



# Alice Springs Town Council

Annual Report  
2008 / 2009

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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 2009.

Council's performance is reported under the goals outlined in the 2008 - 2009 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.



## 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:

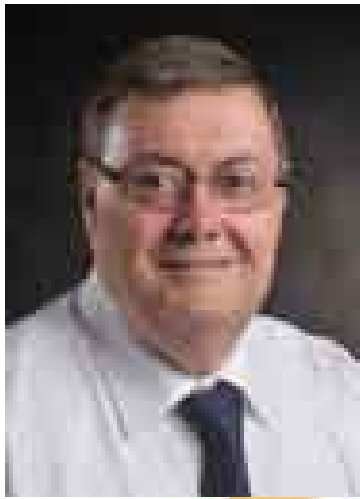
- Strong Leadership
- Clear Communication
- Integrity
- Customer service
- Response and Contribution to the Community
- Transparency and Accountability



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# Mayor's Message



I am very happy to be able to present the 2008/2009 Annual Report. The last financial year Council faced many challenges and changes. Alice Springs Town Council continues to move ahead as one of the most progressive and innovative local governments in the Territory.

The 2008 / 2009 financial year highlights included the community consultation and passing of new Animal and Trolley By-laws, the successful implementation of the Town Camps Dogs Strategy and stage one of the new Alice Springs Aquatic Centre & Leisure Centre complete.

The Alice Springs Town Council has also undertaken some major works projects in the 2008 / 2009 financial year and these included the upgrades to the Pat Gallagher Netball Centre and Ross Park Complex.

We continue to focus on the creation and maintenance of a beautiful and sustainable Alice Springs for everyone. Throughout 08/09 Council remained dedicated to thinking environmentally and paving a bright future for Alice Springs and its residents. There was, and will continue to be, Council recycling initiatives implemented.

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 public question times provided at the beginning of all Council meetings. It is through this type of sharing and input that we can better understand what is important to our local community.

I would also like to thank my fellow Aldermen for their ongoing support, both to me, and as a voice for 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. I am proud of our Council, our community, and our town, and am pleased to represent them as Mayor; both now, and into the future.

Damien Ryan  
MAYOR







# Chief Executive Officer's Message



The 2008 / 2009 financial year has 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 our dedicated staff at Alice Springs Town Council. Our team 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 stage 1 on the new Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre.
- Continued maintenance and development of our recreational parks and gardens throughout the municipality.
- New Animal and Trolley By-laws.
- Successful Community Events including the Christmas Carnival, Night Markets and Harmony Day to name a few.
- Successful implementation of the Town Camps Dogs Strategy.
- The building and completion of the Gathering Garden - the inaugural public art project developed by Council since it adopted its Public Art Policy in 2006 and formation of the Public Art Advisory Committee in 2007.
- Environmental awareness and wide-spread involvement through National Tree Day, Ride to Work Day and landfill recycling initiatives with more to come.
- Continue to effectively manage Council's day to day operations in a efficient and proactive manner.

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 am privy to influential and 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 2008 / 2009 Annual Report is a clear statement as to the enthusiasm and dedication of His Worship, Mayor Damien Ryan and the Aldermen in providing the leadership to meet the needs of our dynamic community.

Rex Mooney  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# The 11th Alice Springs Town Council



The Council is a democratically elected body comprising eight 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 5.30pm and the last Monday of each month at 6.30pm for its Ordinary Council meeting. Meetings are held in the Civic Centre off 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 2012.

**Mayor Damien Ryan - (08) 8950 0525**

**Deputy Mayor John Rawnsley - 0427 066 279**

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

**Alderman Samih Habib - 0411 661 963**

**Alderman Brendan Heenan - 0418 897 029**

**Alderman Liz Martin - 0429 201 549**

**Alderman Murray Stewart - 0407 256 428**

**Alderman Sandy Taylor - 0411 531 344**

**Alderman Melanie van Haaren - 0448 885 078**



*BACK LEFT TO RIGHT: Alderman Melanie van Haaren, Alderman Samih Habib, Alderman Brendan Heenan, Alderman Liz Martin. FRONT LEFT TO RIGHT: Alderman Sandy Taylor, Alderman Murray Stewart, Mayor Damien Ryan, Alderman Jane Clark, Alderman John Rawnsley.*

# Committee Representatives at 30 June 2009



Council decisions are made through a series of Council and Committee meetings. The Council and Committee structure for the year 2008 / 2009 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 Liz Martin

**Technical Services Committee**  
Chairman Alderman Murray Stewart

**Finance Committee**  
Chairman Alderman Brendan Heenan

## Council representation on other committees

Ald Stewart - Chairman Technical Services Standing Committee.

Ald Martin - Chairman Corporate and Community Services Standing Committee.

Ald Heenan - Chairman Finance Standing Committee.

Ald Taylor and Ald van Haaren (Alternate) - Access Advisory Committee.

Ald Martin, Ald Stewart, Ald Heenan - Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee.

Ald Stewart, Ald Taylor, Ald Rawnsley - Sports Facilities Advisory Committee.

Mayor Ryan, Ald Martin, Ald Heenan - Public Art Advisory Committee.

Ald Heenan, Ald Stewart, Ald Rawnsley, Ald Habib - Finance Sub-Committee.

Ald van Haaren, Ald Habib, Ald Taylor - Community Grants Committee.

Ald Clark, Ald Habib - Araluen Community Access Grants.

New committee members to be advised - Youth Action Committee.

Mayor Ryan (Chair), Ald Martin, Ald Heenan, Ald Habib - Cemeteries Committee.

Ald Clark (Chair), Ald Stewart, Ald Rawnsley - Environment Advisory Committee.

Mayor Ryan, Ald Rawnsley, Ald Heenan, Ald Stewart - Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre Reference Group.

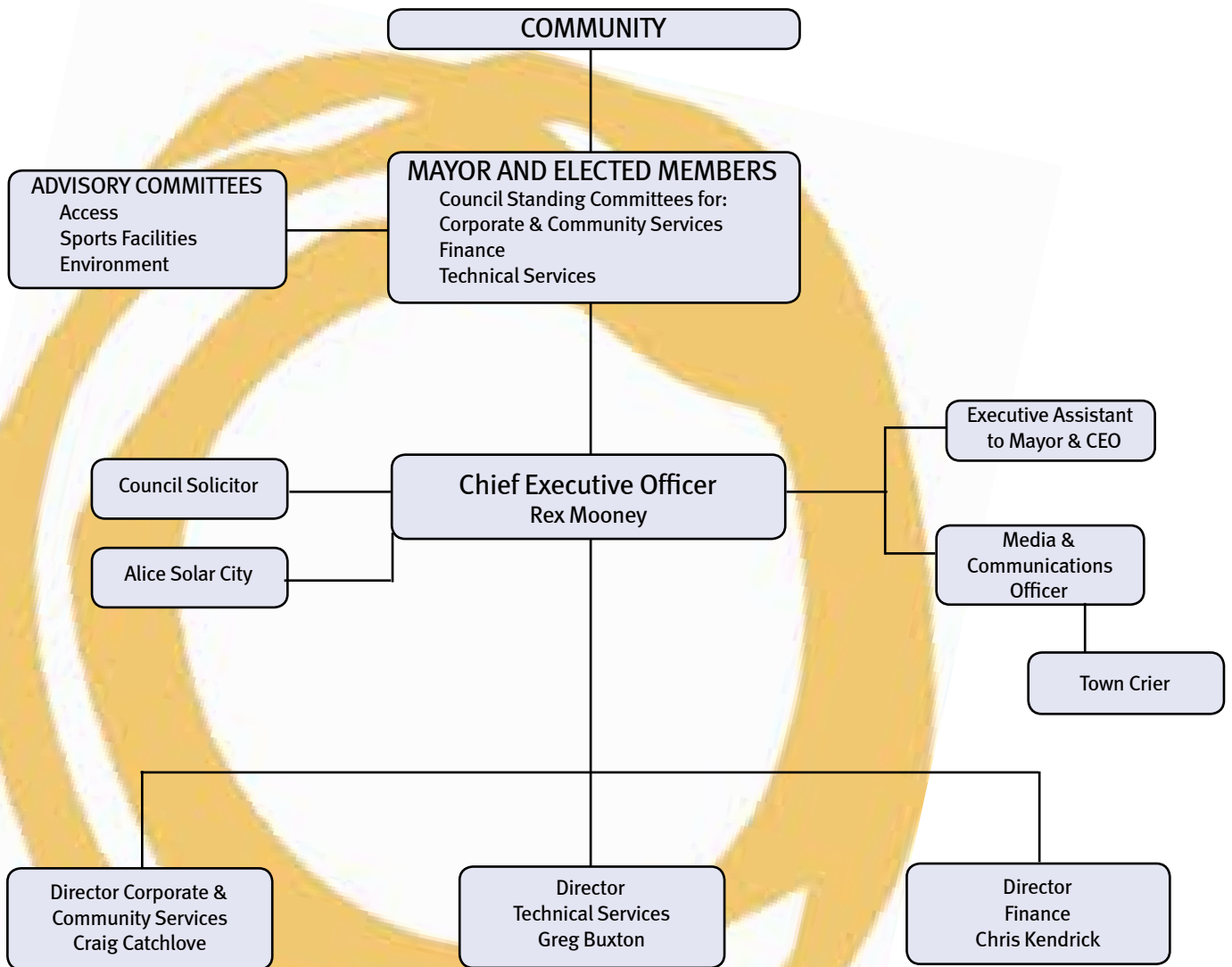
Mayor Ryan, Ald Rawnsley, Ald Heenan, Ald Stewart, Ald Habib - Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre Project Team.

Mayor Ryan, Ald Habib, Ald Taylor - Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee. Council Committee combined with Tangentyere Council.

Mayor Ryan, Ald Rawnsley, Ald Taylor - Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee. Council Committee combined with LAAC.

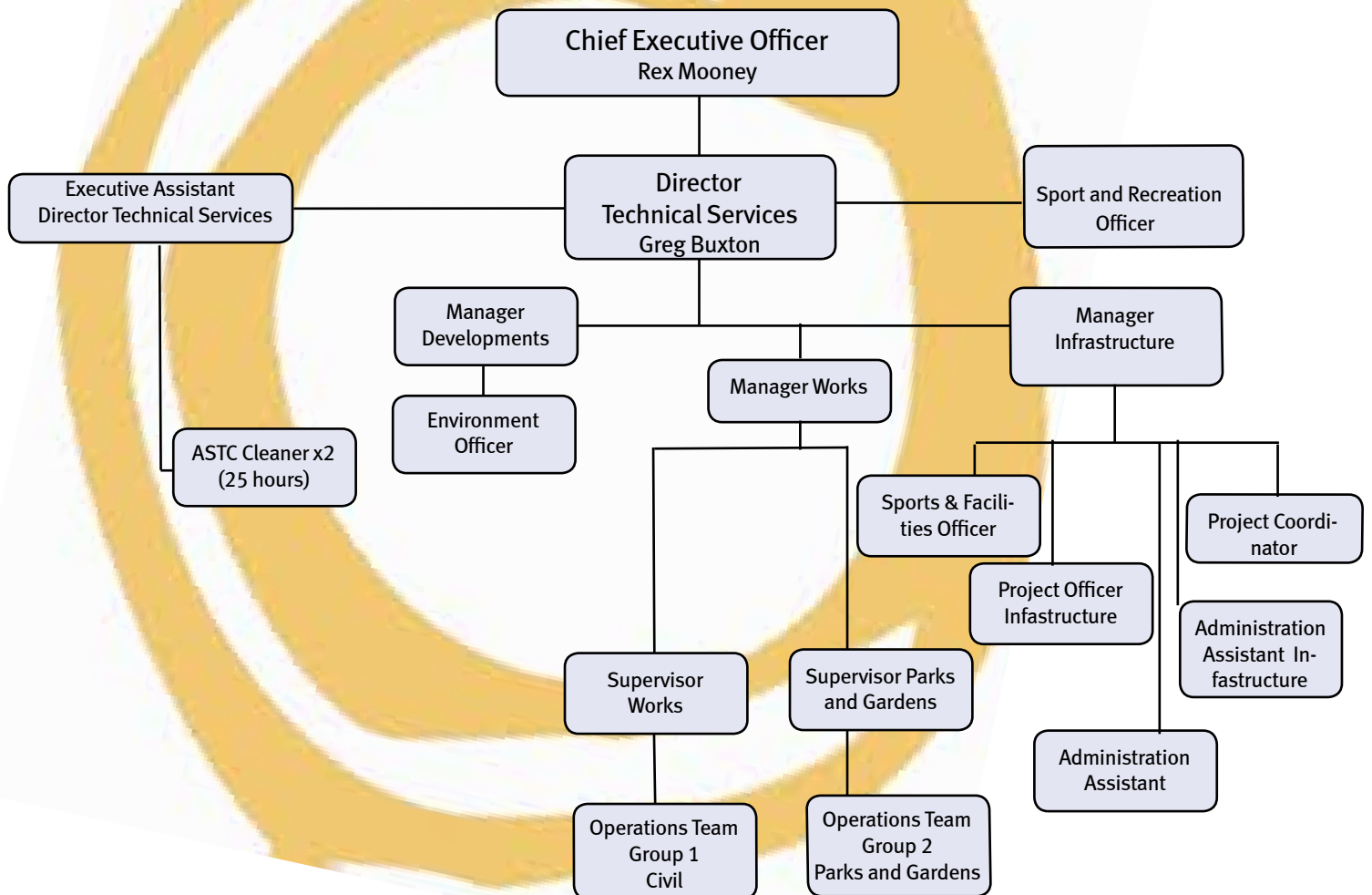
\* Note - Mayor is ex-officio on all committees.

# Alice Springs Town Council 2008 / 2009 Organisational Structure

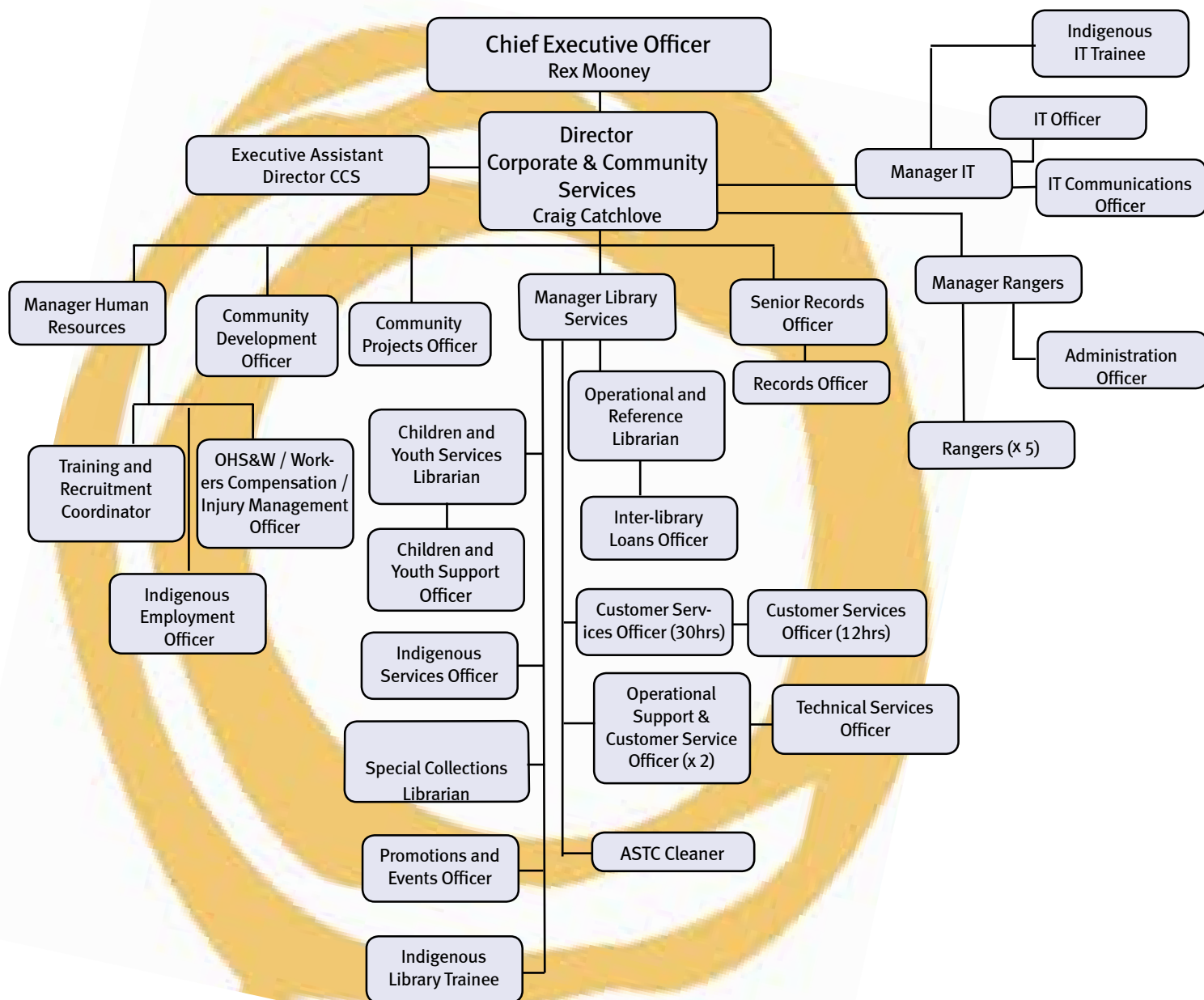




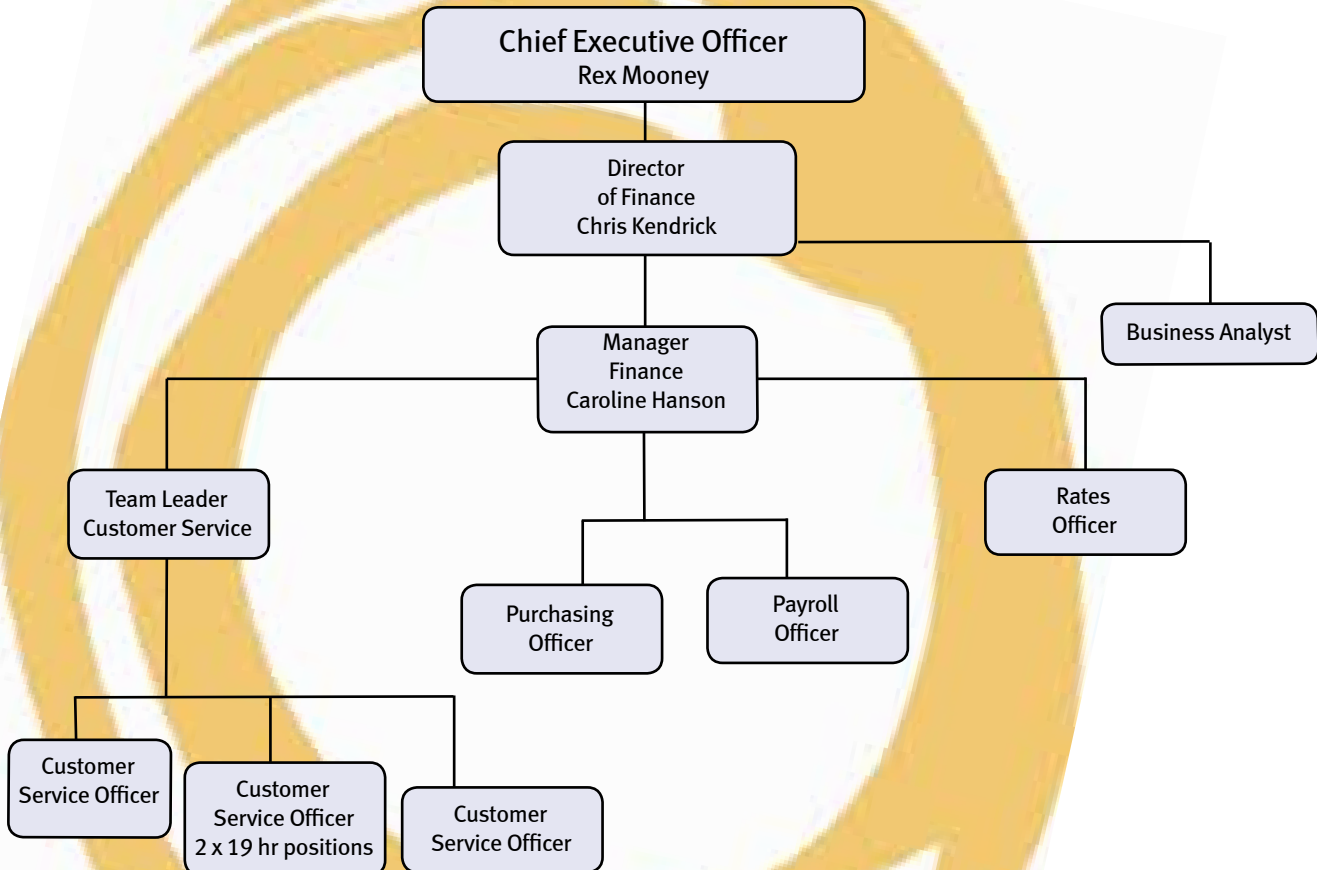
# Alice Springs Town Council 2008 / 2009 Technical Services Structure



# Alice Springs Town Council 2008 / 2009 Corporate and Community Services Structure



# Alice Springs Town Council 2008 / 2009 Finance Structure



# Council's Goals



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

## 1. Economic Goal:

A growing and dynamic economic base underpinning strong employment.

## 2. Community Goal:

A united, supportive and healthy community.

## 3. Environment Goal:

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

## 4. Culture & Heritage Goal:

A community proud of its Indigenous heritage and pioneer history.

## 5. Organisation Goal:

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





# 1. ECONOMIC

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



The town of Alice Springs is the largest town in Central Australia, servicing surrounding mining, pastoral and Indigenous communities, defence facilities and thousands of tourists every year. The town's economy has traditionally been based around tourism, and faces the challenge of diversifying this base to ensure a strong future for Alice Springs. Opportunities exist for diversification in particular through the development of an international airport and supporting the growth of existing industries such as the arts, defence, mining and pastoralism.

Tourism will continue to be vitally important to the Alice Springs economy, and Council will need to work with the Northern Territory Government to ensure the maintenance and expansion of this industry. The development of a customer focussed culture to service delivery and the attraction and retention of skilled people will be key to ensuring a first-class Alice Springs experience.

Indigenous residents currently make up almost a third of the population of Alice Springs, but do not have a corresponding participation rate in the economy. The opportunity to further develop the Indigenous cultural experience and for increasing participation through ongoing training and development should not be missed.

All stakeholders including the Town Council, the Tourist Associations and the NT Chamber of Commerce and Industry will need to develop a strong collaborative approach to the implementation of the economic development goal of this Plan.

## Goal Outcomes

- ◇ A diversified and strong local economy
- ◇ Customer focussed culture to service delivery
- ◇ Growing regional provider of services



## Alice Solar City – 18 months on

Alice Springs residents and business owners should be recognised and congratulated for their contribution to reducing the town's energy since Alice Springs became a Solar City.

During the 2008/09, 934 residents and over 70 businesses were actively participating in the program, and over \$2.4M million worth of financial incentive vouchers were issued for over 20 different energy efficient activities.

175 solar power (PV) systems and 53 solar hot water systems were installed on Alice Springs rooftops, translating to a saving of around 1 000 000 kWh for these measures alone – the same amount of energy consumed by around 125 average Alice Springs houses.

And to top all that off, the largest roof top solar photovoltaic system in Australia was installed and commissioned in February at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This is the first of 5 planned iconic solar energy installations in Alice Springs as part of Alice Solar City. A number of local businesses have also implemented energy efficiency projects involving solar hot water installations, lighting upgrades and efficiency improvements in air-conditioning systems.

About 800 residents kicked up their feet at the Alice Solar City First Anniversary celebrations at Araluen on Friday 20 March, where over 4000 energy efficient light globes were given away as a gift to the community.

“I am extremely impressed with the enthusiasm people have shown for the Alice Solar City project and we are well on the way to achieving our goal of having 1500 residents change their energy efficiency behaviour”, says Brian Elmer.

“During 2009/10 we will be conducting some research to find out how much energy the town has saved and how attitudes to energy use have changed.”

“We have already been able to see some energy behaviour trends through the 759 home energy surveys conducted during the year, which revealed that a lot of energy is being unnecessarily wasted.”

Alice Springs residents will now be able to see and touch the range of solar and energy efficiency measures promoted by Alice Solar City as part of the Sustainable Living House project. June 2009 saw a typical Alice Springs home begin its transformation into a showcase of sustainable living through a partnership between Alice Solar City and the desertSmart COOLmob. The home will be open to the public for the first time this year.

Residents can sign up for a free home energy survey by visiting the Smart Living Centre on Todd Street, after which they will receive a personalised energy saving report. They can then choose from a range of financial incentives to assist them on their way to becoming an energy champion. Businesses can also access energy surveys and financial incentives.



L TO R: Adam Glass Crowne Plaza GM, Brian Elmer GM Alice Solar City, Peter Garrett Federal Minister for the Environment and Lyndon Frearson from CAT Projects.



## Community Events: An Economic Plus

Council is a proud supporter of key community events unique to Alice Springs. Throughout the 2008/09 financial year Council provided fundamental support to a number of valuable local events through cash assistance and in-kind support.

These events bring thousands of tourists to Central Australia annually, and significantly boost the local economy. Council is committed to recognising the social, cultural and economic benefits of festivals and events and heavily promotes their events, which not only attract tourists when they are visiting but are an essential part of the community atmosphere. Council's Tourism, Promotions and Events Committee continues to review and make recommendations back to Council regarding event support and sponsorship requests. Key events supported and committed to during the 2007/08 financial year include:

- 2009 Finke Desert Race
- 2008 Alice Springs Show
- 2008 Alice Desert Festival

## Conferences of Benefit

Council has been proud to support and underpin several important conferences in Central Australia throughout the previous year, and is committed to aiding in future significant events. Conference delegates and organisers contribute positively to the Alice Springs community and economy, and key strategic events continue to showcase Central Australia on a national and international level.

Key conferences Council has supported include:

- Art at the Heart 2008 Regional Arts Australia National Conference.
- 2009 Global Conference on Green Travel, Climate Change and Ecotourism
- Australian Regional Tourism Network Convention



## 2. COMMUNITY

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



The Alice Springs Town Council understands the importance of services to our community in relation to health, social and cultural development. The implementation of this goal will see improvements in the coordination and effectiveness of community services, addressing the community's priorities.

Collaborative partnerships and alliances with all sectors of the community, including Indigenous groups and government agencies are central to the development of effective strategies to reduce anti social behaviour.

Empowerment and support of youth through the provision and maintenance of facilities and programs is also vital to the community. Increased student attendance at school is a key strategy that has current and future benefits.

'Active ageing activities' and improved aged care and disability services are increasingly important considerations for Council, thus turning Alice Springs into an attractive town for retirement.

Alice Springs Town Council, working with service providers, plays a key role in advocacy for and provision of a wide range of community services ensuring Alice Springs is a cohesive community which strives to achieve a high quality of life.

### Goal Outcomes

- ◇ Coordinated and effective community services
- ◇ Improved community health and well being
- ◇ Reduced anti social behaviour
- ◇ Greater opportunities for our youth

**RIGHT: Everyone enjoys the Council community facilities**





## Library



The library has launched a new program dedicated to encouraging children to attend school. The 'Wii' program was developed to combat the issue of many children being truant from school and coming into the library to play computer games. We are working with the schools, who provide the children who have attended school for 5 consecutive days, with a certificate. The children bring this certificate into the library and are able to play our Nintendo Wii after school. This program has been a tremendous success with children very excited about achieving their goal and being able to play on the Wii.

In May 2009, we launched our Multi-Lingual storytime program. Two teachers from Yipirinya School, Lorna Wilson and Rhonda Inkamala, worked with Library staff to present the program once every month. Stories and songs are read/told in Lurija, Arrrente and English. This is a very unique and popular program.

Echoes from the Heart - A photographic journey of Bush Bands Bash 2003 - 2008.

Echoes from the Heart is a vibrant and empowering collection of photos that trace the history of the phenomenally successful Alice Springs event Bush Bands Bash.

The Bush Bands Bash is an incredible showcase of the unique contemporary musical talent from remote Indigenous communities across the cultural landscape of Central Australia. The event offers Indigenous musicians an invaluable opportunity to share their music to a massive crowd on a professional stage and is a significant step in a potential career in music. For the crowd, it provides an opportunity to see the musicians representing their culture, singing in language and being proud on stage. The music is a dynamic mix of rock, reggae and country, played from the heart with skill and passion.

The exhibition Echoes from the Heart was jointly produced by RedHOT Arts Central Australia and the Alice Springs Public Library in response to overwhelming community interest in the event. The exhibition is made up of 44 photos and was officially opened in the Alice Springs Public Library on July 10th 2009, using both hanging wall and display board space. The exhibition can be tailored to suit both.

It is the intention of the joint producers of Echoes from the Heart to transform the project into a touring exhibition and we aim to have it available for loan in 2010.



## Anti-graffiti program

The Alice Springs Town Council employed a full time graffiti removalist in a proactive attempt to reduce the visual litter of unsightly tags across commercial and residential properties, Danny Fisher has been commissioned as Council's first full-time graffiti removal officer. Council continues to work alongside NT Police and the NT Government to combat graffiti problems throughout the Alice Springs community Council has a 24-hour graffiti removal policy, which applies to Council-owned properties. Residents can report graffiti at any time by calling 08 8950 0500.



## New Animal Control By-laws

In November 2008 the Alice Springs Town Council introduced new Animal Control By-laws. These new by-laws addressed the issue of dangerous dogs and gives more control over dogs that have a history of menace or attack. Also in the new by-laws is provision for leash free areas for dogs on most of the Council's parks and ovals. Another major change to the by-laws is the introduction of a penalty unit based fine system and greatly increased fines to emphasise the need for greater owner responsibility. For example the fines for dog attack on a person rose from \$100.00 to \$1300.00.

## Dog Control on Town Camps

A grant was received by the ASTC from the Federal Government to implement dog control in the Town Camps. This grant enable two full time Rangers, a vehicle and equipment to be applied on a full time basis to this program. This program involves liaising with town camp residents and Tangentyere health officers, utilisation of local vets in promoting dog registration, micro chipping for ID, and sterilization. Effective enforcement of a 2 dog per household policy has limited the amount of dogs that can be kept. This program has now been running for almost 12 months and is considered extremely successful. At time of writing over 200 dogs have been registered, microchipped and desexed in the Town Camps, with over 400 dogs having been removed. This work is ongoing and the Rangers continue to remove dogs, micro chipping and desex in the Town Camps. The residents of the Town Camps have been very positive towards the program and the relationship between Town Camp residents and the Rangers has been very cooperative.

## Recognition the ASTC Ranger Unit

A highlight of the past year has been the recognition the ASTC Ranger Unit has received from the Australian Local Government Association. The Ranger Unit was featured as Ranger unit of the Year in an issue of FOCUS, the major Local Government publication, due to the outstanding work being done in the Town Camps. The Ranger Unit was also mentioned in the NT Parliament by Mr Peter Wellings, Senior Advisor to the Hon Robert Knight.



## Sporting facilities

### Maintenance of Sporting Ovals

The maintenance of sporting ovals is a necessity for the recovery of the sporting fields. Throughout the sporting year, the ovals are subject to repetitive wear and tear from players, officials, general public, etc. A yearly maintenance schedule is required to enable the playing surface to be rejuvenated.



The main cause of field deterioration is compaction. This is due to the amount of foot traffic passing over a field during training and competition. Constant foot traffic leads to the wearing of fields and repetitive training on the same area wears the playing surface out quickly.

During the warmer months, the grass has a chance to recover but during the cooler months the grass recovery rate is not as vigorous, hence the grass wears out and doesn't grow back. For this reason it is important to move training sessions around so as to not wear out one specific patch of turf.

The maintenance is performed through renovation techniques which include:

- Scarify – this process is the removal of excess thatch and grass clippings that have accumulated over the growing season. It also allows water and air movement to pass through the top layer of the soil profile which becomes hard during the sporting calendar and relieves soil compaction on the surface.
- Aeration – this process is used to relieve compaction. This process drives a solid tyne into the soil profile which allows water, air and root movement through the soil profile.
- Coring – is used to relieve compaction. This process removes a solid core from the soil profile which enables water, air and root movement through the soil profile. This process is used in conjunction with top-dressing to back fill the core holes.
- Top-dressing – this process is required to even out the playing surface. During the year, the fields are damaged and scuffed and the top-dressing enables the playing surface to be filled with sand which evens out the surface.
- Fertilising – fertilising is carried out on a yearly basis. This gives the plant the necessary nutrient requirements needed for the plant to develop strong healthy roots systems and a quality playing surface.
- Wetting Agents – this is a non toxic chemical application that increases the soils ability to hold water. This means that less water needs to be applied throughout the year and thus reduces watering costs and waste watering.

The renovation process is best completed at the start of the turf growing season. The reason for this is because the temperature is not excessive at that time in the year which means not as much water is needed to enhance turf growth. The renovation of sporting ovals is imperative to improving and maintaining the turf quality and enables the surface to better handle more traffic throughout the year.





Sporting facilities around Alice Springs have benefited from numerous technical services projects in 2008/09. The 2008 Masters Games attracted around 4,500 participants from across Australia, Council's sporting facility preparations were stepped up. Alice Springs is nationally renowned for its exceptional sporting facilities, programs, and participation levels, and Council is committed to ensuring it stays that way. Council's Director Technical Services Greg Buxton said a large volume of Council's technical services works had been devoted to the upkeep and upgrades of significant sporting facilities and grounds throughout town.

The Alice Springs Netball Association are pleased with the extensive netball court resurfacing upgrade works, completed during July 2008 / 2009 financial year. All eight courts at the Pat Gallagher Netball Centre were resurfaced, and have a high-volume playing life of 10 years. Netball has long been a popular sport in Alice Springs, ASNA is the largest netball association in the Northern Territory, and Council was proud to improve playing conditions for many participants across the community.

The new courts were officially welcomed in a 'reopening ceremony' on 2nd August 2008.



ABOVE: ASTC Sporting facility Traeger Park



## Major Projects

Major technical services works for sporting facilities across Alice Springs include:

- **PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL CENTRE**  
Major resurfacing works for all netball courts  
Completed. Cost: \$120, 000

Storage shed construction project  
In progress.  
Cost: \$65, 000

- **ROSS PARK**  
Lighting installation and upgrade works  
Completed  
Cost: \$240, 000

Construction of new soccer clubrooms  
In Planning  
Cost: Est. \$260, 000

Carpark extension and resurfacing project  
In progress  
Cost: \$250, 000

- **AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE**  
Stage 1:  
Outdoor Components  
In progress

Stage 2:  
Indoor aquatic and leisure centre  
In planning

Est. total cost:  
\$16.1 Million



**PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL CENTRE:**  
Newly resurfaced courts are enjoyed by over 960 Alice Springs participants



**LEFT:** The new Ross Park lights mean extended hours of play and training for soccer participants in Alice Springs

## Ross Park Complex Redevelopment

Council has spent nearly \$1 million upgrading Ross Park in the last year, including extensive upgrades across all areas of the Undoolya Road sporting facility.

Lighting installation and upgrade works were completed in August 2008, followed immediately by a car park extension and resurfacing project, that was completed in December 2008.

Most recently, new soccer club rooms have been constructed. The new rooms were completed in May 2009. Council's Director Technical Services, Greg Buxton said he was pleased with the works.

"Ross Park is used by hundreds of people every week, it's important the facility continues to operate to the highest standards," Greg said. "Council was grateful to receive a grant from the Northern Territory Government, which funded the club rooms and lighting," Greg said.

"Council funded the car park redevelopment, and the team from the Depot played a key role in the completion of those works," Greg said.

Works completed at Ross Park during 2008/2009 include:

- Lighting installation and upgrade.
- Car park extension and resurfacing.
- Construction of new club rooms.
- Resurfacing & line marking of the Netball courts.
- New Netball storage shed.
- Power upgrade to complex.



LEFT:

- 1) The 'before' site prepared.
- 2) Mid-way through construction of the new clubroom walls.
- 3) The completed clubrooms in May 2009.

## Stage 1 - Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

Stage 1 works at the new multi-million dollar Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre was completed and ready to impress Alice Springs Masters Games participants in October 2008. Sports facilities across Alice Springs were prepared for the anticipated 4500 participants .



Stage 1 of the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre works, the outdoor components, were ready for the 2008/2009 Alice Springs swim season, and played host to hundreds of swimmers competing in events at the Alice Springs Masters Games.

The new Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre is the largest capital works project ever undertaken by the Alice Springs Town Council. Stage 1 of the construction works includes a new learn-to-swim pool, a new paddle pool, and the draining and revitalisation of the existing outdoor 50 metre pool.

Council's Director Technical Services Greg Buxton is pleased with the project. "This is the first stage of a three stage program that will deliver Alice Springs an exciting Aquatic and Leisure Centre that will be one of the most modern facilities available in Australia," Mr. Buxton said. He said "It will include many environmental considerations and leading edge technology, specifically in plant and filtration systems".

BELOW: Stage 1 construction



### 3. ENVIRONMENT

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



Alice Springs' vast and unspoiled landscapes attract visitors from around the world. The community has an important role to play in the preservation and enhancement of this natural environment. Through support and involvement, Council will play a role in ensuring the community is aware of environmental issues and the part that it can play. Utilisation of the Desert Knowledge Centre will be key to assisting Council in achieving this goal.

Town aesthetics and cleanliness have been identified as important to the community and will receive a greater focus from Council. Strengthening partnerships with Tangentyere, Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation and Correctional Services will be paramount to achieving positive outcomes.

The built environment of Alice Springs needs to complement the natural environment that surrounds the town as well as capturing the distinctive character of a thriving outback community.

Ensuring effective management of waste and a greater emphasis on greening and recycling are important roles for Council. This includes an awareness of water efficiency and the harnessing of natural energy sources .

The ongoing support and encouragement of community groups, such as the Arid Lands Environment Centre, the Alice Springs Environment Educators group, Desert Knowledge, and the Centre for sustainable Arid Towns, who are involved in environmental programs will assist in achieving the outcomes of this goal.

#### Goal Outcomes

- ◇ A clean and attractive town
- ◇ Preservation of natural and built environment
- ◇ More efficient use of energy and water





## **Waste management**

Alice Springs Town Council is keen to take a leadership role for Central Australia by addressing the town's water, energy and waste sustainability challenges.

The sustainable management of resources and the natural environment in the municipality of the Town of Alice Springs include:

- Issues that relate to waste management relevant to Council functions
- Initiatives to minimise greenhouse gas emissions
- Ensuring that Council's natural environment is protected and rehabilitated
- Assisting with the improvement of water wise usages and water savings devices in Alice Springs
- Reduction of waste and improvement of recycling of waste
- Supporting initiatives for the minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions in Alice Springs
- Strategies for the rehabilitation of native vegetation
- Engaging the community to reach their CCP targets in the Local Action Plan to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions in Alice Springs
- Investigating funding opportunities for implementation of Alice Springs Town Council CCP Action Plan
- The establishment of the Environment Advisory Committee allows for public input into decisions made by the Council in regards to waste management issues

## **Parks upgrades**

The Rainbird System has been in operation in Alice Springs for 13 years however in the 2008 / 2009 financial year the Depot installed nine new systems. The Rainbird System has the cutting edge technology in monitoring and reducing water use on Council facilities. The system was installed with a weather station which provides data for the Parks and Gardens Department on numerous weather information including evapotranspiration, temperature, humidity, solar radiation, rainfall, wind direction and velocity. The Rainbird 'Maxicom' Irrigation System is still leading the industry in irrigation technology. Other features include the systems ability to detect faults in the irrigation programs. If sprinklers are damaged for any reason, the system detects a high flow rate on the solenoid valve and will shut down that sprinkler line, send a warning message to the central computer and move onto the next station. The system continues to deliver excellent results for the Alice Springs Town Council and the ratepayers of the town.

## New Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) committee



One of the primary focuses of the EAC Group is to provide advice and recommendations to the Council on completion of community measures as detailed in the Local Action Plan Milestone 4 for Alice Springs CCP program. Alice Springs Town Council is a member of the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Australia, a program designed to assist local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This program is being delivered in partnership with the Australian Government through the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA).

Terms of Reference for the EAC is to provide advice and make formal recommendation to the Technical Services Standing Committee on public policy in matters relating to the sustainable management of resources and the natural environment in the Municipality of Alice Springs including:

- Consider issues that relate to waste management relevant to Council functions.
- Support Council with initiatives to minimise greenhouse gas emissions.
- Contribute to the improved water usage measures of the town.
- Ensure that Council's natural environment is protected and rehabilitated.
- Assist with development of educational mediums to raise the awareness of sustainable resource management and environmental issues.

The Committee is also concerned with matters referred to it by either the Technical Service Committee or Council. Issues that are of relevance to the Environment Advisory Committee include:

- Promotion of Solar-city technology.
- Promotion of cycling activities.
- Assist with the improvement of water wise usages and water savings devices in Alice Springs.
- Reduction of waste and improvement of recycling of waste.
- Support initiatives for the minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions in Alice Springs.
- Strategy for the rehabilitation of native vegetation.
- Engage the community to reach their CCP targets in the Local Action Plan to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions in Alice Springs.
- To investigate funding opportunities for implementation of Alice Springs Town Council CCP Action Plan.

On the 9th June 2009 Alice Springs Town Council achieved the milestone 4!

This was achieved by making greenhouse gas savings that add up to 5% of the reduction goal from two subsectors. It was achieved by reaching this milestone for the corporate or community sector and Alice Springs has achieved this via savings made in the corporate sector for 2008/09.

The savings were made by:

- Delamping of council buildings
- Converting from CRT to LCD computer screens and enabling energy star
- Installing 20 solar panels on the Civic Building
- Energy savings from reduced water pumping at Traeger Park

This adds up to 47 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e abated in 2008/09.

Alice Springs needed to achieve a saving of at least 25.1 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e (or 5% of the goal) because base year emissions for 1996 are 2,510 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e. The goal is to reduce emissions by 20% of 1996 levels by 2010.

20% of 2,510 = 502 tonnes

5% of 502 tonnes = 25.1 tonnes of abatement needed to achieve Milestone 4.

A letter of recognition was received and the recognition event was held on 22 June where Alice Springs was awarded for milestone 4. It was held in Canberra as the ALGA ICLEI recognition breakfast.



## 4. CULTURE & HERITAGE

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



The Alice Springs community is a “collage” of different nationalities and backgrounds, which, along with the large Indigenous population, has been fundamental in the development of the town. Alice Springs is proud of its history and the pioneers who have settled here.

Whilst cultural diversity is a major strength for our community, it is recognised that we need to strive to work together and be more united if we are to achieve the outcomes of this Plan. Increased cultural awareness and understanding, such as a respect for special Aboriginal sites and customs is critical to ensuring positive outcomes for not only the cultural aspects of this plan, but also the economic, community and environmental goals. Collaborative partnerships with Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation and Tangentyere Council underpin the success of many of the community strategies in this plan.

There is so much about Alice Springs that makes us unique, the people, the environment and our cultural heritage. This identity is important to all who live, work and visit Alice Springs, and we need to work together as a community to ensure its preservation and growth.

### Goal Outcomes

- ◇ Enhanced community spirit and pride
- ◇ Improved cultural awareness and understanding
- ◇ Preservation of unique identity



LEFT: The opening of the Gathering Garden September 2009



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

### Public art – Gathering Garden



LEFT: (L-R) Julie Squires, Marie Ellis and Roseanne Ellis from Amoonguna Art and Cultural Centre Amoonguna. Painting by Marie Elena Ellis and Roseanne Ellis.

The Alice Springs Town Council's Gathering Garden is the inaugural public art project developed by Council since it adopted its Public Art Policy in 2006 and formed the Public Art Advisory Committee in 2007.

The Gathering Garden is an environmental art installation that was inspired by the Civic Centre's rich history and was created to pay homage to its past and present. In its story is the cultural diversity of the Afghan and Indian cameleers who opened up the desert through their camel trains; the first mosque; early European settlers and pioneers such as the late horticulturalist and anthropologist, Miss Muriel Olive Pink and the Arrernte people on whose land Alice Springs is situated.

Cultural and linguistic ties are present in the Dari language of the cameleers, botanical words for Olive Pink and the words "come, sit, be", which have been translated into different Indigenous languages.

Artist and Project Director, Julie Squires, created the concept of The Gathering Garden. Its form is based on a painting by Arrernte/ Walpiri artists and sisters Marie Elena Ellis and Roseanne Ellis, whose painting was created specifically for the Civic Centre site. (Photo below)

Julie created bronze coolamons for seating and for the centrally placed water feature. Traditionally the coolamon is used to carry babies, food and water; in the gathering garden it is a metaphor for the collection of different cultures and stories.

The central coolamon and water feature typifies the centrality of Alice Springs as a meeting place and symbolically represents the springs that continue to provide replenishment in the heart of the central desert. Its Mparntwe motif design acknowledges the central role and significance of the Arrernte land, its people and ancestry.



Leading authority and local horticulturalist, Geoff Miers, designed a desert native garden with species of plants, shrubs, trees and locally quarried sandstone, river rubble and granite. These works were coordinated by Council staff. The Garden comprising native plants will use little water and recycled water is used for the water coolamon.

The Garden is a collaborative art project and includes Indigenous artists from nine communities surrounding Alice Springs. The Indigenous artists involved are Marcia Alice, April Campbell, Emma Daniels, Marie Elena Ellis, Roseanne Ellis, Tina Malbunka, Michael Nelsen, Thomas Rice, June Smith and M K Turner, who all produced paintings, which were transformed into their sculptural forms.

The Gathering Garden footpaths are made from a concrete mixture of sand and recycled glass. The aim is to demonstrate to the community how the Alice Springs Town Council plans to use recycled glass in future non load bearing concrete works around town.

The Gathering Garden is a jointly funded project between Alice Springs Town Council and the Northern Territory Government through its 2008 Public Arts Grant Major Works Program. The NT Government grant matched the Alice Springs Town Council's expenditure of \$150,000, totalling \$300,000.



ABOVE: Alice Springs Town Council's Gathering Garden

## 5. ORGANISATION

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



The role of Council as a major service provider in the region, means that Council's staff must be skilled and equipped to deliver high quality responsive services. The strategies within this goal will promote a positive and professional organisational climate with an emphasis on staff development, retention and attraction.

It is important that Council ensure that there is ongoing formal and informal communication and consultation with the community as awareness of and involvement in Council's activities is essential to realising benefits from the services Council provides.

It is vital that Council maintains effective strategic and business planning processes to identify priorities and funding required. The plans need to be reviewed on a regular basis, be backed up by sound financial management systems and effective performance measurement and reporting processes.

### Goal Outcomes

- ◇ Skilled, committed and professional staff
- ◇ Effective communication and consultation with the Community
- ◇ Customer service culture

BELOW: Depot staff presentation



## Our people, our staff



Alice Springs Town Council remains one of the largest employers in Alice Springs, and offers very good employment conditions. Over 75 permanent and contract positions were filled during the 2008 / 2009 financial year. Employee turnover however has been reduced from 40% to 32%

Council has continued to successfully fill a number of mainly Indigenous trainee and apprenticeship positions during the 2008/09 financial year in areas including Mechanics, Library Horticulture, IT and Corporate and Community Services. Council's overall Indigenous employment rate has been maintained at around 14%.

Council aims to retain a high quality workforce and is committed to learning and development. As such it has organised over 100 training courses, workshops and conferences for over 450 participants in a variety of areas including computer skills, machinery licenses, cultural awareness, customer service and OH&S procedures.

Council also continued its Employee Recognition Program in 2008 / 2009 which recognises the efforts and milestones of long term staff and its employees of the year.

BELOW: Depot staff presentation by the CEO & Mayor





## Staff Induction



Council has a comprehensive induction process to aid all new staff in a smooth transition to their workplace. This includes basic facilities tourism, introductions to all other staff members, job-specific equipment set-up, and a seat at the next Council Induction Day.

Organised by Council's Recruitment and Training Officer, the Council induction days are held every few months and aim to present new staff with information on their role within the context of the wider organisation, and of the entire organisation's role within the community.

Induction Day's feature presentations from the Chief Executive Officer, Media and Communications Officer, Director Technical Services, Director Finance, and Director Corporate and Community Services, as well as the Human Resources Manager.

Staff also participate in a cultural awareness session presented by local cultural awareness experts. These sessions aim to contextualise cultural issues within Alice Springs, and familiarise new employees with Council and community cultural issues and arrangements. These sessions are of particular importance for new employees from interstate, and provide a basic understanding of the history and existing cultural practices throughout Central Australia.

## 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.

Council's 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 assessment record kept by Council pursuant to section 152 of the Local Government Act.

Pursuant to section 200 of the Local Government Act, any person may inspect the current version of the various documents at Council's office free of charge, including:

- auditor's report
- Council's policy concerning Elected Members in relation to payment of expenses and provision of facilities

- assessment record (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.
- Please refer to the Act for a full list.

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
- Municipal Plan 2009 – 2013
- Strategic Plan 2004 – 2009

### **Accessing Council information**

In cases where information sought is not publicly available, 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 \$38 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 Services must conduct a review within 30 days of application. If the person remains aggrieved after the review, he or she may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner.

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

Any member of the public may access their personal information by completing and lodging with Council an application for personal information. This form is 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.

BELOW: Council customer service staff, there to assist you





# Financial snapshot 2008 - 2009



## Operating Income and Operating Expenditure

The detailed audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2009 follow this report.

During the 2008/2009 financial year Council maintained its delivery of core services to the community at a high level. Services delivered included road and footpath maintenance, animal registration and control, waste management collection, landfill management, public cemeteries and toilets, the provision and maintenance of sporting and recreation facilities and the Alice Solar City project.

Revenue for 2008/2009 was raised from rates and annual charges, fees and charges, interest, grants and other revenue. Rates and annual charges increased by 9.8% from \$13.33m to \$14.64m. Grants and contributions increased from \$7.32m in 2007/2008 to \$13.05m in 2008/2009 reflecting an increase in funding of \$0.7m for the Alice Solar City project, \$1m for expansion of the CCTV camera system, \$0.8m for a glass crushing machine, a further \$1.4m for the Aquatic & Leisure Centre project, \$0.6m in roads to recovery funding and \$0.4m for installation of safety and security lighting.

Expenses have increased by 3% from \$21.20m to \$27.84m.

### Summary of the Operating Income and Operating Expenses

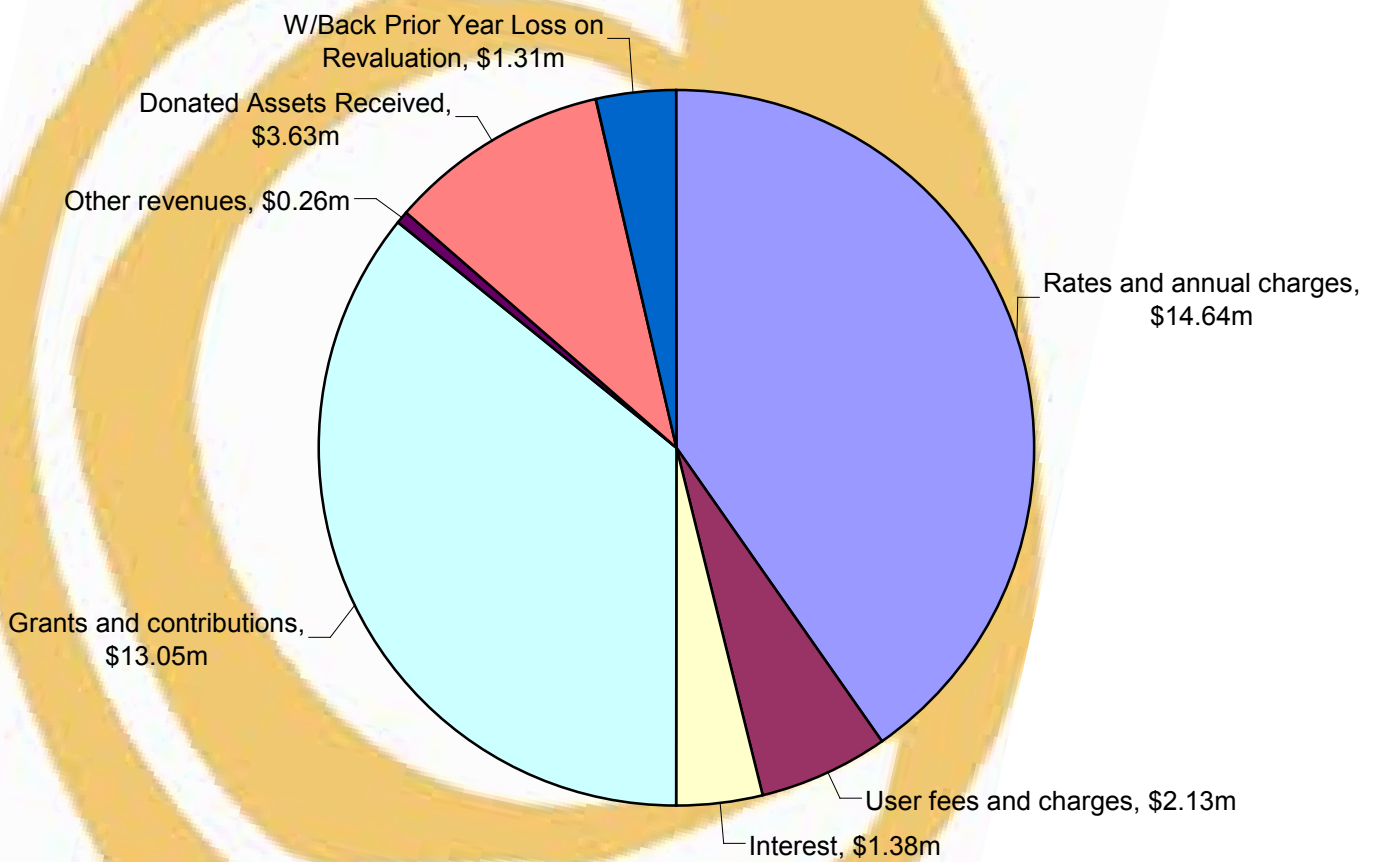
#### OPERATING INCOME

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Rates and annual charges	\$11.36m	\$12.07m	\$13.33m	\$14.64m
User fees and charges	\$1.12m	\$1.11m	\$1.54m	\$2.13m
Interest	\$0.63m	\$1.10m	\$1.29m	\$1.38m
Grants and contributions	\$13.37m	\$3.81m	\$7.32m	\$13.05m
Other revenues	\$0.42m	\$0.39m	\$0.29m	\$0.26m
Donated Assets Received	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$3.63m
W/Back Prior Year Loss on Revaluation	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$1.31m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26.91m</b>	<b>\$18.47m</b>	<b>\$23.77m</b>	<b>\$36.40m</b>

REVENUE BREAKDOWN GRAPH



Revenue Breakdown

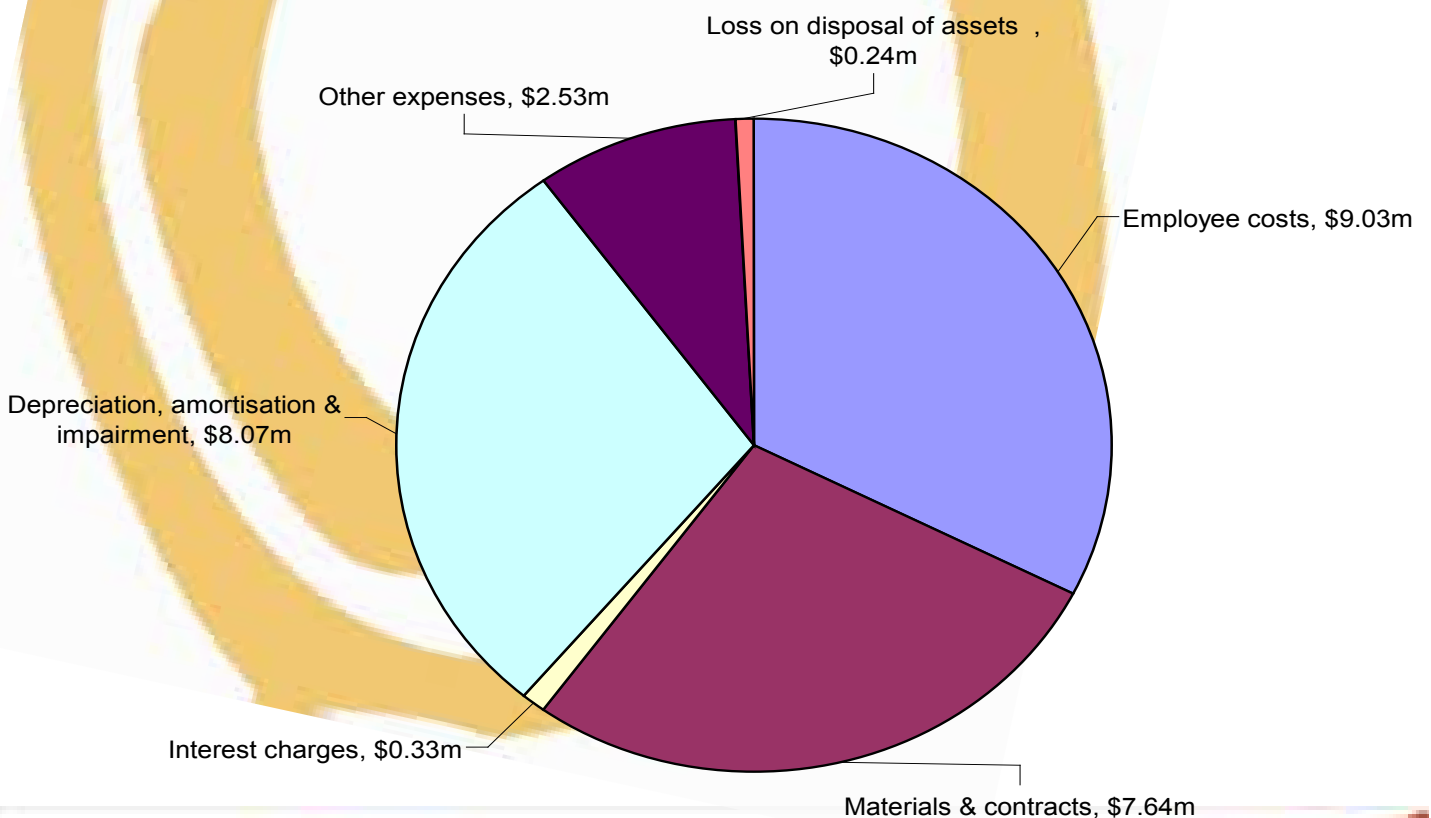


EXPENDITURE



	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Employee costs	\$6.81m	\$7.36m	\$8.06m	\$9.03m
Materials & contracts	\$4.97m	\$5.90m	\$5.55m	\$7.64m
Interest charges	\$0.32m	\$0.31m	\$0.44m	\$0.33m
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	\$4.05m	\$4.69m	\$4.69m	\$8.07m
Other expenses	\$2.22m	\$2.31m	\$2.44m	\$2.53m
Loss on disposal of assets	\$0.17m	\$0.02m	\$0.03m	\$0.24m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18.54m</b>	<b>\$20.58m</b>	<b>\$21.21m</b>	<b>\$27.84m</b>

**Expenditure**



## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES



	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash Assets	\$15.68m	\$14.48m	\$17.86m	\$24.15m
Receivables	\$1.02m	\$1.36m	\$1.83m	\$1.59m
Inventories	\$0.11m	\$0.09m	\$0.21m	\$0.17m
Other	\$0.05m	\$-	\$-	\$0.05m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16.85m</b>	<b>\$15.93m</b>	<b>\$19.90m</b>	<b>\$25.96m</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Deferred Rates	\$0.06m	\$0.06m	\$0.06m	\$0.04m
Work in Progress	\$1.09m	\$0.56m	\$1.63m	\$1.20m
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$162.35m	\$176.30m	\$174.21m	\$162.28m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$163.50m</b>	<b>\$176.92m</b>	<b>\$175.90m</b>	<b>\$163.52m</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Payables	\$2.32m	\$1.38m	\$1.75m	\$1.39m
Borrowings	\$0.23m	\$0.23m	\$0.25m	\$0.27m
Provisions	\$1.02m	\$1.23m	\$1.37m	\$1.35m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3.57m</b>	<b>\$2.85m</b>	<b>\$3.38m</b>	<b>\$3.01m</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Borrowings	\$4.46m	\$4.26m	\$3.98m	\$3.72m
Provisions	\$0.16m	\$2.15m	\$2.28m	\$2.43m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.62m</b>	<b>\$6.41m</b>	<b>\$6.26m</b>	<b>\$6.15m</b>

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 year.

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.



# Key Performance Indicators 2008 - 2009



## Economic Performance Objectives & Measures

Strategic Goal 1 - Economic : A growing economic base underpinning strong employment

Measures	Target	2008/09
Participation of Indigenous people in the economy		
Percentage of Indigenous employment in Alice Springs Town Council	20%	16.00%

## Community Performance Objectives & Measures

Strategic Goal 2 - Community: A united, supportive and healthy community

Measures	Target	2008/09
Youth Development and Well Being		
- Number of youth events	5	1
- Number of visits of youth Arunta	1	0
- Number of Journeys of discovery conducted	2	0
Recreational, sporting and leisure facility programs		
Library		
- Library visits per capita	5	7.94
- Library loans per capita	5	4.74
- Library membership as a % of the population	30%	30.34%
Pool		
- Total pool patronage / total population	3 visits pa	2.08 visits pa
- Total number of visits	80,000 visits	57,084 visits

Environment Performance Objectives & Measures

Strategic Goal 3 - Environment: To lead Australia in the management of its arid land and natural resources.

Measures	Target	2008/09
<b>Waste</b>		
- Number of properties serviced	9,283	9,273
- Average collection cost per residential property serviced	\$54	\$53.71
- Dump operating costs per serviced property	\$147	\$126.83
- Cost of public litter collection per capita	\$23	\$25.52
- Garbage collection complaints per residential property	0.0054	0.0859
- Number of complaints concerning litter in public places	25	174
<b>Roads</b>		
- Length of sealed roads	235km	235km
- Length of gravel & formed roads	18km	18km
- Maintenance costs per kilometre of sealed road	\$2,100	\$1,559.70
- Maintenance costs per kilometre of unsealed road	\$850	\$119.47
- Maintenance costs as a % of asset value of sealed roads	0.40%	0.92%
- Maintenance costs as % asset value of unsealed road	6.70%	0.91%
- Total road expenditure as % of total council expenditure	2.20%	1.53%
- Road surface complaints	25	124
<b>Open Space</b>		
	Target	2008/09
- Number of trees planted / replaced per annum	500	750

Culture and Heritage Performance Objectives & Measures

Strategic Goal 4 - Culture and Heritage: A community proud of its Indigenous heritage and pioneer history

Measures	Target	2008/09
Culture preservation and harmony		
- Maintenance or improvement of attendance per cultural event / festival.	20%	80%



ABOVE: Gathering Garden Opening September 2009



## Organisation Performance Objectives & Measures

Strategic Goal 5 - Organisation: An organisation dedicated to good governance, effective leadership and provision of high quality services.

Measures	Target	2008/09
<b>Community Management</b>		
- Debt servicing and recovery costs as % of total income	2%	0.76%
- Current liabilities as % of realisable assets	20%	11.58%
- Local government related grants as % of income	20%	32.13%
- Average rate & service charges per residential property	\$979.62	\$1,414.09
- Percentage of rates outstanding	4.5%	7.23%
- Contract expenditure via competitive tendering as % of the total operational	38.89%	27.44%
- Rates as % of total income	64%	40.22%
- Charges and services fees as a % of income	6%	5.85%
- How often are the Council's Strategic Plan and Business Plan reviewed?	12 mths & 3 mths	12 mths & 3 mths
<b>Training and Development</b>		
- Total \$ training & development as % of total wages & salaries.	2%	1.36%
- Number EFT exits as % of total EFT at year end.	32%	31.95%





# Alice Springs Town Council

## GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

2008/2009

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

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009**

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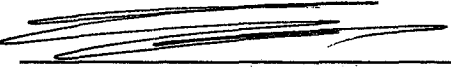
# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

### 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 Report:

- (a) have been drawn up in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations so as to present fairly the financial position of the Council and the results for the year; and
- (b) are in accordance with the accounting and other records of the Council.

  
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Rex Roger Mooney  
Chief Executive Officer

30.9.09  
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Date

## 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 2009, income 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.

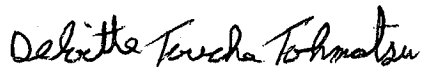
#### *Auditor's Independence Declaration*

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 2009 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, 30 / 09 / 2009.

# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

### INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Rates & Annual Charges	3(a)	14,642,917	13,327,036
User Charges & Fees	3(b)	2,131,313	1,538,856
Interest	3(c)	1,377,812	1,294,715
Grants & Contributions	3(d&e)	13,054,337	7,318,611
Other Revenues	3(f)	255,510	291,558
Donated Assets Received	3(g)	3,633,000	-
Write Back of Prior Year Loss on Revaluation	3(g)	1,311,250	-
<b>Revenues from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>36,406,139</b>	<b>23,770,776</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Costs	4(a)	9,031,971	8,057,115
Materials & Contracts	4(b)	7,641,117	5,553,929
Interest Charges	4(c)	329,706	441,072
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4(d)	8,068,414	4,686,733
Other Expenses	4(e)	2,534,648	2,438,694
Write Down of Assets on Revaluation	4(f)	1,049	-
Loss on Disposal of Assets	5	235,004	27,057
<b>Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>27,841,909</b>	<b>21,204,600</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>8,564,230</b>	<b>2,566,176</b>

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

# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Report as at 30th June 2009

### BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash Assets	6	24,151,345	17,856,536
Receivables	7	1,585,809	1,828,196
Inventories	8(a)	171,046	209,632
Other	8(b)	51,473	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>25,959,673</u>	<u>19,894,364</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Deferred Rates		40,294	55,851
Work in Progress	8(c)	1,201,792	1,631,010
Property, Plant & Equipment	9	162,282,946	173,939,509
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>163,525,032</u>	<u>175,626,370</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>189,484,705</u>	<u>195,520,734</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	10(a)	1,389,630	1,754,076
Borrowings	10(b)	270,101	252,634
Provisions	10(c)	1,347,856	1,374,033
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>3,007,587</u>	<u>3,380,743</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings	10(d)	3,716,643	3,984,981
Provisions	10(e)	2,425,044	2,278,390
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<u>6,141,687</u>	<u>6,263,371</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>9,149,274</u>	<u>9,644,114</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>180,335,431</u>	<u>185,876,620</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		11,387,940	10,108,910
Asset Revaluation Reserve		145,515,014	159,620,433
Other Reserves		23,432,477	16,147,277
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>180,335,431</u>	<u>185,876,620</u>

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

# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Report as at 30th June 2009

### STATEMENT OF WORKING CAPITAL

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash Assets		24,151,345	17,856,536
Receivables		1,585,809	1,828,196
Inventories		171,046	209,632
Other		51,473	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>25,959,673</u>	<u>19,894,364</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables		1,389,630	1,754,076
Borrowings		270,101	252,634
Provisions		1,347,856	1,374,033
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>3,007,587</u>	<u>3,380,743</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>22,952,086</u>	<u>16,513,621</u>
<b>Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)</b>	13	<u>8.63:1</u>	<u>5.88:1</u>

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



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## General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	10,108,910	10,317,823
Net Result for the Reporting Period	8,564,230	2,566,176
Transfers from Asset Revaluation Reserve	-	-
Transfers to Other Reserves	( 14,314,716)	( 6,416,935)
Transfers from Other Reserves	7,029,516	3,641,846
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u><u>11,387,940</u></u>	<u><u>10,108,910</u></u>
<b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	159,620,433	159,620,433
Revaluation of Property, Plant & Equipment	( 14,105,419)	-
Derecognition of Assets Sold	-	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u><u>145,515,014</u></u>	<u><u>159,620,433</u></u>
<b>OTHER RESERVES</b>		
<b>AQUATIC CENTRE RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	9,533,534	8,516,973
Transfers to Aquatic Centre Reserve	3,751,206	1,378,199
Transfers from Aquatic Centre Reserve	( 3,211,299)	( 361,638)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u><u>10,073,441</u></u>	<u><u>9,533,534</u></u>
<b>ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	30,000	30,000
Transfers from Asset Replacement Reserve	-	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u><u>30,000</u></u>	<u><u>30,000</u></u>
<b>CAPITAL (INFRASTRUCTURE) RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	1,083,875	581,875
Transfers to Capital (Infrastructure) Reserve	1,650,000	502,000
Transfers from Capital (Infrastructure) Reserve	-	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u><u>2,733,875</u></u>	<u><u>1,083,875</u></u>
<b>DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	122,192	48,298
Transfers to Developer Contributions Reserve	-	73,894
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u><u>122,192</u></u>	<u><u>122,192</u></u>

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## General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	298,662	298,662
Transfers to Employee Entitlements Reserve	-	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>298,662</u>	<u>298,662</u>
<b>SPORTS FACILITY RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	697,186	287,964
Transfers to Sports Facility Reserve	149,262	572,222
Transfers from Sports Facility Reserve	( 186,390)	( 163,000)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>660,058</u>	<u>697,186</u>
<b>TREE REPLACEMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Tree Replacement Reserve	231,118	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>231,118</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>UNEXPENDED FUNDS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	3,661,828	2,988,416
Transfers to Unexpended Funds Reserve	7,862,891	3,790,620
Transfers from Unexpended Funds Reserve	( 3,631,827)	( 3,117,208)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>7,892,892</u>	<u>3,661,828</u>
<b>URBAN DRIFT / POPULATION STUDY RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Urban Drift / Population Study Reserve	45,000	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	720,000	620,000
Transfers to Waste Management Reserve	625,239	100,000
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>1,345,239</u>	<u>720,000</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<u>23,432,477</u>	<u>16,147,277</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>180,335,431</u>	<u>185,876,620</u>

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

# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Rates & Annual Charges		14,440,831	13,254,015
User Charges & Fees		2,301,961	1,373,666
Interest		1,364,554	1,294,715
Grants & Contributions		13,766,597	7,616,122
Other Revenues		360,228	420,490
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Employee Costs		( 8,923,335)	( 7,599,742)
Materials & Contracts		( 9,516,739)	( 5,981,796)
Interest Charges		( 277,098)	( 441,072)
Other Expenses		( 1,591,464)	( 2,595,780)
<b>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</b>	11(b)	<u>11,925,535</u>	<u>7,340,618</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment	5	159,228	199,465
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		( 5,968,302)	( 2,823,879)
Work in Progress		429,218	( 1,076,334)
<b>Net Cash Used In Investing Activities</b>		<u>( 5,379,856)</u>	<u>( 3,700,748)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Repayments of Borrowings & Advances		( 250,870)	( 259,982)
<b>Net Cash Used In Financing Activities</b>		<u>( 250,870)</u>	<u>( 259,982)</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		<u>6,294,809</u>	<u>3,379,888</u>
Cash at Beginning of the Reporting Period		17,856,536	14,476,648
<b>Cash at End of the Reporting Period</b>	11(a)	<u><u>24,151,345</u></u>	<u><u>17,856,536</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 Report for the year ended 30th June 2009**

### **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 Report for the year ended 30th June 2009**

### **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**

At its meeting of 30th June 2008, Council elected to continue not to recognise land under roads, acquired before 30th June 2008, in accordance with the provisions of *section 8 of AASB 1051 Land Under Roads*.

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 Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

### 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. Purchased assets brought to account for the first time are valued at historical cost. Donated assets brought to account for the first time are valued at fair value. Assets are revalued every 3 to 5 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 / - Stormwater Drainage / - Other Infrastructure

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1st July 2008 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded 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 Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

### 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.

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009**

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

#### **6.6 Prior Year Correction**

Adjustments have been made to prior year's comparisons in relation to the following:

Assets with a net carrying value of \$160,538 were removed from the asset register and adjusted against Accumulated Funds at 1/7/08. \$107,834 of this amount was due to duplication of assets.

Assets with a net carrying value of \$73,686 were removed from the asset register and adjusted against Accumulated Funds at 1/7/08 due to the original purchase cost being less than the Council's capitalisation threshold.

An asset with a net carrying value of \$36,782 was removed from the asset register and adjusted against Accumulated Funds at 1/7/08 due to the asset having previously been disposed of.

\$40,000 was transferred from Developer Contributions back to Accumulated Funds at 1/7/08 due to proceeds from sale of an asset being incorrectly recorded as a Developer Contribution in 2005/06.

A net correction of \$325,539 was transferred from the Asset Revaluation Reserve to Accumulated Funds at 1/7/08. This was made up as follows: A decrease of \$1,748,772 relating to assets which had previously increased in value but have been disposed of and an increase of \$1,423,233 to correct for Other Infrastructure, where previous decreases in value should have been recorded to Profit & Loss.

#### **7 Payables**

##### **7.1 Goods & Services**

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

##### **7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits**

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

#### **8 Borrowings**

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.



# Alice Springs Town Council

## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

#### 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.

	Long Service Leave	Annual Leave
Weighted average discount rate	7.72%	3.00%
Weighted average settlement period	2.26 years	1 year

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 2007/08; 9% in 2006/07). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

#### 10 Provision for Restoration of the Landfill Site

In accordance with *part 8 of UIG Interpretation 1 Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities* the increase in liability due to the passage of time (the unwinding of the discount related to the time value of money) is recognised to profit or loss as a finance cost as it occurs.

The liability is expected to be settled in approximately 15 years and is measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflow. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

Weighted average discount rate	7.32%
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# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009**

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

#### **11 GST Implications**

In accordance with *UIG Interpretation 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.

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

#### 12 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 2008/2009 reporting period.

Council is of the view that the changes made by the new Standards or Interpretations will not affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending:

<i>UIG 129 Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures</i>	
<i>AASB 2007-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8 [ AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136, AASB 1023 &amp; AASB 1038]</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123 Borrowing Costs</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements</i>	30 June 2010
<i>AASB 2007-10 Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements</i>	30 June 2010
<i>AASB 2008-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 3 Business Combinations &amp; AASB 127 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB 2008-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standard - Share-based Payments: Vesting Conditions and Cancellations</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB 2008-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations arising on Liquidation</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB 2008-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project</i>	30 June 2010
<i>AASB 2008-6 Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project</i>	30 June 2010
<i>AASB 2008-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB 2008-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Eligible Hedged Items</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB Interpretation 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB Interpretation 16 Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>AASB 2008-13 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB Interpretation 17 – Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.
<i>Expected issue of an Australian equivalent to IFRIC 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers</i>	Applies from 30 June 2010, but is expected to have no effect.

**Alice Springs Town Council**

**Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report  
for the year ended 30th June 2009**

**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 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Rates & Annual Charges	14,622,835	14,642,917	13,327,036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
User Charges & Fees	37,800	178,327	72,601	79,899	145,692	117,277	-	-	-	1,109,181	1,527,624	1,096,595	86,000	183,778	
Interest	464,099	1,319,798	1,208,805	-	712	-	-	-	-	-	46,424	21,701	-	-	
Grants - NT Recurrent	1,964,916	2,793,446	1,966,692	52,500	345,000	-	-	-	-	1,980,881	1,422,583	724,613	-	-	
Grants - NT Capital	-	-	-	-	1,300,000	150,000	-	-	22,000	-	850,000	-	-	125,000	
Grants - Commonwealth Recurrent	-	-	-	-	142,400	-	-	-	-	312,951	409,500	562,317	-	-	
Grants - Commonwealth Capital	-	-	-	-	288,898	285,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Contributions & Donations	-	7,000	73,894	-	-	8,500	-	-	-	1,138,100	795,913	525,469	-	-	
Other Revenues	254,000	130,099	275,725	5,800	34,014	(62,398)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,278	
Donated Assets Received	-	3,633,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Write Back of Prior Year Loss on Revaluation	-	29,166	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,935	-	-	-	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>17,343,650</b>	<b>22,733,753</b>	<b>16,924,753</b>	<b>138,199</b>	<b>2,256,716</b>	<b>498,379</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>4,541,113</b>	<b>5,063,979</b>	<b>2,930,695</b>	<b>86,000</b>	<b>308,778</b>	<b>144,306</b>
Employee Costs	3,146,607	3,225,943	3,484,604	546,115	585,067	499,609	9,084	8,087	6,372	1,133,210	1,349,125	1,006,967	1,532,314	1,690,251	1,225,344
Materials & Contracts	2,614,484	1,779,043	2,318,982	285,500	327,775	(148,133)	44,220	50,319	(209,704)	6,019,300	3,712,319	2,104,151	168,664	81,517	326,522
Interest Charges	530,940	277,098	296,072	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,608	145,000	-	-	-
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	5,130,000	8,012,464	4,671,357	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,950	15,376	-	-	-
Other Expenses	1,053,727	1,141,839	1,053,057	7,900	9,061	1,574	4,000	158	76	239,905	142,781	178,876	408,492	433,816	424,588
Write Down of Assets on Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,049	-	-	-	-
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	22,685	27,057	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>12,475,758</b>	<b>14,459,072</b>	<b>11,851,129</b>	<b>839,515</b>	<b>921,903</b>	<b>353,050</b>	<b>57,304</b>	<b>58,564</b>	<b>(203,256)</b>	<b>7,392,415</b>	<b>5,313,832</b>	<b>3,450,370</b>	<b>2,109,470</b>	<b>2,205,584</b>	<b>1,976,454</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>4,867,892</b>	<b>8,274,681</b>	<b>5,073,624</b>	<b>(701,316)</b>	<b>1,334,813</b>	<b>145,329</b>	<b>(57,304)</b>	<b>(58,564)</b>	<b>225,256</b>	<b>(2,851,302)</b>	<b>(249,853)</b>	<b>(519,675)</b>	<b>(2,023,470)</b>	<b>(1,896,806)</b>	<b>(1,832,148)</b>
Assets		37,724,163	36,187,914		771,499	1,423,331		4,307,949	4,722,471		38,816,800	499,558		3,121,957	41,755,025
Recreation & Culture															
	Recreation & Culture			Economic Affairs - Transport			Other Economic Affairs			Education			Total		
	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2008
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Rates & Annual Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,622,835	14,642,917	13,327,036
User Charges & Fees	47,000	57,690	62,935	16,700	33,282	42,689	4,200	4,920	4,731	-	-	-	1,380,780	2,131,313	1,538,856
Interest	-	10,878	64,209	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	464,099	1,377,812	1,294,715
Grants - NT Recurrent	558,000	655,273	581,219	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,556,297	5,216,302	3,284,524
Grants - NT Capital	-	340,909	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,615,909	230,000
Grants - Commonwealth Recurrent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	312,951	551,900	562,317
Grants - Commonwealth Capital	8,000,000	2,366,455	1,477,327	315,000	657,704	95,131	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,315,000	3,313,057	1,857,458
Contributions & Donations	79,000	42,178	71,010	600,000	512,078	695,439	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,817,100	1,357,169	1,374,312
Other Revenues	100,100	6,172	5,351	65,000	85,225	70,602	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	426,400	255,510	291,558
Donated Assets Received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,633,000	-
Write Back of Prior Year Loss on Revaluation	-	101,061	-	-	1,169,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,311,250	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>8,784,100</b>	<b>3,580,616</b>	<b>2,342,051</b>	<b>996,700</b>	<b>2,457,377</b>	<b>903,861</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>4,731</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,895,462</b>	<b>36,406,139</b>	<b>23,770,776</b>
Employee Costs	1,502,924	1,589,713	1,365,059	463,504	574,256	462,156	10,879	9,308	7,004	1,051	221	-	8,345,688	9,031,971	8,057,115
Materials & Contracts	13,225,825	338,165	690,342	2,827,067	1,338,135	454,819	42,509	13,844	16,950	-	-	-	25,227,569	7,641,117	5,553,929
Interest Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	530,940	329,706	441,072
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,130,000	8,068,414	4,686,733
Other Expenses	720,950	757,022	715,271	40,000	36,860	39,374	68,500	11,111	23,878	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,545,474	2,534,648	2,438,694
Write Down of Assets on Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,049	-
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	212,319	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,004	27,057
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>15,449,699</b>	<b>2,897,219</b>	<b>2,770,672</b>	<b>3,330,571</b>	<b>1,949,251</b>	<b>956,349</b>	<b>121,888</b>	<b>34,263</b>	<b>47,832</b>	<b>3,051</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>41,779,671</b>	<b>27,841,909</b>	<b>21,204,600</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(6,665,599)</b>	<b>683,397</b>	<b>(428,621)</b>	<b>(2,333,871)</b>	<b>508,126</b>	<b>(52,488)</b>	<b>(116,188)</b>	<b>(29,343)</b>	<b>(43,101)</b>	<b>(3,051)</b>	<b>(2,221)</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(9,884,209)</b>	<b>8,564,230</b>	<b>2,566,176</b>
Assets		55,560,478	40,703,392		49,181,859	70,229,043		-	-		-	-		189,484,705	195,520,734

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 Report for the year ended 30th June 2009**

### **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, Alice Solar City.

#### **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 Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

#### Note 3 - OPERATING REVENUES

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>a) Rates &amp; Annual Charges</b>		
<u>Council</u>		
<u>Ordinary Rates</u>		
Residential	8,030,002	7,336,619
Farmland	346,315	318,422
Business	4,448,104	4,111,503
	12,824,421	11,766,544
<u>Special Rates</u>		
Airport	37,578	32,685
	37,578	32,685
<u>Annual Charges (pursuant to LGA s157)</u>		
Waste Management Services	1,780,918	1,527,807
	1,780,918	1,527,807
<b>Total Rates &amp; Annual Charges</b>	14,642,917	13,327,036
<b>b) User Charges &amp; Fees</b>		
<u>Council</u>		
<u>Charges</u>		
Hire of Council Equipment	109,494	36,037
Cemetery Charges	118,015	106,182
Rates Searches	55,084	49,604
Rental Charges	83,214	44,094
Sales	468	842
Weighbridge Charges	1,527,624	1,096,594
Other	67,295	46,537
	1,961,194	1,379,890
<u>Fees</u>		
Regulatory / Statutory Fees	152,537	158,966
Trolley Release Fees	17,582	-
	170,119	158,966
<b>Total User Charges &amp; Fees</b>	2,131,313	1,538,856
<b>c) Interest</b>		
<u>Council</u>		
Interest on Overdue Rates & Charges	209,076	115,020
Interest on Investments	1,122,312	1,157,994
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	1,331,388	1,273,014
<u>Alice Solar City</u>		
Interest on Investments	46,424	21,701
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	46,424	21,701
<b>Total Interest</b>	1,377,812	1,294,715

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## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>d) Grants</b>		
<b>NT Operating Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
<b><u>General Purpose</u></b>		
FAG	1,108,533	1,017,582
Roads	1,041,396	787,334
<b><u>Specific Purpose</u></b>		
DRDPIFR - Alice Employment Campaign	15,000	-
Dept Chief Minister - CBD Security Camera System	270,000	-
Sports & Recreation Office - Facility Development	50,000	50,000
DLGHS - Gap Childcare Centre Painting	-	22,000
DIPE - Discovery Walkway Maintenance	75,000	-
Library Operational	555,273	531,219
Pensioner Subsidies	171,604	161,776
Sports & Recreation Office - Sports Master Plan	50,000	-
NDRA - Storm Damage	456,913	-
NRETA - We Can Can Our Cans	-	10,000
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	3,793,719	2,579,911
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
<b><u>Specific Purpose</u></b>		
DPIFM - Alice Solar City	1,422,583	714,613
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	1,422,583	714,613
	5,216,302	3,294,524
<b>Commonwealth Operating Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
EMA - Flooding in Alice Springs Brochure	-	12,727
ICC - Town Camps Dog Control Strategy	142,400	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	142,400	12,727
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
DEWHA - Alice Solar City	409,500	549,590
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	409,500	549,590
	551,900	562,317

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## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>NT Capital Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
DIPE - Anzac Oval Facilities Upgrade	90,000	-
DLGH - Basketball Stadium Upgrade	90,909	-
Dept Chief Minister - CBD Security Camera System	1,100,000	150,000
NRETA - Gathering Garden	150,000	-
NRETA - Glass Crusher	850,000	-
DLGHS - LED Mobile Message Sign	-	30,000
DIPE - Park Development	-	50,000
NRETA - Public Art Professional Development	10,000	-
DLGH - Public Toilet Upgrade	125,000	-
DIPE - Safety and Security Lighting	200,000	-
	2,615,909	230,000
<b>Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
ABA - Aquatic Centre	1,821,000	1,477,327
DITRD LG - Aquatic Centre	545,455	-
AG - CBD Security Camera System	15,000	285,000
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	657,704	95,131
RLCIP - Safety and Security Lighting	230,000	-
ICC - Town Camps Dog Control Strategy	43,898	-
	3,313,057	1,857,458
<b>Total Grants</b>	11,697,168	5,944,299
<b><i>Unexpended Grant Funds</i></b>		
<i>The following Grants have conditions over them and these have not been fully acquitted at the end of the reporting period:</i>		
<b><i>NT Operating Grants</i></b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
<b><u>Specific Purpose</u></b>		
DRDP IFR - Alice Employment Campaign	15,000	-
Dept Chief Minister - CBD Security Camera System	200,000	-
Sports & Recreation Office - Facility Development	-	9,103
DLGHS - Gap Childcare Centre Painting	2,071	22,000
DIPE - Discovery Walkway Maintenance	75,000	-
Sports & Recreation Office - Sports Master Plan	50,000	-
DIPE - Todd River Rechanneling	3,590	30,635
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	345,661	61,738

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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
<b><u>Specific Purpose</u></b>		
DPIFM - Alice Solar City	135,898	357,122
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	135,898	357,122
	481,559	418,860
<b><u>Commonwealth Operating Grants</u></b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
EMA - Flooding in Alice Springs Brochure	-	604
ICC - Town Camps Dog Control Strategy	47,163	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	47,163	604
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
DEWHA - Alice Solar City	231,660	197,913
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	231,660	197,913
	278,823	198,517
<b><u>NT Capital Grants</u></b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
DIPE - Anzac Oval Facilities Upgrade	90,000	-
NT Government - Aquatic Centre (incl Interest)	9,527,986	8,852,095
DLGH - Basketball Stadium Upgrade	90,909	-
Dept Chief Minister - CBD Security Camera System	1,098,031	-
NRETA - Gathering Garden	9,776	-
NRETA - Glass Crusher	850,000	-
DLGHS - LED Mobile Message Sign	30,000	30,000
DIPE - Leichhardt Terrace Park Upgrade	300,000	300,000
DIPE - Park Development	3,683	50,006
NRETA - Public Art Professional Development	10,000	-
DLGH - Public Toilet Upgrade	125,000	-
DLGHS - Ross Park Lights & Clubrooms	127,585	321,672
DIPE - Safety and Security Lighting	200,000	-
Dept Chief Minister - Todd Mall Moving Alice Ahead	300,000	300,000
DIPE - Todd River Walk	196,629	260,755
	12,959,599	10,114,528
<b><u>Commonwealth Capital Grants</u></b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
ABA - Aquatic Centre	-	681,439
DITRDLG - Aquatic Centre	545,455	-
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	479,173	50,850
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery - Additional	-	220,746
RLCIP - Safety and Security Lighting	203,950	-
	1,228,578	953,035
<b>Total Unexpended Grant Funds</b>	14,948,559	11,684,940



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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>e) Contributions</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
ASBUS - From NT Government	416,950	695,439
Developer Contributions	-	73,894
Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies	41,714	71,010
Tip Face Contract Management	15,913	31,818
Other	102,592	12,151
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>577,169</b>	<b>884,312</b>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Northern Territory Government	718,000	395,000
Power & Water Corporation	62,000	95,000
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>780,000</b>	<b>490,000</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>1,357,169</b>	<b>1,374,312</b>
<b>f) Other Revenues</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Fines	118,784	159,404
Fuel Rebates	22,764	50,397
Insurance Claims	107,339	16,165
Sales of Other Equipment (Not Assets)	1,836	1,090
Other	4,787	64,502
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>255,510</b>	<b>291,558</b>
<b>g) Donated Assets Received</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
NT Government - Traeger Park Grandstand	3,633,000	-
<b>Total Donated Assets Received</b>	<b>3,633,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>h) Write Back of Prior Year Loss on Revaluation</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Other Infrastructure	1,311,250	-
<b>Total Write Back of Prior Year Loss on Revaluation</b>	<b>1,311,250</b>	<b>-</b>

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## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

### Note 4 - OPERATING EXPENSES

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>a) Employee Costs</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Salaries & Wages	7,370,965	6,741,643
Travelling	49,189	57,537
Employee Leave Entitlements	129,221	152,860
Superannuation	685,646	638,333
Workers Compensation Insurance	186,518	124,717
FBT	39,927	53,149
Training	109,616	69,461
Other	6,660	11,012
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>8,577,742</b>	<b>7,848,712</b>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Salaries & Wages	362,771	154,444
Travelling	12,089	15,290
Employee Leave Entitlements	13,993	15,868
Superannuation	36,237	13,349
Workers Compensation Insurance	8,172	7,595
FBT	7,605	1,325
Training	13,362	532
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>454,229</b>	<b>208,403</b>
<b>Total Employee Costs</b>	<b>9,031,971</b>	<b>8,057,115</b>
<b><i>Number of Full Time Equivalent Employees at 30th June</i></b>	<b>122.06</b>	<b>113.56</b>
<b>b) Materials &amp; Contracts</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Audit Fees	12,050	30,450
Books & Non-Book Resources	37,847	36,809
Computer Consumables	8,200	14,009
Consulting Fees	546,704	253,240
Contract Material and Labour	2,364,605	2,639,037
Equipment Hire	12,627	5,098
Food (Catering)	33,345	33,056
Fuel and Oil	237,556	231,333
Internet Service Provider	35,073	24,371
IT Equipment	67,332	128,726
Journals / Periodicals	10,066	11,572
Licence Fees	9,124	3,244
Materials	903,386	546,788
Membership & Subscriptions	41,593	39,935
Network Communication	2,113	10,477
Office Equipment	18,557	4,683
On-line Resources	3,182	3,643
Other Equipment	1,043,422	989,270

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Printing	31,340	33,030
Promotional / Education	3,692	3,315
Security	160,248	34,407
Software Development and Fees	4,000	24,000
Software Licence and Maintenance Fees	92,565	90,237
Stationery	24,423	22,104
Stock Write-off	18,567	3,150
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>5,721,617</b>	<b>5,215,984</b>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
10/10 and 20/20 Support	3,980	-
Audit Fees	1,450	900
Consulting Fees	32,576	256,546
Contract Material and Labour	378,673	( 66,913)
Energy Audits	4,806	-
Energy Efficiency	428,426	6,872
Flat Panel PV Systems	637,402	46,747
Food (Catering)	933	1,903
Fuel and Oil	1,829	609
IT Equipment	828	22,261
Materials	21,482	14,042
Membership & Subscriptions	1,140	683
Office Equipment	5,295	24,095
Other Equipment	723	4,046
Promotional / Education	39,718	-
PV Metering	31,100	-
Security	2,378	482
Smart Meters	34,200	-
Software Licence and Maintenance Fees	490	9,292
Solar Hot Water	281,459	11,760
Stationery	10,612	4,620
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>1,919,500</b>	<b>337,945</b>
<b>Total Materials &amp; Contracts</b>	<b>7,641,117</b>	<b>5,553,929</b>
<b>c) Interest Charges</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Finance Expenses - Provision for Restoration of Landfill	52,608	145,000
Interest Expenses - Bank Loan	277,098	296,072
<b>Total Interest Charges</b>	<b>329,706</b>	<b>441,072</b>

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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>d) Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Land Improvements	1,556,425	1,004,407
Buildings	792,276	844,923
Furniture & Office Equipment	138,986	157,112
Plant & Equipment	711,449	525,982
Infrastructure:		
- Sealed Roads	3,906,492	1,482,349
- Unsealed Roads	49,722	35,890
- Stormwater Drainage	368,599	363,345
- Other	488,515	257,349
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>8,012,464</b>	<b>4,671,357</b>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Furniture & Office Equipment	37,000	12,129
Alice Solar City Brand	18,950	3,247
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>55,950</b>	<b>15,376</b>
<b>Total Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</b>	<b>8,068,414</b>	<b>4,686,733</b>
<b>e) Other Expenses</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Advertising	141,485	205,875
Aldermen Allowances	149,776	152,300
Elected Members - Travel & Accommodation	16,471	9,488
Elected Member Other Expenses	3,329	117
Bad & Doubtful Debts	( 9,534)	( 18,341)
Bank Fees	3,658	611
Can Refunds	-	22,811
Cashier Overs/Unders	( 503)	( 3,891)
Donations & Contributions to Local & Regional Bodies	177,779	183,030
Electricity and Gas	232,594	220,611
Freight	4,155	4,390
Insurance	235,087	216,972
Legal Fees	132,458	2,391
Merchant Transaction Fees	59,852	54,133
Pensioner Concessions	198,592	188,850
Postage	20,731	19,759
Rates - Early Bird draw	8,296	7,382
Rates Written off / Wavered	314	45

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Relocation Expenses	2,452	12,207
Street Lighting	371,114	357,337
Telephone	66,097	61,014
Unexpended Funds Returned	591	-
Vehicle Registration	44,043	41,833
Water & Sewerage Charges	547,312	553,004
Other	-	1,920
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>2,406,149</u>	<u>2,293,848</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Advertising	38,038	74,583
Bank Fees	272	43
Chairman Sitting Fees	15,000	28,313
Electricity and Gas	3,114	1,007
Insurance Premium	8,189	-
Legal Fees	-	2,382
Merchant Transaction Fees	95	270
Postage	3,100	803
PV Buyback Incentive Scheme	8,603	-
Rent	46,399	27,141
Telephone	5,206	7,553
Travel & Accommodation Expenses	-	2,307
Vehicle Registration	483	444
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>128,499</u>	<u>144,846</u>
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u><u>2,534,648</u></u>	<u><u>2,438,694</u></u>
<b>f) Write Down of Assets on Revaluation</b>		
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Furniture & Office Equipment	1,049	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u><u>1,049</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>



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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Proceeds from disposal	159,228	199,465
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	394,232	226,522
<b>Total Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<u>( 235,004)</u>	<u>( 27,057)</u>
<b>Total Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Assets</b>	<u>( 235,004)</u>	<u>( 27,057)</u>

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#### Note 6 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	1,742,956	1,480,658
Short Term Deposits	21,082,879	15,504,606
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	22,825,835	16,985,264
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	324,318	871,272
Short Term Deposits	1,001,192	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	1,325,510	871,272
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	24,151,345	17,856,536

*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	3,835,166	2,386,662
- Included in Equity	11,235,585	10,018,269

<b>Total External Restrictions</b>	15,070,751	12,404,931
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##### Internal Restrictions

- Included in Liabilities	3,320,724	3,398,885
- Included in Revenue	41,713	71,011
- Included in Equity	7,028,219	4,227,847

<b>Total Internal Restrictions</b>	10,390,656	7,697,743
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<b>Total Assets Subject to Restrictions</b>	25,461,407	20,102,674
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<b>Total Shortfall</b>	( 1,310,062)	( 2,246,138)
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<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	24,151,345	17,856,536
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## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS - DETAIL</b>		
<b>External Restrictions</b>		
<b>Included in Revenue</b>		
Developer Contributions (D)		
- Parking	-	3,894
- Roads	-	70,000
Aquatic Centre incl Interest (F)	1,140,014	1,016,561
Other Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	2,595,871	226,766
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Solar Cities Consortium Funds (F)	99,281	1,069,441
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>99,281</u>	<u>1,069,441</u>
<b>Total Included in Revenue</b>	<u>3,835,166</u>	<u>2,386,662</u>
<b>Included in Equity</b>		
Developer Contributions (D)	122,192	48,298
Aquatic Centre (F)	8,878,880	8,516,973
Ross Park Lights & Clubrooms (F)	116,707	257,463
Todd River Rechannelling (F)	3,590	30,635
Todd River Walk (F)	196,629	260,755
Leichhardt Terrace Park Upgrade (F)	300,000	300,000
Other Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	335,754	520,752
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Solar Cities Consortium Funds	1,281,833	83,393
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>1,281,833</u>	<u>83,393</u>
<b>Total Included in Equity</b>	<u>11,235,585</u>	<u>10,018,269</u>
<b>Total External Restrictions</b>	<u><u>15,070,751</u></u>	<u><u>12,404,931</u></u>
<b>Internal Restrictions</b>		
<b>Included in Liabilities</b>		
Waste Facility Restoration	2,197,608	2,145,000
Net of Liabilities & Debtors	1,123,116	1,253,885
<b>Total Included in Liabilities</b>	<u>3,320,724</u>	<u>3,398,885</u>
<b>Included in Revenue</b>		
Sports Facility	41,713	71,011
<b>Total Included in Revenue</b>	<u>41,713</u>	<u>71,011</u>

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## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Included in Equity</b>		
Asset Replacement	30,000	30,000
Commitments for Expenditure (excl Tied Amounts)	383,950	471,627
Employee Entitlements	298,662	298,662
Infrastructure	2,733,875	1,083,875
Sports Facility	618,345	617,072
Unexpended Funds	1,618,148	1,006,611
Waste Facility Replacement	1,345,239	720,000
<b>Total Included in Equity</b>	<u>7,028,219</u>	<u>4,227,847</u>
<b>Total Internal Restrictions</b>	<u>10,390,656</u>	<u>7,697,743</u>

#### **Legend**

- 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).
- F* Grants that are not yet expended for the purposes for which the grants were obtained.

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#### Note 7 - RECEIVABLES

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Receivables</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Rates & Annual Charges	1,138,250	920,607
User Charges & Fees	494,695	493,433
Accrued Income	106,760	93,502
ATO	( 178,997)	131,560
Other	95,368	83,225
	<hr/> 1,656,076	<hr/> 1,722,327
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	101,316	120,041
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<hr/> 1,554,760	<hr/> 1,602,286
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
ATO	31,049	8,795
Other	-	217,115
	<hr/> 31,049	<hr/> 225,910
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<hr/> 31,049	<hr/> 225,910
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<hr/> <hr/> 1,585,809	<hr/> <hr/> 1,828,196



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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

#### Note 8 - OTHER ASSETS

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>a) Inventories</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Stores & Materials	171,046	209,632
<b>Total Inventories</b>	171,046	209,632
<b>b) Other</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Prepayments	47,023	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	47,023	-
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Prepayments	4,450	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	4,450	-
<b>Total Other</b>	51,473	-
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>c) Work in Progress</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Aquatic Centre	928,737	1,176,944
CBD Security Cameras - Expansion Stage 1	2,682	-
Civic Centre	-	844
Gap Road / Congress Carpark Reconfigure	-	6,421
Gillen Club / Newland Park Proposal	( 4,240)	1,520
Izuzu Flusher Truck	2,160	-
Laneway Closures & Park Subdivisions	10,809	-
Plant & Equipment	-	46,743
Playground Equipment	-	-
Public Art - The Gathering Garden	158,774	7,711
Quad Bike	391	-
Quad Bike	391	-
Rhonda Diano Oval Storeroom Extension	1,200	-
Roads to Recovery	15,490	35,029
Roads to Recovery - Additional	-	94,692
Ross Park Lights & Clubrooms	-	243,259
Sadadeen Child Care Centre	4,105	3,385
Safety & Security Lighting	26,050	-
Solitaire Metal Pay Phone	-	2,600
Todd Mall Pavers	17,812	11,862
Tuncks Road	36,587	-
Welcome Sign Civic Centre Entrance	844	-
<b>Total Work in Progress</b>	1,201,792	1,631,010

**Alice Springs Town Council**

**Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report  
for the year ended 30th June 2009**

**Note 9 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

	2008			CARRYING AMOUNT OF MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2009		
	AT FAIR VALUE	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	ASSET PURCHASES	NET REVALUATION		ASSET DISPOSALS		DEPRECIATION	AT FAIR VALUE	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
					FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT	DEPRECIATION ADJUSTMENT	FAIR VALUE	DEPRECIATION ADJUSTMENT				
<b>Council</b>												
Land - Council owned and controlled	44,002,450	-	44,002,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,002,450	-	44,002,450
Land Improvements	16,377,799	( 3,543,054)	12,834,745	3,534,269	( 1,710,399)	3,362,533	( 213,233)	42,774	( 1,556,425)	17,988,436	( 1,694,172)	16,294,264
Buildings	24,427,008	( 2,628,729)	21,798,279	3,979,821	( 9,040,607)	2,628,729	-	-	( 792,276)	19,366,222	( 792,276)	18,573,946
Furniture & Office Equipment	960,506	( 324,812)	635,694	12,365	( 70,401)	324,252	( 400)	172	( 138,986)	902,070	( 139,374)	762,696
Plant & Equipment	4,538,957	( 1,596,797)	2,942,160	1,073,649	( 1,131,556)	1,585,896	( 268,000)	44,455	( 711,449)	4,213,050	( 677,895)	3,535,155
Infrastructure:												
- Sealed Roads	59,286,731	( 5,880,502)	53,406,229	650,385	( 16,535,131)	5,880,502	-	-	( 3,906,492)	43,401,985	( 3,906,492)	39,495,493
- Unsealed Roads	277,850	( 114,832)	163,018	-	7,750	114,832	-	-	( 49,722)	285,600	( 49,722)	235,878
- Stormwater Drainage	34,518,655	( 1,452,893)	33,065,762	-	( 974,755)	1,452,893	-	-	( 368,599)	33,543,900	( 368,599)	33,175,301
- Other	4,248,519	( 1,458,669)	2,789,850	350,813	( 147,419)	1,458,669	-	-	( 488,515)	4,451,913	( 488,515)	3,963,398
Art Collection & Heritage	2,001,615	-	2,001,615	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,001,615	-	2,001,615
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>190,640,090</b>	<b>( 17,000,288)</b>	<b>173,639,802</b>	<b>9,601,302</b>	<b>( 29,602,518)</b>	<b>16,808,306</b>	<b>( 481,633)</b>	<b>87,401</b>	<b>( 8,012,464)</b>	<b>170,157,241</b>	<b>( 8,117,045)</b>	<b>162,040,196</b>
<b>Alice Solar City</b>												
Furniture & Office Equipment	198,178	( 12,129)	186,049	-	( 13,178)	12,129	-	-	( 37,000)	185,000	( 37,000)	148,000
Alice Solar City Brand	116,905	( 3,247)	113,658	-	( 3,205)	3,247	-	-	( 18,950)	113,700	( 18,950)	94,750
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>315,083</b>	<b>( 15,376)</b>	<b>299,707</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 16,383)</b>	<b>15,376</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 55,950)</b>	<b>298,700</b>	<b>( 55,950)</b>	<b>242,750</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>190,955,173</b>	<b>( 17,015,664)</b>	<b>173,939,509</b>	<b>9,601,302</b>	<b>( 29,618,901)</b>	<b>16,823,682</b>	<b>( 481,633)</b>	<b>87,401</b>	<b>( 8,068,414)</b>	<b>170,455,941</b>	<b>( 8,172,995)</b>	<b>162,282,946</b>

	2007			CARRYING AMOUNT OF MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2008		
	AT FAIR VALUE	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	ASSET PURCHASES	NET REVALUATION		ASSET DISPOSALS		DEPRECIATION	AT FAIR VALUE	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
							FAIR VALUE	DEPRECIATION ADJUSTMENT				
Land - Council owned and controlled	44,002,450	-	44,002,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,002,450	-	44,002,450
Land Improvements	15,508,588	( 2,542,285)	12,966,303	888,211	-	-	( 19,000)	3,638	( 1,004,407)	16,377,799	( 3,543,054)	12,834,745
Buildings	24,108,183	( 1,785,394)	22,322,789	332,825	-	-	( 14,000)	1,588	( 844,923)	24,427,008	( 2,628,729)	21,798,279
Furniture & Office Equipment	703,646	( 167,700)	535,946	256,860	-	-	-	-	( 157,112)	960,506	( 324,812)	635,694
Plant & Equipment	3,915,987	( 1,211,682)	2,704,305	962,585	-	-	( 339,615)	140,867	( 525,982)	4,538,957	( 1,596,797)	2,942,160
Infrastructure:												
- Sealed Roads	59,284,965	( 4,398,153)	54,886,812	1,766	-	-	-	-	( 1,482,349)	59,286,731	( 5,880,502)	53,406,229
- Unsealed Roads	277,850	( 78,942)	198,908	-	-	-	-	-	( 35,890)	277,850	( 114,832)	163,018
- Stormwater Drainage	34,518,655	( 1,089,548)	33,429,107	-	-	-	-	-	( 363,345)	34,518,655	( 1,452,893)	33,065,762
- Other	4,181,970	( 1,201,320)	2,980,650	66,549	-	-	-	-	( 257,349)	4,248,519	( 1,458,669)	2,789,850
Art Collection & Heritage	2,001,615	-	2,001,615	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,001,615	-	2,001,615
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>188,503,909</b>	<b>( 12,475,024)</b>	<b>176,028,885</b>	<b>2,508,796</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 372,615)</b>	<b>146,093</b>	<b>( 4,671,357)</b>	<b>190,640,090</b>	<b>( 17,000,288)</b>	<b>173,639,802</b>
<b>Alice Solar City</b>												
Furniture & Office Equipment	-	-	-	198,178	-	-	-	-	( 12,129)	198,178	( 12,129)	186,049
Alice Solar City Brand	-	-	-	116,905	-	-	-	-	( 3,247)	116,905	( 3,247)	113,658
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>315,083</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 15,376)</b>	<b>315,083</b>	<b>( 15,376)</b>	<b>299,707</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>188,503,909</b>	<b>( 12,475,024)</b>	<b>176,028,885</b>	<b>2,823,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 372,615)</b>	<b>146,093</b>	<b>( 4,686,733)</b>	<b>190,955,173</b>	<b>( 17,015,664)</b>	<b>173,939,509</b>

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

#### Note 10 - PAYABLES, PROVISIONS AND BORROWINGS

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>a) Payables</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Goods & Services	690,559	796,346
Accrued Expenses	330,965	581,190
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	52,016	74,173
Unearned Income	214,156	212,098
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>1,287,696</b>	<b>1,663,807</b>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Goods & Services	100,925	79,856
Accrued Expenses	1,009	10,413
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>101,934</b>	<b>90,269</b>
<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>1,389,630</b>	<b>1,754,076</b>
<b>b) Borrowings</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre *	270,101	252,634
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<b>270,101</b>	<b>252,634</b>
<b>c) Provisions</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Airtfares	16,403	44,986
Annual Leave	863,024	869,842
Long Service Leave	382,168	379,796
Rostered Days Off	48,169	46,131
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>1,309,764</b>	<b>1,340,755</b>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Annual Leave	34,181	30,825
Long Service Leave	3,911	2,453
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>38,092</b>	<b>33,278</b>
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<b>1,347,856</b>	<b>1,374,033</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>3,007,587</b>	<b>3,380,743</b>

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#### Note 10 - PAYABLES, PROVISIONS AND BORROWINGS (Cont'd)

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>d) Borrowings</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre *	3,716,643	3,984,981
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<u>3,716,643</u>	<u>3,984,981</u>
<b>e) Provisions</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Long Service Leave	207,130	122,262
Restoration of the Landfill Site	2,197,608	2,145,000
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>2,404,738</u>	<u>2,267,262</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Long Service Leave	20,306	11,128
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>20,306</u>	<u>11,128</u>
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<u>2,425,044</u>	<u>2,278,390</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<u>6,141,687</u>	<u>6,263,371</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

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<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	2,067,274	2,351,930
Short Term Deposits	22,084,071	15,504,606
<b>Balances as per Cash Flow Statement</b>	<u>24,151,345</u>	<u>17,856,536</u>
<b>b) Reconciliation of Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year to Cash from Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>8,564,230</b>	<b>2,566,176</b>
<b><u>Add:</u></b>		
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	8,068,414	4,686,733
Increase in Employee Leave Provisions	67,869	122,694
Increase in Other Provisions	52,608	145,000
Decrease in Receivables	276,669	-
Decrease in Inventories	38,586	-
Increase in Payables	-	526,934
Loss on Disposal of Assets	235,004	27,057
	<u>8,739,150</u>	<u>5,508,418</u>
<b><u>Less:</u></b>		
Decrease in Provision for Doubtful Debts	( 18,725)	( 19,251)
Decrease in Employee Leave Provisions	-	-
Increase in Receivables	-	( 446,144)
Increase in Inventories	-	( 114,699)
Increase in Other Current Assets	( 51,473)	-
Decrease in Payables	( 133,977)	-
Decrease in Payroll Creditors	( 230,469)	( 153,882)
Donated Assets Received	( 3,633,000)	-
Written to Profit & Loss on Revaluation of Assets	( 1,310,201)	-
	<u>( 5,377,845)</u>	<u>( 733,976)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</b>	<u>11,925,535</u>	<u>7,340,618</u>

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### Note 12 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Capital Commitments</b>		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Buildings	61,812	51,980
- Aquatic Centre	15,330,199	14,956,852
Land Improvements	550,700	7,200
Plant and Equipment	1,128,242	380,852
Roads	346,127	102,250
<b>Total Capital Commitments</b>	<u><u>17,417,080</u></u>	<u><u>15,499,134</u></u>

These expenditures are payable as follows:

Not later than 1 year	15,884,060	10,408,225
Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	1,533,020	5,090,909
Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years		-
Later than 5 years		-
	<u><u>17,417,080</u></u>	<u><u>15,499,134</u></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	1,006,066	331,540
Training	-	105
Other	15,451	409
<b>Total Capital Commitments</b>	<u><u>1,021,517</u></u>	<u><u>332,054</u></u>

These expenditures are payable as follows:

Not later than 1 year	1,021,517	332,054
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><u>1,021,517</u></u>	<u><u>332,054</u></u>



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#### Note 13 - STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>a) Current Ratio</b>					
<u>Current Assets</u> Current Liabilities	8.63:1	5.88:1	5.59:1	4.72:1	5.04:1
<b>b) Debt Service Ratio</b>					
<u>Net Debt Service Cost</u> Total Operating Revenue	0.0076:1	0.0125:1	0.0167:1	0.0120:1	0.0002:1
<b>c) Rate Coverage Ratio</b>					
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges</u> Total Revenue	40.22%	56.06%	65.37%	42.24%	59.62%
<b>d) Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage</b>					
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding</u> Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	8.05%	7.33%	6.92%	6.58%	6.24%

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#### Note 14 - CONDITIONS OVER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

	2009		2008	
	\$ Grants	\$ Contributions	\$ Grants	\$ Contributions
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	11,684,940	506,988	10,493,057	48,298
<b><u>Less:</u></b>				
Expended during the current reporting period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods	2,344,288	384,796	606,479	-
<b><u>Plus:</u></b>				
Amounts recognised as revenues in current reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions	5,607,907	411,875	1,798,362	458,690
Unexpended at the close of the current reporting period and held as restricted assets	14,948,559	534,067	11,684,940	506,988
Net increase in restricted assets in the current reporting period	3,263,619	27,079	1,191,883	458,690

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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.

<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>2009</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2008</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>a) Parking</b>		
Opening Balance	52,192	48,298
Contributions Received During Year	-	3,894
<b>Total Parking</b>	<u>52,192</u>	<u>52,192</u>
<b>b) Roads</b>		
Opening Balance	70,000	-
Contributions Received During Year	-	70,000
<b>Total Roads</b>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
<b>Total Contributions Held as a Restricted Asset</b>	<u>122,192</u>	<u>122,192</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>2009</b>						
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash Assets	2,067,274	22,084,071	-	-	-	24,151,345
Receivables	-	924,094	40,294	-	656,271	1,620,659
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>2,067,274</b>	<b>23,008,165</b>	<b>40,294</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>656,271</b>	<b>25,772,004</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>1.54%</i>	<i>4.75%</i>	<i>19.00%</i>		<i>0.00%</i>	<i>6.32%</i>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables	-	-	-	-	843,500	843,500
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre	-	270,101	1,282,029	2,434,614	-	3,986,744
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>270,101</b>	<b>1,282,029</b>	<b>2,434,614</b>	<b>843,500</b>	<b>4,830,244</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		<i>6.75%</i>	<i>6.75%</i>	<i>6.75%</i>		<i>6.75%</i>
<b>2008</b>						
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash Assets	2,351,930	15,504,606	-	-	-	17,856,536
Receivables	-	708,509	55,851	-	1,146,226	1,910,586
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>2,351,930</b>	<b>16,213,115</b>	<b>55,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,146,226</b>	<b>19,767,122</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>6.59%</i>	<i>8.29%</i>	<i>16.00%</i>		<i>0.00%</i>	<i>7.72%</i>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables	-	-	-	-	950,375	950,375
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre	-	252,634	1,552,836	2,432,145	-	4,237,615
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>252,634</b>	<b>1,552,836</b>	<b>2,432,145</b>	<b>950,375</b>	<b>5,187,990</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 fair value for all recognised financial instruments.

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

<u>Reconciliation of Financial Assets of Liabilities</u>	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>		
Financial Assets	25,772,004	19,767,122
Financial Liabilities	( 4,830,244)	( 5,187,990)
	<u>20,941,760</u>	<u>14,579,132</u>
<b>Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Income	106,760	93,502
Prepayments	51,473	-
Provision for Doubtful Debts	( 101,316)	( 120,041)
Inventories	171,046	209,632
Work in Progress	1,201,792	1,631,010
Property, Plant & Equipment	162,282,946	173,939,509
Accrued Expenses	( 331,974)	( 591,603)
Unearned Income	( 214,156)	( 212,098)
Provisions	( 3,772,900)	( 3,652,423)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>180,335,431</u>	<u>185,876,620</u>
<b>Net Assets per Balance Sheet</b>	<u>180,335,431</u>	<u>185,876,620</u>