

# **Alice Springs Town Council**

## **Annual Report 2011 / 2012**

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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 2012.

Council's performance is reported under the goals outlined in the 2011 - 2012 Business Plan including:

1. Economic
2. Social Infrastructure and Programs
3. Environment
4. Development
5. Public Order and Safety
6. 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 the community.

## Core Values

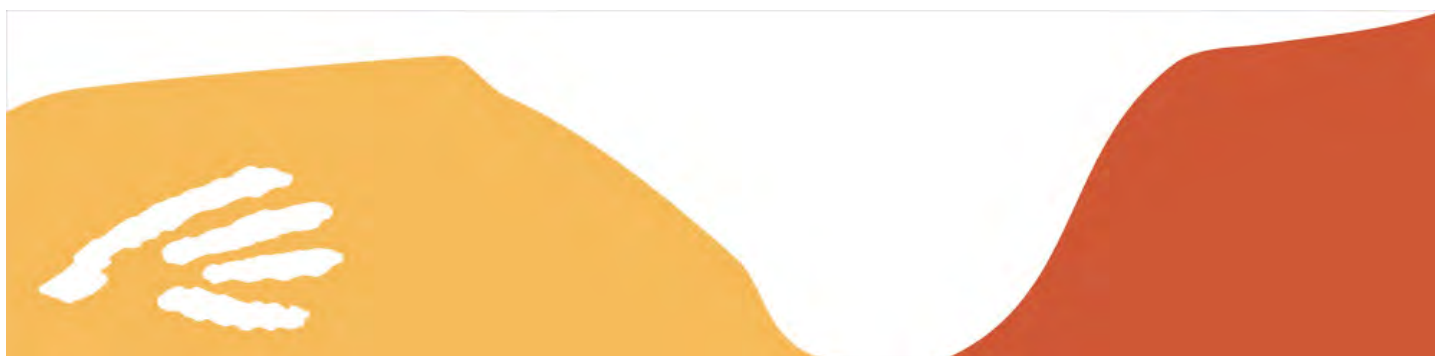
The Alice Springs Town Council will be recognised and appreciated by its residents and visitors as valuing:

- 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 pleased to present the 2011/12 Annual Report for the Alice Springs Town Council.

In the last financial year there have been some exciting new initiatives and key changes at Council, including the election of the 12th Council in March 2012.

The 2011 / 2012 financial year highlights include the installation of more solar lighting, the completion of the successful Cash for Containers program and the continued delivery of the Healthy Communities Initiative.

The Alice Springs Town Council has also undertaken some major works projects in the 2011 / 2012 financial year. These include the completion of new public toilet blocks and upgrades to sporting facilities including Traeger Park and Anzac Oval.

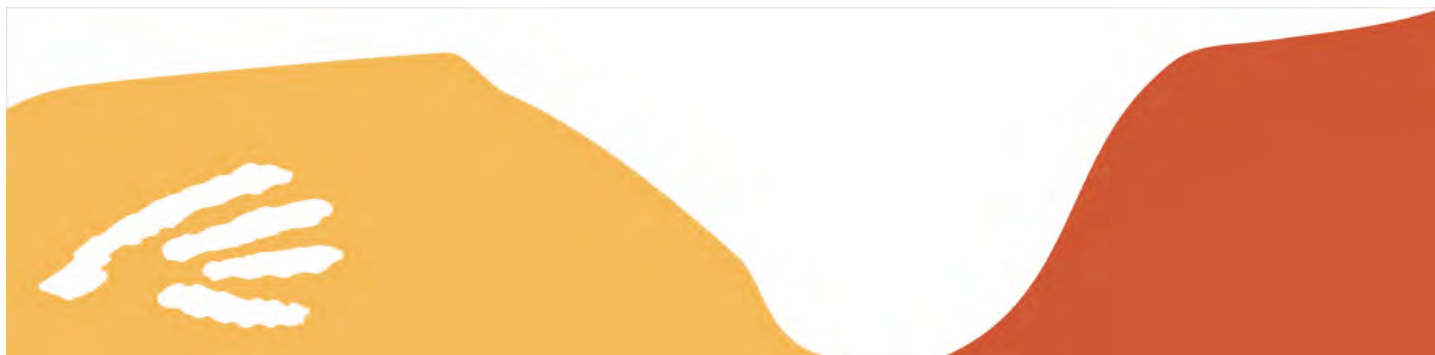
At Council we all continue to focus on the creation and maintenance of a beautiful and sustainable Alice Springs for everyone. Throughout 2011/12 Council remained dedicated to thinking environmentally and paving a bright future for Alice Springs and its residents.

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 the past and fellow Councillors for their ongoing commitment as the voice for the Alice Springs community. Elected Members and staff have delivered exceptional service to Alice Springs and I thank them for continuing to strive 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



There have been varied achievements for the Alice Springs Town Council in the 2011 / 2012 financial and I am pleased to highlight them in this Annual Report.

This financial year also saw another milestone for Alice Springs Town Council and that was the 40th Anniversary of Council on 5th July 2011. This significant achievement was marked with a event for staff, elected members and the community.

As an organisation Council continues 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:

- Competition of the very popular Council Cash for Containers program.
- Footpath program across the Municipality.
- Successful continuation of the Town Camps Dogs Strategy.
- Installation of water saving irrigation technology across 64 parks within the Municipality.
- Support and sponsorship of more then 63 local community events and organisations, as well as numerous Council events such as the Night Markets, Citizenship Ceremonies and Christmas Carnival.
- Continuation of effective management of Council's day to day operations in an efficient and proactive manner.

The achievements outlined within this 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 like to thank the Mayor and each and every Councillor for their significant 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 public to take an active role in attending Council meetings to see how local government works for their local community.

The 2011 / 2012 Annual Report is a clear affirmation of the enthusiasm and dedication of His Worship, Mayor Damien Ryan and the elected members in providing the leadership and vision to meet the challenging needs of our dynamic community.

Rex Mooney  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# The 12th Alice Springs Town Council

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

Council Standing Committees meet on the third last 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 Councillors and the Mayor stand for election every four years with the next election due in March 2016.



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# Committee Representatives at 30 June 2012



Council decisions are made through a series of Council and Committee meetings. The Council and Committee structure for the year 2011/12 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:-**  
Chair Councillor Jade Kudrenko

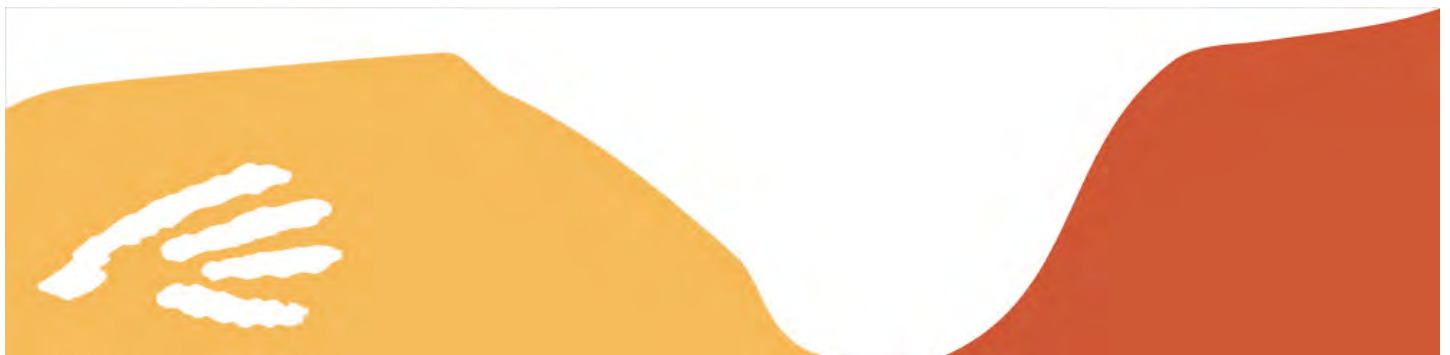
**Technical Services Committee:-**  
Chair Councillor Liz Martin

**Finance Committee**  
Chair Councillor Chansey Paech

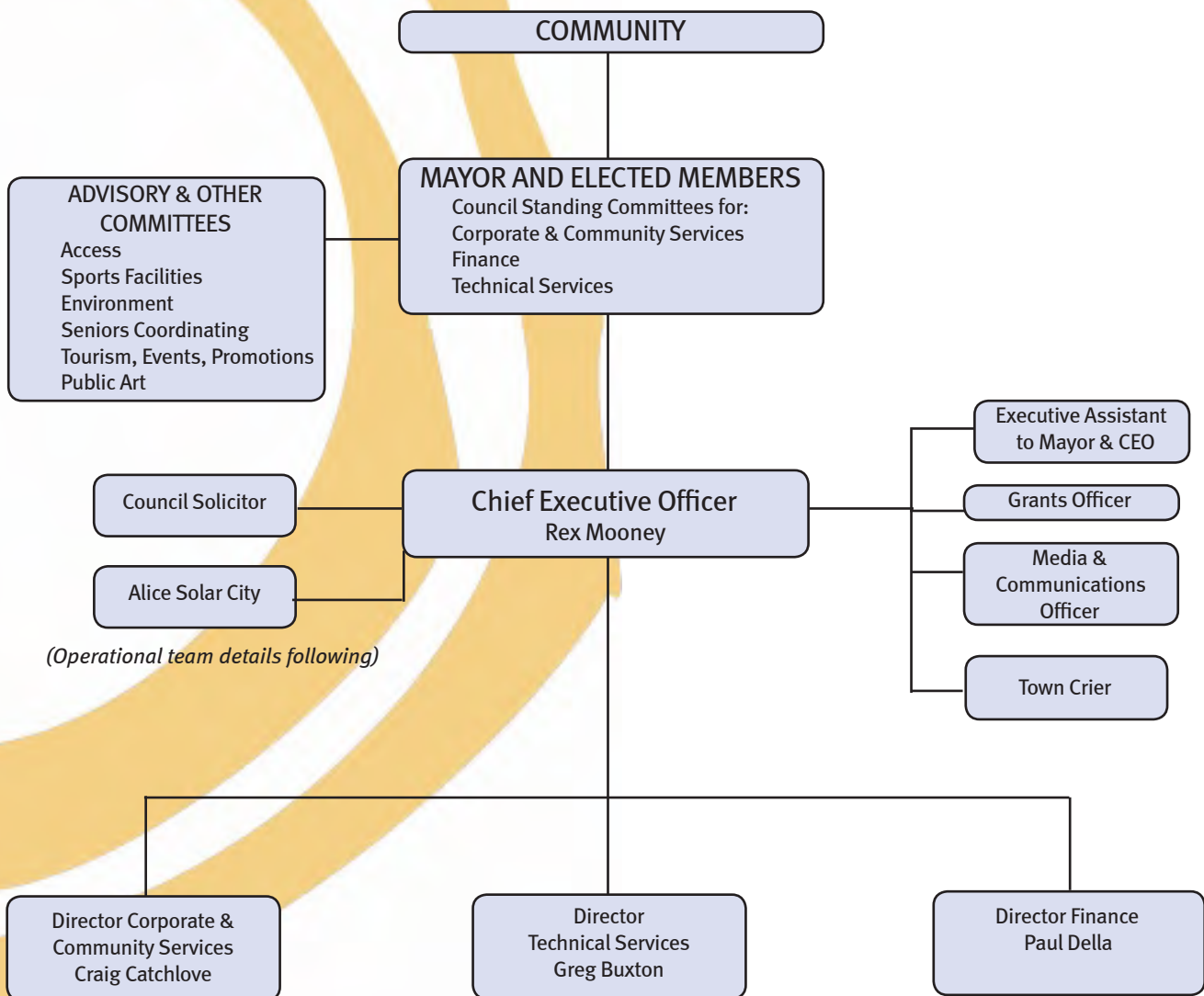
## Council representation on other committees

- Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – Cr Heenan, Cr Martin, Cr Douglas
- Public Art Advisory Committee – Cr Heenan, Cr Brown, Cr Paech
- Seniors Coordinating Committee – Mayor Ryan, Cr Douglas
- Australia Day Coordinating Committee – Mayor Ryan, Cr Kudrenko, Cr Martin
- Sister City Committee – Mayor Ryan, Cr Martin, Cr Paech
- Community Grants Committee – Mayor Ryan, Cr Booth, Cr Martin
- Sports Facilities Advisory Committee – Mayor Ryan, Cr Booth (Alternate)
- Access Advisory Committee – Cr Heenan, Cr Douglas (Alternate)
- Cemeteries Committee - Cr Heenan, Cr Martin, Cr Paech
- Environment Advisory Committee – Mayor Ryan, Cr Brown, Cr Kudrenko
- Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre Project Team - Mayor Ryan, Cr Booth, Cr Brown, Cr Douglas, Cr Paech
- ASTC and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee - Mayor Ryan, Cr Kudrenko, Cr Paech
- Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation Partnership Committee - Mayor Ryan, Cr Brown, Cr Paech

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



# Alice Springs Town Council 2011 / 2012 Organisational Structure

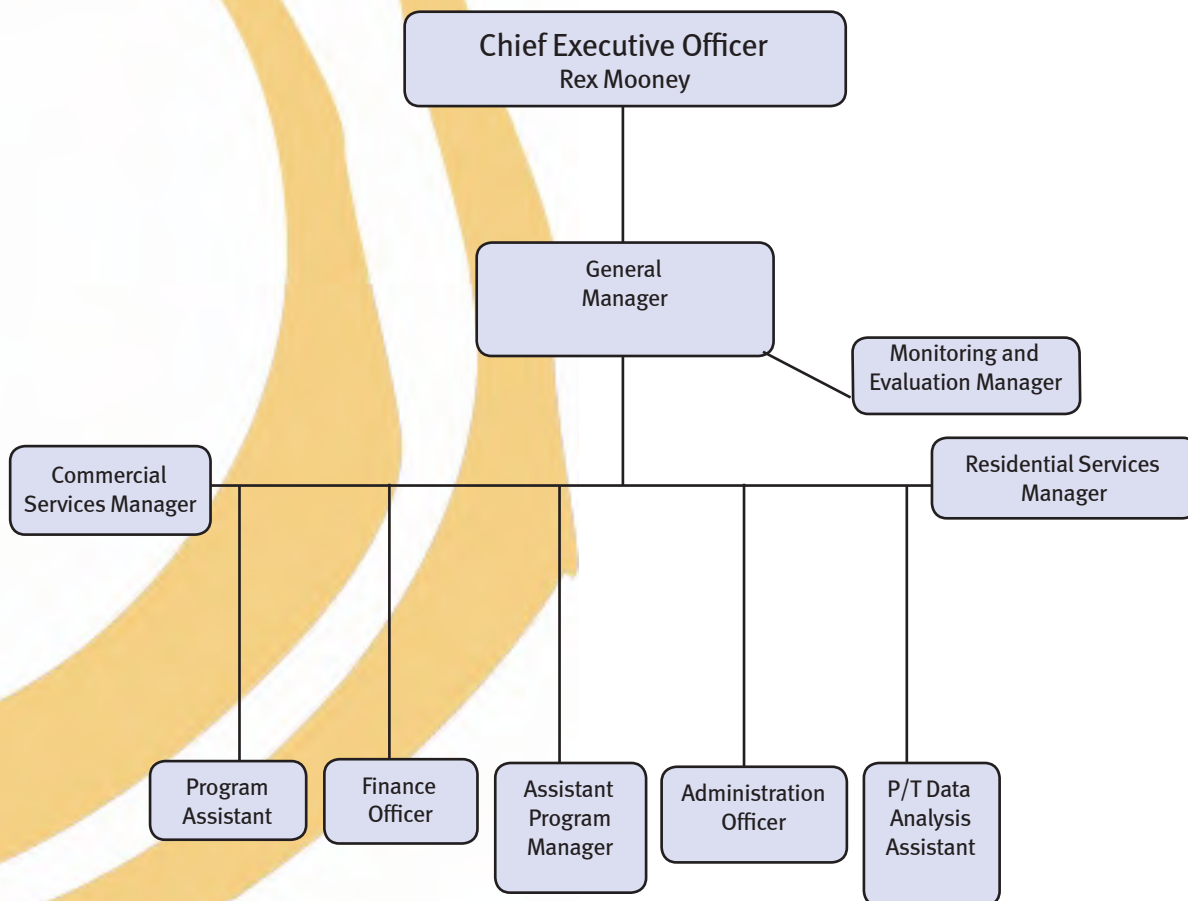


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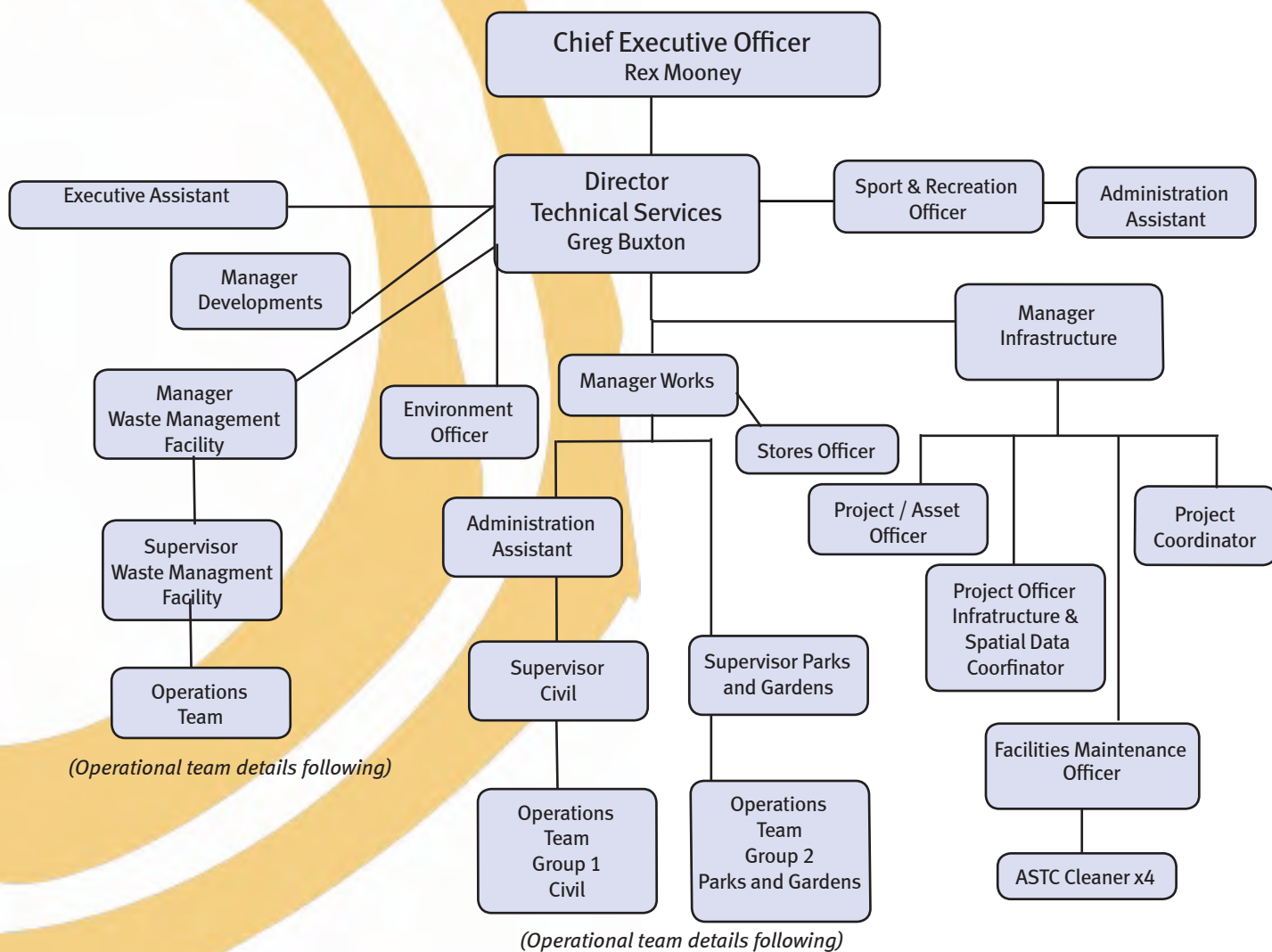
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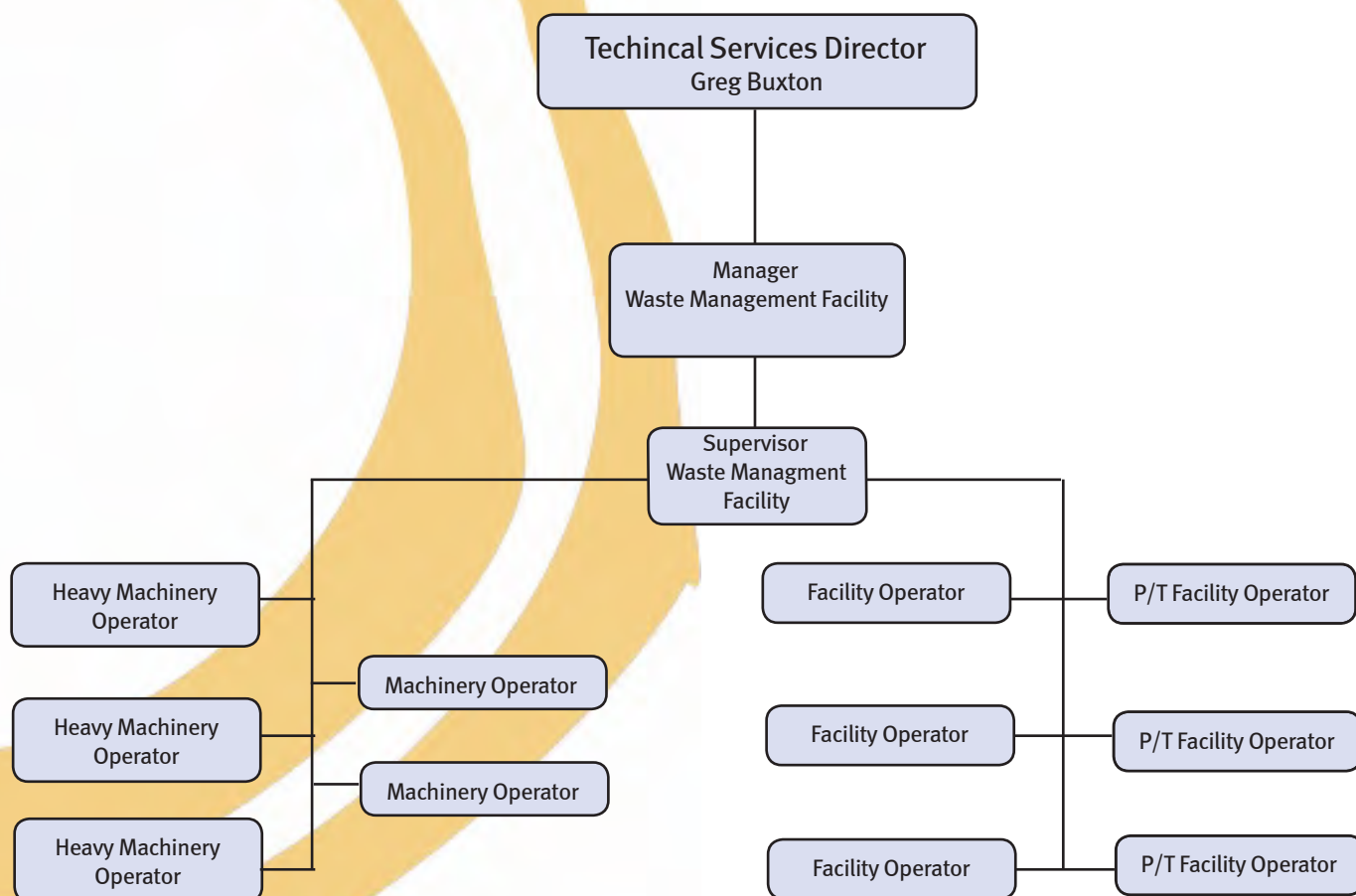
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## 2011 / 2012 Technical Services Structure



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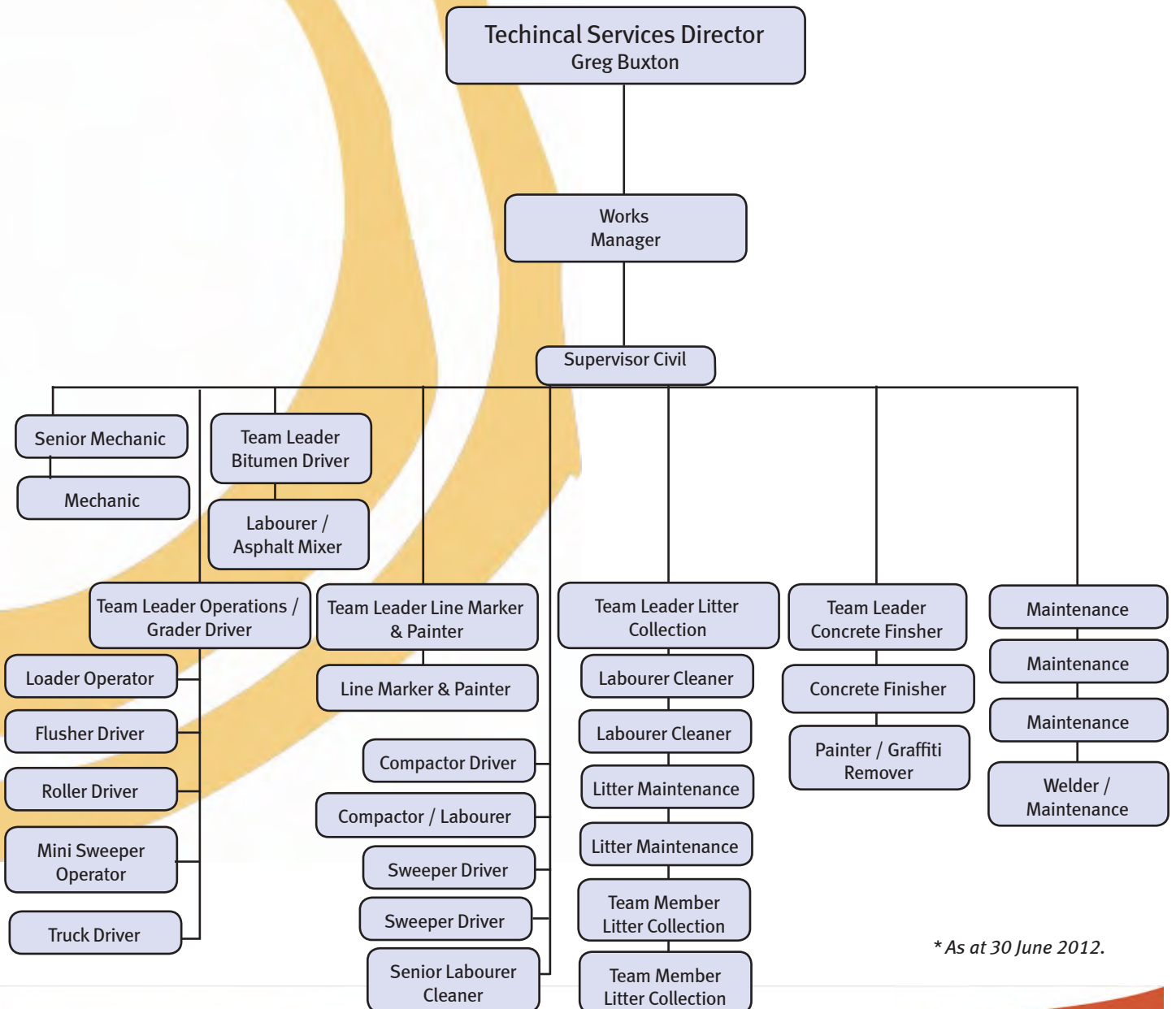
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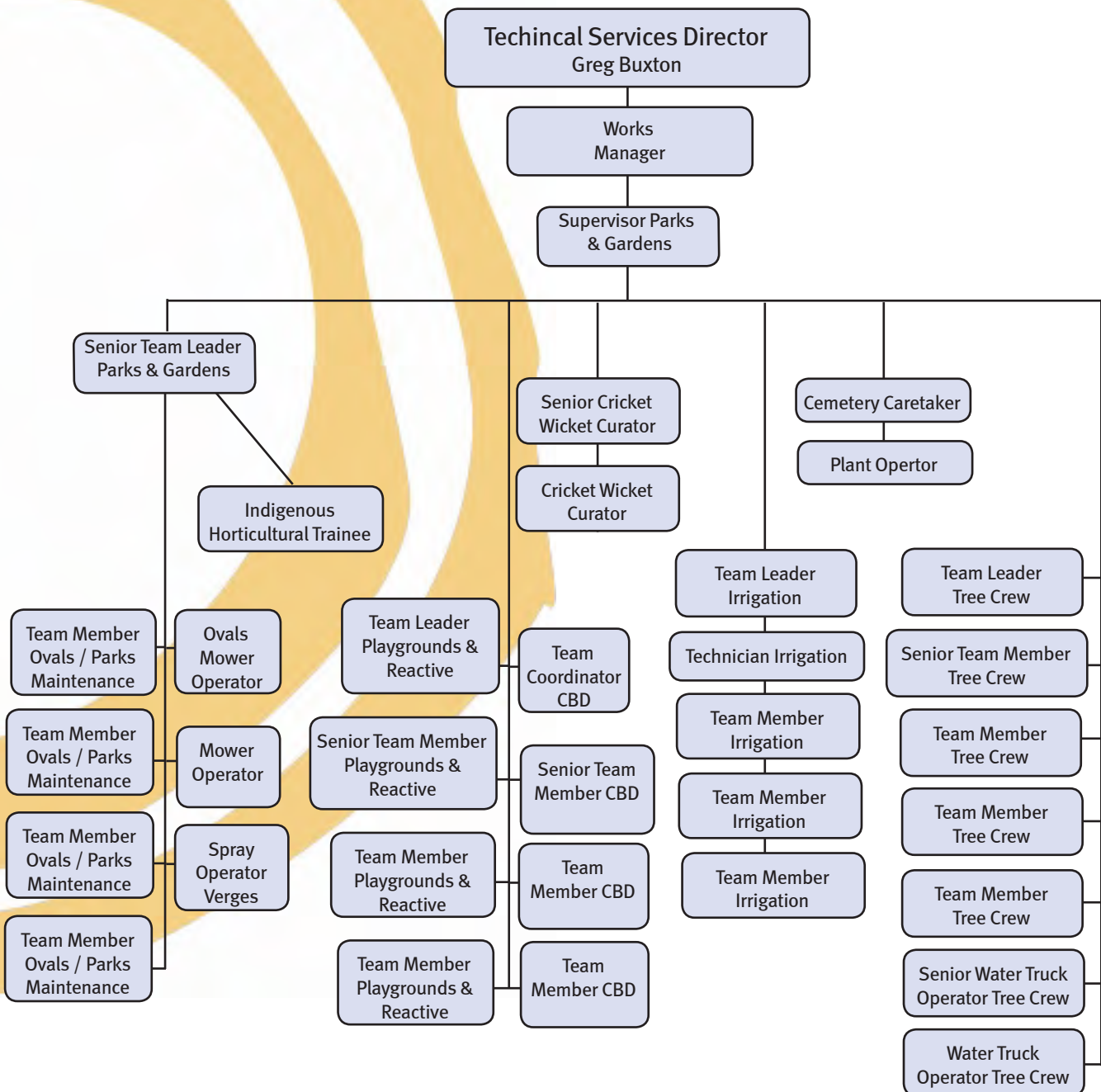
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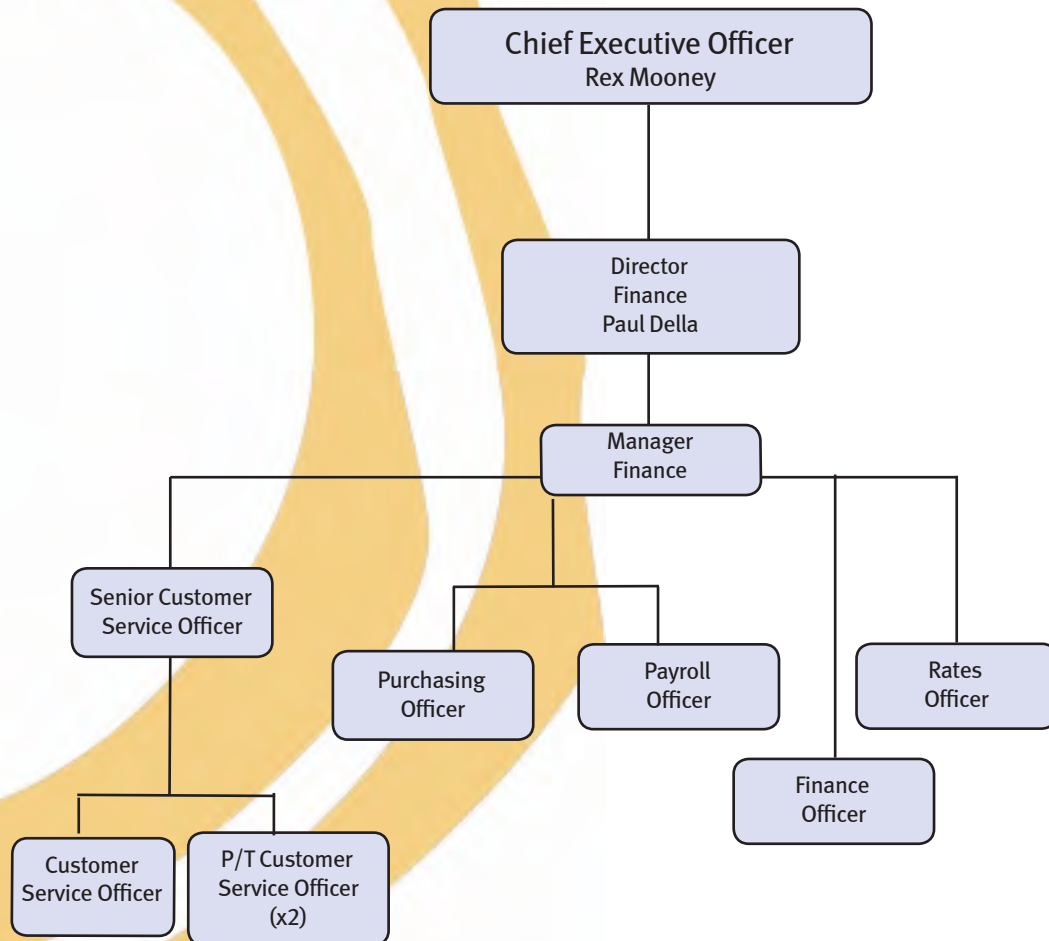
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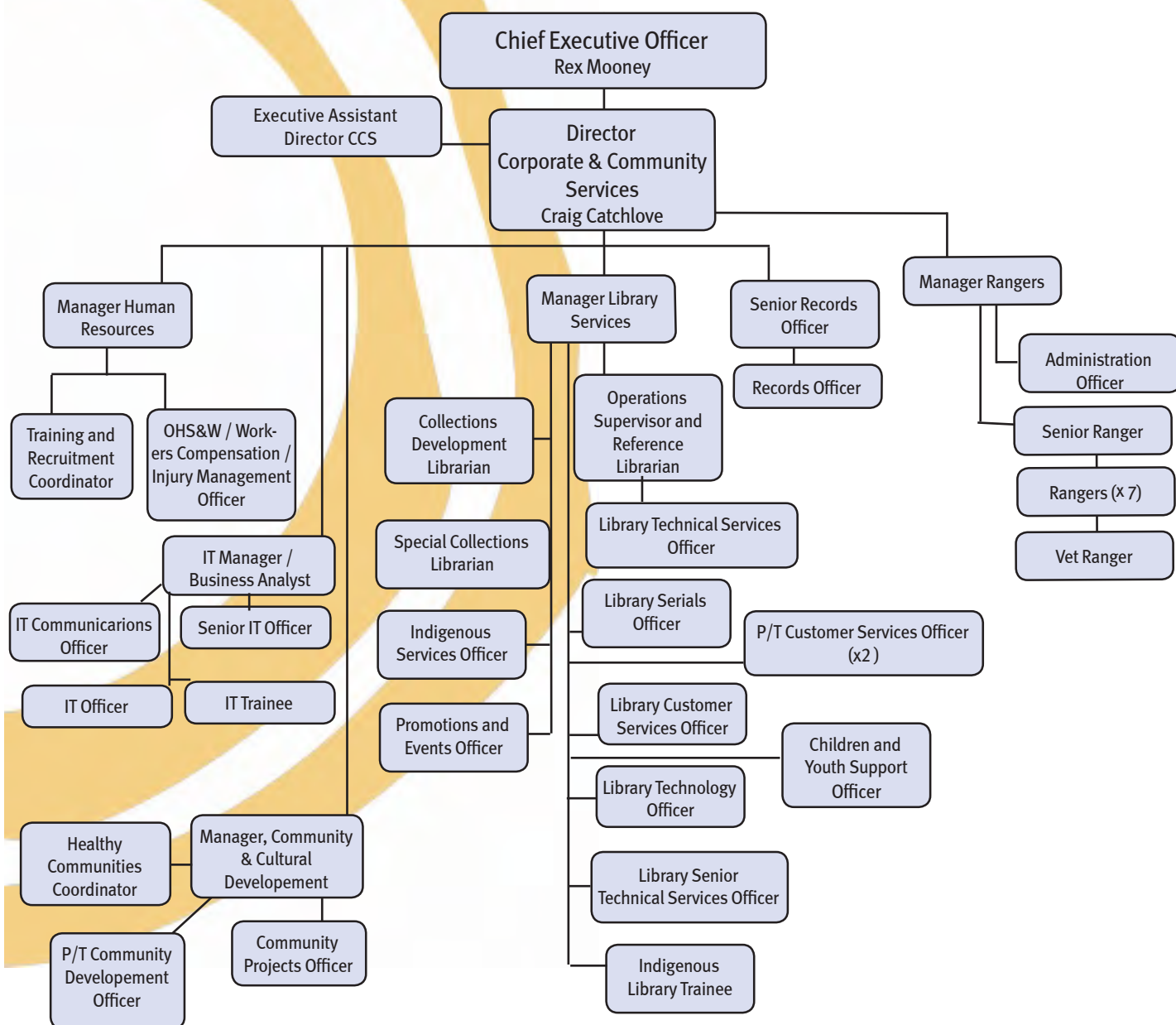
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## 2011 / 2012 Finance Structure



\* As at 30 June 2012.

# Alice Springs Town Council 2011 / 2012 Corporate and Community Services Structure



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# Council's Goals



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

## 1. Economic:

A growing and dynamic economic base underpinning strong employment.

## 2. Social Infrastructure and Programs:

A united and healthy community proud of its history, heritage, arts and culture.

## 3. Environment:

A town at the forefront of management of its arid land natural resources.

## 4. Development:

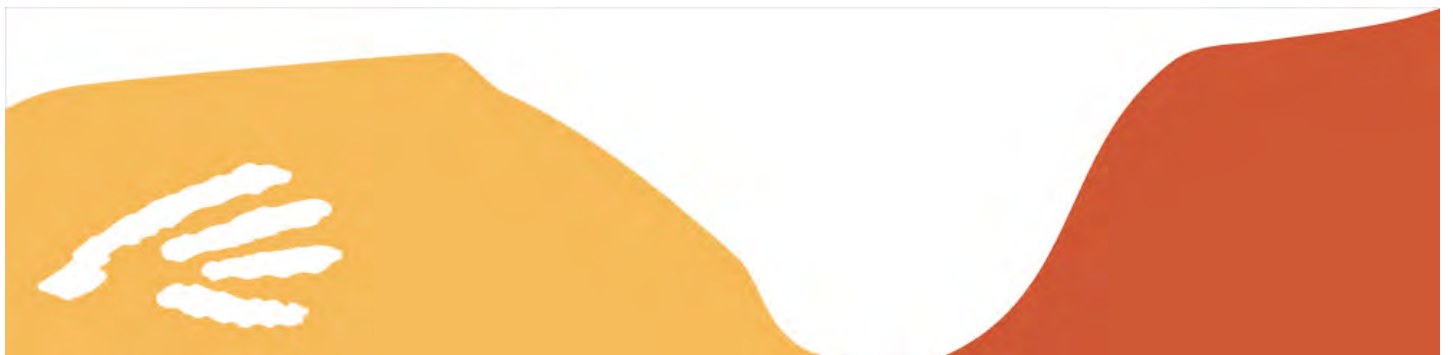
A town developed to reflect its environment and the desired amenity of its residents.

## 5. Public Order and Safety:

A community with a perception of high public safety.

## 6. Organisation:

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



# 1. ECONOMIC



## 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.

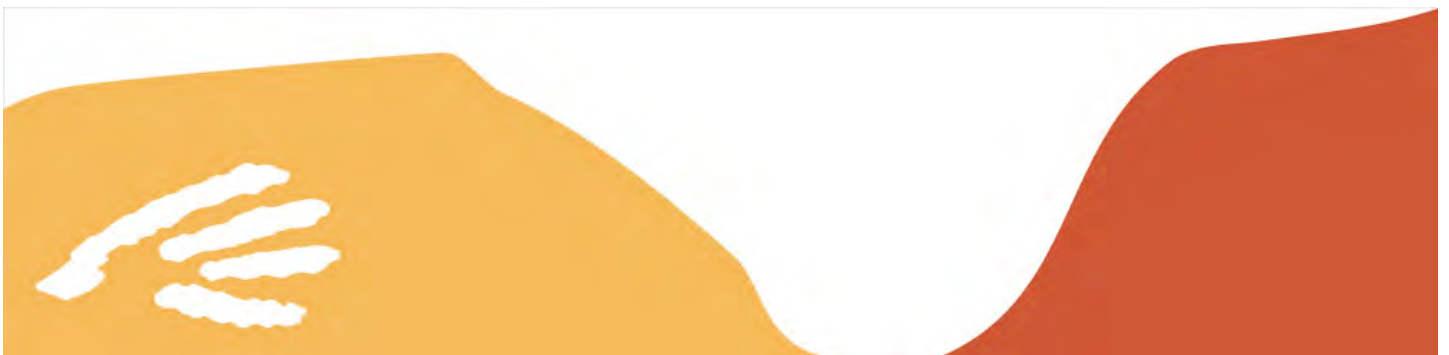
Tourism will continue to be vitally important to the Alice Springs economy, and Council will need to work with the Northern Territory Government to ensure the maintenance and expansion of this industry. The development of a customer focussed culture to service delivery and the attraction and retention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

Indigenous residents currently make up 20% 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, Tourism Central Australia (TCA), Tourism NT 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

- Active participation in the tourism industry through strategic partnerships via the "Strengthening the position of Alice Springs as a Tourism Destination" program
- Strong relationships with government and business to:
  - o Increase the participation of Indigenous people in the economy
  - o Strengthen Alice Springs as a regional service provider
  - o Ensure a high standard of physical infrastructure to support economic development
  - o Promote Alice Springs as an attractive place for career development
- Safe and reliable public infrastructure, roads and footpaths



## Alice Solar City 2011 / 2012 Report



The 2011-2012 financial year was another successful one for Alice Solar City.

Alice Solar City is a six year, \$37 million project taking Alice Springs on a journey of solar power, energy efficiency and new approaches to electricity supply and pricing, a journey towards a town of Energy Champions and a sustainable energy future.

The project is being delivered by the Alice Springs Town Council on behalf of a consortium which secured funding through the Australian Government's Solar Cities program. Alice Solar City is unique amongst the seven solar city programs around the country in being led and delivered by a local government body. Its current funding arrangements are due to expire in June 2013.

With the end of the project in its current form looming closer, 2011-2012 was a year of preparation and transition. Its residential and commercial programs continued to recruit new customers with the offer of free energy surveys and access to a range of financial incentives, while re-engagement and evaluation efforts were ramped up.

The period started with the official launch of Uterne, Australia's largest tracking solar power station, the fourth iconic project funding under the Alice Solar City banner. A public open day was attended by an estimated 400 attendees. September 2011 saw the final open day of the successful Sustainable Living House project, which attracted over 1200 visitors over 12 open days. And early 2012 saw a contract let by the NT Government for the fifth and final iconic project, a 180kW solar PV installation on the roof of the Araluen Arts Centre building.

Alice Solar City continued its presence at community events such as the show, the eco-fair and the desert festival parade. In March 2012, Alice Solar City declared a Year of Energy Champions with the launch of the 'energy challenge' competition, and of the new Wall of Champions showcasing customers making big changes to their energy consumption and use of solar energy.

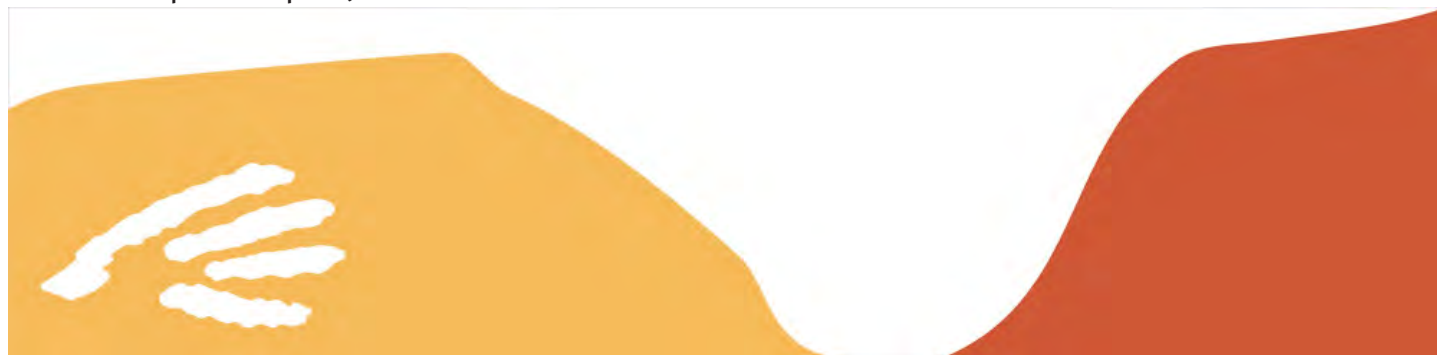
The long awaited customer portal and energy consumption update email were released in April 2012, providing customers with a regular visual update on how their energy consumption is tracking as well as access to a set of personalised reports providing feedback on their progress in various trials.

By June 2012, a total of 389 new households had registered with the residential program, with 343 energy surveys conducted and 448 incentive vouchers redeemed to the value of \$436,000. The commercial program recruited 47 new participants, conducted 48 surveys and paid \$123,600 of financial incentives.

The year saw the finalisation of the commercial rooftop solar PV incentive, with a total of 39 business solar installations with a total capacity of 411kW supported with \$1,102,800 of funding over 4 years.

The monitoring and evaluation team had a busy 12 months working on improving the project's dataset and analysis tools, conducting and analysing customer surveys, and meeting report obligations to funders.

The Alice Solar City consortium are now working hard on possible models for a succession program to continue operation past June 2013.



## 2. Social Infrastructure and Programs

**A united and healthy community proud of its history, heritage, arts and culture**



### Community Development Unit

The Alice Springs Town Council continues to support services to our community in the areas of health, social wellbeing and community and cultural development through the Community Development Unit.

The Community Development Unit is made up of a Community and Cultural Development Manager, a Healthy Communities Initiative Coordinator, a Community Development Officer and a Community Projects Officer

The Community Development Unit aims:

To improve the health and lifestyle of the Alice Springs Community by developing and supporting initiatives and social infrastructure that engages directly with the community and supports these aims by:

- Establishing community networks
- Assisting in the development and the implementation of community projects/events
- Working with the community to develop responses to applicable issues
- Delivering a comprehensive Community Development Grants Program
- Promoting, developing and incubating the evolution of a vibrant local arts and cultural industry
- Providing a range of community events to the community
- Supporting Community & Youth Development strategies and initiatives
- Developing a Healthy Communities Initiative
- Supporting the development of Seniors events and programs

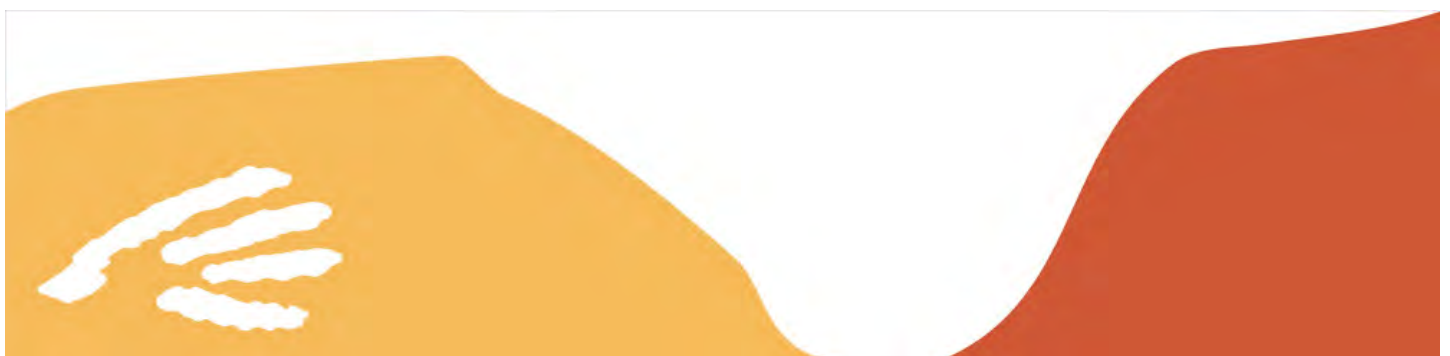
The key areas which the Community Development Unit has been working across include:

### Public Art

The Alice Springs Town Council maintains a commitment to the development and installation of quality Public Art through the facilitation of a Public Art Advisory Committee and the ongoing policy of committing up to 2% of capital works budgets exceeding \$250,000 to site appropriate Public Art. In July 2011 Council ran a 2 day Public Art professional development workshop for Industry Professional and local artists

### Seniors

Council continues to support the Alice Springs Seniors through the effective facilitation of the Seniors Coordinating Committee established in 2010 and through support of the Alice Springs 50 Plus Community Centre. CDU staff played a pivotal role in the establishment of a management committee that will oversee operations for the centre. Council provides support to Seniors Months activities held annually in August.



### **Youth**

Council supports the Youth of Alice Springs through the establishment of a Youth Council. The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide Youth with leadership opportunities and the ability to express views & advise council on issues relevant to young people. The Youth Council is made up of representatives from Alice Springs High Schools.

### **Community Grants**

Council supports community organisations through the provision of the Community Grants Program. Funding is offered once per year. These grants enable local community organisations to access funds to support their activities and develop the community of Alice Springs. Council supports a Grant Seeker workshop facilitated by Philanthropy Australia.

### **Mayoral Awards**

Council recognises the achievements of persons with a disability and individuals who contribute to the disability community. These annual Awards are celebrated with an Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with the International Day of People with a Disability.

### **Community Events: An Economic Plus**

Alice Springs Town Council maintains its support and presentation of key community events and produces a web based events calendar to assist community groups coordinate and promote local events.

Council is responsible for the delivery of major events such as the Alice Springs Town Council Night Markets and the annual Christmas Carnival which won the Event of the Year Award at the 2012 Australia Day Awards.

Council receives numerous requests for financial and in-kind assistance each year to support a diverse range of community events. A number of these are funded through Council's Community Grants programs and also through Council's Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee that reviews and makes recommendations to Council regarding event support and sponsorship requests.

Council's support of community events and in kind assistance contributes significantly to the Alice Springs community as well as stimulating tourism in Central Australian significantly boosting the local economy. Council is committed to recognising the social, cultural and economic benefits of festivals and events.

Events presented by Alice Springs Town Council for 2011/2012 Financial Year but not limited to include:

- Night Markets
- Christmas Carnival
- Pets on Parade
- Ride to Work Day
- Australia Day Celebrations
- Mayoral Awards Launch and International Day of People with a Disability
- Seniors Month – Mayoral morning tea; Still Got Talent

- Alice Springs Show – Council stalls
- Citizenship Ceremonies

Events supported by Alice Springs Town Council include but not limited to:

- Finke Desert Race
- Alice Springs Show
- Alice Desert Festival
- Henley on Todd
- Harmony Day–Multi Cultural Services Central Australia
- Todd Mall Sunday Markets
- Carols by Candlelight
- Bangtail Muster
- Ingerreke Commercial MTB Enduro
- National Youth Week
- NAIDOC Week
- The Concert
- TCA Mega walkabout
- Eco Fair
- Flickerfest
- Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda visit to Alice Springs tree planting ceremony
- Red Shoes Theatre production – Under Today
- RSPCA Many Paws Walk
- Clean Up Australia Day
- InCite Youth Arts



### **Healthy Communities Initiative aims**

To help reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity within the target populations of participating communities by maximising the number of adults engaged in healthy lifestyle programs.

### **Targets**

Individuals not predominantly in the paid workforce and at risk of developing chronic disease

### **Physical activities include**

- Aquatic programs
- Lift for Life Strength Training
- Heartmoves
- Heartmoves for Indigenous People
- Heart Foundation Walking
- Yoga for Breast Cancer
- Other “one-off” community events

## Library

As a place to discover, learn and play, Alice Springs Public Library offers residents a wealth of information and resources, a year-long program of events, workshops, and welcoming spaces to meet up, learn and share.



Alice Springs residents using the library service during 2011/2012 borrowed a total of 119,455 items from a diverse collection that consists of much more than books. The library provides fiction, non-fiction, large print books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, magazines, newspapers, children's and young adult collections, graphic novels, an Indigenous Knowledge Collection, including a local languages collection, and the local historical Alice Springs Collection. We also host a range of regular activities including story-time, baby rhyme time and school holiday programs, as well as computer literacy courses and seniors' events. This year we have focused on extending programs that encourage reading and support learning across the community. Some of these programs and events include:

- ◇ Storytime in town camps
- ◇ Storytellers club
- ◇ Deadly film nights
- ◇ Author talks including Rodd Moss, Wendy Kleeman and Ros Moriarty
- ◇ Participation in community festivals including Children's Literature in the Centre;
- ◇ Summer Reading Program which encourages children up to the age of 17 to read as many books as they can
- ◇ Computer literacy program for seniors

The Library is very involved with the community, participating in many events, as well supporting programs such as the Territory New Parents Support Program. We also house travelling exhibitions including Territory Families Exhibition and the Jeans Jeanie program based on the series "The Sisterhood of the travelling pants".

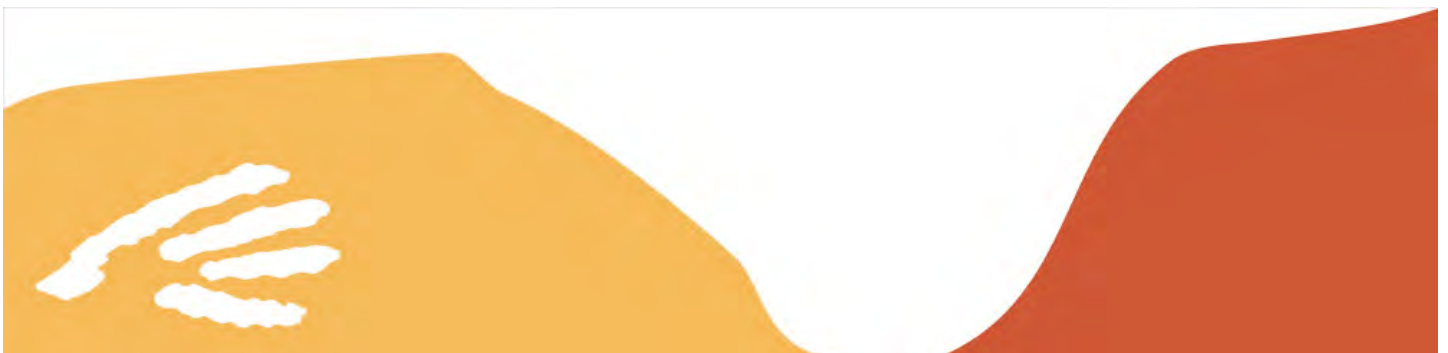
This year we were able to link with AFL and organise some NT Thunder players to come in a couple of times to do meet and greet and run some football drills. This was very well received and something to be repeated next year.

Some services offered include:

- ◇ Computers available for Internet use
- ◇ Computers available for Word Processing
- ◇ Local Papers on a searchable database
- ◇ Wireless access
- ◇ Reference Services
- ◇ Inter-Library Loans service
- ◇ Photocopying and Facsimile facilities
- ◇ Online Databases

The Country Borrower service now operates as a 'shire pays' system. We are currently providing services to Central Desert Shire Residents.

The Library is undergoing a desperately needed refurbishment. Works have commenced which include:



- ◊ Relocation of the Library entrance to the riverside. This provides more parking spaces, better and easier access to the library.
- ◊ New returns room
- ◊ Plans are in place for additional refurbishment works.

**Statistics:**

- ◊ 8,815 Members
- ◊ 8,275 new items added
- ◊ 106 magazine subscriptions
- ◊ 9 local and interstate newspapers
- ◊ inter-library loans
- ◊ 16,147 uses of the Internet
- ◊ 4,414 uses of wireless access
- ◊ 218 events held with 6,752 participants



## 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.



### Major Projects

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

- Traeger Park Sporting Complex
  - Cricket nets
  - Score board
  - Goal post
- Net ball and Soccer Courts
  - New shade structures
- Anzac Oval
  - New score board
- Jim McConville oval
  - Toilet upgrade

Capital development works infrastructure

- Gap Road Upgrade
- CBD Redevelopment
  - Stage 1 planning progressed
- Todd Mall Ramps



### 3. ENVIRONMENT

**GOAL: A town at the forefront of 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 ASTC's position as lead proponent of the Alice Solar City Project (the only local Government in Australia to lead a Solar City) Council is playing a key role in changing the way the local community thinks about, and uses energy. In its own facilities, Council is cognisant of reducing use of resources, and has installed a large solar pool heating system as part of the Aquatic Centre Development. Through Council's Environment Advisory Committee, which includes representation from a wide cross section of the community, Council will play a role in ensuring the community is aware of environmental issues, that community concerns on environmental issues are raised, and that new initiatives can be developed.

Council has control of over 85 parks and other open spaces within the municipality. Having limited resources, Council must strategically manage open space to maximise benefits to the residents of Alice Springs.

Town aesthetics and cleanliness have been identified as important to the community and will receive a continuing strong focus from Council. 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.

#### Goal Outcomes

- ◊ Improved appearance and cleanliness of the town
- ◊ Innovative waste management strategies emphasizing waste reduction, reuse and recycling.
- ◊ Safe and reliable storm water drainage
- ◊ Promotion of efficient use of energy and water resources

#### Cash for Containers

The Alice Springs Town Council ceased operation of the Cash for Container scheme on March 4, 2012 to give way to the introduction of the NT Government's Container Deposit Legislation. Council has successfully collected close to 17 million containers during the Cash for Container programme.



## **Waste management**

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



A redevelopment of the site will occur during 2012/13, including the construction of a new weighbridge, transfer station, administration block and tip shop.

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
- Ensuring that Council's natural environment is protected and rehabilitated
- Reduction of waste and improvement of recycling of waste
- Strategies for the rehabilitation of native vegetation
- Ongoing support for the Council's Environment Advisory Committee allows for public input into decisions made by the Council in regards to waste management issues

### **Parks upgrades**

The Rainbird Reticulation System has been completed to 64 parks and ovals. 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 evapo-transpiration, temperature, humidity, solar radiation, rainfall, wind direction and velocity. 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 and residents of the town.

### **Greening Alice Springs Street Tree Initiative**

The NT Government contracted ASTC to plant and maintain 3000 street trees throughout selected street within the municipality to improve shade. Funded by the NT Government, this was a \$700,000 project over two years. These works have been completed in 2012.

### **Glass Crusher**

The Depot is responsible for the crushing of the glass collected in the container deposit scheme. The finely crushed glass is used in the newly installed concrete footpaths throughout the municipality. The larger particle sized crushed glass is used for dust suppression at the landfill..

### **Alice WaterSmart Project**

A consortium of local companies and Council lobbied the Federal Government to reduce water usage in Alice Springs by 12% or 1600ML over two years. Council has received funding to link all 64 irrigation sites to the central computer at the Depot. This advancement will enable the Depot to turn off irrigation sites throughout the town during a rain event. Council has received \$900,000 to complete this project.

## Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) committee

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.
- Strategy for the rehabilitation of native vegetation.



## 4. DEVELOPMENT

A town developed to reflect its environment and the desired amenity of its residents.



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. Council must have strong input into the planning process to ensure appropriate development of the built environment.

Additionally, the buildings within the town may be “recent” compared with many other places worldwide, but this does not preclude Council providing strong representation to retain those buildings worthy of preservation.

Council has major responsibility for the upkeep of a significant proportion of roads, verges and footpaths within the municipality and will ensure ongoing maintenance and development within the limited budget available. Council also has input into new roads, footpaths and water drainage of new developments and must ensure that these new developments meet the necessary standards to ensure safety and that they are not a financial impost on the ratepayers of Alice Springs.

### Goal Outcomes

- ◇ Input into the planning process to ensure appropriate development
- ◇ Strong representation to retain the town’s unique character
- ◇ Improved community understanding and respect for our developing heritage

### Toilets

Council has completed upgrades to toilets at Traeger, Snow Kenna and Stuart Parks and on Leichhardt Tce, and continues to operate the Exeloo automated toilet in Hartley Street.



## 5. PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY



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

Council is responsible for development and enforcement of by-laws to effectively manage activities within the municipality. Council will effectively utilise its resources in conjunction with other relevant bodies to ensure maximum compliance with these by-laws.

Council will work with both the NT and Federal Governments to ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to enable effective policing of the town. This includes effective lighting, installation and monitoring of CCTV cameras and infrastructure design to control illegal and anti-social behaviour.

### Goal Outcomes

- ◇ Appropriate By-laws in place
- ◇ Effective By-law enforcement
- ◇ Installation of appropriate infrastructure to facilitate a safe town (including lighting and CCTV)

### Dog Control on Town Camps

Grants were received by the ASTC from the Federal and NT Governments to continue dog control in the Town Camps. These grants 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, promoting and administering 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 is considered extremely successful. At time of writing the number of dogs on the town camps is at 70% of the maximum allowable. 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.

### Lighting

In collaboration with both the Federal and NT Government, lighting has been upgraded in many strategic locations with the town. This was required to facilitate the effectiveness of additional CCTV infrastructure installed in Alice Springs and has improved the situation with regards to anti-social behaviour at night within Alice Springs.

## 6. ORGANISATION

**An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and 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

- ◇ Effective governance and leadership
- ◇ Skilled, committed and professional staff in a supportive environment
- ◇ Effective communication and consultation with the community
- ◇ Efficient, effective and responsive corporate services
- ◇ Effective strategic and business planning and reporting

### Our people, our staff

Alice Springs Town Council remains one of the largest employers in Alice Springs with over 164 employees.

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.

### Achievements/projects for 2011 / 2012

- Development of HR Business Plan including establishment of key performance indicators for each of the HR employees
- Development and implementation of a comprehensive training and development program throughout Council including Certificate IV in Front Line Management & Business, Local Government Management Challenge, Certificate III in Arboriculture and a variety of Ranger compliance training
- Implementation of a comprehensive, structured recruitment process based on merit selection against position selection criteria
- Continued implementation of Council's Indigenous Employment Action plan including active input into Alice Springs' Indigenous Education & Employment Taskforce and achieving Indigenous employment numbers of between 13-15%. Establishment of an Indigenous Mentoring program for new Council employees

- Comprehensive HR Manual complied and regularly redrafted
- Assistance with Alice Springs Town Council Enterprise Agreement 2012 negotiations
- Assistance with the development of Business Plan and key performance indicators for each Council department
- Trialling of new performance appraisal system based on employee key performance indicators
- Assistance regarding the development and review of a range of Procedural Statements and Directives including OHS&W, Recruitment & Selection, Telephone Usage and Privacy
- Development and implementation of a comprehensive induction program for new employees including Day 1 Induction sessions, new manager information sessions and Council Orientation Day.
- Proactive approach to OHS&W issues which has resulted in a smooth transition into new national OHS&W harmonization laws. Specific initiatives include establishing OHS&W obligations for Council contractors, implementing specific procedures for Council representatives and white card training.

### **Staff Induction**

Council has a comprehensive induction process to aid all new staff in a smooth transition to their workplace. This includes basic facilities tour, introductions to all other staff members, job-specific equipment setup, 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
- Cemeteries
- Roads (with some exceptions)
- Parks, gardens and reserves
- The Alice Springs Public Library
- The Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre
- Halls and public buildings
- Animals

### **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 2010 – 2015

# Financial snapshot

## 2011 / 2012

### Operating Income and Operating Expenditure



The detailed audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 follow this report.

During the 2011/2012 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.

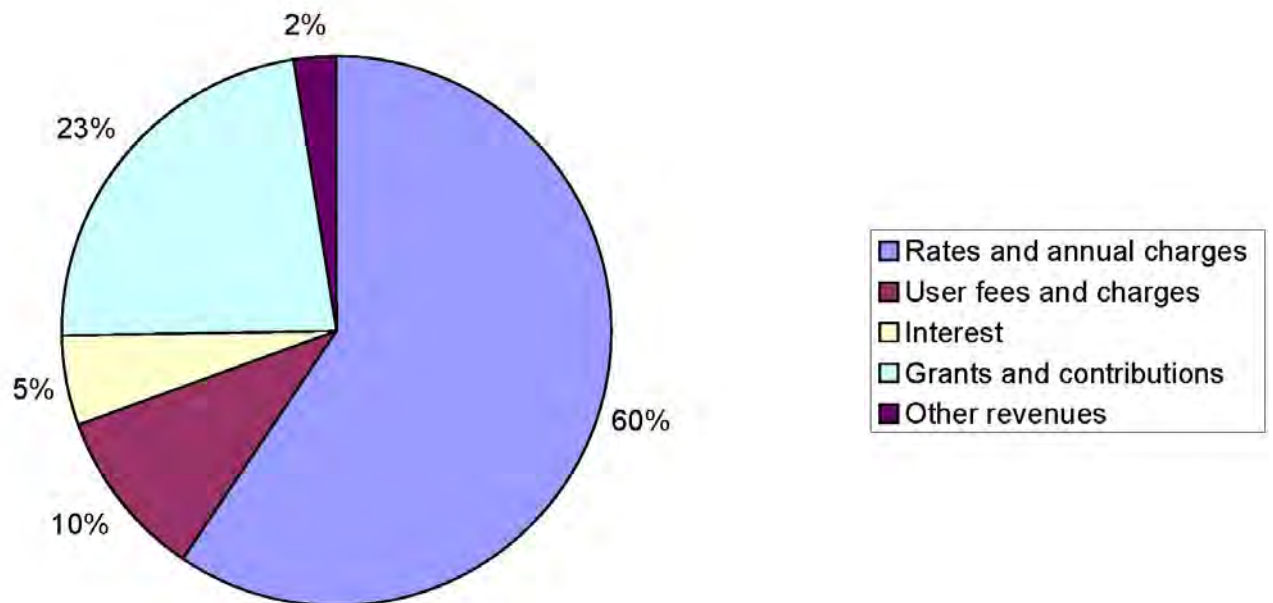
### Summary of the Operating Income and Operating Expenses

#### OPERATING INCOME

	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>
Rates and annual charges	\$14.64m	\$16.60m	\$17.06m	\$19.16m
User fees and charges	\$2.13m	\$2.71m	\$2.99m	\$3.19m
Interest	\$1.38m	\$1.40m	\$1.44m	\$1.70m
Grants and contributions	\$13.05m	\$14.97m	\$13.10m	\$7.36m
Other revenues	\$0.26m	\$0.29m	\$0.27m	\$0.79m
Donated Assets Received	\$3.63m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m
W/Back Prior Year Loss on Revaluation	\$1.31m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36.40m</b>	<b>\$35.97m</b>	<b>\$34.86m</b>	<b>\$32.20m</b>

## REVENUE BREAKDOWN GRAPH

Revenue %



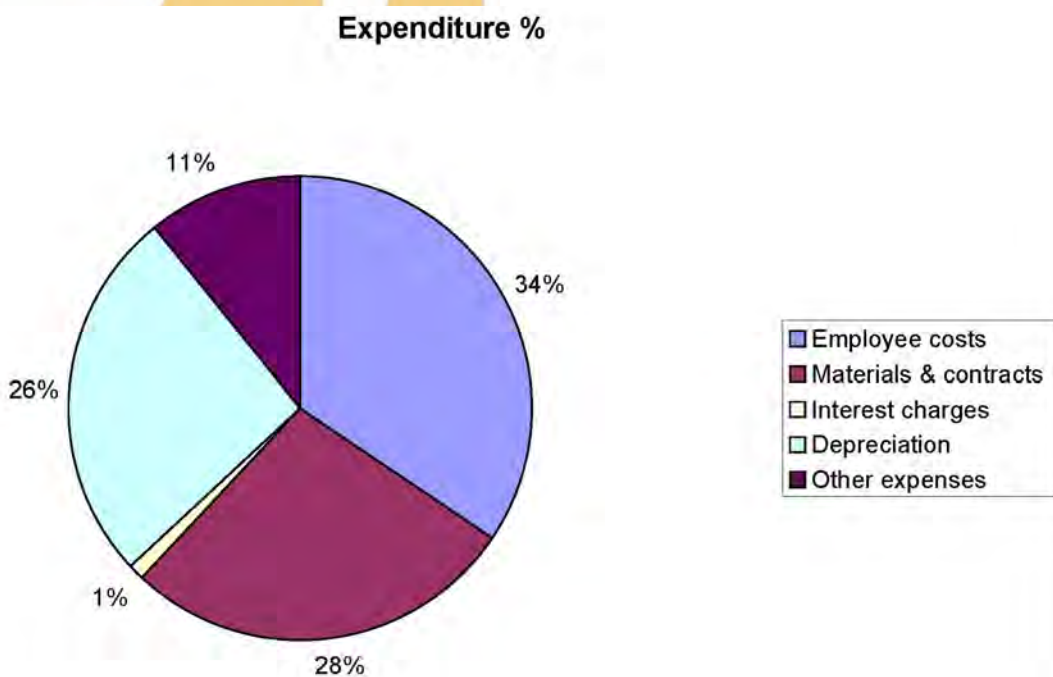
## OPERATING EXPENDITURE



### OPERATING EXPENDITURE

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Employee costs	\$9.03m	\$9.89m	\$10.68m	\$11.32m
Materials & contracts	\$7.64m	\$11.01m	\$8.31m	\$9.14m
Interest charges	\$0.33m	\$0.28m	\$0.36m	\$0.33m
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	\$8.07m	\$8.15m	\$8.21m	\$8.58m
Other expenses	\$2.53m	\$3.19m	\$3.23m	\$3.60m
Loss on disposal of assets	\$0.24m	\$0.02m	\$0.20m	\$0.00m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27.84m</b>	<b>\$32.54m</b>	<b>\$30.99m</b>	<b>\$32.97m</b>

### OPERATING BREAKDOWN GRAPH



## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES



### CURRENT ASSETS

	2008/09	2009/00	2010/11	2011/12
Cash Assets	\$24.15m	\$23.81m	\$21.24m	\$24.34m
Receivables	\$1.59m	\$2.81m	\$2.41m	\$3.23m
Inventories	\$0.17m	\$0.08m	\$0.07m	\$0.08m
Other	\$0.05m	\$0.15m	\$0.02m	\$0.05m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25.96m</b>	<b>\$26.85m</b>	<b>\$23.74m</b>	<b>\$27.70m</b>

### NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Deferred Rates	\$0.04m	\$0.01m	\$0.01m	\$0.02m
Work in Progress	\$1.20m	\$9.68m	\$0.01m	\$0.01m
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$162.28m	\$174.83m	\$189.82m	\$184.67m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$163.52m</b>	<b>\$184.53m</b>	<b>\$189.84m</b>	<b>\$184.70m</b>

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Payables	\$1.39m	\$3.21m	\$1.77m	\$1.93m
Borrowings	\$0.27m	\$0.29m	\$0.28m	\$0.33m
Provisions	\$1.35m	\$1.50m	\$1.47m	\$1.23m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3.01m</b>	<b>\$5.00m</b>	<b>\$3.52m</b>	<b>\$3.49m</b>

### NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Borrowings	\$3.72m	\$3.43m	\$3.14m	\$2.80m
Provisions	\$2.43m	\$2.47m	\$2.57m	\$2.54m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6.15m</b>	<b>\$5.90m</b>	<b>\$5.71m</b>	<b>\$5.34m</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.

# Key Performance Indicators

## 2011 / 2012



### Economic Performance Objectives & Measures

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

Measures	Target 2011/12	2009/10	2010/11	Actual 2011/12
Participation of Indigenous people in the economy - Percentage of Indigenous employment in Alice Springs Town Council	20%	15.60%	00.00%	14.97%

### Community Performance Objectives & Measures

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

Measures	Target 2011/12	2009/10	2010/11	Actual 2011/12
Youth Development and Well Being - Number of youth events	5	1	1	8
- Number of visits of youth Arunta	1	0	0	0
- Number of Journeys of discovery conducted	2	0	0	0

#### Recreational, sporting and leisure facility programs

##### Library

- Library visits per capita	5	7.94	6.92	6.24
- Library loans per capita	5	4.74	3.62	0.35
- Library membership as a % of the population	30%	0.34%	28.30%	31.00%

##### Pool

- Per Annum pool patronage / total population	3	1.46	1.82	3.60
- Total number of visits	80,000	43,730	52,046	102,350

## Environment Performance Objectives & Measures



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

Measures	Target 2011/12	2009/10	2010/11	Actual 2011/12
<b>Waste</b>				
- Number of properties serviced	9,283	9,235	9,245	9,290
- Average collection cost per residential property serviced	\$54	\$57.87	\$62.35	\$62.87
- Dump operating costs per serviced property	\$147	\$132.76	\$140.77	\$147
- Cost of public litter collection per capita	\$23	\$31.26	\$32.52	\$36.50
- Garbage collection complaints per residential property	0.0054	0.0110	0.0100	.0068
- Number of complaints concerning litter in public places	25	82	75	39
<b>Roads</b>				
- Length of sealed roads	235km	235km	235km	235km
- Length of gravel & formed roads	18km	18km	18km	18km
- Maintenance costs per kilometre of sealed road	\$2,100	\$1,798	\$2,019	\$2,100
- Maintenance costs per kilometre of unsealed road	\$850	\$138	\$154	\$1,200
- Maintenance costs as a % of asset value of sealed roads	0.40%	1.17%	1.45%	1.00%
- Maintenance costs as % asset value of unsealed road	6.70%	1.33%	1.56%	0.90%
- Total road expenditure as % of total council expenditure	2.20%	6.80%	6.26%	3.35%
- Road surface complaints	25	25	20	22
<b>Open Space</b>				
- Number of trees planted / replaced per annum	500	3,500	3,500	2,100

## Culture and Heritage Performance Objectives & Measures



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

Measures	2011/12 Target	2011/12 Achievement
Culture preservation and harmony - Maintenance or improvement of attendance per cultural event / festival.	20%	20%

## Organisation Performance Objectives & Measures

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

Measures	Target 2011/12	2009/10	2010/11	Actual 2011/12
Community Management				
- Debt servicing and recovery costs as % of total income	2%	0.72%	0.76%	1.01%
- Current liabilities as % of realisable assets	20%	18.61%	14.84%	12.59%
- Local government related grants as % of income	20%	39.63%	36.80%	22.87%
- Average rate & service charges per residential property	\$979.62	\$1,584	\$1,575	\$1,311
- Percentage of rates outstanding	4.5%	7.16%	6.73%	8.02%
- Contract expenditure via competitive tendering as % of total operational expenditure	38.89%	14.16%	14.84%	
- Rates as % of total income	64%	46.15%	48.92%	51.33%
- Charges and services fees as a % of income	6%	7.54%	8.60%	9.90%
- How often are the Council's Strategic Plan and Business Plan reviewed?	12 mth & 3 mth	12 mth & 3 mth	12mth & 3 mth	12mth & 3mth
Training and Development				
- Total \$ training & development as % of total wages & salaries.	2%	1.41%	1.09%	1.82%
- Number FTE exits as % of total FTE at year end.	32%	30.04%	30.00%	43.5%



# Alice Springs Town Council

## GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2011/12

*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 Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012**

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## 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 statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, and the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Chief Executive Officer's statement, as set out on pages 3 to 49.

#### *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 and the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2008, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL (continued)

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report of Alice Springs Town Council presents fairly, in all material respects, the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and its financial performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2008.

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Alice Springs, 15/11/2012.

**ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL**

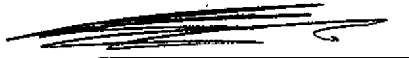
**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2012**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S  
STATEMENT**

I, Rex Roger Mooney the Chief Executive Officer of the Alice Springs Town Council, hereby certify that the Annual Financial Statements:

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

(b) are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.



Chief Executive Officer

15 November 2012

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**General Purpose Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30th June 2012**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Rates & Annual Charges	3(a)	19,159	17,057
User Charges & Fees	3(b)	3,188	2,990
Interest	3(c)	1,704	1,438
Grants & Contributions	3(d&e)	7,365	13,104
Other Revenues	3(f), 5	787	274
<b>Revenues from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>32,203</b>	<b>34,863</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Costs	4(a)	11,322	10,679
Materials & Contracts	4(b)	9,142	8,307
Interest Charges	4(c)	326	365
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4(d)	8,587	8,211
Other Expenses	4(e), 5	3,596	3,434
<b>Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>32,973</b>	<b>30,996</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>( 770)</b>	<b>3,867</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>			
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>( 770)</b>	<b>3,867</b>

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

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**General Purpose Financial Statements**  
**as at 30th June 2012**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Investments	6	24,343	21,242
Receivables	7	3,235	2,405
Inventories	8(a)	78	71
Other	8(b)	53	22
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>27,709</b>	<b>23,740</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Deferred Rates		18	15
Other	8(c)	6	6
Property, Plant & Equipment	9	184,675	189,820
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>184,699</b>	<b>189,841</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>212,408</b>	<b>213,581</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	10(a)	1,931	1,770
Borrowings	10(b)	330	284
Provisions	10(c)	1,227	1,469
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>3,488</b>	<b>3,523</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings	10(d)	2,805	3,144
Provisions	10(e)	2,540	2,569
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>5,345</b>	<b>5,713</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>8,833</b>	<b>9,236</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>203,575</b>	<b>204,345</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		20,997	25,447
Asset Revaluation Surplus		161,436	161,436
Other Reserves		21,142	17,462
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>203,575</b>	<b>204,345</b>

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

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**General Purpose Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30th June 2012**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	25,447	18,327
Net Result for the Reporting Period	( 770)	3,867
Transfers to Other Reserves	( 16,405)	( 11,936)
Transfers from Other Reserves	12,725	15,189
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>20,997</u>	<u>25,447</u>
<b>ASSET REVALUATION SURPLUS</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	161,436	161,436
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>161,436</u>	<u>161,436</u>
<b>OTHER RESERVES</b>		
<b>AQUATIC &amp; LEISURE CENTRE RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	6,947
Transfers to Aquatic & Leisure Centre Reserve	-	132
Transfers from Aquatic & Leisure Centre Reserve	-	( 7,079)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	30	30
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
<b>CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	3,423	2,834
Transfers to Capital Infrastructure Reserve	382	589
Transfers from Capital Infrastructure Reserve	( 316)	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>3,489</u>	<u>3,423</u>
<b>CIVIC CENTRE UPGRADE RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Civic Centre Upgrade Reserve	300	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	122	122
Transfers to Developer Contributions Reserve	-	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<u>122</u>	<u>122</u>

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

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## General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	299	299
Transfers to Employee Entitlements Reserve	-	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>FRANCIS SMITH TOILET RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Francis Smith Toilet Reserve	300	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LANDFILL PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Landfill Plant & Equipment Reserve	346	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PUBLIC ART ADVISORY SUB COMMITTEE RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Public Art Advisory Sub Committee Reserve	14	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SPORTS FACILITY RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	506	425
Transfers to Sports Facility Reserve	-	184
Transfers from Sports Facility Reserve	( 103)	( 103)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>506</b>
<b>TODD MALL REDEVELOPMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Todd Mall Redevelopment Reserve	1,538	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TRAEGER PARK SOUND SYSTEM RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	-	-
Transfers to Traeger Park Sound System Reserve	100	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>

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

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## General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>TREE REPLACEMENT RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	181	231
Transfers from Tree Replacement Reserve	( 50)	( 50)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>UNEXPENDED FUNDS RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	10,686	7,641
Transfers to Unexpended Funds Reserve	11,125	10,431
Transfers from Unexpended Funds Reserve	( 10,686)	( 7,386)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>11,125</b>	<b>10,686</b>
<b>URBAN DRIFT / POPULATION STUDY RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	45	45
Transfers to Urban Drift / Population Study Reserve	-	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT FUTURE FUND RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	1,570	1,840
Transfers to Waste Management Future Fund Reserve	1,800	301
Transfers from Waste Management Future Fund Reserve	( 1,570)	( 571)
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,570</b>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE</b>		
Balance at Beginning of the Reporting Period	600	300
Transfers to Working Capital Reserve	500	300
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>21,142</b>	<b>17,462</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>203,575</b>	<b>204,345</b>

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

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**General Purpose Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30th June 2012**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Rates & Annual Charges		18,728	17,093
User Charges & Fees		3,397	2,870
Interest		1,616	1,504
Grants & Contributions		7,365	13,788
Other Revenues		331	627
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Employee Costs		( 11,589)	( 11,480)
Materials & Contracts		( 9,303)	( 9,362)
Interest Charges		( 326)	( 266)
Other Expenses		( 3,470)	( 3,324)
<b>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</b>	11(b)	6,749	11,450
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment	5	277	158
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		( 3,632)	( 13,883)
<b>Net Cash Used In Investing Activities</b>		( 3,355)	( 13,725)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Repayments of Borrowings & Advances		( 293)	( 289)
<b>Net Cash Used In Financing Activities</b>		( 293)	( 289)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		3,101	( 2,564)
Cash at Beginning of the Reporting Period		21,242	23,806
<b>Cash at End of the Reporting Period</b>	11(a)	24,343	21,242

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

# **ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL**

## **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012**

### **Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

#### **1 Basis of Preparation**

##### **1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards**

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under clause 16 of the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* dated 15 November 2012.

##### **1.2 Historical Cost Convention**

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

##### **1.3 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.

##### **1.4 Rounding**

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

#### **2 The Local Government Reporting Entity**

Alice Springs Town Council is a not-for-profit entity incorporated under the NT Local Government Act and has its principal place of business at 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs. These financial statements include the 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.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports. A separate statement of moneys held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council Office by any person free of charge.

#### **3 Income recognition**

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

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes 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 incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

## **Alice Springs Town Council**

### **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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#### **Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

##### **4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments**

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

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 13.

##### **5 Inventories**

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

##### **5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments**

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. Any amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense.

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

##### **5.2 Other Real Estate held for resale**

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

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

##### **6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment**

##### **6.1 Land under roads**

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 as an asset in accordance with AASB 1051 Land under Roads. Land under roads acquired after 30 June 2008 has not been recognised as in the opinion of Council it is not possible to reliably attribute a fair value, and further that such value if determined would be immaterial.

##### **6.2 Initial Recognition**

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as other non-current assets and transferred to *infrastructure, property, plant & equipment* when completed ready for use.

#### 6.3 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows. No capitalisation threshold is applied to Council owned and controlled land.

Land Improvements	\$2,000
Buildings	\$2,000
Furniture & Office Equipment	\$2,000
Plant & Equipment	\$2,000
Infrastructure:	
- Sealed Roads	\$2,000
- Unsealed Roads	\$2,000
- Stormwater Drainage	\$2,000
- Other	\$2,000
Art Collection and Heritage	\$2,000

#### 6.4 Subsequent Recognition

Certain asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Additions acquired subsequent to a revaluation are recognised at cost until next revaluation of that asset class. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

#### 6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, 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 and depreciation rates, useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

Land Improvements	10-25 years
Buildings	20-50 years
Furniture and Office Equipment	10-20 years
Plant and Equipment	5-20 years
Infrastructure:	
- Sealed Roads	40-50 years
- Unsealed Roads	10-25 years
- Stormwater Drainage	50-100 years
- Other	10-25 years

## **Alice Springs Town Council**

### **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012**

#### **Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

##### **6.6 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.

##### **6.7 Borrowing Costs**

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

#### **7 Payables**

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

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

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

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

#### **8 Borrowings**

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

#### **9 Employee Benefits**

##### **9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences**

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119. Liabilities recognised in respect of long term employee benefits are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

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.

## **Alice Springs Town Council**

### **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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#### **Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

##### **9.2 Superannuation**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 18.

##### **10 Construction Contracts**

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

##### **11 Leases**

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

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

In respect of operating leases, where the lessor substantially retains all of the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased items, lease payments are charged to expense on a straight line basis over the lease term in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 117.

##### **12 GST Implications**

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

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

##### **13 Comparative Information**

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

##### **14 Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards**

AASB 1054 "Additional Disclosures" has been adopted in the current period. The adoption of this Standard has not had any significant impact on the amounts reported in these financial statements and is not expected to affect the accounting for future transactions or arrangements.

##### **15 Pending Accounting Standards**

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2012 reporting period.

- AASB 9 Financial Instruments
- AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements
- AASB 11 Joint Arrangements
- AASB 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

- AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement
- AASB 119 Employee Benefits
- AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements
- AASB 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures
- AASB 2011-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project [AASB 1, AASB 5, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 108, AASB 121, AASB 128, AASB 132 & AASB 134 and Interpretations 2, 112 & 113]
- AASB 2011-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Relief from Consolidation, the Equity Method and Proportionate Consolidation [AASB 127, AASB 128 & AASB 131]
- AASB 2011-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards [AASB 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 101, 107, 112, 118, 121, 124, 132, 133, 136, 138, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 5, 9, 16 & 17]
- AASB 2011-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 [AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 2010-7, 101, 102, 108, 110, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141, 1004, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 131 & 132]
- AASB 2011-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income [AASB 1, 5, 7, 101, 112, 120, 121, 132, 133, 134, 1039 & 1049]
- AASB 2011-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 119 (September 2011) [AASB 1, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 124, AASB 134, AASB 1049 & AASB 2011-8 and Interpretation 14]
- AASB 2011-12 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 20 [AASB 1]
- Interpretation 14 AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction (Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list.)

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

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is currently reviewing AASB 1004 Contributions. It is anticipated that the changes resulting from this review may have a material effect on the timing of the recognition of grants and contributions, but the financial consequences cannot be estimated until a revised accounting standard is issued.

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2012

### Note 2 - FUNCTIONS

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES															
GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES			PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY			ECONOMIC AFFAIRS			ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION			HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES			
BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	
2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>															
Rates	18,850	19,159	17,057	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory & User Charges	102	201	118	93	152	123	42	83	43	1,936	3,527	2,320	96	524	288
Grants - NT recurrent	1,313	2,104	1,780	191	47	574	-	-	-	300	506	1,946	-	-	-
Grants - NT capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	65	5,000	300	400	-	-	-	-
Grants - Cwllh recurrent	15	50	26	-	108	10	-	-	-	1,053	53	-	-	-	-
Grants - Cwllh capital	-	-	-	67	67	416	315	322	342	600	-	150	-	-	-
Contributions & Donations	-	5	27	30	30	-	-	-	10	376	485	485	-	-	-
Investment Income	597	1,501	1,192	-	10	7	-	151	-	-	41	89	-	-	-
Reimbursements & Other Revenues	136	249	153	26	161	54	86	92	62	-	948	96	-	-	(90)
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,013</b>	<b>23,269</b>	<b>20,353</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>5,457</b>	<b>4,565</b>	<b>5,960</b>	<b>5,086</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>															
Employee Costs	4,173	4,317	4,134	882	923	799	1,025	1,150	1,114	2,316	2,558	2,382	284	327	333
Materials, Contracts & Other	3,250	3,170	3,115	558	504	731	1,568	1,081	872	6,889	4,776	5,491	673	585	385
Interest Charges	531	223	266	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	99	-	-	-
Depreciation, Amortisation, Impairment	8,505	8,518	8,144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	67	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,459</b>	<b>16,228</b>	<b>15,659</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>9,205</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>8,039</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>718</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>7,041</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>(1,033)</b>	<b>(852)</b>	<b>(346)</b>	<b>(2,098)</b>	<b>(1,518)</b>	<b>3,471</b>	<b>(4,640)</b>	<b>(1,546)</b>	<b>(2,953)</b>	<b>(861)</b>	<b>(388)</b>	<b>(520)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS UTILISED</b>	<b>40,932</b>	<b>41,113</b>	<b>40,932</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>45,042</b>	<b>45,241</b>	<b>45,042</b>	<b>40,737</b>	<b>40,917</b>	<b>40,737</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>3,343</b>

HEALTH			RECREATION, CULTURE & RELIGION			EDUCATION			SOCIAL PROTECTION			ELIMINATIONS		TOTAL		
BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>																
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,850	19,159	17,057
Statutory & User Charges	-	-	-	50	170	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,319	4,657	2,990
Grants - NT recurrent	-	-	-	606	556	578	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2,410	3,215	4,878
Grants - NT capital	-	-	-	50	50	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	402	515	5,150
Grants - Cwllh recurrent	-	-	-	280	280	147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,348	491	183
Grants - Cwllh capital	-	-	-	13	13	1,315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	995	402	2,223
Contributions & Donations	-	-	-	47	74	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	453	594	579
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	597	1,703	1,438
Reimbursements & Other Revenues	-	-	-	-	6	90	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	248	1,467	365
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,622</b>	<b>32,203</b>	<b>34,863</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>																
Employee Costs	-	-	-	2,004	2,039	1,904	-	-	-	9	13	15	-	10,693	11,327	10,681
Materials, Contracts & Other	-	-	-	3,370	2,536	1,063	4	4	4	86	77	78	-	16,398	12,733	11,739
Interest Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	531	326	365
Depreciation, Amortisation, Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,505	8,587	8,211
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,374</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,127</b>	<b>32,973</b>	<b>30,986</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,328)</b>	<b>(3,426)</b>	<b>(382)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(95)</b>	<b>(77)</b>	<b>(93)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8,505)</b>	<b>(770)</b>	<b>3,867</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS UTILISED</b>	<b>76,368</b>	<b>76,703</b>	<b>76,368</b>	<b>76,368</b>	<b>76,703</b>	<b>76,368</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>212,643</b>	<b>213,581</b>	<b>213,581</b>

# **ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL**

## **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012**

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

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

#### **General Public Services**

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

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

Animal control and impounding, control of public places and enforcement of By-Laws.

#### **Economic Affairs**

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

#### **Environmental Protection**

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

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

Public cemeteries, public conveniences and street lights.

#### **Health**

Council does not administer any health issues.

#### **Recreation, Culture and Religion**

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

#### **Education**

Charles Darwin University Sponsorships.

#### **Social Protection**

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

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30th June 2012**

**Note 3 - OPERATING REVENUES**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$
<b>a) Rates &amp; Annual Charges</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
<b><u>Ordinary Rates</u></b>		
Residential	10,732	9,535
Farmland	431	397
Business	5,321	5,027
	<u>16,484</u>	<u>14,959</u>
<b><u>Special Rates</u></b>		
Airport	47	45
	<u>47</u>	<u>45</u>
<b><u>Annual Charges</u></b>		
Liquor Litter Charge	-	( 300)
Waste Management Services	2,628	2,353
	<u>2,628</u>	<u>2,053</u>
<b>Total Rates &amp; Annual Charges</b>	<u><u>19,159</u></u>	<u><u>17,057</u></u>
<b>b) User Charges &amp; Fees</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
<b><u>Charges</u></b>		
Hire of Council Equipment	7	55
Cemetery Charges	140	157
Rates Searches	31	40
Rental Charges	81	84
Sales	104	76
Sale of Cans	54	46
Weighbridge Charges	2,072	2,200
Other	161	182
	<u>2,650</u>	<u>2,840</u>
<b><u>Fees</u></b>		
Regulatory / Statutory Fees	520	143
Trolley Release Fees	18	7
	<u>538</u>	<u>150</u>
<b>Total User Charges &amp; Fees</b>	<u><u>3,188</u></u>	<u><u>2,990</u></u>
<b>c) Interest</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Interest on Overdue Rates & Charges	274	180
Interest on Investments	1,430	1,168
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>1,704</u>	<u>1,348</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Interest on Investments	-	89
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>89</u>
<b>Total Interest</b>	<u><u>1,704</u></u>	<u><u>1,437</u></u>

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
d) Grants		
<b>NT Operating Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
<b><u>General Purpose</u></b>		
FAG	703	683
Roads	1,153	903
<b><u>Specific Purpose</u></b>		
NT Police - Alice Alcohol Awareness Campaign		125
DRDPIFR - Alice Employment Campaign		5
Sports & Recreation Office - Facility Development	-	44
Cash for Containers	300	-
Senior Month Event	2	-
Cemetery Restoration	11	-
NRETAS - Facility Development	50	-
Library Operational	555	517
Library - Specific Purpose	1	-
Pensioner Subsidies	187	179
NDRA - Storm Damage		10
Dept Chief Minister - Town Camps Dog Control Strategy	48	449
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection	194	-
Grass Roots	-	3
Centenary Grants Family Picnic	-	4
Alice Springs Smoke Free Venues	-	10
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>2,932</b>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
<b><u>Specific Purpose</u></b>		
NTG	12	
DPIFM - Alice Solar City	-	1,946
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,946</b>
	<b>3,216</b>	<b>4,878</b>
<b>Commonwealth Operating Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
DEEWR - Indigenous Employment Coordinator	-	12
DEEWR - Training	-	13
Health Communities	280	138
Waste Management Centre	525	-
Long Day Care	50	
Liquor Licensing Roundtable	100	
CBA - Library - Graphic Novel Update	-	10
Alice Springs Alcohol Awareness Campaign	8	10
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>183</b>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
AGO - Alice Solar City	996	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>1,959</b>	<b>183</b>

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>NT Capital Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
DLGH - Basketball Stadium Upgrade	-	-
DIPE - CBD Revitalisation Green Streetscapes (previously called Todd Mall Moving Alice Ahead)	-	-
LATM - Kmart Laneway Upgrade	-	-
Rural Road Safety - LATM	65	-
NRETA - Traeger Park Public Toilets	-	-
Waste Management Facility	400	-
Traeger Park Tennis Facility Upgrade	-	100
Anzac Oval Facility Development	50	50
Alice Springs CBD Revitalisation	-	5,000
	<u>515</u>	<u>5,150</u>
<b>Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
ABA - Aquatic Centre	-	133
DITRDLG - Aquatic Centre	-	1,182
Disaster Resilience Fund - Boom Gates	67	-
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	322	341
RLCIP - Upgrade of Facilities	-	-
Accessible Communities Mobility Equipment	13	-
Aquatic Centre - Solar Pool Heating	-	150
Stuart Terrace Park Solar Security Lighting	-	76
Safety + Security Lighting	-	340
	<u>402</u>	<u>2,222</u>
<b>Total Grants</b>	<u>6,092</u>	<u>12,433</u>

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>Unexpended Grant Funds</b>		
The following Grants have conditions over them and these have not been fully acquitted at the end of the reporting period:		
<b>NT Operating Grants</b>	<b>2012 \$'000</b>	<b>2011 \$'000</b>
<u><b>Council</b></u>		
<u><b>General Purpose</b></u>		
FAG - General Purpose	-	181
FAG - Road Component	-	231
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>412</b>
<u><b>Specific Purpose</b></u>		
Alice Alcohol Awareness Campaign	27	77
DRDPIFR - Alice Employment Campaign	19	20
DCM - CBD Security System CCTV Monitoring	-	12
DIPE Discovery Walkway Maintenance	8	23
NDRA - Storm Damage	67	181
Dept Chief Minister - Town Camps Dog Control Strategy	131	308
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection	179	281
NRETAS - Alice Springs Smoke Free Venues	5	10
Dept Chief Minister - NT Centenary Grants	-	4
NRETAS - Grassroots	-	2
Rural Road Safety Project - LATM	33	-
Cash for Containers	63	-
Heritage Grant - Cemetery Restoration	7	-
NRETAS - Facility Development Grant	27	-
Senior Month Event	2	-
Regional Waste Management Centre - NTG	354	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>918</b>
<u><b>Alice Solar City</b></u>		
<u><b>Specific Purpose</b></u>		
NTG	12	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>934</b>	<b>1,330</b>
<b>Commonwealth Operating Grants</b>		
<u><b>Council</b></u>		
Health + Ageing - Healthy Communities	157	138
Liquor Licensing Roundtable	100	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>138</b>
<u><b>Alice Solar City</b></u>		
DEWHA - Alice Solar City	-	37
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>257</b>	<b>175</b>

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>NT Capital Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
DIPE - CBD Revitalisation Green Streetscapes (previously called Todd Mall Moving Alice Ahead)	127	471
Todd Mall Moving Alice Ahead Transfer	300	
Dept. Lands + Planning - Todd Mall Revitalisation	5,230	5,000
Dept Chief Minister - CBD Security Camera System	-	89
DIPE - Leichhardt Terrace Park Upgrade	300	300
NRETA - Public Art Professional Development	-	8
DLGH - Public Toilet Upgrade	51	52
DIPE - Safety and Security Lighting	-	12
DIPE - Todd River Walk	196	196
LATM - Kmart Laneway Upgrade	11	11
NRETAS - Anzac Oval Facility Development	-	8
	<u>6,215</u>	<u>6,147</u>
<b>Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
DOTARS - Black Spot - Ilparpa	-	80
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	-	5
Disaster Resilience Fund - Boom Gates	-	149
Regional Waste Management Centre	675	-
	<u>675</u>	<u>234</u>
<b>Total Unexpended Grant Funds</b>	<u><u>8,081</u></u>	<u><u>7,886</u></u>

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>e) Contributions</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Power & Water Corporation (Alice Springs Desert Smart Water Plan)	822	-
Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies	74	54
Tennis Facility Upgrade	-	90
Disaster Resilience Fund Boom gates	30	
Other	5	142
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>931</u>	<u>286</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Northern Territory Government	219	330
ASTC	68	-
ALEC	4	-
Power & Water Corporation	51	55
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>342</u>	<u>385</u>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<u><u>1,273</u></u>	<u><u>671</u></u>
<b>f) Other Revenues</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Fines	203	116
Fuel Rebates	5	20
Insurance Claims	306	57
Other	273	81
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>787</u>	<u>274</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Other	-	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<u><u>787</u></u>	<u><u>274</u></u>

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30th June 2012**

**Note 4 - OPERATING EXPENSES**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$
<b>a) Employee Costs</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Salaries & Wages	8,514	8,532
Travelling	67	65
Employee Leave Entitlements	594	114
Superannuation	916	776
Workers Compensation Insurance	308	232
FBT	63	31
Training	76	113
Other	56	10
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>10,594</u>	<u>9,873</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Salaries & Wages	588	696
Travelling	7	10
Employee Leave Entitlements	39	6
Superannuation	66	68
Workers Compensation Insurance	22	17
FBT	6	6
Training	-	3
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>728</u>	<u>806</u>
<b>Total Employee Costs</b>	<u><u>11,322</u></u>	<u><u>10,679</u></u>
 <b><i>Number of Full Time Equivalent Employees at 30th June</i></b>	 <b>147</b>	 <b>141</b>
<b>b) Materials &amp; Contracts</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Audit Fees	17	18
Books	23	39
Computer Consumables	13	11
Consulting Fees	207	187
Contract Material and Labour	6,245	4,601
Children and Youth events	3	-
Equipment Hire	6	5
Food (Catering)	73	48
Fuel and Oil	258	232
General Events	2	
Internet Service Provider	24	25
IT Equipment	77	35
Journals / Periodicals	10	11
Licence Fees	22	6
Materials	908	809
Membership & Subscriptions	51	45
Network Communication	3	11
Office Equipment	8	9
On-line Resources	14	-
Other Equipment	17	30

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$
Printing	26	34
Promotional / Education	30	15
Security	67	243
Software Development	30	115
Licence and Maintenance Fees	157	159
Stationery	-	27
Uniforms	4	5
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	8,295	6,720
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
10/10 and 20/20 Support	8	9
Audit Fees	1	1
Cleaning	12	9
Consulting Fees	5	10
Contract Material and Labour	109	125
Energy Audits	3	9
Energy Efficiency	212	585
Flat Panel PV Systems	86	346
Food (Catering)	1	2
Fuel and Oil	-	1
In House Display	-	8
IT Equipment	-	-
Marketing and Communications Support	83	76
Materials	1	16
Membership & Subscriptions	2	2
Meter Equipment	-	-
Office Equipment	-	1
Other Equipment	-	-
Photography	-	1
Promotional / Education	20	7
PV Metering	-	-
Security	2	2
Smart Meters	-	15
Licence and Maintenance Fees	-	4
Solar Hot Water	292	346
Stationery	3	5
Website Development and Fees	5	7
Vehicle Maintenance	2	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	847	1,587
<b>Total Materials &amp; Contracts</b>	9,142	8,307
<b>c) Interest Charges</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Finance Expenses - Provision for Restoration of Landfill	103	99
Interest Expenses - Bank Loan	223	266
<b>Total Interest Charges</b>	326	365

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>d) Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Land Improvements	2,490	1,827
Buildings	801	858
Furniture & Office Equipment	146	117
Plant & Equipment	730	709
Infrastructure:		
- Sealed Roads	3,302	3,629
- Unsealed Roads	22	21
- Stormwater Drainage	382	368
- Other	645	615
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>8,518</u>	<u>8,144</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Furniture & Office Equipment	47	45
Plant & Equipment	3	19
Alice Solar City Brand	19	3
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>69</u>	<u>67</u>
<b>Total Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</b>	<u><u>8,587</u></u>	<u><u>8,211</u></u>
<b>e) Other Expenses</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Advertising	164	139
Elected Members Allowances	198	181
Elected Members - Training Course Fees	9	-
Elected Members - Travel & Accommodation	24	23
Elected Member Other Expenses	2	2
Bad & Doubtful Debts	179	( 58)
Bank Fees	-	-
Can Refunds	212	275
Cashier Overs/Unders	-	-
Donations & Contributions to Local & Regional Bodies	133	151
Depot Damage Control	-	-
Electricity and Gas	625	295
Freight	14	20
Insurance	301	296
Legal Fees	87	263
Merchant Transaction Fees	34	33
Other expenses	49	204
Pensioner Concessions	222	213
Postage	21	23
Rates - Early Bird draw	11	10
Rates Written off / Waived	-	-

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Relocation Expenses	31	4
Small Balances Write-off		-
Street Lighting		339
Telephone	69	72
Training	20	-
Travel & Accommodation	21	
Unexpended Funds Returned		-
Vehicle Registration	52	50
Water & Sewerage Charges	803	514
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	3,281	3,049
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Advertising	32	40
Bank Fees		2
Cash Rounding		1
Chairman Sitting Fees	15	2
Control Group Subsidy		2
Donations & Contributions to Local & Regional Bodies	1	-
Electricity and Gas	2	2
Energy Efficiency Training		80
Graphic Design	11	-
Insurance Premium	14	12
Legal Fees		-
Merchant Transaction Fees		-
Postage	2	9
PV Buyback Incentive Scheme	155	175
Relocation Expenses		-
Rent	72	50
Sundries	1	
Telephone	6	9
Travel & Accommodation Expenses	3	-
Vehicle Registration	1	1
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	315	385
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	3,596	3,434

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30th June 2012**

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Proceeds from disposal	277	157
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	191	361
<b>Total Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<u>86</u>	<u>( 204)</u>
<b>Total Gain (or Loss) on Disposal of Assets</b>	<u>86</u>	<u>( 204)</u>

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements**  
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**Note 6 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	4,011	7,732
Short Term Deposits	20,122	12,191
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>24,133</u>	<u>19,923</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	210	1,319
Short Term Deposits		-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>210</u>	<u>1,319</u>
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<u><u>24,343</u></u>	<u><u>21,242</u></u>

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

**RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY**

**External Restrictions**

- Included in Revenue	-	-
- Included in Equity	9,434	9,326

<b>Total External Restrictions</b>	<u>9,434</u>	<u>9,326</u>
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**Internal Restrictions**

- Included in Liabilities	2,424	3,140
- Included in Equity	9,842	6,206

<b>Total Internal Restrictions</b>	<u>12,266</u>	<u>9,346</u>
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<b>Total Assets Subject to Restrictions</b>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>18,672</u>
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<b>Total Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	2,643	2,570
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<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<u><u>24,343</u></u>	<u><u>21,242</u></u>
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### Note 6 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$
<b>RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS - DETAIL</b>		
<b>External Restrictions</b>		
<b>Included in Equity</b>		
Developer Contributions (D)	122	122
Other Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	9,102	7,886
<b>Alice Solar City</b>		
Solar Cities Consortium Funds	210	1,318
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>210</u>	<u>1,318</u>
<b>Total Included in Equity</b>	<u>9,434</u>	<u>9,326</u>
<b>Total External Restrictions</b>	<u><u>9,434</u></u>	<u><u>9,326</u></u>
<b>Internal Restrictions</b>		
<b>Included in Liabilities</b>		
Waste Facility Restoration	2,424	2,321
Net of Liabilities & Debtors	-	819
<b>Total Included in Liabilities</b>	<u>2,424</u>	<u>3,140</u>
<b>Included in Equity</b>		
Asset Replacement	30	30
Commitments for Expenditure (excl Tied Amounts)	1,476	379
Employee Entitlements	298	298
Infrastructure	3,537	3,423
Francis Smith Toilet Reserve	300	-
Sports Facility	403	506
Landfill Plant and Equipment Reserve	346	-
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee Reserve	14	-
Todd Mall Redevelopment Reserve	1,538	-
Traeger Park Sound System Reserve	100	-
Unexpended Funds	-	-
Waste Facility Replacement	1,800	1,570
<b>Total Included in Equity</b>	<u>9,842</u>	<u>6,206</u>
<b>Total Internal Restrictions</b>	<u><u>12,266</u></u>	<u><u>9,346</u></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**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>Receivables</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Rates & Annual Charges	1,577	1,149
User Charges & Fees	822	1,011
Accrued Interest Income	159	71
ATO	301	41
Other	262	275
	<hr/> 3,121	<hr/> 2,547
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	210	190
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<hr/> 2,911	<hr/> 2,357
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
ATO	4	48
Other	320	-
	<hr/> 324	<hr/> 48
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<hr/> 324	<hr/> 48
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<hr/> <hr/> 3,235	<hr/> <hr/> 2,405

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**Note 8 - OTHER ASSETS**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>a) Inventories</b>		
<u>Council</u>		
Stores & Materials	78	71
<b>Total Inventories</b>	<u>78</u>	<u>71</u>
<b>b) Other</b>		
<u>Council</u>		
Prepayments	48	16
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>48</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Alice Solar City</u>		
Prepayments	5	6
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total Other</b>	<u>53</u>	<u>22</u>

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**Note 8 - OTHER ASSETS (Cont'd)**

NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
		2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
c) Other			
WIP		6	6
Total Other		<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

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Note 9 - Property, Plant & Equipment**

	2011			CARRYING AMOUNT OF MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2012		
	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	60,778	-	60,778	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,778	-	60,778
Land Improvements	37,484	( 5,096)	32,388	738	-	-	-	-	( 2,490)	38,222	( 7,586)	30,636
Buildings	21,372	( 2,476)	18,896	327	-	-	-	-	( 801)	21,699	( 3,277)	18,422
Furniture & Office Equipment	1,156	( 355)	801	131	-	-	( 5)	3	( 146)	1,282	( 498)	784
Plant & Equipment Infrastructure:	6,512	( 1,752)	4,760	1,955	-	-	( 295)	106	( 730)	8,172	( 2,376)	5,796
- Sealed Roads	44,224	( 11,458)	32,766	429	-	-	-	-	( 3,302)	44,653	( 14,760)	29,893
- Unsealed Roads	299	( 121)	178	-	-	-	-	-	( 22)	299	( 143)	156
- Stormwater Drainage	33,553	( 1,106)	32,447	-	-	-	-	-	( 382)	33,553	( 1,488)	32,065
- Other	6,237	( 1,604)	4,633	47	-	-	-	-	( 645)	6,284	( 2,249)	4,035
Art Collection & Heritage	2,002	-	2,002	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,002	-	2,002
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<b>213,617</b>	<b>( 23,968)</b>	<b>189,649</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 300)</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>( 8,518)</b>	<b>218,944</b>	<b>( 32,377)</b>	<b>184,567</b>
<b>Alice Solar City</b>												
Furniture & Office Equipment	217	( 119)	98	5	-	-	-	-	( 47)	222	( 166)	56
Plant & Equipment	22	( 5)	17	-	-	-	-	-	( 3)	22	( 8)	14
Alice Solar City Brand	114	( 57)	57	-	-	-	-	-	( 19)	114	( 76)	38
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>( 181)</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 69)</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>( 250)</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>213,970</b>	<b>( 24,149)</b>	<b>189,821</b>	<b>3,632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>( 300)</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>( 8,587)</b>	<b>217,302</b>	<b>( 32,627)</b>	<b>184,675</b>

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### **Note 9 (cont) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

#### **Valuation of Assets**

Existing valuations, methods and values are detailed below. Purchased assets brought to account for the first time are valued at cost. Donated assets brought to account for the first time are valued at fair value. Assets are revalued every 3-5 years. The next revaluation will occur in 2012-13.

#### **Land – Council Owned and Council Controlled**

Free hold 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 and is disclosed at its fair value.

#### **Buildings, Furniture & Office Equipment, Plant and Equipment and Infrastructure Assets**

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

#### **Art Collection and Heritage**

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

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>a) Payables</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Goods & Services	1,421	1,156
Accrued Expenses	359	208
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	47	83
Unearned Income	64	312
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>1,759</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Goods & Services	40	11
Accrued Expenses	-	-
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>40</u>	<u>11</u>
<b>Total Payables</b>	<u><u>1,931</u></u>	<u><u>1,770</u></u>
<b>b) Borrowings</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre *	330	284
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<u><u>330</u></u>	<u><u>284</u></u>
<b>c) Provisions</b>		
<b><u>Council</u></b>		
Airfares	21	13
Annual Leave	885	907
Long Service Leave	264	468
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,388</u>
<b><u>Alice Solar City</u></b>		
Annual Leave	48	56
Long Service Leave	9	25
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>57</u>	<u>81</u>
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<u><u>1,227</u></u>	<u><u>1,469</u></u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u><u>3,488</u></u>	<u><u>3,523</u></u>

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>d) Borrowings</b>		
<u>Council</u>		
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre *	2,805	3,144
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<u>2,805</u>	<u>3,144</u>
<b>e) Provisions</b>		
<u>Council</u>		
Long Service Leave	116	243
Restoration of the Landfill Site	2,424	2,321
<b>Sub-Total:- Council</b>	<u>2,540</u>	<u>2,564</u>
<u>Alice Solar City</u>		
Long Service Leave	-	5
<b>Sub-Total:- Alice Solar City</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<u>2,540</u>	<u>2,569</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<u>5,345</u>	<u>5,713</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**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<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	4,221	9,051
Short Term Deposits	20,122	12,191
<b>Balances as per Cash Flow Statement</b>	24,343	21,242
<b>b) Reconciliation of Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year to Cash from Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	( 770)	3,867
<b><u>Add:</u></b>		
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	8,587	8,211
Increase in Provision for Doubtful Debts	20	68
Increase in Other Provisions	103	99
Decrease in Receivables (User Charges and Fees)	189	332
Decrease in Inventories	-	8
Decrease in Other Current Assets	-	131
Increase in Payables	-	-
Increase in Payables (Goods and Services ASTC)	265	-
Increase in Payables (Goods and Services SC)	29	-
Increase in Payables (Accrued Expenses)	151	-
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	204
	9,344	9,053
<b><u>Less:</u></b>		
Decrease in Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	-
Decrease in Employee Leave Provisions	( 374)	( 31)
Increase in Receivables (Rates & Annual Charges)	( 428)	-
Increase in Receivables (Interest)	( 88)	-
Increase in Receivables (Other)	( 523)	-
Increase in Inventories	( 7)	-
Increase in Other Current Assets	( 32)	-
Increase in deferred rates	( 3)	-
Decrease in Payables (Deposits Retentions and Bonds)	( 36)	-
Decrease in Payables (Unearned Income)	( 248)	( 1,439)
Gain on Disposal of Assets	( 86)	-
	( 1,825)	( 1,470)
<b>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</b>	6,749	11,450

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**Note 12 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>Capital Commitments</b>		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
<b>Total Capital Commitments</b>	<u>941</u>	<u>391</u>
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Not later than 1 year	-	391
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>	<u>391</u>

**Other Expenditure Commitments**

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

<b>Total Other Expenditure Commitments</b>	<u>535</u>	<u>67</u>
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Not later than 1 year	535	67
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>535</u>	<u>67</u>

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**Note 13 - STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT**

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>a) Current Ratio</b>					
<u>Current Assets</u> Current Liabilities	7.94:1	6.74:1	5.37:1	8.63:1	5.88:1
<b>b) Debt Service Ratio</b>					
<u>Net Debt Service Cost</u> Total Operating Revenue	0.0069:1	0.0076:1	0.0072:1	0.0076:1	0.0125:1
<b>c) Rate Coverage Ratio</b>					
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges</u> Total Revenue	59.49%	48.93%	46.15%	40.22%	56.06%
<b>d) Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage</b>					
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding</u> Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	8.33%	6.82%	7.23%	8.05%	7.33%

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

	2012		2011	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Grants and contributions that were obtained on the condition that they be expended on specified purposes or in a future period but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:				
Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	7,885	941	10,974	1,147
<b><u>Less:</u></b>				
Expended during the current reporting period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods	2,596	867	8,929	647
<b><u>Plus:</u></b>				
Amounts recognised as revenues in current reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions	2,792	-	5,840	441
Unexpended at the close of the current reporting period and held as restricted assets	8,081	74	7,885	941
Net increase (decrease) in restricted assets in the current reporting period	196	( 867)	( 3,089)	( 206)

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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>2012 \$'000</b>	<b>2011 \$</b>
<b>a) Parking</b>		
Opening Balance	52	52
Contributions Received During Year	-	-
<b>Total Parking</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>b) Roads</b>		
Opening Balance	70	70
Contributions Received During Year	-	-
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total Contributions Held as a Restricted Asset</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>122</b>

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#### Note 16 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

##### Accounting Policies

<b>Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 5.99% and 4.65% (2011: 6.07% and 4.4%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 90 days and an average interest rates of 6.79% (2011 90 days, 7.72%).</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
<b>Receivables - Rates &amp; Associated Charges (including legal fees &amp; penalties for late payment)</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 19% (2011: 19%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the Northern Territory.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<b>Receivables - Fees &amp; other charges</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<b>Receivables - other levels of government</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal value.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth &amp; State.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>
<p><i>Note:</i> Certain of the above receivables do not meet the definition of <i>financial instruments</i>, being statutory charges rather than arising from a contract. Accounting policies are reported here for purposes of completeness but they are excluded from the remainder of the Note.</p>	
<b>Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>
<b>Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> secured over future revenues, loans are repayable monthly; interest is charged at fixed rate of 6.75% (2011: 6.75%)</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>
<b>Liabilities - Finance Leases</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

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

##### Risk Exposures

**Credit Risk** represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any provision for doubtful debts. In accordance with regulations, all Council investments are made with authorised deposit taking institutions. There is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

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

**Liquidity Risk** is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. Council has one loan with Principal and Interest payments made monthly.

**Interest Rate Risk** is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Most of Council's financial instruments are at fixed rates. Any such variations in future cash flows will not be material in effect on either Council incomes or expenditures.

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**Note 16 Financial Instruments (Cont.)**

**Interest Rate Risk Exposure**

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

	Floating Interest Rate \$'000	Fixed Interest Maturing In ≤ 1 year \$	≥ 1 year < 5 years \$	≥ 5 years \$	Non-Interest Bearing \$	Total \$
<b>2012</b>						
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash Assets	4,221	20,122	-	-	-	24,343
Receivables	-	1,577	18	-	1,709	3,304
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>21,699</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>27,647</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	3.55%	4.61%	19.00%		0.00%	6.79%
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables	-	-	-	-	1,508	1,508
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre	-	330	1,570	1,235	-	3,135
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>4,643</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		6.75%	6.75%	6.75%		6.75%
<b>2011</b>						
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash Assets	9,051	12,191	-	-	-	21,242
Receivables	-	1,148	15	-	1,376	2,539
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>9,051</b>	<b>13,339</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>23,781</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	4.80%	7.07%	19.00%		0.00%	7.72%
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables	-	-	-	-	1,250	1,250
Westpac Loan - Civic Centre	-	284	1,492	1,652	-	3,428
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>4,678</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		6.75%	6.75%	6.75%		6.75%

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#### Note 16 Financial Instruments (Cont.)

<u>Reconciliation of Financial Assets and Liabilities</u>	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>		
Financial Assets	27,647	23,781
Financial Liabilities	( 4,643)	( 4,678)
	<hr/> 23,004	<hr/> 19,103
<b>Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Interest Income	159	71
Prepayments	53	22
Provision for Doubtful Debts	( 210)	( 190)
Inventories	78	71
Other	6	6
Property, Plant & Equipment	184,675	189,820
Accrued Expenses	( 359)	( 207)
Unearned Income	( 64)	( 312)
Provisions	( 3,767)	( 4,038)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<hr/> 203,575	<hr/> 204,346
<b>Net Assets per Statement of Financial Position</b>	203,575	204,346

# **ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL**

## **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012**

### **Note 17 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

#### **1. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES**

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

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

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

#### **2. "CARBON" TAX**

From 1 July 2012 a new tax on emissions of certain "greenhouse" gases commences operation. Council has a number of garbage landfill facilities which emit, and will continue for many years to emit, gases of this type.

Information currently available provides assurances that "legacy emissions" from garbage placed in landfills prior to commencement of the tax will not subsequently become liable to the tax. However, details of the mechanisms for measuring such emissions, or of providing the exemption are not currently available.

# **ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL**

## **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** for the year ended 30 June 2012

### **Note 18 – SUPERANNUATION**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. Whilst the Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently, Council only pays into members under the following scheme:

#### **Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members**

Marketlink receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9% in 2011/12; 9% in 2010/11). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

#### **Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes**

Council also makes contributions to other superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation. All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

## **Alice Springs Town Council**

### **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012**

#### **NOTE 19 - AUDIT FEES**

Audit fees were \$18,000 in 2011-12 (\$19,000 in 2010-11). The individual amounts for Council and Solar City are detailed in Note 4 under Materials and Contracts for the respective areas.

## **Alice Springs Town Council**

### **Notes to and Forming Part of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012**

#### **NOTE 20 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

Alice Springs Town Council is incorporated under the Local Government Act of the Northern Territory.

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