipment	Security
Journals / Periodicals	Software Development and Fees
Licence Fees	Software Licence and Maintenance Fees
Materials	Stationery
Membership or Subscription	

##### **11.2 Employee Costs**

The following expenses have been reclassified to Employee Costs:

Training  
Conference Fees  
Study Support - Course Fees  
Travel & Accommodation Expenses - (where this relates to staff travel)

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

#### **11.3 Functions**

The functions previously named "Administration" and "Welfare" have been renamed to "General Public Services" and "Social Protection" respectively.

The following activities have been moved between functions of Council detailed under Note 2:

#### **Moved from Housing & Community Services to General Public Services**

Community Partnerships and Grants  
Community Development

#### **Moved from Housing & Community Services to Environmental Protection**

Waste Management  
Other Waste Management Services  
Litter Control  
Open Drains  
Street Cleaning

#### **Moved from Housing & Community Services to Recreation & Culture**

Youth and Family Activities

#### **Moved from Housing & Community Services to Economic Affairs - Transport**

Underground Drains

#### **12 New Accounting Standards**

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 2007 reporting period.

*UIG 4 Determining whether an Asset contains a Lease*

*UIG 5 Rights to Interest 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*

*AASB 2005-10 Amendments to AASB 132, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 117, AASB 133, AASB139,*

*AASB 1, AASB 4, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038*

*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.



**Alice Springs Town Council**

**Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30th June 2007**

**Note 2 (a) - FUNCTIONS**

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES - DETAILS OF THESE FUNCTIONS ARE SET OUT IN NOTE 2(b)															
	GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES			Public Order & Safety			Social Protection			Environmental Protection			Housing & Community Amenities		
	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$
Rates & Annual Charges	12,112,567	12,071,754	11,364,919	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
User Charges & Fees	26,200	20,199	16,923	74,330	68,871	96,828	-	-	-	803,540	902,987	853,011	80,000	62,402	76,579
Interest	122,000	1,092,682	626,471	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - NT Recurrent	1,816,641	1,804,362	1,872,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	100,422	-	-	-
Grants - NT Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Commonwealth Recurrent	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135,182	-	18,182	45,455
Grants - Commonwealth Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions & Donations	-	37,702	48,196	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,246	-	48,408	-	-	-
Other Revenues	129,400	208,730	205,120	5,700	9,702	4,519	-	-	-	132,495	96,671	140,599	-	16,493	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>14,231,808</b>	<b>15,335,629</b>	<b>14,158,654</b>	<b>80,030</b>	<b>78,573</b>	<b>101,347</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>964,281</b>	<b>1,074,658</b>	<b>1,278,622</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>97,077</b>	<b>122,034</b>
Employee Costs	3,415,347	3,616,795	3,350,664	366,039	344,170	321,989	-	-	-	28,080	18,359	21,432	2,487,861	2,517,367	2,408,523
Materials & Contracts	2,139,034	2,273,702	275,040	118,100	129,488	124,799	15,200	10,756	4,318	2,132,957	1,978,515	1,752,112	317,860	(185,118)	141,012
Interest Charges	530,940	308,260	322,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4,250,000	4,686,975	4,044,785	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	902,806	1,117,757	954,154	7,450	3,175	4,498	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	16,047	169,966	-	-	-	4,800	1,601	4,065	16,550	30,738	25,048	407,445	441,436	398,669
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>11,238,127</b>	<b>12,019,536</b>	<b>9,117,215</b>	<b>491,589</b>	<b>476,833</b>	<b>451,286</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>12,357</b>	<b>8,383</b>	<b>2,177,587</b>	<b>2,195,548</b>	<b>1,798,593</b>	<b>3,213,166</b>	<b>2,773,685</b>	<b>2,946,204</b>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>2,993,681</b>	<b>3,316,093</b>	<b>5,041,439</b>	<b>(411,559)</b>	<b>(398,260)</b>	<b>(349,939)</b>	<b>(20,000)</b>	<b>(12,357)</b>	<b>(8,383)</b>	<b>(1,213,306)</b>	<b>(1,120,890)</b>	<b>(519,971)</b>	<b>(3,133,166)</b>	<b>(2,676,608)</b>	<b>(2,826,170)</b>
Assets	-	32,643,680	31,123,465	-	717,278	783,056	-	4,857,466	4,525,562	-	-	-	-	42,088,710	41,305,775
	Recreation & Culture			Economic Affairs - Transport			Other Economic Affairs			Education			Total		
	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2007 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$
Rates & Annual Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,112,567	12,071,754	11,364,919
User Charges & Fees	72,400	38,445	44,365	21,000	9,537	35,009	2,000	3,303	1,993	-	-	-	1,079,470	1,105,744	1,124,708
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122,000	1,092,682	626,471
Grants - NT Recurrent	529,819	558,861	557,668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,346,460	2,538,223	2,530,115
Grants - NT Capital	-	111,730	6,620,333	-	300,000	440,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	429,912	9,105,788
Grants - Commonwealth Recurrent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Commonwealth Capital	-	-	-	287,679	58,918	765,438	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	160,182
Contributions & Donations	54,000	55,739	45,754	600,000	688,306	662,438	-	-	-	-	-	-	287,679	58,918	765,438
Other Revenues	30,100	30	33,714	40,000	55,378	38,618	100	1,264	18	-	-	-	682,246	781,747	805,796
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>686,319</b>	<b>764,805</b>	<b>9,301,834</b>	<b>948,679</b>	<b>1,112,139</b>	<b>1,941,503</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>4,567</b>	<b>2,011</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,993,217</b>	<b>18,467,448</b>	<b>26,906,005</b>
Employee Costs	695,515	764,467	691,434	35,491	92,629	8,725	11,500	8,950	8,702	-	-	-	7,039,833	7,362,737	6,811,469
Materials & Contracts	1,818,600	617,719	1,152,178	3,202,213	1,064,100	1,458,519	59,000	11,988	66,729	-	-	-	9,802,964	5,901,150	4,974,707
Interest Charges	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	550,940	308,260	322,606
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,250,000	4,686,975	4,044,785
Other Expenses	692,870	674,625	791,025	27,100	29,417	31,062	38,000	9,266	8,941	1,000	-	-	2,098,021	2,307,935	2,217,463
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,047	169,966
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,226,985</b>	<b>2,056,711</b>	<b>2,634,637</b>	<b>3,264,804</b>	<b>1,186,146</b>	<b>1,498,306</b>	<b>108,500</b>	<b>30,224</b>	<b>84,372</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,741,758</b>	<b>20,583,104</b>	<b>18,540,996</b>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>(2,540,666)</b>	<b>(1,291,906)</b>	<b>6,667,197</b>	<b>(2,316,125)</b>	<b>(74,007)</b>	<b>443,197</b>	<b>(106,400)</b>	<b>(25,657)</b>	<b>(82,361)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,748,541)</b>	<b>(2,115,656)</b>	<b>8,365,009</b>
Assets	-	39,699,898	29,427,585	-	72,820,155	73,181,025	-	17,612	-	-	-	-	-	192,644,799	180,346,468

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

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007**

### **Note 2 (b) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS**

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

#### **General Public Services**

Administrative, Legislative and Executive Affairs, Financial and Fiscal Affairs, General Governance, Community Partnerships and Grants, Community Development.

#### **Public Order & Safety**

Animal Control and Impounding, Control of Public Places, Enforcement of By-Laws.

#### **Health**

Council does not administer any health issues.

#### **Social Protection**

Child Care Centres, Senior Citizen Activities and Facilities, Disabled Services.

#### **Environmental Protection**

Waste Management, Other Waste Management Services, Litter Control, Open Drains, Street Cleaning, Solar Cities.

#### **Housing & Community Amenities**

Public Cemeteries, Public Conveniences, Street Lighting.

#### **Recreation & Culture**

Facilities and Venues, Recreation Parks and Reserves, Cultural Services, Public Library, Community Event Grants and Support, Youth and Family Activities, Art Collection.

#### **Economic Affairs - Transport**

Roads and Streets, Footpaths, Parking Areas, Bus Facilities and Services, Underground Drains.

#### **Other Economic Affairs**

General Economic, Promotional and Tourism Affairs.

#### **Education**

Charles Darwin University Sponsorships.

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

#### Note 3 - OPERATING REVENUES

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>a) Rates &amp; Annual Charges</b>		
<b><u>Ordinary Rates</u></b>		
Residential	6,446,025	6,138,442
Farmland	284,463	264,323
Business	3,974,257	3,699,084
	<u>10,704,745</u>	<u>10,101,849</u>
<b><u>Special Rates</u> (pursuant to LGA s 73)</b>		
CBD	-	-
Todd Mall Promotional	-	18,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,000</u>
<b><u>Annual Charges</u> (pursuant to LGA ss 74(1) &amp; 76)</b>		
Waste Management Services	1,367,009	1,245,070
	<u>1,367,009</u>	<u>1,245,070</u>
<b>Total Rates &amp; Annual Charges</b>	<u>12,071,754</u>	<u>11,364,919</u>
<b>b) User Charges &amp; Fees</b>		
<b><u>Charges</u></b>		
Hire of Council Equipment	17,611	20,076
Cemetery Charges	53,243	76,579
Rental Charges	37,340	27,792
Weighbridge Charges	902,987	851,870
Other	17,064	17,385
	<u>1,028,245</u>	<u>993,702</u>
<b><u>Fees</u></b>		
Regulatory / Statutory Fees	77,499	131,006
	<u>77,499</u>	<u>131,006</u>
<b>Total User Charges &amp; Fees</b>	<u>1,105,744</u>	<u>1,124,708</u>
<b>c) Interest</b>		
Interest on Overdue Rates & Charges	127,689	99,811
Interest on Investments	965,193	526,660
<b>Total Interest</b>	<u>1,092,882</u>	<u>626,471</u>

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## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

### Note 3 - OPERATING REVENUES (Cont'd)

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>d) Grants</b>		
<b>NT Operating Grants</b>		
<b><u>General Purpose</u></b>		
FAG	989,959	993,952
Roads	764,219	735,363
<b><u>Specific Purpose</u></b>		
Sports & Recreation Office - Facility Development	50,000	50,000
Sports & Recreation Office - Local Governing Bodies	-	25,849
Library Operational	508,861	479,819
Pensioner Subsidies	150,184	142,710
Office of Youth Affairs - National Youth Week	-	2,000
DBERD - Solar Cities Business Case	-	25,000
Dept Environment & Heritage - Solar Cities Business Case	-	50,000
DPIFM - Solar Cities Business Case	-	35,000
ANZSES - Solar Cities Business Case	-	2,000
PAWA - Solar Cities Business Case	-	18,182
NRETA - Solar Cities Business Case	-	5,000
DPIFM - Solar Cities	75,000	-
DIPE - Todd River Rechannelling	-	100,422
	<u>2,538,223</u>	<u>2,665,297</u>
<b>Commonwealth Operating Grants</b>		
Volunteering Australia - Volunteer Resource Centre	-	25,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>NT Capital Grants</b>		
Tourism NT - Hartley Street Exeloo	-	45,455
Tourism NT - Toilets	18,182	-
Dept Chief Minister - Todd Mall Moving Alice Ahead	300,000	-
DIPE - Park Development	100,000	-
DLGHS - Traeger Park Grandstand Fencing	11,730	-
NT Government - Aquatic Centre	-	8,100,000
Sports & Recreation Office - Turf Wicket	-	20,333
DLGHS - Ross Park Lights & Clubrooms	-	500,000
DIPE - Local Area Traffic Management	-	140,000
DIPE - Leichhardt Terrace Park Upgrade	-	300,000
	<u>429,912</u>	<u>9,105,788</u>



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## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

### Note 3 - OPERATING REVENUES (Cont'd)

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>		
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	58,918	765,438
	<u>58,918</u>	<u>765,438</u>
<b>Total Grants</b>	<u>3,027,053</u>	<u>12,561,523</u>

### **Unexpended Grant Funds**

The following Grants have conditions over them and these have not been fully acquitted at the end of the reporting period:

### **NT Operating Grants**

#### Specific Purpose

Library Development	-	9,325
Oral Histories Project	2,002	2,002
DPIFM - Solar Cities	75,000	-
DIPE - Todd River Rechannelling	83,434	176,366
Dept Natural Resources - Total Organic Recycling Project	-	20,908
	<u>160,436</u>	<u>208,601</u>

### **NT Capital Grants**

Tourism NT - Hartley Street Exeloo	-	40,273
Dept Chief Minister - Todd Mall Moving Alice Ahead	300,000	-
DIPE - Park Development	100,000	-
DLGHS - Traeger Park Grandstand Fencing	11,730	-
NT Government - Aquatic Centre	8,529,657	8,100,000
Sports & Recreation Office - Turf Wicket	-	20,333
DLGHS - Ross Park Lights & Clubrooms	491,056	500,000
DIPE - Local Area Traffic Management	-	140,000
DIPE - Todd River Walk	327,303	457,432
DIPE - Leichardt Terrace Park Upgrade	300,000	300,000
	<u>10,059,746</u>	<u>9,558,038</u>

### **Commonwealth Capital Grants**

DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	-	246,029
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery - Additional	272,875	315,000
	<u>272,875</u>	<u>561,029</u>
<b>Total Unexpended Grant Funds</b>	<u>10,493,057</u>	<u>10,327,668</u>

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

#### Note 3 - OPERATING REVENUES (Cont'd)

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>e) Contributions</b>		
ASBUS - From NT Government	688,306	662,438
Developer Contributions	37,702	48,196
Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies	55,739	44,754
Other	-	50,408
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<u>781,747</u>	<u>805,796</u>
<b>f) Other Revenues</b>		
Fines	64,339	42,701
Insurance Claims	84,580	2,908
Legal Fees Recovery (Rates)	42,276	21,299
Sales - Mulch	32,425	120,013
Sales of Other Equipment (Not Assets)	4,043	1,149
Other	160,605	234,518
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<u>388,268</u>	<u>422,588</u>

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

#### Note 4 - OPERATING EXPENSES

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>a) Employee Costs</b>		
Salaries & Wages	6,220,468	5,837,276
Travelling	38,406	58,431
Employee Leave Entitlements	267,897	70,519
Superannuation	580,866	576,539
Workers Compensation Insurance	140,566	141,000
FBT	43,320	67,859
Training	63,748	55,607
Other	7,466	4,238
<b>Total Employee Costs</b>	<b>7,362,737</b>	<b>6,811,469</b>
<b>Number of Full Time Equivalent Employees at 30th June</b>	<b>113.56</b>	<b>121.00</b>
<b>b) Materials &amp; Contracts</b>		
Audit Fees	19,110	14,650
Books & Non-Book Resources	33,576	36,811
Computer Consumables	7,446	8,403
Consulting Fees	163,322	124,660
Contract Material and Labour	4,221,200	2,794,809
Equipment Hire	7,072	10,271
Food (Catering)	27,944	23,060
Fuel and Oil	207,274	221,626
Internet Service Provider	24,192	32,052
IT Equipment	112,646	129,586
Journals / Periodicals	12,882	12,819
Licence Fees	3,240	8,642
Materials	568,688	574,969
Membership & Subscriptions	40,835	43,940
Network Communication	1,449	1,803
Office Equipment	9,281	10,457
On-line Resources	894	3,416
Other Equipment	221,271	672,717
Printing	23,902	29,832
Promotional / Education	1,719	2,647
Security	33,766	37,684
Software Development and Fees	-	64,775
Software Licence and Maintenance Fees	136,787	88,598
Stationery	22,654	26,480
<b>Total Materials &amp; Contracts</b>	<b>5,901,150</b>	<b>4,974,707</b>
<b>c) Interest Charges</b>		
Interest Expenses - Bank Loan	308,260	322,606
<b>Total Interest Charges</b>	<b>308,260</b>	<b>322,606</b>

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## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

### Note 4 - OPERATING EXPENSES (Cont'd)

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>d) Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</b>		
Land Improvements	904,692	851,682
Buildings	830,513	497,788
Furniture & Office Equipment	107,604	30,103
Plant & Equipment	481,611	432,744
Infrastructure:		
- Sealed Roads	1,470,212	1,466,612
- Unsealed Roads	35,890	35,890
- Stormwater Drainage	363,211	363,168
- Other	493,242	366,798
<b>Total Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</b>	<u>4,686,975</u>	<u>4,044,785</u>
<b>e) Other Expenses</b>		
Advertising	110,393	120,843
Aldermen Allowances	158,135	147,880
Elected Members - Training Course Fees	4,645	9,512
Elected Members - Travel & Accommodation	8,318	9,628
Elected Member Other Expenses	237	303
Bad & Doubtful Debts	99,872	6,571
Bank Fees	72	234
Cashier Overs/Unders	65	-
Donations & Contributions to Local & Regional Bodies	167,704	263,499
Freight	9,900	10,017
Depot Damage Control	46,162	-
Donations of Mulch	-	2,440
Street Lighting	333,445	329,742
Electricity and Gas	258,065	145,983
Insurance	214,099	210,482
Legal Fees	18,898	23,262
Merchant Transaction Fees	51,530	48,362
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,754	322
Telephone	58,418	52,603
Pensioner Concessions	171,906	164,883
Postage	17,196	15,854
Rates - Early Bird draw	8,645	8,308
Rates Written off / Wavered	3,615	482
Small Balances Write-off	3,242	( 1,513)
Unexpended Funds Returned	20,908	-
Vehicle Registration	38,594	78,646
Water & Sewerage Charges	502,117	514,977
Other	-	54,143
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u>2,307,935</u>	<u>2,217,463</u>

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

#### Note 5 - GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Plant & Equipment		
Proceeds from disposal	69,175	69,728
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	85,222	239,694
Total Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Plant & Equipment	<u>( 16,047)</u>	<u>( 169,966)</u>
Total Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Assets	<u>( 16,047)</u>	<u>( 169,966)</u>



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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

#### Note 6 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	861,230	1,207,393
Deposits at Call	513,329	3,855,394
Short Term Deposits	13,102,089	10,620,333
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<u>14,476,648</u>	<u>15,683,120</u>

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

#### RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

##### External Restrictions

- Included in Liabilities	-	-
- Included in Revenue	1,108,716	9,810,253
- Included in Equity	9,481,032	568,011
<b>Total External Restrictions</b>	<u>10,589,748</u>	<u>10,378,264</u>

##### Internal Restrictions

- Included in Liabilities	3,191,679	2,555,110
- Included in Revenue	-	2,044
- Included in Equity	3,090,407	2,275,430
<b>Total Internal Restrictions</b>	<u>6,282,086</u>	<u>4,832,584</u>
<b>Total Assets Subject to Restrictions</b>	<u>16,871,834</u>	<u>15,210,848</u>
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	( 2,395,186)	472,272
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<u>14,476,648</u>	<u>15,683,120</u>

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007

#### Note 6 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS - DETAIL</b>		
<b>External Restrictions</b>		
<b>Included in Revenue</b>		
Developer Contributions (D)		
- Parking	37,702	48,196
Solar Cities Consortium Funds	8,393	-
Aquatic Centre incl Interest (F)	516,973	8,100,000
Other Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	545,648	1,662,057
<b>Total Included in Revenue</b>	<b>1,108,716</b>	<b>9,810,253</b>
<b>Included in Equity</b>		
Developer Contributions (D)	50,596	2,400
Aquatic Centre (F)	8,000,000	-
Ross Park Lights & Clubrooms (F)	491,056	-
Todd River Rechannelling (F)	83,434	75,944
Todd River Walk (F)	327,303	457,432
Leichhardt Terrace Park Upgrade (F)	300,000	-
Other Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	228,643	32,235
<b>Total Included in Equity</b>	<b>9,481,032</b>	<b>568,011</b>
<b>Total External Restrictions</b>	<b>10,589,748</b>	<b>10,378,264</b>
<b>Internal Restrictions</b>		
<b>Included in Liabilities</b>		
Waste Facility Restoration	2,000,000	-
Net of Liabilities & Debtors	1,191,679	2,555,110
<b>Total Included in Liabilities</b>	<b>3,191,679</b>	<b>2,555,110</b>
<b>Included in Revenue</b>		
Sports Facility	-	2,044
<b>Total Included in Revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,044</b>

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#### Note 6 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>Included in Equity</b>		
Asset Replacement	30,000	95,000
Commitments for Expenditure (excl Tied Amounts)	840,242	1,406,000
Employee Entitlements	298,662	-
Infrastructure	581,875	-
Sports Facility	517,628	524,430
Unexpended Funds	202,000	-
Waste Facility Replacement	620,000	250,000
<b>Total Included in Equity</b>	3,090,407	2,275,430
<b>Total Internal Restrictions</b>	6,282,086	4,832,584

#### **Legend**

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

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#### **Note 7 - RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Rates & Annual Charges	775,380	714,466
User Charges & Fees	581,514	181,662
Accrued Income	22,853	64,271
ATO	87,679	66,609
Other	30,004	31,178
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,497,430</b>	<b>1,058,186</b>
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	139,292	45,000
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>1,358,138</b>	<b>1,013,186</b>

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#### Note 8 - OTHER ASSETS

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
a) Inventories		
Stores & Materials	94,933	105,141
<b>Total Inventories</b>	<u>94,933</u>	<u>105,141</u>
b) Other		
Prepayments	-	46,608
<b>Total Other</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,608</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
c) Work in Progress		
Aquatic Centre	82,047	-
Civic Centre	107,452	947,368
Hartley Street Car Park - Exeloo	244,085	-
Hartley Street Car Park - Drinking Fountain	1,848	-
Playground Equipment	48,423	-
Roads to Recovery	19,748	70,775
Roads to Recovery - Additional	42,125	-
Ross Park Lights & Clubrooms	8,945	-
Swimming Pool Deepening	-	22,918
Todd River Walk	-	48,605
<b>Total Work in Progress</b>	<u>554,673</u>	<u>1,089,666</u>



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### Note 9 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2006			CARRYING AMOUNT OF MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR					2007		
	AT FAIR VALUE	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	ASSET PURCHASES	NET REVALUATION	ASSET DISPOSALS			AT FAIR VALUE	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
						FAIR VALUE	DEPRECIATION ADJUSTMENT	DEPRECIATION			
Land - Council owned and controlled	30,467,600	-	30,467,600	-	13,534,850	-	-	-	44,002,450	-	44,002,450
Land Improvements	13,475,919	( 1,687,099)	11,788,820	2,192,493	-	-	-	( 904,692)	15,668,412	( 2,591,791)	13,076,622
Buildings	22,472,652	( 961,279)	21,511,373	1,695,642	-	-	-	( 830,513)	24,168,294	( 1,791,792)	22,376,502
Furniture & Office Equipment	516,146	( 60,096)	456,050	187,500	-	-	-	( 107,604)	703,646	( 167,700)	535,946
Plant & Equipment	3,660,180	( 738,639)	2,921,541	355,296	-	( 87,990)	2,769	( 481,611)	3,927,486	( 1,217,481)	2,710,005
Infrastructure:											
- Sealed Roads	58,786,174	( 2,928,291)	55,857,883	502,291	-	-	-	( 1,470,212)	59,288,465	( 4,398,503)	54,889,963
- Unsealed Roads	356,850	( 71,779)	285,071	-	-	-	-	( 35,890)	356,850	( 107,669)	249,181
- Stormwater Drainage	34,501,000	( 726,337)	33,774,663	17,655	-	-	-	( 363,211)	34,518,655	( 1,089,548)	33,429,107
- Other	3,993,235	( 712,100)	3,281,135	240,608	-	-	-	( 493,242)	4,233,843	( 1,205,342)	3,028,502
Art Collection & Heritage	2,001,615	-	2,001,615	-	-	-	-	-	2,001,615	-	2,001,615
<b>Totals</b>	<b>170,231,371</b>	<b>( 7,885,620)</b>	<b>162,345,751</b>	<b>5,191,485</b>	<b>13,534,850</b>	<b>( 87,990)</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>( 4,686,975)</b>	<b>188,869,716</b>	<b>( 12,569,626)</b>	<b>176,299,893</b>

	2005			CARRYING AMOUNT OF MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR					2006		
	AT FAIR VALUE	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	ASSET PURCHASES	NET REVALUATION	ASSET DISPOSALS			AT FAIR VALUE	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
						FAIR VALUE	DEPRECIATION ADJUSTMENT	DEPRECIATION			
Land - Council owned and controlled	30,467,600	-	30,467,600	-	-	-	-	-	30,467,600	-	30,467,600
Land Improvements	12,843,589	( 837,417)	12,006,172	654,446	-	( 22,115)	2,000	( 851,682)	13,475,919	( 1,687,099)	11,788,820
Buildings	13,474,653	( 466,491)	13,008,162	9,061,263	-	( 63,264)	3,000	( 497,788)	22,472,652	( 961,279)	21,511,373
Furniture & Office Equipment	228,556	( 30,993)	197,563	288,590	-	( 1,000)	1,000	( 30,103)	516,146	( 60,096)	456,050
Plant & Equipment	3,210,821	( 343,895)	2,866,926	646,359	-	( 197,000)	38,000	( 432,744)	3,660,180	( 738,639)	2,921,541
Infrastructure:											
- Sealed Roads	58,661,219	( 1,461,680)	57,199,539	124,955	-	-	-	( 1,466,611)	58,786,174	( 2,928,291)	55,857,883
- Unsealed Roads	356,850	( 35,889)	320,961	-	-	-	-	( 35,890)	356,850	( 71,779)	285,071
- Stormwater Drainage	34,501,000	( 363,169)	34,137,831	-	-	-	-	( 363,168)	34,501,000	( 726,337)	33,774,663
- Other	3,720,907	( 345,302)	3,375,605	272,328	-	-	-	( 366,798)	3,993,235	( 712,100)	3,281,135
Art Collection & Heritage	2,001,615	-	2,001,615	-	-	-	-	-	2,001,615	-	2,001,615
<b>Totals</b>	<b>159,466,810</b>	<b>( 3,884,836)</b>	<b>155,581,974</b>	<b>11,047,940</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 283,379)</b>	<b>44,000</b>	<b>( 4,044,784)</b>	<b>170,231,371</b>	<b>( 7,885,620)</b>	<b>162,345,751</b>

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### Note 10 - PAYABLES, PROVISIONS AND BORROWINGS

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>a) Payables</b>		
Goods & Services	558,314	1,644,748
Accrued Expenses	533,534	626,178
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	110,849	53,270
Unearned Income	178,327	-
<b>Total Payables</b>	<u>1,381,024</u>	<u>2,324,196</u>
<b>b) Borrowings</b>		
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre *	234,532	221,000
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<u>234,532</u>	<u>221,000</u>
<b>c) Provisions</b>		
Airmiles	36,037	32,247
Annual Leave	832,188	673,380
Long Service Leave	331,451	290,246
Rostered Days Off	33,247	27,227
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<u>1,232,923</u>	<u>1,023,100</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2,848,479</u>	<u>3,568,296</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>d) Borrowings</b>		
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre *	4,263,065	4,455,043
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<u>4,263,065</u>	<u>4,455,043</u>
<b>e) Provisions</b>		
Restoration of the Landfill Site	2,000,000	-
Long Service Leave	151,806	160,874
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<u>2,151,806</u>	<u>160,874</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<u>6,414,871</u>	<u>4,615,917</u>

\* All Council's interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.

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### Note 11 - RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>a) Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, the Council considers cash to include cash on hand and in the bank and short term deposits. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	861,230	1,207,393
Deposits at Call	513,329	3,855,394
Short Term Deposits	13,102,089	10,620,333
<b>Balances as per Cash Flow Statement</b>	<u>14,476,648</u>	<u>15,683,120</u>
<b>b) Reconciliation of (Deficit) / Surplus for the Year to Cash from Operating Activities</b>		
(Deficit) / Surplus for the Year	( 2,115,656)	8,365,009
<b><u>Add:</u></b>		
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4,686,975	4,044,785
Increase in Provision for Doubtful Debts	94,292	-
Increase in Employee Leave Provisions	209,823	59,896
Increase in Other Provisions	1,990,932	-
Decrease in Receivables	-	601,033
Decrease in Inventories	10,208	-
Decrease in Other Current Assets	46,608	8,954
Increase in Payables	-	1,294,526
Loss on Disposal of Assets	16,047	169,966
	<u>7,054,885</u>	<u>6,179,160</u>
<b><u>Less:</u></b>		
Increase in Receivables	( 436,762)	-
Increase in Inventories	-	( 27,171)
Decrease in Payables	( 727,610)	-
Decrease in Payroll Creditors	( 215,562)	-
	<u>( 1,379,934)</u>	<u>( 27,171)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities</b>	<u>3,559,295</u>	<u>14,516,998</u>

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#### Note 12 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>Capital Commitments</b>		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Buildings	66,177	1,360,000
Plant and Equipment	707,103	46,000
<b>Total Capital Commitments</b>	<u>773,280</u>	<u>1,406,000</u>
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Not later than 1 year	773,280	1,406,000
Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	-	-
Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>773,280</u>	<u>1,406,000</u>

#### **Other Expenditure Commitments**

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

Materials & Contracts	116,122	-
<b>Total Capital Commitments</b>	<u>116,122</u>	<u>-</u>
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Not later than 1 year	116,122	-
Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	-	-
Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>116,122</u>	<u>-</u>

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#### Note 13 - STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

	2007 \$	2006 \$	2005 \$	2004 \$	2003 \$
<b>a) Current Ratio</b>					
<u>Current Assets</u> Current Liabilities	5.59:1	4.72:1	5.04:1	3.76:1	5.54:1
<b>b) Debt Service Ratio</b>					
<u>Net Debt Service Cost</u> Total Operating Revenue	0.0167:1	0.0120:1	0.0002:1	0.0001:1	0.0109:1
<b>c) Rate Coverage Ratio</b>					
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges</u> Total Revenue	65.37%	42.24%	59.62%	58.97%	54.92%
<b>d) Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage</b>					
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding</u> Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	6.92%	6.58%	6.24%	6.49%	3.33%



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### Note 14 - CONDITIONS OVER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

	2007		2006	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Grants and contributions that were obtained on the condition that they be expended on specified purposes or in a future period but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:				
Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	10,327,668	50,596	1,145,000	254,596
<b><u>Less:</u></b>				
Expended during the current reporting period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods	897,232	-	579,389	252,196
<b><u>Plus:</u></b>				
Amounts recognised as revenues in current reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions	1,062,621	37,702	9,762,057	48,196
Unexpended at the close of the current reporting period and held as restricted assets	10,493,057	88,298	10,327,668	50,596
Net increase (decrease) in restricted assets in the current reporting period	165,389	37,702	9,182,668	( 204,000)

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### Note 15 - STATEMENT OF 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.

PURPOSE	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>a) Parking</b>		
Opening Balance	50,596	111,596
Contributions Received During Year	37,702	48,196
Less: Expended	-	( 109,196)
<b>Total Parking</b>	<u>88,298</u>	<u>50,596</u>
<b>b) Community Facilities</b>		
Opening Balance	-	15,000
Less: Expended	-	( 15,000)
<b>Total Community Facilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>c) Roads</b>		
Opening Balance	-	95,000
Less: Expended	-	( 95,000)
<b>Total Roads</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>c) Traffic Facilities</b>		
Opening Balance	-	30,000
Less: Expended	-	( 30,000)
<b>Total Traffic Facilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>c) Other</b>		
Opening Balance	-	3,000
Less: Expended	-	( 3,000)
<b>Total Other</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Contributions Held as a Restricted Asset</b>	<u>88,298</u>	<u>50,596</u>

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#### Note 16 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

##### Interest Rate Risk Exposure

The Council's exposure to interest rate risk consists of:

	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Maturing In			Non-Interest Bearing	Total
		≤ 1 year	≥ 1 year ≤ 5 years	≥ 5 years		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>2007</b>						
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash Assets	1,374,559	13,102,089	-	-	-	14,476,648
Receivables	-	775,380	60,514	-	699,197	1,535,091
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>1,374,559</b>	<b>13,877,469</b>	<b>60,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>699,197</b>	<b>16,011,739</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>4.97%</i>	<i>6.79%</i>	<i>16.00%</i>		<i>0.00%</i>	<i>6.94%</i>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables	-	-	-	-	669,163	669,163
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre	-	234,532	1,441,570	2,821,495	-	4,497,597
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>234,532</b>	<b>1,441,570</b>	<b>2,821,495</b>	<b>669,163</b>	<b>5,166,760</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		<i>6.75%</i>	<i>6.75%</i>	<i>6.75%</i>		<i>6.75%</i>
<b>2006</b>						
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash Assets	5,062,787	10,620,333	-	-	-	15,683,120
Receivables	-	714,466	62,996	-	279,449	1,056,911
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>5,062,787</b>	<b>11,334,799</b>	<b>62,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>279,449</b>	<b>16,740,031</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>4.00%</i>	<i>16.00%</i>	<i>16.00%</i>		<i>0.00%</i>	<i>9.00%</i>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables	-	-	-	-	1,698,018	1,698,018
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre	-	221,000	2,123,808	2,331,235	-	4,676,043
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>221,000</b>	<b>2,123,808</b>	<b>2,331,235</b>	<b>1,698,018</b>	<b>6,374,061</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		<i>6.75%</i>	<i>6.75%</i>	<i>6.75%</i>		<i>6.75%</i>

##### Credit Risk Exposure

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counter parties 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. The Council does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty.

##### Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate faire value for all recognised financial instruments.

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#### Note 16 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

<u>Reconciliation of Financial Assets of Liabilities</u>	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>		
Financial Assets	16,011,739	16,740,031
Financial Liabilities	( 5,166,760)	( 6,374,061)
	<u>10,844,979</u>	<u>10,365,970</u>
<b>Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Income	22,853	64,271
Prepayments	-	46,608
Provision for Doubtful Debts	( 139,292)	( 45,000)
Inventories	94,933	105,141
Work in Progress	554,673	1,089,666
Property, Plant & Equipment	176,299,893	162,345,751
Accrued Expenses	( 533,534)	( 626,178)
Unearned Income	( 178,327)	-
Provisions	( 3,384,729)	( 1,183,974)
<b>Net Assets</b>	183,581,449	172,162,255
<b>Net Assets per Balance Sheet</b>	<u>183,581,449</u>	<u>172,162,255</u>