

# ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL



*Annual Report 2021/2022*



## Acknowledgement of Country

*Mparntwe tantyipe Council-arenye mapele itele-areme, apmere nhenhe Arrernte-kenhe, itne ampereke-artweye arrwekelenye uthene mape itele-aretyeke.*

Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Mparntwe/Alice Springs.

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## Cover artwork & inside illustrations

Billy Tjampitjinpa Kenda, is a Luritja/Pitjantjatjara man who has been painting with the Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists since 2002. In 2020 he completed a mural at the Alice Springs Public Library: 'All them Tourists goin' to look at Countryside'. A cropped portion is used for the front cover and inside sections of this publication. You can view the complete artwork on the outside wall of the Alice Springs Public Library, on Leichhardt Terrace, Alice Springs.

Billy's style encapsulates the essence of contemporary Central Australia in a buoyant and poppy style. His works often depict the social dynamics and relationships characteristic of the Central Desert region.

# Legislative compliance

*This annual report has been produced in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council.*

Council's performance for the FY22 is assessed against its Strategic Objectives (*Strategic Plan 2018-2021*) and budget (*Municipal Plan 2021-2022*, adopted at the Ordinary Meeting, held 22 June 2021).

Alice Springs Town Council utilises records and archives management practices compliant with Part 9 of the *Information Act 2002*.

While this annual report is primarily produced to comply with statutory requirements, the report also provides a relevant overview for residents, visitors, employees, government, and other interested parties.





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# Message from the Mayor

*Alice Springs Town Council is pleased to offer its Annual Report for 2021/2022, which measures the organisation's performance against targets outlined in the Municipal Plan 2021/2022, and objectives committed to in our Strategic Plan 2018-2022.*



Your Councillors have been elected to serve the ratepayers and residents of Alice Springs, and we pride ourselves in working together with Council staff to deliver on promised projects, services and programs – over and above management of our primary responsibilities of ‘rates, roads and rubbish’.

Declared in September 2021, the newly-elected 14<sup>th</sup> Council immediately focused its attention on connecting and building relationships with our region's major stakeholders. This included the Northern Territory Government, NT Police, Chamber of Commerce NT, Tourism Central Australia, other regional Councils and, of course, the community.

The result of this consultation was the genesis of the *Central Australia Plan*, a document that identified key areas of community safety, tourism recovery, workforce attraction, youth diversion, employment pathways, infrastructure, climate actions and environmental sustainability for urgent attention and investment.

This document has been presented to key decision makers and Federal and State Governments with your Elected Members

working hard to ensure Alice Springs is at the forefront of mind for our country's leaders.

As Councillors, we respond to the needs of our constituents by striving to fulfil six important leadership roles for our community. Those roles are:

- > **Advocate** – promoting the interests of our community to key decision makers.
- > **Facilitator** – bringing relevant parties together on related initiatives.
- > **Funder** – assisting local organisations to deliver initiatives.
- > **Partner** – developing strategic alliances to further the interests of our community.
- > **Provider** – delivering key services to our constituency.
- > **Regulator of By-laws** – relevant to the management of our municipality.

Whilst this framework has only recently been consolidated into Council's Strategic Plan, *Alice Springs Liveability & Sustainability 2030* (published July 2022), the 14<sup>th</sup> Council took this direction and its inception with a focus on achieving holistic community engagement and consultation.

**CALL-OUT  
FOR myALICE  
MERCHANTS!**



Mayor Matt Paterson launching myAlice campaign at Novita gifts.

### **Some of the highlights of our first nine months:**

- > Funding for 13 shades and key upgrades to the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre.
- > With Council's Executive Team, developed essential strategic documents including Council's *Long-Term Financial Plan*, *Asset Management Plan* and *Strategic Plan*.
- > Closer liaison with community sporting groups, particularly regarding the closure of playing surfaces due to the impacts of weather.
- > Awarding of more than \$75K in Community Grants funding to local groups and organisations.
- > Relaunching the myAlice Discount Voucher scheme with Council's \$200K and NTG's \$402,500 delivered in a single round to boost the economy. The initiative saw a return on investment of x6.9, equating to a total spend of \$4.1M flowing back into the local economy.
- > Implemented live-streaming of Council Meetings for enhanced and timely communication of information to our community.
- > Reviewing and rescinding obsolete Council policies.
- > Financial support for community services and initiatives such as: Foodbank Central Australia, Central Australian Show Society, Dusty Demons, Bush Bands Bash, Desert Song Festival and Hamilton Down Youth Camp's fundraiser, Alice's Longest Lunch.
- > Council's VergeCare program, an incentive for residents to address excessive vegetation on verges after heavy summer rains.

Though there is no denying that our town has, and continues to, face significant challenges into the future, your Council is optimistic that the future of our community is bright. Alice Springs Town Council is up for the challenge and, working with the experience and expertise of Council's dedicated staff, Elected Members are determined to overcome the obstacles to our town's progress and prosperity.

Please enjoy this evaluation of Council's performance across the past 12 months; I trust it will offer some reassurance that we are working towards a wonderful future in Alice Springs.

**Matt Paterson**  
Mayor

# Message from the CEO

*I invite all members of the Alice Springs community to read Council's Annual Report for 2021/2022, developed in compliance with the Local government Act 2019, and explore how your Council has achieved, managed and delivered on its promises as outlined in its Municipal Plan 2021/2022.*



Priority items on Council's agenda for FY22 were commencing the development of key plans, such as the current *Municipal Plan* (to 2023), new *Strategic Plan (Alice Springs Liveability & Sustainability 2030)*, the *Long-Term Financial Plan*, *Asset Management Plan* and a *Corporate Business Plan*, alongside evaluations of the existing *RWMF Master Plan* and *ASALC Business Plan*.

Progress of these important documents signals the collective adoption of forward-planning to enable Council to appropriately distribute and better utilise revenue from ratepayers. Such planning will greatly assist us in refining service delivery and, in time, enhancing infrastructure for the benefit and enjoyment of the entire community.

Behind the scenes, the organisation has had to navigate substantial hurdles over the past year with existing challenges further complicated by ongoing disruptions caused by the pandemic. The unpredictability of COVID has directly affected human resources and challenges to the health and wellbeing of our staff and their families (as members of our broader community) were brought about by a range of factors. A combination of COVID, increases in general living expenses and the growth in our town's social

isolation due to changes in travel options in and out of Alice Springs have all had an impact on Council and the wider community as a whole.

Productivity has also been impacted over this time by an unsustainable ICT infrastructure in need of upgrading. This is being addressed progressively.

Despite these conditions, critical works and services to our community were maintained and many of the community's favourite programs and events remained. The dedication of Council staff ensured we delivered on commitments to key services, events and programs such as the Library's diverse range of school holiday activities, the expanded programming by our diligent Youth Team and the big events staged by our Community Development Team including the Christmas Carnival, Night Markets Series, 11.2.one live music gigs and the much-loved Pop-up Park series.

Just a few other highlights from FY22 have been:

- > The completion of another section of the Ilparpa Road shared pathway.
- > Connection of the Herbert Heritage Drive footpath to the pathway at Stuart Highway.





Anders Pfeffer and Katie Harder at Page 27 for 11.2.one Music in the Mall.

- > Commencement of community consultations for a new, multi-faceted recreational facility.
- > Upgrades to railway crossings at Norris Bell Avenue and Lovegrove Drive; and
- > Parks upgrade progressed, continuing in 2023.

With NTG grant funding, and in consultation with key local stakeholders, Council oversaw the production of a Workforce Attraction Strategy promotional campaign and web portal- [liveworkalice.com.au](http://liveworkalice.com.au). This is a starting point for prospective residents to garner a taste of our central desert lifestyle and search for available work opportunities in Alice Springs. The assets have been made freely available to local employers for use in their own recruitment campaigns.

Complementing NTG's \$400K contribution, Council was able to release a further \$200K in funding for the hugely successful myAlice initiative to accelerate consumer spending in our local economy.

FY22 also saw the evolution of Central Australian Regional Group of Organisations (CARGO) into the *Central Australia Plan*, which, since its debut in March this year, has already proven fruitful thanks to the dedication of our energised 14th Council.

From the difficulty of the past two years, a strengthened resolve has emerged for, not only our Elected members who have expanded out collective bargaining potential by firmly cementing Council as a leading advocate for our region, but for our staff also. Staff have demonstrated great skill and ingenuity in combining and aligning common goals across business units to deliver on commitments to our community.

I offer my sincere thanks to Mayor Matt Paterson and all Elected Members for the many hours of robust and insightful discussion, dedicated to realising a common holistic vision for Alice Springs.

  
**Robert Jennings**  
 CEO



# Origins

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## Mparntwe

Apmere Mparntwe's origins are in the Altyerre (dreaming). Athereyurre (Telegraph Station) is the traditional home of the Central Arrernte people and is where they survived for thousands of years, due to the location's reliable water source. The availability of water and an abundance of all types of foods prized by the Central Arrernte people, including amerne (vegetables) and akure (meat), meant habitation of the area continued up until colonisation.

Natural landmarks such as Ntaripe (Heavitree Gap), Akeyellerre (Billy Goat Hill), Untyeyetwelye (Anzac Hill), Athereyurre (Telegraph Station) and hill-lines surrounding our town all hold an Aboriginal presence, when looking through Central Arrernte eyes. They are hidden, but not invisible, and recall an ancient story, originating from the Altyerre (dreamtime), of a major battle between beetles, caterpillars and dogs; all travelling in many directions and leaving behind in their wake these monumental and majestic landmarks for all to appreciate today.

## Alice Springs

Established in 1871, the Alice Springs Telegraph (Repeater) Station was the original town site, known as Stuart. Alice Springs was simply the informal name of the waterhole adjacent to the Telegraph Station, and named after Alice Todd, the wife of Sir Charles Todd who was the SA Superintendent of Telegraphs and overseer of construction of the line.

The purpose of the south-to-north Overland Telegraph Line was to enhance communications efficiency from Australia to Europe, via the undersea cable that connected Darwin to Java-Singapore-Penang-Madras-Bombay-Aden-Suez (Alexandria)-Malta-Gibraltar and eventually, Falmouth (UK). Before construction, messages sent from Australia would take several months to be received in London.

As the town became more connected, pastoralists and fossicking miners looking for gold, mica and tungsten, were drawn to the vast land by the wealth of opportunities that were available.

In 1933, the town of Stuart was officially gazetted Alice Springs. Within 10 years, it became an important and active base for Australian military personnel during World War II, when it is estimated around 8,000 soldiers were stationed here, with another 200,000 rotating through.

Today, Alice Springs is home to people from many countries and cultures around the world, with an Aboriginal population of 18.1% and almost 20% of residents speaking a language other than English at home.

## The 1st Council

Following a highly competitive local election conducted on 25 June, Alice Springs officially became a Municipality on 1 July 1971, with the first Council Meeting of the newly-elected Aldermen held a few days later on 5 July.

The 1st Council comprised several high-profile identities, such as the popular pastoralist and former Federal Member for the NT, Jock Nelson, who was voted in as the first Mayor in a landslide victory over five other candidates. The Jock Nelson Centre at 16 Hartley Street recognises Mr Nelson, who resigned from Council in late-1973 to take up the Darwin-based position of Administrator of the NT.

Elected Aldermen of the 1st Council were: Marlene Brown, a local business woman; barrister/solicitor Brian Martin; future inaugural Chief Minister of the NT, Paul Everingham; transport identity Len Kittle; timber merchant Dave Baldock; architect Andrew McPhee; businessman Peter Leunig; and, teacher Allan Dunstan.

# Your Council





## ASTC

Originally servicing a population of around 11,000 people in 1971, Alice Springs Town Council today serves a resident population of roughly 28,000 people. The municipality covers an area of approximately 330km<sup>2</sup>, and is the regional hub for 260 remote communities spread over an area of 550,000km<sup>2</sup>.

Alice Springs Town Council is one of the largest local employers with over 250 staff across its facilities, including Administration at the Civic Centre, Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Alice Springs Public Library, Regional Waste Management Facility and the Works Depot.

## Vision

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

## Mission

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

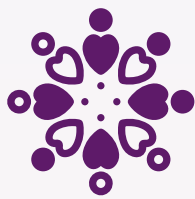
## Values

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

- > **Integrity:** Honesty and commitment to the community underpin all we do.
- > **Service:** Council achieves excellence, quality and pride-of-service through common sense, compassion and courtesy.
- > **Responsiveness:** Council is responsive to the needs of the community.
- > **Involvement:** Council provides pathways for participation and is accessible to the community. It also supports others who work to involve people to better our community.
- > **Responsibility:** Council acts responsibly and with integrity in the interests of the community and public safety.
- > **Equity:** Council will treat and provide services to the community in an equitable manner.
- > **Governance:** Council will demonstrate good governance through rigorous, transparent and financially and environmentally accountable decision-making processes.

# Strategic Objectives

Council's performance for the FY22 is assessed against its Strategic Objectives (*Strategic Plan 2018-2021*) and budget (*Municipal Plan 2021-2022*, adopted at the Ordinary Meeting, held 22 June 2021).



## 1. Dynamic Community

A dynamic, prosperous community where everyone is included underpinned by safe, reliable infrastructure and social investment.

- 1.1 Inclusiveness & support.
- 1.2 Economic growth & prosperity.
- 1.3 Safe & reliable public infrastructure.



## 2. A Great Place to Live

A great place to live that attracts and retains residents because of our unmatched leisure and healthy living opportunities and embracing our unique landscape and culture.

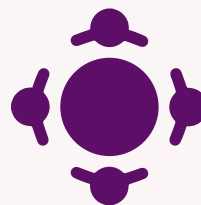
- 2.1 Community life, promoting a healthy vibrant culture.
- 2.2 Sense of place & public amenity.
- 2.3 Enhance life-long learning, library & technology services.



## 3. Leader in Sustainability

A leader in sustainability and best practice, living well in our desert context and minimising our impact.

- 3.1 Reduce Council's carbon footprint.
- 3.2 Reduce Alice Springs' carbon footprint.
- 3.3 Conserve & protect the Alice Springs environment.



## 4. Dynamic Council

A well governed Council that leads by example, advocates for our community, innovates and delivers excellent services, and works with others collaboratively to help create the community we want to live in.

- 4.1 Leadership & advocacy excellence.
- 4.2 People & workplace excellence.
- 4.3 Service excellence.
- 4.4 Governance excellence.



Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony.

# Progress of Strategic Plan 2018-2021

- Exceeded ●●●●●+
- Achieved ●●●●●
- Partially Achieved ●●●○
- Progressing ●○●●●
- Not Achieved ○○○○○



## Objective 1: A dynamic community

Indicators	Progress Status	2021-2022
Establish key indicators and yearly improvement targets for inclusion and diversity for Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) programs by 2019.	●●●○	Draft <i>Multicultural Action Plan</i> has been developed and is expected to go to Council in September 2022 for endorsement.  It should be noted that this is a key short-term strategic action of the <i>Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030 Strategic Plan</i> .
Sealed gazetted public roads increased from 92% to 93% by year-end FY19, 94% by end FY20 and 95% by end FY21.	○○○○○	Superseded by Council resolution to only seal a small section of Jane Road. No other roads to be sealed.
ASTC funding on tourism initiatives achieve at least a 1:4 return on investment.	●●●●●	In 2021-22, Council issued a total of \$87,145 in cash sponsorship to 16 recipients, supporting the development and staging of diverse community events and projects in Alice Springs, with an estimated Return on Investment of 1.6.
Increase ASTC website sessions from a baseline of 250,000 by 10% per annum.	○○○○○	There was a 2.84% decrease in website sessions from FY21 (388,139 session) to FY22 (377,097 sessions).  However, this is still a 50.8% increase from the original baseline of 250,000 sessions.
Grow the proportion of lifetime animal registrations compared to annual registrations from 4:1 to 5:1.	●●●●●+	Ratio achieved of 6:1.
Consistently achieve 100% response rate to NeatStreets notifications.	●●●●●	Achieving 100% response rate.



## Objective 2: A great place to live

Indicators	Progress Status	2021-2022
<p>Completion of short-term and medium-term <i>Arts and Cultural Plan</i> strategic actions by 2020, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development and implementation of a <i>Public Art Master Plan</i>.</li> <li>2. Development and implementation of a <i>Public Art Master Plan</i>.</li> <li>3. Strengthen existing strategic relationships across arts and culture, education, health, tourism, community and local enterprise.</li> </ol>	●●●●●	<p>The ASTC <i>Public Art Masterplan</i> was completed in late 2019 and is for the period 2020 – 2030. Following its endorsement, Council has continued to strengthen its relationships with key stakeholders across arts &amp; culture. In March, ASTC launched its most recent mural – ‘We Are All Stars’ at Flynn Oval in order to celebrate the participation of women and girls in sport and to elevate their visibility on the field.</p> <p>The development and implementation of the <i>Public Art Interpretation Plan</i> is already underway, with 16 interpretive signs for existing public art in development, as well as digital and printed versions of the Alice Springs Public Art Map.</p>
Placemaking strategies utilised in 20% of ASTC controlled open-spaces by end FY19, 30% by end FY20 and 40% by end FY21.	●●●●●	<p>Community consultations/surveys conducted in FY22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Park Surveys / Consultations.</li> <li>&gt; Jim McConville Oval Lighting.</li> <li>&gt; Newland Regional Skate Park.</li> </ul>
Work with partners to increase organised sporting participation by 5% per annum from 2019 onwards.	○●●●○	There has been an 2% increase in sports participation numbers for season 2021/22, compared to previous season. The increase is due to removal of COVID-19 restrictions, as well as the availability of sporting facilities to start and continue seasonal competitions.
Increase Alice Springs Public Library membership by 25% per annum.	○●●●○	9,886 members in FY22. Decrease of 12% due to an automatic system membership deletion procedure, occurring every 5 years.
Increase STEM and digital engagement event participants by 25% per annum.	●●●●●	<p>The Library has collaborated with new and existing partners to increase delivery of STEM programs.</p> <p>Overall there were 1,101 participants in FY22, compared to 44 in the year before, which represents a 2402% increase.</p>
Increase participation in Healthy Communities Program by 10% per annum.	●●●●●	FY22 participation in Healthy Community Activities was 8624, which represents a 11.2% increase from FY21.

Indicators	Progress Status	2021-2022
<p>Support the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia NT to improve water safety as per the <i>NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-2021</i>. Our long-term goal is, 100% of Primary School aged children living in Alice Springs can swim at Level 3 or above, establishing the present proportion of primary school aged Level 3 swimmers by 2018, and then increase that proportion by 5% per annum.</p> <p>N.B. Royal Life Saving Society of Australia introduced new benchmarks in their Swim &amp; Survive Program in July 2021. ASTC goal is now to support 100% primary school aged children to reach Level 5 by the end of the primary school years and increase that proportion by 5% per annum. Level 5 aligns with the previous level 3.</p>	○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<p>In 2021/22, 45 primary school-aged children successfully completed the Swim &amp; Survive Royal Life Saving Level 5 or above in support of the <i>NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-2021</i> goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Term 3 2021 – 11 students</li> <li>&gt; Term 4 2021 – 11 students</li> <li>&gt; Term 1 2022 – 10 students</li> <li>&gt; Term 2 2022 – 13 students</li> </ul> <p>This is a decrease of 46% from last reporting period. This can be attributed to the schools electing to cut down their swim program from 2 weeks to 1 week and not include middle to upper primary years. ASALC is working to incorporate more programs/opportunities to attract schools to participate in swimming programs.</p>
<p>Three public park refurbishments per year.</p>	● ● ● ● ●	<p>Oleander Park, Tucker Park and Spencer Park refurbishments completed.</p>

### Objective 3: Leadership in Sustainability

Indicators	Progress Status	2021-2022
<p>Increase proportion of solar generated electricity at ASTC facilities or reduce consumption to achieve energy savings from the grid from 20% to 30% by year-end 2019, 40% by year-end 2020 and 50% by year-end 2021.</p>	○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<p>Grid electricity use increased 0.78% across ASTC facilities, compared to FY17/18.</p> <p>Solar-generated energy use decreased 0.51% over the same timeframe.</p>
<p>Develop and implement an ASTC <i>Climate Action Plan</i>, establishing a sustainable investment framework and progressive yearly actions and targets on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Energy productivity</li> <li>&gt; Energy replacement through sustainable technologies</li> <li>&gt; Waste reduction</li> <li>&gt; Fuel usage</li> <li>&gt; Recycling</li> <li>&gt; Water productivity</li> </ul>	○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<p><i>Climate Action Plan</i> 50% completed by year end 2021.</p>
<p>Use 25% of the crushed glass collected from 48 tonne of wine and spirit bottles under the Cash for Containers scheme annually.</p>	● ● ● ● ● +	<p>40% of crushed glass recycled in FY22 utilised.</p>

Indicators	Progress Status	2021-2022
<p>Reduce fleet vehicle fuel usage by 2.5% by December 2020.</p>	○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<p>No fleet vehicle fuel reduction.</p>
<p>Increase reuse/recycling rates of waste presented at the RWMF by 5% per annum.</p>	○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<p>22% recycled in FY22 compared to 23% in FY21. Over 7,314 Tonnes of waste was recycled in FY22.</p>

## Objective 4: A dynamic Council

Indicators	Progress Status	2021-2022
Elected Members participate in 100% of Ordinary Council and Standing Committee meetings and 80% of Advisory and other committee meetings as appointed (to be reported on in the ASTC Annual Report).	○ ○ ○ ○ ○	100% of Ordinary and Standing Committee meetings achieved by three of nine Elected Members. 80% of Advisory Committee attendance, as appointed, achieved by six of nine Elected Members. See page 23-24 for full attendance details.
CEO to undertake benchmarking of the organisational culture, values and behaviour in 2018/19 and will establish strategies and targets as required.	● ○ ○ ○ ○	An independent consultant has been engaged to carry out ongoing monitoring of the organisational culture, stemming from results of the original PAW survey conducted November 2019. Council's workplace cultural strength has greatly improved over the past year, attributable to the CEO's strategies for organisational transformation. CEO Talks on the principles completed August 2022.
Develop a <i>Reconciliation Action Plan</i> by June 2018 for Council, setting clear progressive measurable targets, strategies and actions including achieving increased employment of Indigenous Australians in ASTC positions.	● ○ ○ ○ ○	RAP draft complete and accepted by Council. 2 Indigenous identified trainee positions and 1 Indigenous identified Library position. Quarterly HR metrics tailored to report on staff that identify as Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander (ATSI). Current ratio of non-indigenous: indigenous staff is 15:1. Re-engagement with Local Jobs NT and connectivity with Indigenous Employment Agencies. RAP review meetings held in May and June 2022 to review strategies to enhance the existing RAP and formulate new ways to approach the targeted benchmarks. The RAP will be renewed in FY2022/23. Cultural Awareness Training now identified as mandatory training in the <i>Training Plan</i> for 2022/23 which has been aligned with training needs assessed in FY 2021/22.
Indicators	Progress Status	2021-2022
Staff and resident satisfaction benchmarks established in 2018/19 and improved by 5% per annum.	● ○ ○ ○ ○	ASTC workplace cultural strength has greatly improved over the past year, attributable to the CEO's strategies for organisational transformation. Resident satisfaction not achieved.
Yearly surveys of Advisory Committee members show an increase in satisfaction and motivation rates, reflected in increasing attendance rates.	○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Not carried out in FY22.
Meet all financial reporting requirements to the specified compliance level.	● ● ● ● ●	All financial reporting requirements have been met to the specified compliance level.
Outstanding Rates Ratio equal or lower than 0.3 (being the total rates outstanding divided by total rates revenue).	● ● ● ● ● +	Current Ratio of 0.08 at 30 June 2022.

**Indicators****Progress Status****2021-2022**

Ensure Current Ratio is better than 1:1 (being the total rates outstanding (being a measure of how quickly Council can convert current assets into cash to satisfy Council financial commitments).

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Current Ratio 8.62:1 at 30 June 2022.

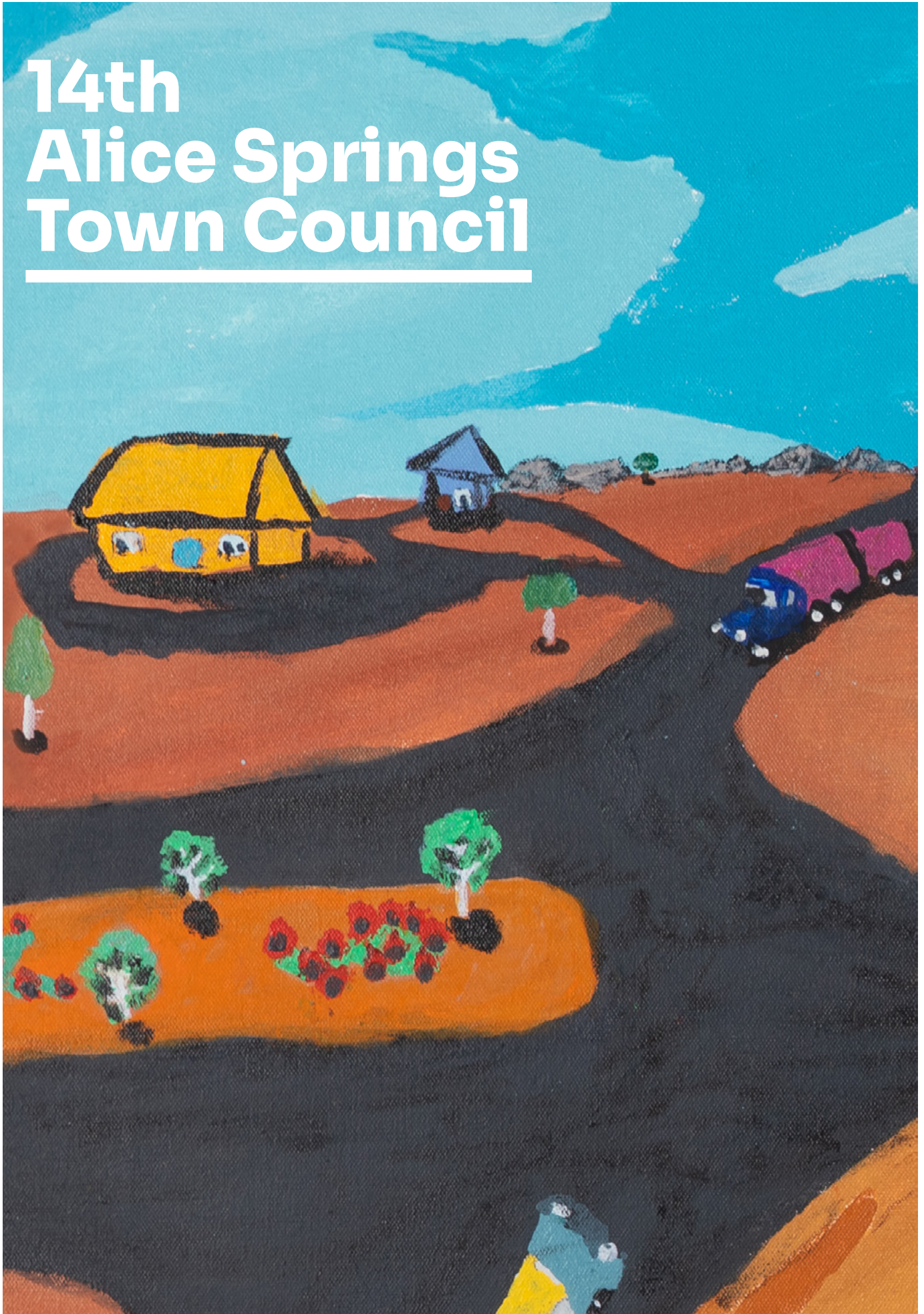
Ensure Council maintains a strong capacity to service its loans (if any) by having a Debt Equity Ratio of less than 0.1 (being the outstanding debt divided by operating income).

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Council does not have any debt.

# 14th Alice Springs Town Council

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## Elected Members (as at 30 June 2022)



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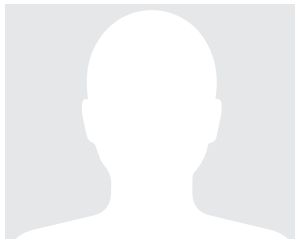
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**Cr Position Vacant\***



## Attendance 13<sup>th</sup> Council (to August 2021)

<b>COUNCIL MEETINGS</b> FY22 – 13th Council; total 2 meetings, (Attendance/Entitlement)	Mayor Ryan	Cr Auricht	Cr Banks	Cr Cocking	Cr De Brenni	Cr Melky	Cr Paterson	Cr Price	Cr Satour
Council Meetings (18),	2/2	2/2	1/2	2/2	1/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	1/2

<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b> FY22 – 13th Council; (Attendance/Entitlement)	Mayor Ryan	Cr Auricht	Cr Banks	Cr Cocking	Cr De Brenni	Cr Melky	Cr Paterson	Cr Price	Cr Satour
Access Advisory Committee (0),									
Cemeteries Advisory Committee (0),									
Development Committee (2),	2/2	2/2	1/2	2/2	1/2	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/2
Environment Advisory Committee (1),	1/1		1/1			1/1			
Parks Advisory Committee (1),	1/1		1/1				1/1	1/1	
Public Art Advisory Committee (1),		1/1	1/1						1/1
Risk Management & Audit Committee (1),	1/1	1/1				1/1			
Seniors Coordinating Committee (1),	0/1	0/1			1/1				
Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (1),	1/1			1/1	0/1			0/1	
Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee (1),	0/1			1/1			1/1		0/1

## Attendance 14<sup>th</sup> Council (from September 2021)

<b>COUNCIL MEETINGS</b> FY22 – 14 <sup>th</sup> Council; total 18 meetings, (Attendance/Entitlement)	Mayor Paterson	Cr Melky	Cr Banks	Cr Bitar	Cr Brown	Cr Cocking	Cr Coffey	Cr Hopper	Cr Liddle
Council Meetings (18)	18/18	18/18	13/18	15/18	16/18	18/18	16/18	17/18	16/18

<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b> FY22 – 13 <sup>th</sup> Council; (Attendance/Entitlement)	Mayor Paterson	Cr Melky	Cr Banks	Cr Bitar	Cr Brown	Cr Cocking	Cr Coffey	Cr Hopper	Cr Liddle
Access Advisory Committee (2)	2/2							1/2	
Cemeteries Advisory Committee (2)	1/2			1/2	1/2				
Development Committee (1)	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	1/1
Environment Advisory Committee (1)	1/1					1/1		1/1	
Parks Advisory Committee (2)	2/2		1/2	2/2		2/2			
Public Art Advisory Committee (3),	2/3	3/3	2/3	2/3					
Risk Management & Audit Committee (2)	2/2			2/2		2/2			
Seniors Coordinating Committee (2)	2/2				1/2				2/2
Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (3)	3/3				2/3		3/3		2/3
Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee (5)	3/5		5/5				2/5	3/5	



## Role of Council

As per Section 21 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the role of Council is:

- a. to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision maker in the interests of its constituency; and
- b. to develop a strong and cohesive social life for its residents and allocate resources in a fair, socially inclusive and sustainable way; and
- c. to provide and coordinate public facilities and services; and
- d. to encourage and develop initiatives for improving quality of life; and
- e. to represent the interests of its area to the wider community; and
- f. to exercise and perform the powers and functions of local government assigned to the council under this Act or another Act.

## Meetings

As per *Local Government Guideline 2A*, Elected Members are entitled to a range of allowances to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities.

In FY22, Elected Members were paid 100% of the Base and Electoral allowances permissible under the guideline.

## Committees

### Internal Consultative Committees

- > Development
- > Risk Management & Audit Committee
- > Administrative Review

### Advisory Committees

Advisory committees are established to provide advice to assist Council achieve its strategic objectives and better serve the community.

#### Advisory committees operating in FY22:

- > Access Advisory Committee (AAC)
- > Cemeteries Advisory Committee (CAC)
- > Environment Advisory Committee (EAC)
- > Parks Advisory Committee (PAC)
- > Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)
- > Seniors Coordinating Committee (SCC)
- > Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC)
- > Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee (TEPC)

## Risk Management & Audit

The Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) is an advisory committee with an objective to provide independent assurance and advice regarding the integrity of Council's financial management and risk, internal control and compliance frameworks. In FY22, the RMAC was chaired by Mr Bryan Whitefield.

The RMAC undertook the following principle activities:

- > The COVID-19 Safety Plan Assurance Review
- > Review of FY22 external audit activities undertaken by KPMG, including:
  - Audit Plan
  - Interim audit findings
  - Audited financial statements, that were presented to RMAC in November 2021 and included in last year's Annual Report.

### 2021/2022

Internal Audits/Reviews	Month / Consultant
Civica / Authority Financials Health Check	July, Pacesetter
Asset Management Plan	August, Aurecon
Regional Waste Management Facility Master Plan	August-June, Tierra Environment Pty Ltd
Depot Business Unit Review	October, FieldForce4
Work Health Safety Management System	March-June, Warton Strategic
Long Term Financial Plan	April, Deloitte
Records and Information Management Review	April-June, Votar
Regulatory Audits	Month / Consultant
Local Government Compliance Team, Local Government and Regional Development, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	February - June, Local Government Compliance Team

#### Meetings Held = 1 | 12 July 2021

RMAC Members (13th Council)	Meetings Attended
Mr Bryan Whitefield (Independent Chair) MBA, CCRO, BE Hons	1
Mayor Ryan	1
Councillor Melky	1
Councillor Auricht	1

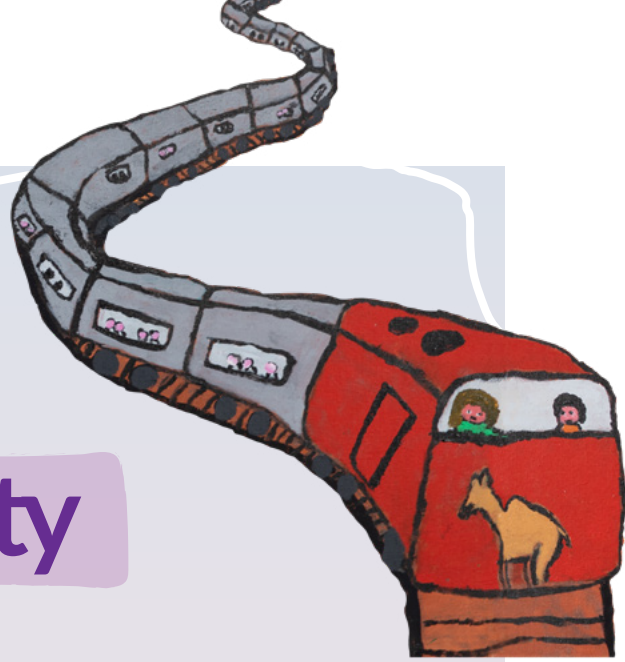
#### Meetings Held = 2 | 5 November 2021 & 29 April 2022

RMAC Members (14th Council)	Meetings Attended
Mr Bryan Whitefield (Independent Chair) MBA, CCRO, BE Hons	2
Mayor Paterson	2
Councillor Melky	2
Mr Auricht	2

# The Organisation



# Organisational Structure



## Community

**Council**

MAYOR &  
ELECTED MEMBERS

**CEO**

## Directorates

**Community  
Development**

**Corporate  
Services**

**Technical  
Services**

- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
- Alice Springs Public Library
- Community & Cultural Development
- Rangers
- Youth Team

- Communications
- Finance
- Legal, Risk & Compliance
- Grants
- People & Culture
- Information & Communication Technology
- Project Management

- Depot
- Developments
- Environment
- Infrastructure
- Regional Waste Management Facility
- Sports

# Highlights 2021/2022



## Grants Received

Successful Applications 2021-2022		Description	Received
<b>Successful Applications 2021-2022</b>			
Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development.	Roads to Recovery.	Alice Springs Roads.	\$ 433,129
Regional Arts Australia.	Regional Arts Fund - Cultural Tourism Accelerator Program - Targeted Marketing Campaign NT.	"All them Tourists goin' to look at Countryside" Campaign Video Animated.	\$ 10,000
National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA).	NAIDOC Local Grants 2022.	NAIDOC Community film screening, Q&A Panel and Youth Engagement - Get Up, Stand Up and be active Fitness Session with Arrernte Boxing Academy.	\$ 3,000
National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA).	Tailored Assistance Employment Grants (TAEG).	Apmereke Atweye Traditional Owner Community Support Patrol.	\$ 124,096
			<b>Subtotal</b> \$ 570,225
<b>Northern Territory Government Grants</b>			
Department of the Chief Minister & Cabinet.	MyAlice Discount Voucher Program.	MyAlice Discount Voucher Program.	\$ 402,500
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs (OYA).	Alice Springs Youth Activities Grant 2020-2021.	ASALC Splash Parties 2021-2022.	\$ 35,400
Northern Territory Major Events Company (NTMEC).	Community Event Funding 2021-2022.	Pop-up Park Series.	\$ 25,000
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs (OYA).	Youth Quick Response Grant 2021.	Summer Sam 2021.	\$ 2,000
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs (OYA).	Youth Vibe Holiday Grant Summer 2021-2022.	Find my Phoney 2021.	\$ 2,000
Australia Day Council NT.	Australia Day Community Grants 2022.	Australia Day 2022.	\$ 2,000
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.	Towards Zero Road Community Grants.	Safer Alice Springs School Zones.	\$ 5,000



### Northern Territory Government Grants

Department of the Chief Minister & Cabinet - Office of Aboriginal Affairs.	Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day) Grant 2022.	Arnernte Culture and Language Workshop.	\$ 4,000
Department of Health.	Alcohol and Other Drugs Youth Grants 2021-2022.	Alice Springs Youth Boxing and Education Sessions 2021.	\$ 17,812
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade.	Tourism Town Asset Program.	Alice Springs round-about art installation.	\$ 66,000
Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs (OYA).	NT Youth Week 2022.	Youth Recycled Art Prize 2022.	\$ 2,000
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.	Capital Grant Funding Program.	Lyndavale Parks Upgrades.	\$ 100,000
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.	Capital Grant Funding Program.	ASALC Outdoor Gym Project.	\$ 150,000
Territory Families - Office of Senior Territorians.	Seniors Month 2022.	Celebrating Seniors Month at the Alice Springs Public Library 2022.	\$ 1,300
Territory Families - Office of Senior Territorians.	Seniors Month 2022.	Seniors Still Got Rhythm.	\$ 2,000
Department of the Chief Minister & Cabinet.	Safer Territory Places Grant Program.	Improved Community Lighting.	\$ 500,000
Department of the Chief Minister & Cabinet.	Safer Territory Places Grant Program.	Activation Activities.	\$ 189,100
Dept of Housing and Community Development.	Operational Funding.	Town Camp Rubbish Collection.	\$ 203,318
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.	Black Spot Program 2021-2022 Funding.	Railway level-crossings in Alice Springs.	\$ 123,636
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 1,833,066</b>

### Northern Territory Government Grants

National Australia Day Council.	Community Grants Program.	Australia Day 2022.	\$ 19,202
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 19,202</b>

### Total Grants Received

**\$ 2,422,493**



## Awards

### 2021

#### Alice Upcycle Art Prize



Deadly Dog by Will Ladson.

**Climate Change Award** Goliah by Jocelyn Davies

##### Welded

> 1st Place **Deadly Dog** by Will Ladson

> 2nd Place **Goliah** by Jocelyn Davies

##### Non-welded

> 1st Place **Torus** by J9 Stanton

> 2nd Place **Outlook** by Pip McManus

**People's Choice** **Malpa Chair** by Julie Anderson & Margaret Smith

#### Phoney Film Festival

##### Winners

> **Bear Pause 3** By Emma Smith

> **Film-ception** By Matthew Doan, Alexander Eglinton, Nathaniel Mushore, Ronald Pedrezuela & Totani Will

> **Do I Want to Make a Phoney Film? I do!** By Coriel Stay

**Highly Commended** **Title** By Bryan Valderama, Zane Collins & Phoenix Johnson

**People's Choice** By Emma Smith



Emma Smith and Bear Pause 3 cast.

#### Seniors Still Got Talent Quest

##### Winners

> 1st Place **The Beaut Ukes**

> 2nd Place **Isaac Croutz**

> 3rd Place **The Silver Tones**



The Beaut Ukes.

#### Mayoral Awards

**Noteworthy Award** Justin Williams

**Champion Award** Tommy Dutton

**Michele Castagna Medal** Michelle Pettit



From top left: Justin Williams, Michelle Pettit, Tommy Dutton, & participant.

# Awards

## 2022

### Centralian Citizenship Awards



Virginia Loy.

<b>Centralian Citizen of the Year</b>	Virginia Loy
<b>Senior Citizen of the Year</b>	Margaret Borger
<b>Event of the Year</b>	Mother's Day Classic Alice Springs Fun Run & Walk
<b>Young Centralian Citizen of the Year</b>	Jessie Woolford
<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	Steve Rogers

### Youth Recycled Art Prize



Emily Glover & Miru Forrester, People's Choice winners.

<b>Category: 12-15 Years</b>	
<b>Winner</b>	Dragonfly by Toby Bloomfield
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Vicious Venus by Jasmine McGinness
	Robot Man by Jahkye Kells
	Tenacious Tidal Wave by Jessie Bethune
<b>Category: 16-19 Years</b>	
<b>Winner</b>	Debbie Debris by Alexandra Thorogood
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Unto Death by Callie Rodgers
<b>Category: 20-25 Years</b>	
<b>Winner</b>	Saltbush Woman by Future Stars Team (Saltbush)
<b>People's Choice</b>	Chad the Peacock by Emily Glover & Miru Forrester

### Alice Upcycle Art Prize



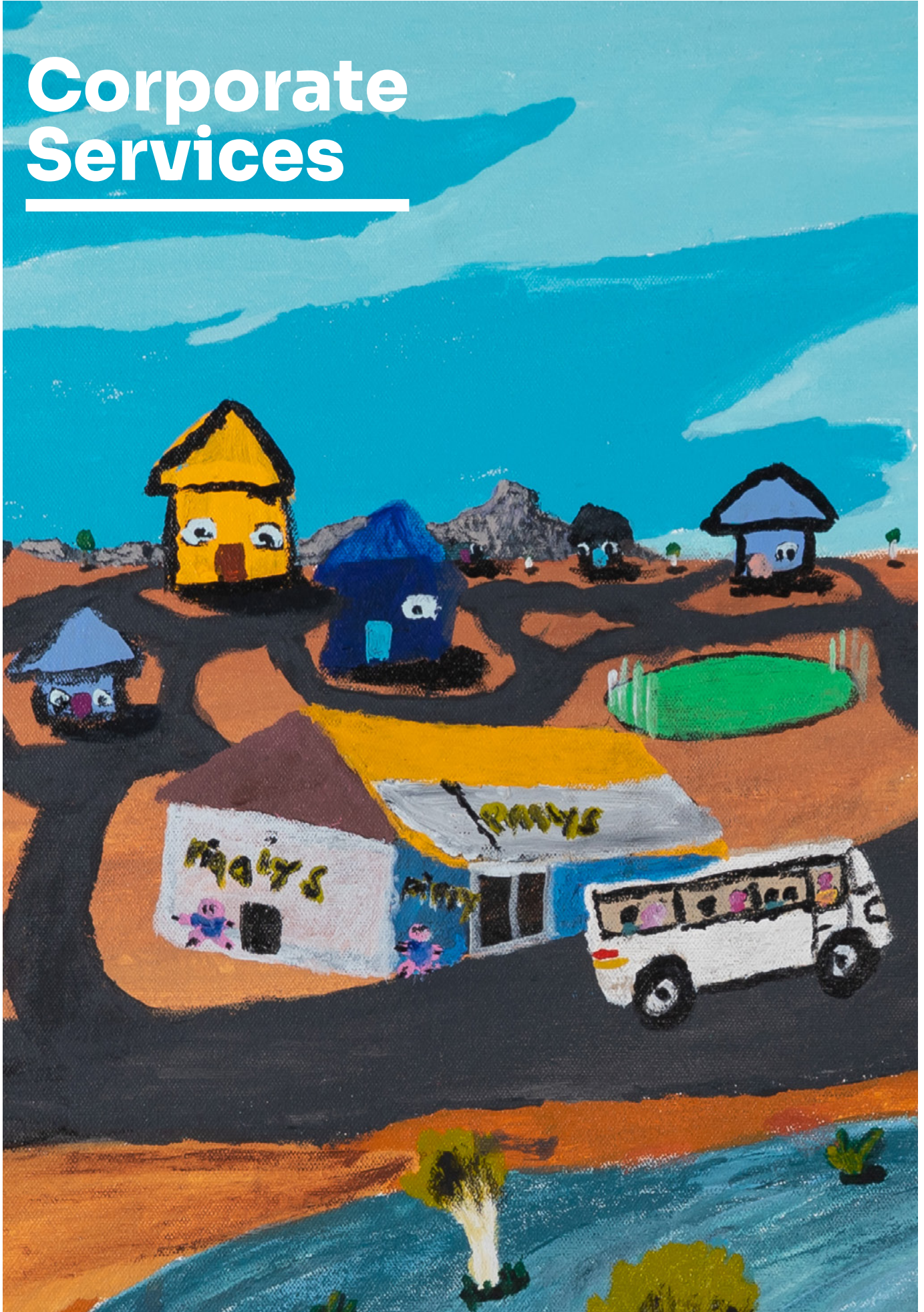
Will Ladson & Daewoo 'Bad Dog'.

<b>Climate Change Award</b>	The Tall Bike by Sam Mitchell
<b>Welded</b>	
> 1st Place	Shelly & Daewoo 'Bad Dog' by Will Ladson
> 2nd Place	Twiggy's Speed Car by Shannon Richter-Cross
<b>Non-welded</b>	
> 1st Place	Rare as a Rocking Horse by Shannon Richter-Cross
> 2nd Place	Stifn Tomsum by Magdalena Pereyra
<b>People's Choice</b>	Shelly & Daewoo 'Bad Dog' by Will Ladson



# Corporate Services

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## Communications

The key responsibilities of ASTC's Communications Unit are media liaison, civic messaging, the development of communications plans, marketing assets, and advertising in promoting the activities of Council, its services, programs and events, to the Alice Springs community. In doing so, the two offices within the Communications Unit fulfil the marketing requirements of all ASTC business units.

## Roles & Responsibilities

### Marketing

- > Management of ASTC's corporate identity and brand (i.e. artwork and logo-use approvals).
- > Developing marketing and communications plans for new initiatives, programs and services (i.e. myAlice).
- > Applying corporate branding to all ASTC assets (i.e. forms, stationery, merchandise, signage, etc.)
- > Design and development of marketing collateral for ASTC activities (e.g. posters, flyers, social media, digital display screens, etc.)
- > Design and layout of Council Connects, and other corporate publications (i.e. Annual Report, annual printed calendar).
- > Management of ASTC's online community calendar.

### Media

- > Arrangement of interviews with local media and stakeholders (e.g. news, radio, TV).
- > Responding to media enquiries relating to Council matters.
- > Photography of Civic and Council events and activities (i.e. Citizenship Ceremonies).
- > Writing and creating content for Council Connects (e.g. articles, photos).
- > Writing content for Council's civic messaging, Media Releases, and Statements.
- > Distribution of ASTC staff communications (i.e. internal newsletter).
- > Developing content for Social Media, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn.



**COMMENCE 11.15AM**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street**

**PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND**

*Red Hot Arts screen advertising.*



*April edition Council Connects.*

## Highlights FY22

### August 2021

- > Writing and developing the script and storyboard for the LG Candidate Campaign, produced by Imparja and broadcast on their channel in the lead-up to the Local Government Election on 28 August.

### October 2021

- > Overseeing development of ASTC's *Municipal Plan 2021/2022*
- > Overseeing development of ASTC's *Annual Report 2020/21*

## Customer Service

During FY22, ASTC's customer service team received 19,079 enquiries on the main 8950 0500 number, including after-hours calls.

## Finance

### Highlights FY22

The Finance Unit ensures income, payments, and financial reporting is completed on schedule and with accountability. ASTC's Financial Statements were completed within the statutory timeframe and the audit report was unqualified.

The Finance Unit's focus this financial year has been on upgrading the Civica system to enable ASTC to operate in a modern way. The rollout of Civica commenced in February 2022 and is due to be completed by the end of 2023.

ASTC engaged external consultants during the financial year of 2021/2022 to complete the *Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)* and *Asset Management Plan (AMP)*. The LTFP and AMP are both an important part of Council's Strategic Planning process.

## ICT, Security, Registry

### Highlights FY22

During the reporting period, ASTC's Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Unit

continued to play a critical role in the implementation, development, and support of systems to enable our workforce to continue operations as an essential service provider.

ICT is currently working through significant legacy issues that left ASTC's ICT environment outdated and in need of upgrade. As a result, ICT spends a considerable amount of their time in preparational work to ensure that key upgrades can be successfully completed.

Additional ICT projects that occurred the past year were:

- > Provision of fibre connectivity to identified small sites, which will enable integration of the sites within ASTC's ICT network.
- > Further work took place at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery which now has fiber connectivity and is able to support live-streaming with the right audiovisual equipment.
- > Work continued on the Civica Authority migration project, driven by the imperative to move away from an unsupported platform. 'Go-live' on the target system occurred early August.
- > An extensive program of remedial work has been designed and scheduled for the Regional Waste Management Facility.
- > Detailed technical work has continued in a number of areas to remediate core infrastructure and to prepare for further consolidation of ASTC's ICT systems.

Council's Security Management Unit (SMU) is responsible for maintaining the Electronic ID and SALTO locking systems, as well as monitoring security hardware and the master key systems (alarms and CCTV surveillance). The SMU also supports local Emergency Services, in cases where data access is requested.

ASTC's Registry is responsible for the organisation's records management. During FY22, there were 18,589 documents recorded, digitalised and uploaded into the content management system. Registry also arranges plot bookings for the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery.

## People & Culture

In FY22, our Human Resources Unit was re-branded to People & Culture (P&C), affirming ASTC’s commitment to workforce culture, strategy and structure. P&C acknowledges our people, and recognises that the success of ASTC in its service delivery is due to the commitment, skills and capabilities of staff who are serving the community each and every day.

Offering career and employment opportunities in a variety of permanent and temporary roles on a full-time, part-time and casual basis to 253 people makes ASTC one of the largest employers in Central Australia.

### Service Recognition

Service Recognition Awards are issued to employees in recognition of their length of service. Reaching their significant service milestones during 2021/22 were:

5 YEARS	10 YEARS	15 YEARS	20 YEARS	35 YEARS
Ronald Meurs	Danuta Havemann	Frank Henry	Kerry Cork	Kylie Wells
Kristine Capangpangan	Dean Gunson			
Opat Innuan	William Chapman			
Biong Deng	Michael Smith			
Graeme Hills				
Tim Isaacson				
Raymond Woodbury				



Kylie Wells Payroll Officer, 35 years of service to ASTC.

### Leading Our People

In FY22, ASTC reviewed its Human Resource Management (HRM) Policy, in line with legislative requirements, to ensure the inclusion of standard human resource management practices. A total of 18 legislated operational policies and procedures were drafted for implementation in FY23. These will provide clear direction and guidance to ASTC and its people, regarding their employment rights and entitlements in all areas, including: equal opportunity in recruitment, training and development; fair treatment; employment-related grievances; safe and healthy working conditions; and, any unlawful discrimination.

### Building Our People

By building employee performance capability, ASTC continues to commit to creating a positive and productive working environment in which our people are enabled to perform their best and are healthy, resilient and happy at work. As a major step towards achieving this, a yearly Performance Appraisal tool was developed to enable Managers, Supervisors and Team Leaders to optimise workforce performance, inspire, empower and role model the right behaviours and expectations whilst determining training and development needs.

A series of comprehensive training needs analyses were conducted during FY22. These training needs have been documented in a comprehensive *Organisational Training Plan 2022/2023* which is currently being finalised and will align with ASTC’s KPIs for workforce strategy, development and management, as identified by the CEO. The plan will be delivered in FY23.

In FY22, ASTC committed \$145K towards organisational training, enabling the delivery of over 40 training programs, of which the following key highlights were identified:

- > **De-escalation Training:** Five people qualified as internal trainers for the delivery of De-Escalation Training for ASTC, with training provided to 45 people in roles with frontline service responsibilities.

This training was in line with ASTC's objectives to better-equip those people in service-oriented roles, empowering them with the necessary tools to deal with incidental confrontational situations with appropriate de-escalating techniques.

- > **Chemical Safety Training:** In addition to on-the-job training for all chemical handling employees, the successful delivery of a certified Chemical Safety Training course to 11 people was achieved in the second half of FY22. This training has been re-introduced for FY23 to ensure accredited chemical safety training is provided with units of competency in transporting and storing chemicals, and preparing and applying chemicals to control pests, weeds and diseases.
- > **Managing Dog Bites:** Dealing with dogs is a frequent requirement for our Ranger Unit due to the volume of dog-related notifications within and around the municipality. Empowering our Rangers to utilise appropriate tools to work safely in a volatile environment is paramount; the course marked one of the biggest training milestones achieved in this year.

### Employment Strategies

In February 2022, ASTC formulated an *Emergency Workforce Strategy* to tackle excessive overgrowth of vegetation, following a period of continuous heavy rainfall. Under the management of the Works Depot, a temporary workforce of 12 people was contracted through a rigorous recruitment process to work within ASTC's Municipal Services Mowing Crew, with the expanded team successfully removing large areas of overgrowth from public areas around Alice Springs.

Overall, 86 new recruits were appointed for various roles, including internal progression opportunities, casual conversions to permanent positions, and external job offers to the community.

### Growth Opportunities

Facilitated by P&C, the Corporate Services Directorate strengthened its employment relations through stakeholder engagement with the NT Skilling Taskforce. As part of this initiative, ASTC has partnered with NTG's Department

of Education, Skills and Employment, through their Local Jobs Program NT team. Supporting Australia's economic recovery from the ongoing impacts of the pandemic, the Australian Government's Local Jobs Program (LJP) brings together expertise, resources, and access to funding at the local level to accelerate reskilling, upskilling and employment pathways.

A strong liaison with LJP will allow ASTC to tap into the network of the Local Jobs & Skills Taskforce and to collaborate on future strategies for employment opportunities within our community.

### Ongoing COVID-19 Impacts

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a major influencer, impacting the entire community over this past year and has been a major catalyst for ASTC rethinking its strategy for the workplace.

### Enabling Remote Work

P&C has been able to facilitate the implementation of a hybrid working model for ASTC, which has provided employees the flexibility to work remotely, on occasion where circumstances demand. To ensure effective planning and reporting, all remote working arrangements are discussed with managers before being formally approved, and work stations set-up for remote access.

### Employee Wellbeing

In recognition of the hardship caused by the pandemic to our community, ASTC extended personal leave provisions to staff in an endeavour to lessen impacts on them and their families. ASTC was also able to provide some limited flexibility to staff during the mandatory COVID-19 vaccination period, as per the directions of the NTG's Chief Health Officer.

Overall, P&C recognises and acknowledges ASTC staff for their unfaltering efforts and dedication in continuing to deliver services to our community, with minimal disruptions, during this trying time.

## Project Management

The Project Management Office (PMO) is a new business function of the Corporate Services Directorate. The work of PMO involves developing a system of strong governance and oversight of projects and initiatives, sharing the

success stories of Council officers' efforts in bringing benefits to the Alice Springs community. The PMO may also lead projects and support ASTC business units with their continuous improvement journeys.

## Highlights FY22

March to June 2022

### Verge Care Voucher Scheme



Love your kerb, choose a \$20 + \$10 COMBO voucher!



Verge care – Social media post.

Alice Springs Town Council encouraged residents to care for their grass verges overgrown from significant rainfall. Seventy (70) successful applications received \$30 vouchers to use at Council facilities.

A verge stewardship incentive scheme was initiated by Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) to urgently address overgrown grass verges from the significant rain events. 'Verge Care' contributed to the maintenance of 79 verges during March to June 2022 with seventy \$30 vouchers redeemed equally at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre and the Regional Waste Management Facility.



Love your kerb, choose a \$30 voucher for ASALC!



Verge care – Social media post.

**March to June 2022**

**MyAlice Discount Voucher Program**

The myAlice Discount Voucher program again proved a success with customers and businesses alike. The fourth round of the economic stimulus initiative was launched on March 31; the biggest round so far from the Northern Territory Government (NTG) and Alice Springs Town Council with \$600,000 worth of vouchers on offer. All vouchers were redeemed within 79 days to support a spend of over \$4 million dollars into the Alice Springs economy. The multiplier effect was 6.9x – every \$1 invested in discounts resulted in a return of \$6.93. The program wrapped up on 17 June 2022.

MyAlice was well-promoted through ASTC’s media and marketing campaign with 142 registered Merchants and 17,611 registered Customers accessing daily discounts. The initiative brought new customers into businesses and increased the number of sales and sales values, for a majority of participating Merchants. Merchants were also given significant support by the Small Business Champions from the NTG Department of Industry, Tourism & Trade Officers through all phases of the program. Overwhelmingly, businesses reported that myAlice was ‘good for business’.

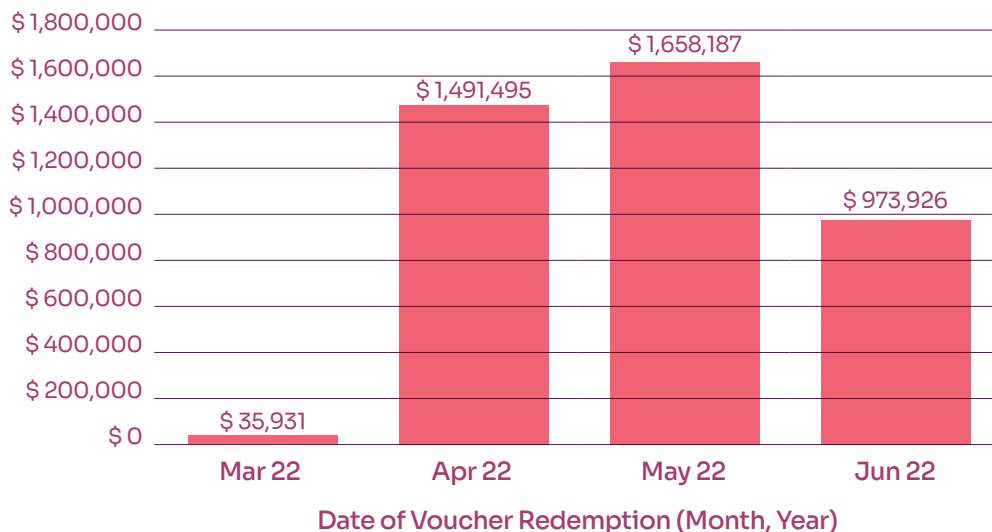


In conjunction with the Northern Territory Government, myAlice boosted the Alice Springs economy with a cash injection of \$600,000 to generate local spending of over \$4.1 million in 79 days.



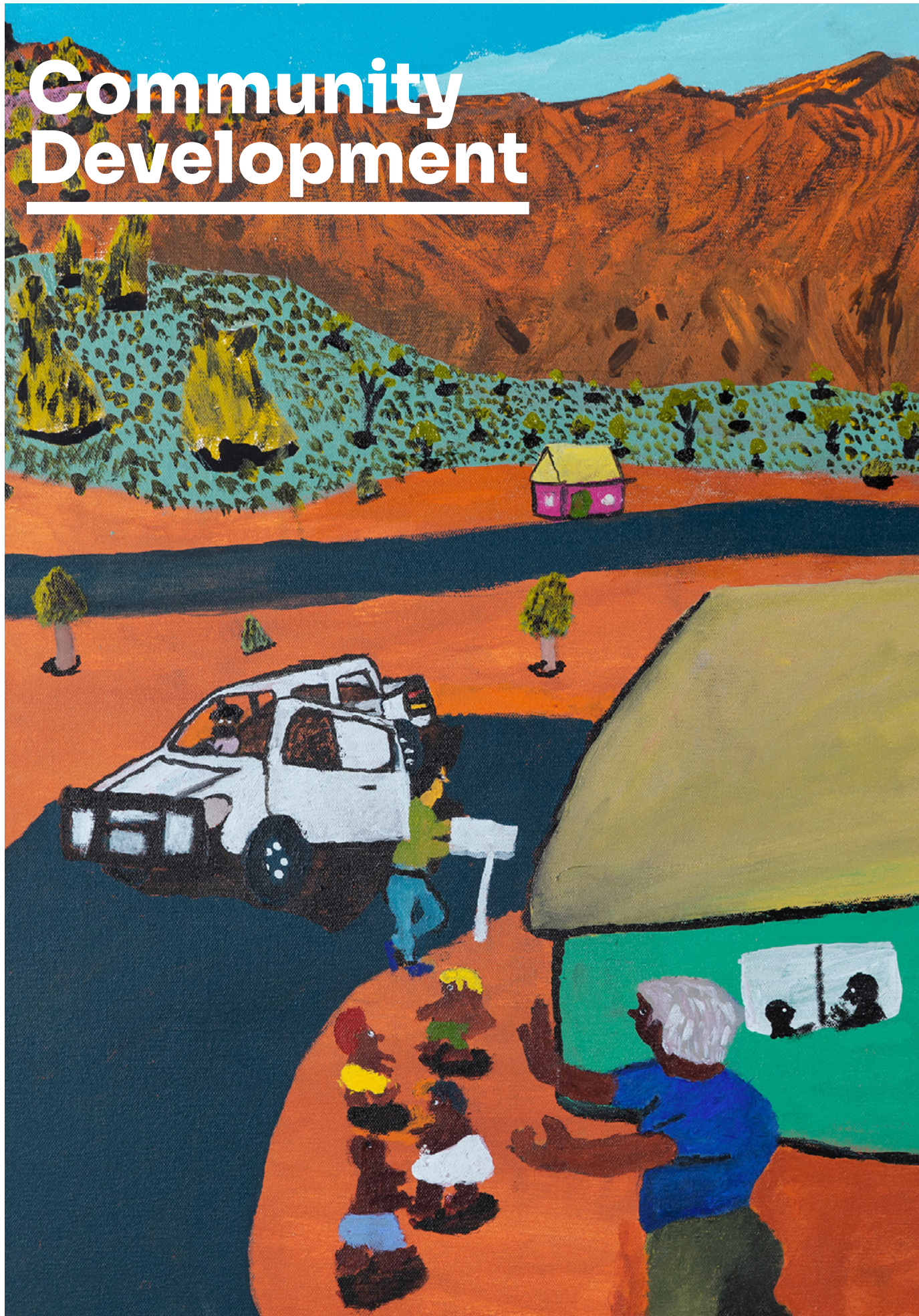
Promotional infographic for myAlice Round 4.

**Round 4 Total Spend supported by myAlice discount vouchers**



Total spend by customers using myAlice discount vouchers.

# Community Development







Our oasis in the desert.



Splash Party, School holiday event.

## Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

Considered to be one of the best regional aquatic centres in Australia, the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre (ASALC) offers both outdoor and indoor facilities for sport and exercise, leisure and play. The indoor centre boasts two water slides, a heated Learn to Swim pool and 25m lap pool, spa, lazy river with beach entry area and water features.

Against a backdrop of the majestic MacDonnell Ranges, the outdoor area is spacious with grassed environs, an Olympic-size eight-lane 50m pool, a 20m outdoor Learn to Swim pool, a large undercover BBQ entertaining area, as well as modern bathroom facilities close by. A fenced-off splash pad and play area provides an enticing, safe environment for families and community groups.

ASALC provides numerous water-safety programs including the schools' Learn to Swim (LTS) program, a community Learn to Swim program, Aqua-Fit exercise classes, Water Safety education plus youth and family events. ASALC programs are aligned with school terms and holidays, with options available for residents of all ages and abilities in our community.

### Events

Event name	Date	Attendance
NT Short Course Championships	July 2021	247
Carers NT	October 2021	125
Red Centre Splash	October 2021	774
Mental Health Week	October 2021	79
Australia Day	January 2022	290
Youth Holiday Events	October 2021-April 2022	5884



Face painting, School holiday activity at ASALC.

The Youth Programs team ran events at ASALC throughout all school holidays. This was co-funded through various NTG grant programs. Supporting the Youth Programs team, ASALC provided Customer Service, Lifeguard and Water Programs staff for youth programs to encourage positive engagement in a safe, supervised environment. Inflatables, water slides, free sausage sizzles, water polo, music, art workshops and Arrow Tag activities were incorporated into these events to ensure young people and their families were entertained and safe. These hugely popular free events have become a staple feature of school holiday breaks.

## Highlights FY22

- > Learn to Swim (LTS) income increase of 15.4% from previous FY21.
- > Delivered Schools LTS Program: 8 local schools; 3 remote schools.



Learn to Swim for adults.

### July 2022

- > In recognition of World Drowning Prevention Day, ASALC offered three free 20-minute sessions in the facility's indoor heated pool on 'Learn how to introduce your baby to water' for parents with babies under 6 months.

### September 2021 - June 2022

During this period, ASALC ran the following courses:

- > AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety
- > AUSTSWIM Teacher of Access & Inclusion
- > De-escalation Training (for ASALC staff)
- > Breathing Apparatus
- > Pool Lifeguard
- > First Aid
- > Bronze Medallion
- > CPR Course

### October 2021

- > Learn to Swim online booking system commenced - 153 enrolments.
- > ASALC entrance featured a painted mural installed by local artist Karine Tremblay. The new mural moves from warm colours in the east to cool colours in the west, and incorporates three stories of living water in the desert; the rivers flowing, the animals that live around the water, and people experiencing the pool.
- > Damaged shade-sails replaced by the 50m outdoor pool.

### November 2021

- > Chlorine Alarm Audit conducted.

### February 2022

- > Introduction of Friday Free Coffee mornings for Aqua-Fit participants.

### May 2022

- > Utilising a Swim Australia Grant, free lessons commenced at ASALC with a focus on improving buoyancy and confidence in the water for community members of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) origins.
- > Four qualified Aqua Instructors joined the ASALC team.

### April 2022

- > A new pool fence installed between the outdoor 50m pool and indoor centre.
- > Chlorine Alarm Notification & Auto Shut-off systems installed.

### June 2022

- > Shade-sails installed along the northern side of ASALC's Indoor Centre.
- > New mobile para-mobility hoist purchased.
- > Purchase of 3 indoor circulation pumps, as part of refurbishments.
- > Gas boiler for the outdoor 50m pool overhauled.



Aqua Aerobic participants.



Patrons enjoying indoor pool.

## Alice Springs Public Library

After the COVID-19 pandemic forced a closure of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs in FY20, Alice Springs Public Library (ASPL) focused heavily on rebuilding the program after restrictions eased in FY21.

Library Officers focused on establishing new partnerships with community stakeholders, as well as reigniting existing key relationships, to deliver positive outcomes through a significantly expanded STEM and digital engagement program.

Despite intermittent disruptions to services, Alice Springs Public Library still delivered 393 programs to 11,929 appreciative participants during FY22.

Program categories and engagement	No. Sessions	Attendance
Literacy & Lifelong Learning	147	7494
Informed & Connected Citizens	29	2052
Digital Inclusion	17	545
Personal Development & Wellbeing	32	797
Stronger & More Creative Communities	22	694
Economic and Workforce Development	144	337
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>11,919</b>

With the assistance of ASTC's new Volunteer Coordinator, the Library expanded its Volunteer Program to enable the return of Books on Wheels. This is our free delivery service catering for Alice Springs residents who are unable to reach the Library because of frailty, disability or limited mobility.



Winner Seniors Month High Tea Bingo

## Highlights FY22

### August 2021

#### Seniors Month High Tea Bingo

Every August, ASTC celebrates its senior citizens and their contributions to our community with a series of special events at the Library, including the highly anticipated High Tea Bingo! With COVID-19 restrictions still limiting numbers at this time, over 60 Alice Springs seniors thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the Library's main space.

#### Seniors Month Tall Tales

The Library invited several Centralian legends to tell lively and interesting yarns about life in the Red Centre. Drawing from their own family histories, the audience was enraptured by tales of growing up in Alice Springs, how it feels arriving here from somewhere else, and the trials and tribulations of establishing a new business in a 'foreign' environment. Fascinating and enlightening stories told by the guest speakers were recorded and played on rotation at a local radio station throughout FY22.



Storyteller Mary Blaiklock

**October 2021**

While the Alice Springs Collection (ASCOLL) and office areas received new flooring, ASPL ran Book-a-Book and eLibrary services while the Library was closed for refurbishment.

**November 2021**

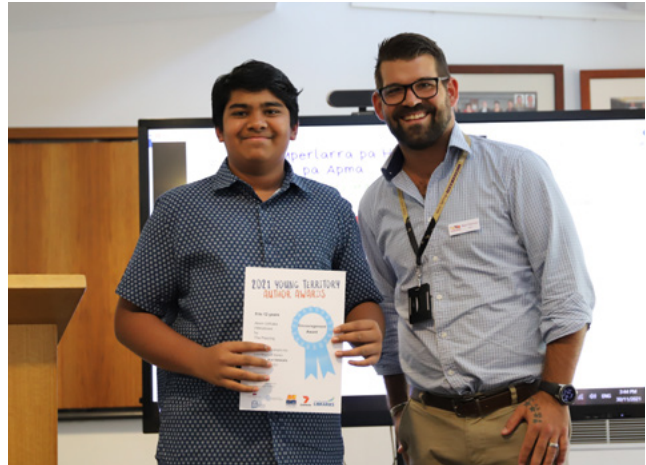
Publication of the limited edition, *A library like Alice - a history of the Alice Springs Public Library, 1953 - 2020*, researched and written by the Special Collections Coordinator, author Eleanor Hogan. A book launch took place on the Library lawns, in front of the Billy Tjampitjinpa Kenda Mural, and attendees were the first to grab their free copy of this fascinating account of our Public Library’s origins.

**Annual Library Book Sale**

After COVID-19 restrictions cancelled this event in FY21, Library Officers were pleased to invite the Alice Springs community back to our annual book sale in FY22; this year joining the annual Garage Sale Trail national initiative. Keeping in line with best practice, the Library’s collection is constantly updated to meet community needs and any items removed (through lack of use) are sold on to the public. A long line of customers at the Andy McNeill Room door prior to opening was a testimony to the popularity of this annual ‘recycling’ event.

**Young Territory Author Awards (YTA)**

In FY22, the Young Territory Author Awards celebrated its 31st year. In association with other libraries and schools across the NT, the YTA Awards showcase the creativity of children and young people aged under 18 years. This year saw more participation than ever from budding authors in Central Australia with more than 40 entries received from our region. All entries are available for borrowing from the Alice Springs Public Library.



Encouragement Award recipient of Akein Hikkaduwa with Mayor Matt Paterson

**High Tea Bingo!**

With COVID-19 restrictions still limiting numbers at this time, over 60 Alice Springs seniors thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the Library’s main space.

**December 2021**

**Christmas Carnival**

The Library ran the Christmas Craft Corner and colouring-in competition for children attending ASTC’s annual Christmas Carnival, with entries going into a draw to win the right to ‘Light the Christmas Tree’!

**Innovation Play Day**

The Library facilitated the Innovation Play Day –a Youth Engagement through Technology Expo– for the first time. With financial assistance from NTG, Innovation Play Day kickstarted an action-packed Summer School Holiday Program, with the Library hosting two programs most days throughout the summer break.

Around 400 young people came through the gates, participating in a range of activities that engaged them with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) in a fun and playful way.

Innovation Play Day marketing reached the public, public and private schools, child care and youth centres and holiday parks, to ensure every





Having fun @ the Library's Innovation Play Day.



Having fun @ the Library's Innovation Play Day.



Having fun @ the Library's Innovation Play Day.

kid in the region knew about it. Gap Youth Centre assisted by operating a bus to transfer excited kids from town camps to the event, which was well received by all who attended.

Our main attractions for the day were:

- > **STEMfit** – an education program that focuses on children’s interest in sports and physical activity. The program engaged children with information on basic heart physiology, measured oxygen flow, pulse, heart rate and lung capacity, so that they could learn how their bodies respond to exercise and the importance of being physically active. The activities included elements of speed and agility testing, motor control and coordination.
- > The physical and sporting element was delivered by Arrernte Community Boxing Academy – with a setup of boxing pads, gloves and training equipment as well as three of their champion trainers; essentially, they converted ASTC’s internal courtyard into a pop-up gym! It was heartening to see children as young as 3 years giving the batting glove a run for its money and joining in the fun with professional, watchful coaches by their side!
- > The Sunny Science stall was inundated with enthusiastic youngsters making their own sun-curing resin pendants with ultra-glow rocks and sun image-setting x-ray photos, whilst learning about the quantum mechanics behind glow-in-the-dark and other radiation related phenomena.
- > **InnovativeNT** provided a very popular stall that allowed children to make bracelets with round and long beads, replicating Morse Code sequences (round bead for a dot, long bead for a dash). The idea behind the activity is to introduce young people to the world of coding in a playful and engaging manner, and the bracelet keepsakes were a smash hit with the young participants!  
 For example, ASTC in Morse Code would be:  
**A = \*- S = \*\*\* T = - C = -\*-\***
- > **Central Drones** introduced attendees to drone coding and flying. With drones driving economic potential and opening huge future job opportunities, the Library continues to run “Fly & Try” drone activities every Thursday during School Holidays.
- > **Desert Park** taught children how to work out the science of surviving in the desert, and were an integral participant in ASPL School Holiday Programs throughout FY22.

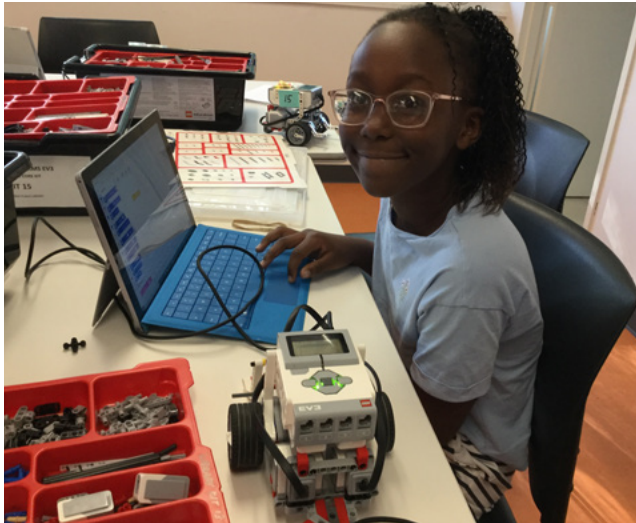


January 2022

*Library Member Luke Follayttar @ Simultaneous Chess.*

### **Simultaneous Chess**

International and Australian Chess Master, Leonid Sandler, was challenged by the Library to take on 10 players at once in Simultaneous Chess; a series that ran throughout January. The sessions proved to be highly popular and were fully booked, kickstarting the formation of a new Chess Club in the Library's Multi-purpose Room.



Robotics workshop participant.



Robotics workshop participant.



Punjabi Multilingual Storytime.

February 2022

**Launch of Robotics Workshops**

The Library is now a standing member of the RoboCup Junior Committee; a project-oriented educational initiative that supports local, regional and international robotic events for young people. ASPL's membership allowed for the upskilling of Library staff, which subsequently enabled the delivery of vital STEM skills workshops to our young citizens, equipping them with relevant skills for the future in our technology-driven world.

**Launch of Multilingual Storytime**

In addition to the weekly Preschool Storytime program, the Library consulted with the Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia (MCSCA) before launching a monthly Multilingual Storytime activity. Stories spoken in multiple languages are great learning and connecting opportunities for early childhood learners and accompanying adults. Research indicates that children are most receptive to learning new languages from the time they are babies to when they start primary school.

This program relies on guest readers with bilingual speaking skills, and amongst our most successful Multilingual Storytime sessions were the stories told in Punjabi and Eastern Arrernte.



Des Library Officer delivering National Simultaneous Story time.





Children learning Mountainboarding.

April 2022

The Library hosted a Trivia Night at the Jump Inn, with a local history theme and prizes, in celebration of NT Heritage Week.

June 2022

**Mountainboarding**

The Library hosted Mountainboarding, facilitated by expert Dylan Warren on the Council Lawns, as part of the Winter School Holiday Program. Attracting over 200 participants, this very successful event was supported by community stakeholders, such as the NTG's Regional Youth Programs Coordinator (Dept. of the Chief Minister) and Brown Street & Gap Youth & Community Centre.



Having fun @ the Library's Mountainboarding event.

To ensure broad engagement from local and at-risk youth, bus transfers were arranged to collect young people from our Town Camps to positively engage with the activity.



Having fun @ the Library's Mountainboarding event.

Coffee carts, DJs and a community BBQ ensured continuous interaction with parents and guardians, and the general public.

As participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, the Library is now in communication with local youth program providers to assist in establishing a regular Mountainboarding program.



Previous carpet.



Ready for new carpet.

**Library gets new carpet**

The Library was closed between 2-6 June while being recarpeted, and reopened on Tuesday 7 June to reveal a modern, fresh new look for the comfort of patrons and visitors alike.



Library team with the new carpet.

## Community & Culture

Council's very active Community & Cultural Development Unit (CCDU) comprises a small team of officers in Development, and Projects & Events, delivering the majority of ASTC's community-focused activities, with support from the initiatives of the Volunteer Coordinator. CCDU, alongside the Healthy Communities Coordinator, orchestrate ASTC's Public Arts, Activation & Engagement, and Access & Inclusion programs that enhance the social and wellbeing of our community.

CCDU is also responsible for overseeing ASTC's annual community support and funding programs.

### Highlights FY22

#### Community Grants

ASTC's annual grants program included delivery of a Grants Workshop which attracted 32 attendees, resulting in 40 grant applications, and a total of \$67,800 distributed to community groups.

#### Cash Sponsorship

In FY22, Council issued a total of \$87,145 cash sponsorships to 16 recipients, supporting the development and staging of a diverse range of community events and projects taking place in Alice Springs.

#### In-kind Sponsorship

Council delivered a total value of \$213,587.30 in in-kind support to community groups and organisations. This comprised equipment loans, public places and sporting oval permits, assisting with the delivery of diverse and vibrant events and projects:

- **August 2021:** Supported COTA NT's Seniors Expo on the Council lawns.
- **September 2021:** In support of the Desert Festival, CCDU delivered two free CBD Public Art Walks, encouraging residents and visitors to learn about public art in Alice Springs.



Community Grants Presentation.

- **June 2022:** Big Day Out in Harmony - Alice Springs Town Council once again collaborated with MCSCA (Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia) to deliver their Big Day Out in Harmony, celebrating our richly diverse community of Alice Springs. A day filled with colours, sounds, fragrances and tastes from across the world.

In FY22, CCDU established a Community Project focused position for the planning, collation, delivery and implementation of the ASTC's first *Multicultural Action Plan*. The plan will ensure ASTC stays abreast of multicultural social and community trends, initiatives and priorities by developing strategic alliances with key community stakeholders to ensure our projects and events are culturally appropriate, and aligned with our diverse community's needs. A series of community consultations were held to acquire feedback from members of the public for the future plan.

#### September 2021

- > The 2nd edition of ASTC's Public Art Map (PAM) was published in time for the annual Desert Festival in September 2021, providing the local community and visitors with information about public art in Alice Springs. PAM is accessible both online and in printed formats, available at various art and tourism venues around the CBD. PAM is updated annually and is now in her 3rd print edition (released May 2022).

### October 2021

- > ASTC, in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch NT and Victims of Crime NT, proudly announced a new community safety program for Alice Springs residents. The My Home My Town initiative launched with two free safety sessions – Seniors Personal Safety, and Community Personal Safety – in the Andy McNeill Room. A total of six personal safety sessions were run between October 2021 and April 2022.



Neighbourhood Watch MOU signing.

### March 2022

- > Launch of ASTC's online Accessibility Map – the new accessibility map, obtainable from mobile devices, displays relevant services and organisations, and indicates locations of accessible ramps, parking and facilities around the CBD.

### April 2022

- > Two Multicultural Community Consultation sessions were held to aid the development of ASTC's first *Multicultural Action Plan*. ASTC invited all residents, multicultural community members, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, to participate in providing valuable insights and feedback for the development of this important document.

### May 2022

- > Celebrating IDAHOBIT Day (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex discrimination and Transphobia), ASTC joined workplaces and organisations around Australia in raising awareness and strengthening inclusion, by running the IDAHOBIT social media campaign, and holding a Sexual Diversity & Inclusive Language workshop. The 2-hour session was facilitated by

the Northern Territory AIDS & Hepatitis Council, and all 8 attendees offered their positive feedback. In June 2022, ASTC issued a Statement of Support, 'Everyone belongs in sport'.

## Healthy Communities

### Highlights FY22

- > Council's Keep You Moving exercise program at the Health & Wellness Centre (at ASALC) assists people with chronic health conditions to thrive. The program received over 3,000 visits in FY22 and continues to receive ongoing new referrals from local allied health services.
- > For residents at the Old Timers Village, free exercise programs were delivered twice weekly throughout FY22, with the support of local business Get Physical.
- > Weekly exercise sessions for participants at Life Without Barriers were run throughout FY22.
- > Movers and Groovers dance sessions continued, as part of Healthy Communities (HC) programming, for seniors at the 50 Plus Community Centre.
- > HC launched Baby, Set... GO! a 6-month trial program supporting new parents to return to exercise during the postpartum period. In partnership with The Y and Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre, this very popular free program delivered exercise and wellbeing sessions in a baby-friendly environment. The long-term sustainability of this trial program was firmly proven and today is now running at The Y, with ASTC's continued support.
- > HC continues to facilitate the Heart Foundation's Active in Alice Walking Group which now has over 300 registered walkers. The group meets weekly on Saturdays and participants completed 1,404 walks in FY22. Fifty-six group members celebrated the Heart Foundation's 10-year anniversary in October 2021.
- > HC developed an adult's Begin to Swim Program which was trialled during ASALC's swimming Term 1 (February 2022). This 4-week program taught essential survival skills, buoyancy, and basic swimming skills to enhance water safety and confidence. The program was attended by a CALD group of 30 adults from 15 different countries of origin and, due to its success, the program was run again in Term 2, from April – June 2022.
- > Celebrating Multicultural Fitness Month, ASTC provided free fitness sessions, featuring a diverse range of cultural movement and dance, throughout

March 2022. The program, now in its third year, was an opportunity for the 256 residents (in total) to enjoy Chinese Waacking, Bollywood dance, Nepalese Dance, Sri Sri Yoga, African Dance and Zumba sessions.

## Project & Events

### Highlights FY22

- > CCDU were integral in assisting Executive Assistants (EAs) from Executive and Corporate Services in delivering ASTC’s four annual Citizenship Ceremonies.
- > CCDU delivered 7 of 8 scheduled Council’s Night Markets (fabALICE cancelled, March 2022), each programmed to coincide with a major Alice Springs event, such as Parrtjima Festival in Light, Finke Desert Race, and Desert Festival, plus Council’s Summer S.A.M. and Christmas Carnival. Each Night Market offered local residents and visitors a broad range of food, giftware, arts and crafts stalls, and also featured free live entertainment.

#### July 2021

- > The inaugural Alice Upcycle Art Prize judges – (former) Mayor Damien Ryan, Steve Anderson (Central Australian Arts Society), and artist Zoya Godoroja-Prieckaerts – awarded \$7,000 in cash prizes to winning local artists. For the list of winners, see page 31.

#### August 2021

- > Every August is Seniors Month, and the 10th Annual Seniors Still Got Talent Quest took place at the Alice Springs Convention Centre with approximately 140 attendees, and performances from 10 talented groups and individuals. Winners are listed on page 31.
- > The annual Mayoral Morning Tea provided free entertainment and morning tea – and table service by the Mayor! – for 60 senior guests, in celebration of Seniors Month.

#### November 2021

- > Council launched its annual Christmas Windows Competition for the first time as a social media competition. Facebook visitors were invited to vote for their favourite with a ‘like’. Our 2021 Christmas Window Competition winners were: 1st place CC Café, 2nd place Red Kangaroo Books, 3rd place Sugar & Spice.

#### December 2021

- > The annual Mayoral Awards recognises International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD), and celebrate outstanding individuals working hard to make a difference in our community. The awards presentation featured guest speaker Angela Teasdale, from Boosting the Local Care Workforce. Mayoral Award recipients are listed on page 31.
- > The yearly Christmas Carnival is ASTC’s most well-attended community event and in 2021 received around 5,000 visitors who enjoyed three stages of live entertainment, 60 market stalls and food vendors, kid-friendly games and activities, roaming entertainment, Santa Claus parade, and the annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree and fireworks display.



Finke Street Party & Night Markets.

Event name	Territory Day 1/7/21	Citizenship Day 17/9/21	Australia Day 26/1/22	Harmony Day 21/3/22	Total
Total number of conferees	52	65	99	58	274
Total number of Countries of Origin	19	19	27	17	41

**January 2022**

> Nominations were opened late in 2021 for the Centralian Citizenship Awards, with recipients announced at the annual Australia Day event on the Council Lawns in January 2022. Centralians were celebrated in five award categories, recognising significant contributions to the Alice Springs community. Centralian Citizenship Award recipients are listed on page 32.

**February 2022**

> Running through to March, CCDU presented the 11.2ONE community arts and performance series, with an average of 45 attendees enjoying live music gigs at six lunch time venues. The gigs helped strengthen ASTC's relationships with Todd Mall businesses by increasing lunch time crowds, as well as supporting local musicians through the continuing impacts of the pandemic.

**March 2022**

> ASTC's second Pop-up Park series commenced in March with family-friendly, community events at Flynn Drive Oval (March) and Albrecht Oval (April). Both events were well-attended with over 250 members of the community coming along. Pop-up Parks were run in collaboration with local community and sporting groups, and featured live entertainment, food and kids' activities.

> Celebrating the International Women's Day 2022 theme of #breakthebias, a mural for the Flynn Drive Oval changerooms was developed by Tamara Cornthwaite, and painted with the assistance of young women from the Stars Foundation, to bring focus to the achievements of women in sport. The mural was launched at ASTC's Pop-up Park on 18 March.

**May 2022**

In May 2022, Council issued at total of \$67,800 in grant funding, comprising:

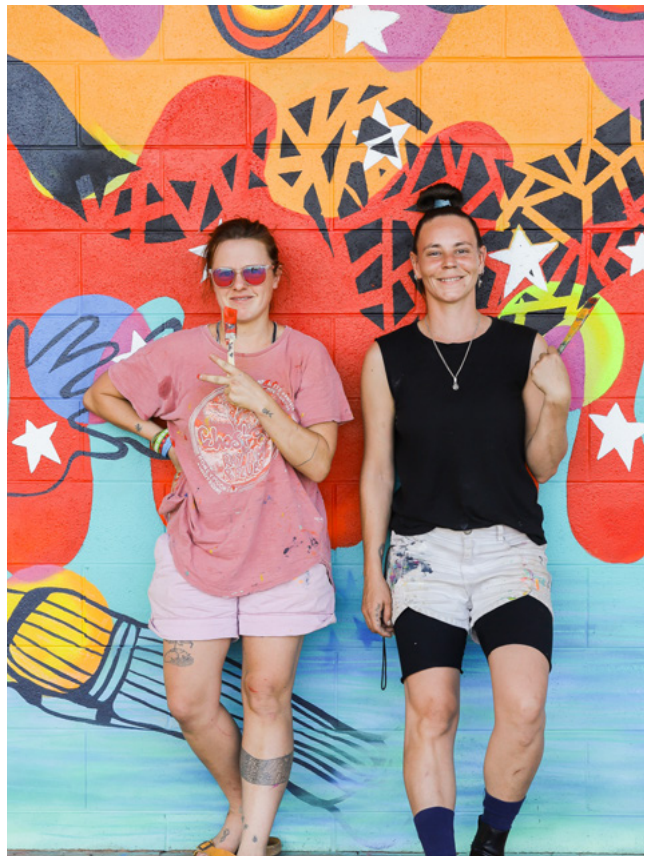
- 10 Community Development Grants (\$48,600)
  - 4 Community Assistance Grants (\$5,700)
  - 1 Youth Development Grant (\$5,000)
  - 4 Araluen Community Access Grants (\$6,500)
- > 1 Sustainability Initiatives Grant (\$2,000).
- > In celebration of National Reconciliation Week (May-June), ASTC delivered an Arrernte Language & Culture Workshop. The session, presented by Veronica and Camille Dobson, was attended by members of the community and received very positive feedback.



11.2.ONE community art performance with Ben Heaslip at The Locals.



Pop-up Park at Flynn Drive Oval.



Tammy Cornthwaite and Letitia Firth supervising the International Women's Day mural installation at Flynn Drive Oval.

- > Pets on Parade was held early on a Saturday morning in conjunction with the Heart Walk. This popular fundraiser culminated on Council Lawns with around 100 attendees enjoying a morning tea with music, pet costume prizes, a raffle, and the presentation of a cheque to the Alice Springs Animal Shelter.

**June 2022**

- > CCDU managed and presented the 2nd Alice Springs Upcycle Art Prize, running the exhibition at ASTC's Rediscovery Centre. The prize's purpose is to celebrate artistic innovation and raise awareness of environmental and climate issues. Fourteen creative sculptural artworks from local Central Australia artists were showcased to the community with the opening Night featured award presentations attended by over 40 members of the public. Winners listed on page 32.



*Pets on Parade 2022.*

## Volunteering

In January 2022, a partnership between ASTC and Volunteering SA&NT enabled the recruitment of a Volunteer Coordinator, tasked with developing Council's first Volunteer Framework. The Framework outlines and describes areas



Events Support volunteer Kevron and Volunteer Coordinator Roman at the Ross Park Pop-up Park.

of Council's engagement with volunteers, including rights and responsibilities of Council and its volunteers, its volunteer action planning, and recruitment cycle.

Liaising with Managers of ASTC's business units during the latter half of FY22, the Volunteer Coordinator has developed several volunteer position descriptions for CCDU, ASALC, the Regional Waste Management Facility, Alice Springs Public Library and Youth Programs team. These approved volunteer positions were published on ASTC's website, resulting in the immediate appointment of 12 new volunteers.

ASTC's new recruits include seven volunteers to assist with the staging of community events, two volunteers to deliver the Library's Books on Wheels Program, and two volunteers located at ASALC. This number does not include six volunteers, who were recruited prior to the commencement of the Volunteer Coordinator. ASTC's first Volunteer Policy is currently being drafted and awaiting approval. The Volunteer Coordinator's next task for ASTC is to develop a Corporate Volunteer Policy.

Since January 2022, volunteers have donated over 200 hours to assist ASTC in delivering on its commitments to the local community.

ASTC's volunteers were awarded Certificates of Appreciation and celebrated at a National Volunteer Week event, organised by Volunteering SA&NT.



A four-legged family member enjoying Pets on Parade.



Rangers L. Allen and T. Bell at Pets on Parade.

## Rangers

ASTC's Ranger Unit is responsible for upholding the By-laws that are in force within the municipality, conducting parking compliance activity, supporting community events, and the administration of Public Places Permits.

In FY22, Council's Rangers managed 1,051 complaints. Whilst this number is down from the previous year, this relates to a change in the way complaints received through the NeatStreets App are recorded. Rangers endeavour to address complaints in a way that is fair and timely, with an emphasis on education wherever possible.

## Activities FY22

### Abandoned Vehicles

The removal of abandoned vehicles is a necessary activity for maintaining safe roads. In FY22, ASTC removed 143 abandoned vehicles from public spaces around the Alice Springs municipality.

Retrieved vehicles are stored in a secure facility, while the registered owners are notified by letter. Registered owners are given 28 days to contact ASTC before vehicles are disposed of, either by metal recycling or for sale by Public Tender.

### Public Places Permits

Council drafted and approved 229 Public Places Permits for various events, Todd Mall activities, shipping containers, skip-bins, busking, commercial filming, food vans, signage (A-frames), stacking of goods, and alfresco dining permits.

### Parking Infringements

Rangers continued to monitor, regulate and issue infringements for parking violations of the Australian Road Rules, and checking compliance of parking and traffic signage within the municipality.

Parking infringements made up the majority of infringement notices, with a total of 427 issued in FY22. Rangers also issued 57 Animal Management and six Public Places infringements.





Rangers T. Kruske, T. Bell and A. Korman at Council's Night Markets.

### Pet Registrations

ASTC encourages lifetime pet registration which involves the microchipping of dogs and cats. This is the best method for identification in the retrieval of lost animals. In FY22, our Ranger team processed a total of 586 lifetime registrations, and achieved the target of 6:1 lifetime dog / cat registrations to annual registrations.

### Patrols

Rangers supported numerous community events throughout FY22, including providing a dedicated presence at Council's Night Markets and at Pets on Parade.

Rangers, working closely with the Northern Territory Police Force (NTPOL), conducted several high visibility patrols in the CBD.

Public Places Permits	Total
<i>Public Places Permits for Events/Filming/Other Activities in the CBD, e.g. Civic Centre Lawns, Snow Kenna Park</i>	73
Todd Mall & Flynn Church Lawns	30
Busking	14
Vehicle in The Todd Mall	4
Painting Sellers	27
Alfresco Dining	11
Food Vans	14
Filming	21
Shipping Containers/Skip Bins	10
Hartley Street Car Park	25
<b>Total Public Places</b>	<b>229</b>

Other Permits	Total
Banner	77
Disability Parking Permits	361
Kennel Licence	72

## Youth Programs

The ASTC's Youth Programs team comprises three Council Officers who work closely and collaboratively with other business units, such as ASALC and the Library, as well as with other key non-ASTC stakeholders. The Youth Programs team caters for all youth of Alice Springs through the facilitation of various events and activities, as well as through the implementation of new programs that aim to meet the needs of the local young people.

### Highlights FY22

#### July 2021

#### Splash Parties & Wet Wednesdays

Multiple Splash Parties, Splash Sundays and Wet Wednesdays were held at ASALC during each of the school holidays throughout FY22. With NTG's integral support, the Youth Programs team with the ASALC team worked diligently to host these popular free events for the young people in our community.

Each event was successful in bringing our diverse community together, especially highlighted by seeing heaps of young people enjoying the facility as a fun, safe space.

#### The Planeteers

The hugely successful Planeteers program wrapped up in July with a round of participant interviews discussing what they learned during the 6-workshop series. Over two afternoons, a total of 13 Planeteers were recorded, sharing their reflections on the program, the actions they've taken since, or future plans to support the environment as a result of what they've learned, as well as what they might like to learn about in future initiatives.

The final video is available to watch on YouTube, as a resource for the broader community:  
<https://youtu.be/uAOREVhr6fk>

The Planeteers program aimed at helping young people in Alice Springs to build knowledge

and skills that will assist them in contributing to climate action through sustainable best practices and advocacy. The program was made possible by an FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant.



Phoney Film Festival Call out Poster.

### Phoney Film Festival

For the past seven years, Phoney Film Festival has provided local young people an opportunity to tell their story through short 5-minute films, made on smart devices and gadgets, utilising footage, stop motion or animation, to show case their creativity and talent in story development, videography and editing.

The 2021 Phoney Film Festival received 29 film entries, from both individuals and groups, with a total of 75 local youth, aged 12-25 years, participating in the productions. There was a great vibe at the Screening & Awards Night at Alice Cinema with an enthusiastic audience

of around 70 people, including supporters, film-makers, friends, family and the media, enjoying the cinematic experience!

**Winners**

> Bear Pause 3	By Emma Smith
> Film-ception	By Matthew Doan, Alexander Eglinton, Nathaniel Mushore, Ronald Pedrezuela & Totani Will
> Do I Want to Make a Phoney Film? I do!	By Coriel Stay
<b>Highly Commended</b>	By Bryan Valderama, Zane Collins & Phoenix Johnson
> Title	
<b>People's Choice</b>	By Emma Smith
> Bear Pause 3	

**August 2021**

**Young Women Empowerment Program**

Over a 20-week period, ASTC's Youth Programs team collaborated with Boyle's Striking Academy to provide weekly sessions aimed at empowering the young women of Alice Springs through kick boxing and mentoring sessions. The program engaged with around 400 participants, aged 14-18 years.

The amazing team from Boyle's were integral in providing these young women a confidence boost that saw two participants securing part-time employment with a local jeweller and a restaurant.

**October 2021**

**Ranger for a Day (A Planeteers initiative)**

An initiative arising from The Planeteers program, this collaboration between ASTC and Parks & Wildlife NT provided young people the opportunity to experience being a Ranger for a day, during the October school holidays.

Two sessions were enjoyed by 24 youth and facilitated by a Senior Parks & Wildlife Ranger. The Great Cactus Hunt was a search and removal of weed species of cacti, ending with a tasty BBQ brunch. Walk with the Yeperenye saw youth doing hands-on track maintenance of the new trail between Anthwerrke (Emily Gap) and Atherrke (Jessie Gap), plus learning about the area's cultural significance along the way.

**November 2021**

**Summer S.A.M. (Sports. Arts. Music.)**

To kick off the summer season, the Youth Programs team reimagined YAMfest into a diverse and inclusive event with broader appeal to local youth, regardless of health or ability, as an opportunity to showcase talent and inspire their peers. In conjunction with ASTC's Night Markets, the youth-led Summer S.A.M. in the Todd Mall was hugely popular with 290 young people participating in the activities and more than 2,500 community members coming along to witness this great initiative.

The Youth Programs team hosted a Basketball Shootout, Playstation FIFA Comp, Open Mic and Breakdance Battle, plus a chillout arts space, and had food vendors available for an energy recharge!



*Youth enjoying the Summer S.A.M. Festival.*

**December 2021**

**Christmas & Summer School Holidays**

The Youth Programs team continued hosting a variety of school holiday activities to keep local young people thoroughly entertained over the long summer break. Regular events at ASALC in December and January were well attended and enjoyed, such as School's Out Disco, Sunday Splash Party, New Year's Eve Splash Party, and Wet Wednesdays. Each event featured free entry, BBQs, music by local DJs, organised games and giant inflatables, all well-supervised to ensure safe fun for everyone.

**February 2022**

**Youth Boxing**

ASTC, NTG and the Arrernte Community Boxing Academy (ACBA) collaborated to provide boxing fitness sessions twice a week throughout the year from February 2021 until February 2022. Over 1,142 young people aged 12–25 years participated in this unique youth engagement program with particular focus on awareness and prevention of abuse of alcohol and other drugs through maintaining health and fitness via boxing and 1:1 mentoring from the team at ACBA. One young participant who joined early in the program subsequently took up boxing full-time, going on to win an NT title in his age group.

**April 2022**

**Undead Central**

A professional film production opportunity, devised by horror film Actor & Director Leslie Simpson, engaged local youth in creating, developing and producing a trailer for a fictitious zombie film. Leslie Simpson previously worked with youth in Melbourne on a similar project and, based on the success of that program (and after relocating to Alice Springs), added up to a dream come true for Alice Springs! Local youth were able to learn skills and be mentored by a film industry professional with intensive pre-production workshops and principal photography (location shoots) taking place over the Easter school holidays.



Social Media for Central Undead.

Limited to 30 young people aged 14 –25 years, these limited spots filled quickly and, given this was a first for our community, its success promises more film projects in future to showcase the depth of talent our young people possess. The Undead Central program was generously supported by our local Subway – a great example of local business investing in the futures of our youth. The Youth Programs team hope to attract greater local business support in the future to ensure similar initiatives can continue to be offered.



(HYHC) promotional material.

**May – July 2022**

**Healthy Youth Healthy Community (HYHC)**

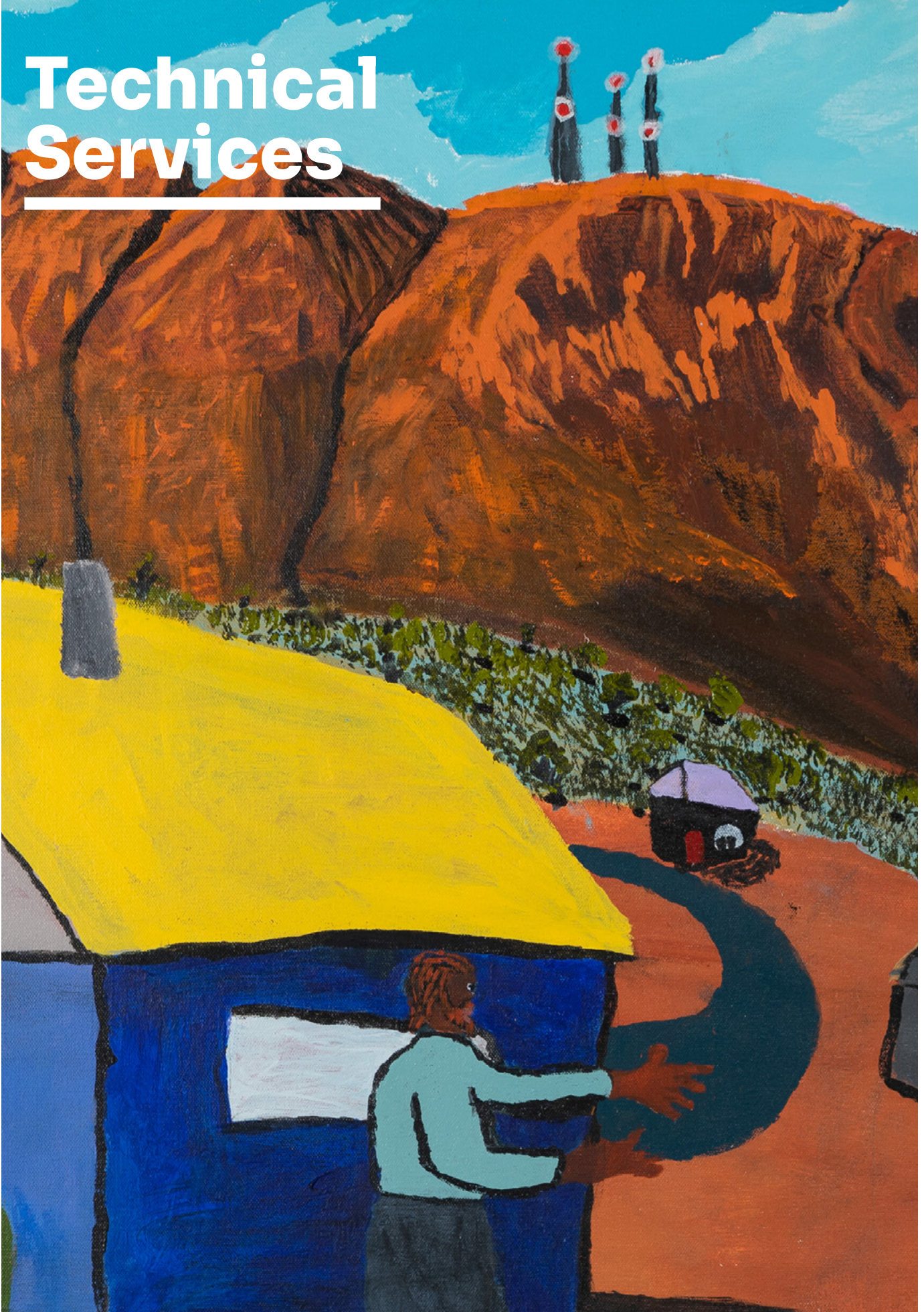
The HYHC program resulted from a successful grant application to NTG to fund activities in support of messaging aimed at diverting youth from using drugs or alcohol. ASTC was able to organise and deliver an extensive series of diversion activities, variously hosted by ASALC, CrossFit Alice Springs, YMCA and BushMob, throughout the months of May, June, and July.

The HYHC program included:

- > **Ninja Warrior:** Activities involved fitness circuit training, with young people using equipment such as rowers and tyres, gymnastics equipment, blow up rope-swing and obstacles, rockwall and sports equipment.
- > **Dodgeball:** Classic ball game enjoyed by all (that dodged!)
- > **Horsin' Around:** Activities focusing on large animal care, maintenance, feeding and grooming, delivered by BushMob.

# Technical Services

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## Environment

Between November 2021 and February 2022, ASTC explored the importance of climate action for the Alice Springs through a series of community consultations, and asking: what are the biggest concerns and why; what does the community want to see from its Local Government Authority; and, what vision does the community hold for the future of Alice Springs? We discovered that our community is well educated, involved and expects tangible action from its Council to make Alice Springs a liveable, thriving community in which environmental health is highly valued. Our community wants ASTC to be a leader in climate action, calling for greater engagement, and sees itself as being integral to Council's success in this area.

Resulting from the community consultations, the *Climate Action Plan (CAP)* was then reviewed to assess ASTC's successes, shortcomings and ways within which performance in this area could be improved. As a result, ASTC has altered its approach and created a *Climate & Environment Policy* (the first of its kind for ASTC) in place of the CAP. The policy will embed climate and environmental action within general operations.



CAP Social Media material.

The first version of this policy was introduced at the July 2022 Council Meeting. The *Climate and Environment Policy* will help ASTC achieve the

Strategic Actions outlined in *Sustainability and Liveability 2030*.

## Highlights FY22

- > 20.15% of energy consumed by ASTC, at facilities fitted with renewable energy, was generated by solar.
- > ASTC is providing in-kind support and participation in the Air in Alice project, investigating air quality in Alice Springs.
- > ASTC was an active participant in the 'Kwatye Angkeme – Talking Water' consultation and education program.

### November 2021

- > Co-hosted the Library's annual book sale in the Andy McNeill Room, in conjunction with national initiative, the Garage Sale Trail.
- > CAP community consultations commenced with industry stakeholders 27 October 2021

### January 2022

- > CAP survey conducted.

### February 2022

- > CAP community consultations concluded with public on 24 February 2022 and ASTC hosted a survey through the website.

### March 2022

- > Clean Up Australia Day activity joined ASTC staff with 10 participants from the local community to remove litter from the Todd River.

### May 2021

- > Following the conclusion of community consultations, and based upon feedback received, Councillors endorsed the development of ASTC's first *Climate & Environment Policy*.
- > Councillors supported the production and issuing of NO JUNK MAIL stickers (free of charge), as an environmental initiative to help reduce the volume of unwanted catalogues and unsolicited mail distributed to residents. Stickers were made available for collection from ASTC facilities.

## Infrastructure

Series of community consultations leading to the establishment of a plan to redesign Newland Park to include a new Regional Skate Park.



Sydney Kinsman Monument at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery.

## Highlights FY22

### July 2021

- > Installation and unveiling of the Sydney Kinsman Monument at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery.

### August 2021

- > Norris Bell Avenue and Lovegrove Drive railway crossings – road and rail intersections upgraded to the latest safety standards. Completed with \$400K NTG grant funding.

### November 2021

- > Following a series of community consultations held onsite, ASTC appointed consultant Gary Mills from Skatecon and his work crew to oversee re-surfacing works at the Alice Springs Skate Park. The consultations were a great opportunity for the local skating community to discuss concerns and ask questions, and to obtain direct access to qualified answers and information. Skate Park repairs ensued, with surface cracks repaired and a new non-slip paint applied. Completed with \$100K in NTG grant funding.
- > Oleander Park upgrades – new play equipment and bike path installed. Completed with \$80K in NTG grant funding.

### February 2022

- > Installation of Water Stations – hands free drinking bubblers & water bottle-refilling stations at Civic Centre and ASALC. Completed with \$40K in NTG grant funding.

### May 2022

- > Installation of security lighting – installation of solar security lights at Anzac Hill. Completed with 25K in NTG grant funding.

### June 2022

- > Todd Mall beautification project – new shade structures, seating and paving repairs conducted along the Todd Mall. Completed with \$500K in NTG grant funding.
- > New flooring – installation of new carpet in the Library's main space.

## Municipal Services

- > ASTC's Depot staff undertook several steps over FY22 necessary to keep public areas safe, clean, and operating efficiently to serve the needs of the Alice Springs community.



Depot Crew planting new shrubs.



## Highlights FY22

- > Assisted with the staging of numerous Council and major events, notably:
  - National Tree Day (August)
  - Red Centre NATS (September)
  - Finke Street Party & Desert Race (June)
  - Council's annual Citizenship Ceremonies (January, March, July, September)
- > Undertook litter collection, maintenance of all parks, ovals and gardens, meeting all targets.
- > Undertook steam-cleaning of footpaths around the CBD.
- > Undertook Spearwood Road line marking.
- > Completed the final section of pathway alongside Herbert Heritage Drive, providing a safe place for pedestrians and cyclists to travel to and from Stuart Highway to the Telegraph Station. Works included installation of the gabion (rock basket) and concrete retaining walls.
- > Preparation of grounds at TIO Traeger Park Oval for AFLNT events, and cricket pitch for summer competition matches.
- > Following a bumper summer of rain, undertook intensive grass cutting of verges and parks.
- > ASTC, in conjunction with NT Friendship & Support, once again delivered the EqualTea Program which took care of 3 parks.

### August 2021

- > Completed the upgrade of Norris Bell Avenue and Lovegrove Drive railway crossings.

### September 2021

- > Provided traffic management support for Red Centre NATS.

### November 2021

- > Depot Crews completed road repairs ahead of schedule on the Wills Terrace causeway, after a major flow caused damage to the Todd River crossing. Crews prioritised a comprehensive clean-up around town over the days following the weather event.
- > Depot Crews removed significant amounts of debris and conducted ground repairs after heavy rains washed away sand creating dangerous deep gullies near the Olive Pink Boardwalk, which was closed for public safety. Crews completed major restorative work to reopen the Boardwalk ahead of schedule.

### December 2021

- > Weather events continued, causing water run-off damage along the shoulders of the Anzac Hill Road. Crews carried out rectification works while the road remained closed to the public.

### February 2022

- > Commenced works on Lyndavale Park that included new concrete path, planting and irrigation. This work is continuing, with a scheduled completion in November 2022.
- > The works crews completed another section of the Ilparpa Road pathway, completing an additional 526 metres of shared pathway with associated culvert works with a scheduled completion due October 2022.



Athol Mitchell at Traeger Park Oval.

## Rediscovery Centre & Regional Waste Management Facility

Located on Commonage Road, the Alice Springs Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF) provides the region's advanced waste and recycling management. The facility was built to ensure environmental sustainability via a variety of long-term recycling and waste minimisation strategies.

The Waste Transfer Station at the RWMF provides a public-access sorting area where recyclables can be separated from the waste stream, and to permit the identification of waste that is inappropriate for direct disposal as landfill.

A range of these separated items are processed by a baler for transportation to major recycling facilities interstate.

Throughout FY22, staff undertook a number of initiatives to improve efficiency and safe operation at the RWMF.

The Rediscovery Centre (RDC) remained fully stocked throughout FY22 achieving \$310,000 in sales for the year. Stock available for purchase from the RDC includes crushed glass, mulch, and firewood, in addition to a huge range pre-loved and re-useable items and furniture dropped off by residents.

### Highlights FY22

Over FY22, a total of 41,275.17 tonnes (T) of waste, including clean fill, was received at the RWMF with a total of 7,247.62 being recycled out. Due to the hard work of the RWMF team, recycling continues to hold at around 22% of total waste received.

Some noteworthy achievements include: cardboard (325T), E-waste items (32T), green waste (316T), metals (720T), glass (186T), firewood (128T), paint (8T), glass (186T), liquid waste (505T), and another 40T cycled through ASTC's Container Deposit Scheme.



RWMF Team.



RWMF Open Day.

After weather event washed out public access to the RWMF in January 2022, road repair works were carried at the facility, including a new landfill access road allowing more room for heavy vehicles to manoeuvre, expected to be well-used over the next 10 years.

### August 2021

- > RWMF held its first Open Day, with over 250 people enjoying the free BBQ, Landfill Bus Tours, Pallets for Posteriors and Wicked Wicking workshops. The event was a great success and is running again in FY23.



Participants setting up the Youth Recycled Art Prize exhibition.

### November 2021

- > The RWMF participated in National Recycling Week with a social media campaign focused on raising awareness about available recycling options in Alice Springs.
- > A new industrial capacity air-conditioning unit was installed in the RDC, for the benefit and comfort of staff and customers alike.
- > Tenders for the removal of liquid waste and shredding of materials at the RWMF were awarded.

### April 2022

- > RWMF supported the Youth Recycled Art Prize, contributing items from the RDC to registered entrants. The winning entrants were:

#### Winners

> 12-15 Years	<b>Toby Bloomfield</b> Dragonfly
> 16-19 Years	<b>Alexandra Thorogood</b> Debbie Debris
> 20-25 Year	<b>Stars Team</b> Future
<b>People's Choice</b>	<b>Miru Forrester &amp; Emily Glover</b> Chad the Peacock



Mayor Paterson and Will Ladson winner of 1st Place Welded & People's Choice.

### June 2022

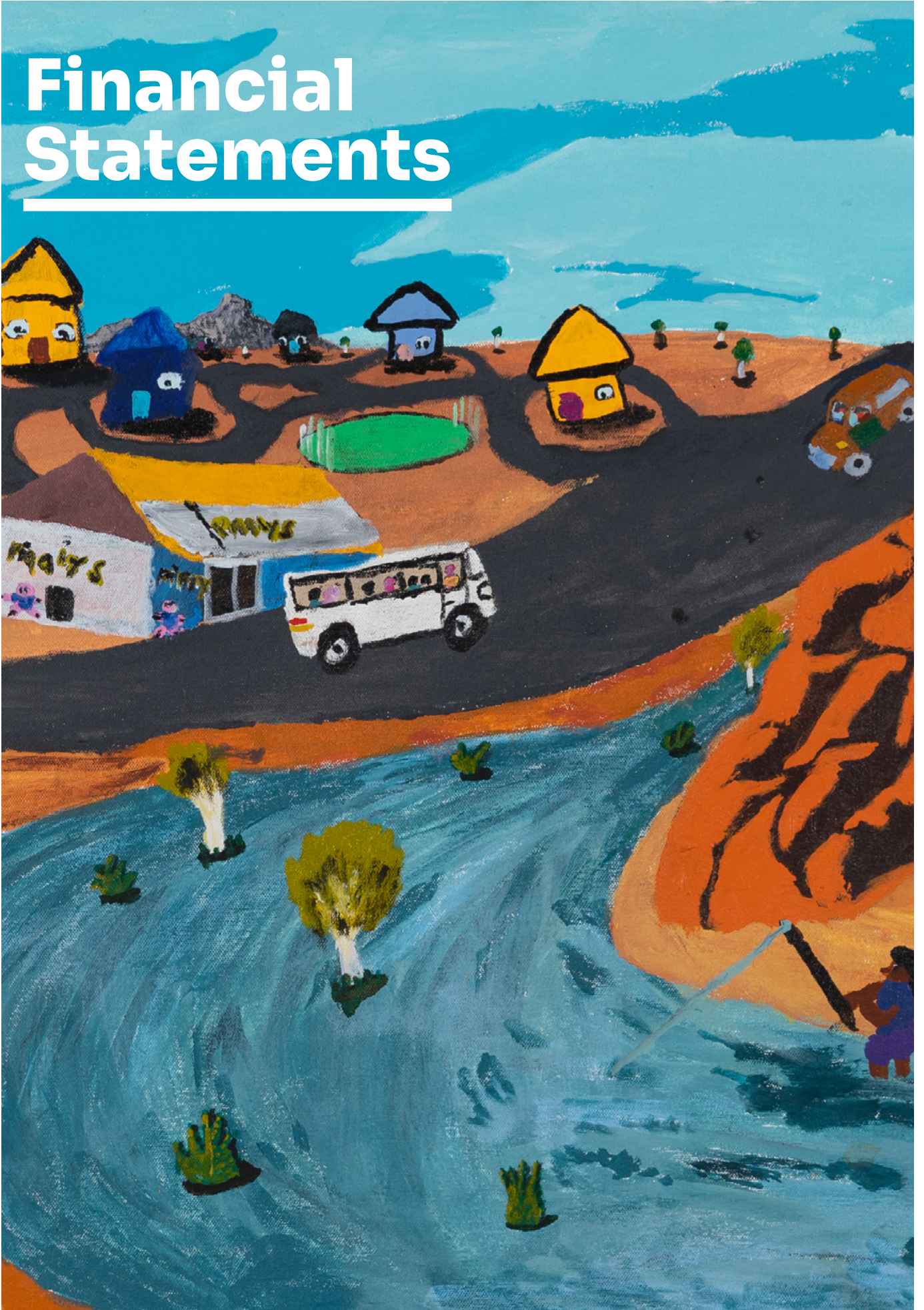
- > RDC hosted the Alice Upcycle Art Prize awards and exhibition June-July 2022. The winning entrants were:

<b>Climate Change Award</b>	<b>The Tall Bike</b> Sam Mitchell
<b>Welded</b>	
> 1st Place	<b>Shelly &amp; Daewoo 'Bad Dog'</b> Will Ladson
> 2nd Place	<b>Twiggy's Speed Car</b> Shannon Richter-Cross
<b>Non-welded</b>	
> 1st Place	<b>Rare as a Rocking Horse</b> Shannon Richter-Cross
> 2nd Place	<b>Stifin Tomsum</b> Magdalena Pereyra
<b>People's Choice</b>	<b>Shelly &amp; Daewoo 'Bad Dog'</b> Will Ladson



Shannon Richter-Cross winner of 1st place Non-welded.

# Financial Statements



**Alice Springs Town Council  
General Purpose Financial Reports  
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

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**Alice Springs Town Council  
Annual Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT**

We have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



Robert Jennings

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Date: 12 11 2022

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rates	2	27,428	26,866
Statutory charges	2	167	177
User charges	2	4,882	5,239
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	4,410	3,967
Investment income	2	348	545
Other income	2	718	668
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>37,953</b>	<b>37,462</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	18,326	18,974
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	17,876	15,334
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	10,353	8,710
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>46,555</b>	<b>43,018</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(8,602)</b>	<b>(5,556)</b>
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(2,077)	(105)
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)</b>		<b>(10,679)</b>	<b>(5,661)</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>		<b>(10,679)</b>	<b>(5,661)</b>
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)			
Council		(10,679)	(5,661)
		(10,679)	(5,661)
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>		<b>(10,679)</b>	<b>(5,661)</b>

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

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 30 June 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>2021</b> <b>\$'000</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	41,482	41,368
Trade & other receivables	5	7,642	2,266
Inventories	5	250	238
Other current assets	5	239	195
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>49,613</b>	<b>44,067</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Other non-current assets	6	327	3,724
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	282,557	292,885
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>282,884</b>	<b>296,609</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>332,497</b>	<b>340,676</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	8	5,417	3,209
Provisions	8	1,943	2,147
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>7,360</b>	<b>5,356</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	8	3,845	3,350
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b>3,845</b>	<b>3,350</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>11,205</b>	<b>8,706</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>321,292</b>	<b>331,970</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		6,678	15,946
Asset Revaluation Reserve	9	292,273	290,888
Other Reserves	9	22,341	25,136
<b>Total Council Equity</b>		<b>321,292</b>	<b>331,970</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>321,292</b>	<b>331,970</b>

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



**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	Total Council Equity
2022	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		15,946	290,888	25,136	331,970
Asset revaluation adjustment		(1,385)	1,385	-	-
Opening balance		14,561	292,273	25,136	331,970
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>(10,679)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,679)</b>
Transfers between reserves		2,795	-	(2,795)	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	9	<b>6,678</b>	<b>292,273</b>	<b>22,341</b>	<b>321,292</b>
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		13,288	290,888	33,455	337,631
Opening balance		13,288	290,888	33,455	337,631
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>(5,661)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,661)</b>
Transfers between reserves		8,319	-	(8,319)	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	9	<b>15,946</b>	<b>290,888</b>	<b>25,136</b>	<b>331,970</b>

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

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

		2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Rates - general & other		25,668	27,062
Fees & other charges		167	177
User charges		4,882	5,239
Investment receipts		348	545
Grants utilised for operating purposes		4,410	4,295
Other revenues		720	885
<b>Payments:</b>			
Employee costs		(18,326)	(19,454)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(15,391)	(15,415)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>		2,478	3,334
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Sale of replaced assets		15	151
<b>Payments:</b>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,379)	(4,876)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		(2,364)	(4,725)
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Proceeds from bonds and deposits		-	5
<b>Payments:</b>			
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		-	5
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		114	(1,386)
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	41,368	42,754
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	11	<b>41,482</b>	<b>41,368</b>
 <b>Additional information</b>			
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments		<b>41,482</b>	<b>41,368</b>
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 2022

#### **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 Accounting 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, Interpretations, the requirements of the Local Government Act, the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations and other relevant Northern Territory Legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 10 November, 2022.

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

Except for revaluation of Infrastructure, Property Plant & Equipment, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Cost is based on fair values of the consideration given in exchange of assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

##### **1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards 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 these Notes.

##### **1.4 Estimates and assumptions**

COVID-19 is not expected to have a significant financial impact on Council operations with the Council working to reduce discretionary expenditure in the short term to help mitigate the effect of the reduced revenue and increased costs. It is expected further financial impacts will flow in the 2022/2023 financial year but these have been largely taken into account during the development of the budget process for 2022/2023. The budget assumptions for 2022/2023 assume that no further harsher restrictions are put in place by the government. Council has determined that there is no material uncertainty that casts doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **1.5 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 incorporated under the NT Local Government Act and has its principal place of business at 93 Todd Mall, Alice Springs. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all cost centres through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

#### **3 Income Recognition**

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of the goods or services are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Performance obligations may be completed at a point in time or over time.

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

Rates and levies

Rates are recognised at the commencement of rating period. Rates over paid at the end of the reporting period are classified as a current liability.

Grants and subsidies

Revenue from grants and subsidies have been recognised when any associated performance obligation to provide goods or services is satisfied, and not immediately upon receipt.

Grants that have an enforceable agreement but no specific performance obligations but have restrictions on the timing of expenditure will also continue to be recognised on receipt as time restrictions on the use of funds is not sufficiently specific to create a performance obligation.

Grants that are not enforceable and/or not sufficiently specific will not qualify for deferral, and continue to be recognised as revenue as soon as they are controlled.

Grants that require the Council to perform services or provide facilities, or to meet eligibility criteria are recognised as income only to the extent that the services required have been performed or the eligibility criteria have been satisfied. When monies received have been paid in advance of performance or eligibility, a liability is recognised.

Any unexpended grants associated with performance obligations are recognised as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash Contributions

Developers also pay infrastructure charges for the construction of assets, such as roads and stormwater drainage. There is no performance obligation associated under AASB 15 and the income is recognised when received. Consequently, the infrastructure charges are recognised as income when received.

Interest and Dividends

Interest received from term deposits is accrued over the term of the investment. No dividends were received during the reporting period.

Rendering of services

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised when the Council satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services. The Council typically satisfies its performance obligations when:

- the amount of revenue, stage of completion and transaction costs incurred can be reliably measured, and
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.

Sales Revenue

Sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the buyer, generally when the customer has taken undisputed delivery of the goods.

Fees and charges

Fees and charges are recognised upon unconditional entitlement to the funds. Generally this is upon lodgement of the relevant applications of documents, issuing of the infringement notice or when the service is provided.

**4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments**

**4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets**

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. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any loss provision. Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any loss provision.

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

The Council recognised an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for trade and other receivables. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Council expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (a 12 month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade and other receivables, the Council applies a simplified approach in calculating the ECLs. Therefore the Council does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Council has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The Council considers trade and other receivables in default when contractual payments are 30 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Council may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Council is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before considering any credit enhancements held by the Council. Trade and other receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments also form 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.

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

**6.1 Initial Recognition**

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

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". 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. 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.

**Alice Springs Town Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (con't)**

**6.2 Materiality**

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

Land Improvements	\$	5,000
Buildings	\$	5,000
Furniture & Office Equipment	\$	5,000
Plant & Equipment	\$	5,000
Infrastructure		
- Sealed Roads	\$	5,000
- Unsealed Roads	\$	5,000
- Stormwater Drainage	\$	5,000
- Other	\$	5,000
Art Collection & Heritage	\$	5,000

**6.3 Subsequent Recognition**

Certain classes of assets are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Additions acquired subsequent to a valuation are recognised as cost until the next valuation. These costs are deemed to be the fair value at 30 June 2022. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further details of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

**6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are listed 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.

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Land Improvements	10 to 25 years
Buildings	20 to 100 years
Furniture & Office Equipment	3 to 10 years
Plant & Equipment	3 to 35 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – formation	Not Depreciated
Sealed Roads – pavement	20 years
Sealed Roads – seal	25 years
Sealed Roads – drainage & kerbing	60 years
Unsealed Roads – formation	Not Depreciated
Unsealed Roads – surface sheeting	15 years
Stormwater drainage	50 to 100 years
Other	15 to 80 years
Art Collection & Heritage	Indefinite

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**6.5 Impairment**

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, are not subject to impairment testing.

Other 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 inflows or value in use).

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

**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 other than grants 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 Employee Benefits**

**8.1 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 on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

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

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.

**8.2 Superannuation**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Hostplus Superfund (formerly Statewide Superannuation Scheme). The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.



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**9 Provisions for Reinstatement, Restoration and Rehabilitation**

Close down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure and the removal of residual materials and remediation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs and are carried at the net present value of estimated future costs.

Although estimated future costs are based on a closure plan, such plans are based on current environmental requirements which may change. Council's policy to maximise recycling is extending the operational life of these facilities, and significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future closure date.

*Restoration of Landfill provision – Note 8 Liabilities*

The Council has recognised a provision for restoration for landfill of the Regional Waste Management Facility Stages 1 to 4, being those stages that are operational (have been disturbed) at 30 June 2022. This provision represents Council's current best estimate of the present value of restoration costs to meet its legal and contractual, regulatory environmental requirements which have been estimated to occur between 2036 and 2051. The timing, methodology and technology current at the time of restoration will impact this estimate in future periods. Further as the time frame to restoration works reduces this will increase the present value and associated liability.

**10 Leases**

The Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The Council's Leases are peppercorn leases and in accordance with AASB 2018.8 the Council have elected to recognise the leases at cost.

Council as a lessee:

The Council recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

i) Right-of-use assets

The Council recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset.

Right of use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

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ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Council recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Council uses its incremental borrowing rate or the interest rate implicit in the lease.

iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Council applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date). It also applies the low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**11 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.

**12 New accounting standards and UIG interpretations**

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2021. New standards and amendments relevant to the Council are listed below. The Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

**Amendments to AASB 2021-3 Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021**

AASB 2021-3 extends the relief by one year to cover rent concessions that reduce only lease payments due on or before 30 June 2022. The amendment is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021 but earlier application is permitted, including in financial statements not authorised for issue at 31 March 2021. This amendment had no impact on the financial statements of the Council.

**Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective**

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2022, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a significant impact for Council then further information has been provided in this note.

**Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022**

- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments.

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**Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023**

- AASB 2020-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current*
- AASB 2020-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current – Deferral of Effective Date* .
- AASB 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates* .
- AASB 2014-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*
- AASB 2015-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128*
- AASB 2017-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections*
- AASB 2021-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections*

**13 Comparative Figures**

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

**14 Disclaimer**

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

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**Note 2 - INCOME**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>RATES REVENUES</b>			
<u>General Rates</u>			
Residential		14,715	14,741
Rural		635	622
Business		7,977	7,505
Airport		74	76
		<b>23,401</b>	<b>22,944</b>
<u>Other Rates (including service charges)</u>			
Waste collection		4,027	3,922
		<b>4,027</b>	<b>3,922</b>
<b>Total Rates</b>		<b>27,428</b>	<b>26,866</b>
<b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>			
Regulatory / Statutory Fees		167	177
		<b>167</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>USER CHARGES</b>			
Cemetery Charges		234	244
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Income		898	918
Weighbridge Charges		3,110	3,409
Night Markets		8	6
Library Charges		26	29
Tip Shop		283	349
Hire of Council Equipment		3	4
Rates Searches		37	33
Rental Charges		140	110
Sundry charges		143	137
		<b>4,882</b>	<b>5,239</b>

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**Note 2 - INCOME(con't)**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Interest on investments:			
Banks & other		169	419
Interest on overdue rates and charges		179	126
<b>Total Investment Income</b>		<b>348</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Sundry income		118	172
Fines		57	69
Fuel Rebates		59	84
Insurance Claims		176	204
Development Consent Authority Charges		15	(15)
Other income		293	154
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>718</b>	<b>668</b>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Other grants, subsidies and contributions			
Alice Springs Animal Shelter		-	8
ASALC Australia Day		-	2
Australia Day Party		27	23
Celebrating Centralian Women		-	2
Celebrating Seniors Month		2	2
Commercial rate replenishment		109	-
COVID-19		-	164
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection		177	216
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability		-	104
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose		687	(14)
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads		1,033	771
Library Operational		622	627
MyAlice		403	200
Online Public Art Map		-	4
Pensioner Subsidies		158	176
Pets on Parade		-	3
Public Library & Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Collaborative Mural		-	6
Recycled Art Prize		1	3
Road Safety Community Program		-	5
School Holiday Skate Program		-	2
Senior Month Event		2	2
Smart Solar Trees		11	19
Special Community Assistance and Local Employment (SCALE)		230	443
Traditional Owner Patrol		30	-

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**Note 2 - INCOME(con't)**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Todd Mall Revamp		455	491
Youth Activities Library Youth Program		4	16
Youth Activities Splash Parties		25	51
Youth After Hours Basketball Program		-	20
Youth Boxing and Education		7	9
Youth Skate Park Festival		-	6
Sundry		80	80
		<u>4,063</u>	<u>3,441</u>
<b>Specific Purpose</b>			
Roads to Recovery		89	448
Lovegrove Drive		-	18
Lyndavale Park		95	-
Norris Bell Avenue		149	50
<b>Total Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>		<u>333</u>	<u>516</u>
<b>Contributions</b>			
NAIDOC Week		-	6
Library Youth		2	-
Pop up Park series		9	-
Green Book Project		3	4
		<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>
		<u>4,410</u>	<u>3,967</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>			
<b>Sources of grants</b>			
<i>Commonwealth government</i>		693	1,646
<i>State government</i>		3,717	1,484
<i>Other</i>		-	837
		<u>4,410</u>	<u>3,967</u>

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**Note 2 - INCOME(con't)**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>Individually Significant Item</b>			
Grants Commission (FAG) Roads Grant Recognised *		815	505
Grants Commission (FAG) Grant Recognised **		593	300
NTG Improve Community Lighting		500	-
Activation Activities		189	-
NTG ASALC Outdoor Gym		150	-
(*) (FAG) Road Grant received in advance.			
(**) (FAG) General Purpose received in advance.			
<b>Conditions over grants &amp; contributions</b>			
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>			
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>		2,014	1,686
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods:</i>			
Active Alice Mums		(21)	-
Alice Springs Basketball Program		-	(20)
After Hours Youth Service		-	(13)
Aquatic Centre Lighting Upgrade		-	(18)
Australia Day Party		(3)	-
ASALC Fencing		-	(1)
Community Swimming		(1)	-
Commercial Rate Replenishment		(109)	-
Energy Efficiency & Sustainability		-	(104)
FAG General Purpose Untied		(300)	-
FAG Road		(505)	-
Green Book Project		(3)	-
Library & Bindi Artists Mural Project		-	(6)
Library Youth Project		(2)	(16)
Norris Bell Avenue Works		(140)	-
Phoney Film Festival		(1)	-
Recycled Art Prize		(1)	(2)
Skate Park Festival		-	(6)
Smart Solar Trees		(139)	(19)
StandUp		(3)	-
Special Community Assistance and Local Employment		(230)	(424)
Todd Mall Revamp LRCI Phase 2		(455)	-
Youth Activities (ASALC) Splash Parties		(27)	(34)
Youth Boxing		(7)	-
NT Sports Infrastructure		-	(620)
Animal Shelter		-	(8)
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>(1,947)</b>	<b>(1,291)</b>

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**Note 2 - INCOME(con't)**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<i>Plus: amounts unexpended carried forward</i>			
Activation Activities		189	-
ASALC Outdoor Gym		150	-
ASALC Splash Parties		25	13
Recycled Art Prize		-	1
Youth Boxing		-	7
Australia Day Party		-	3
Todd Mall Revamp LRCI Phase 2		-	490
Active Alice Mums		-	21
School Holiday Skate Program		-	6
Commercial Rate Replenishment		-	109
Green Book Project		-	4
FAG General Purpose Untied		593	300
FAG Road		815	505
Healthy Youth Healthy Community		17	-
Improvement Community Lighting		500	-
Lovegrove Drive Works		-	8
Lyndavale Park		5	-
Norris Bell Avenue Works		165	140
Road safety program		5	-
Road to Recovery		344	-
Roundabout Art		33	-
Town Camp Funding		20	-
Other		38	12
<i>Subtotal</i>		2,899	1,619
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>		2,966	2,014
<i>Net increase / (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>		952	328



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**Note 3 - EXPENSE**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>			
Salaries and Wages		12,837	13,276
Employee leave expense		3,126	3,389
Superannuation	16	1,607	1,639
Workers' Compensation Insurance		592	483
Travelling		9	8
FBT		12	53
Training		122	106
Other		21	20
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>18,326</b>	<b>18,974</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>184</b>
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
Set out below, in bands of \$20,000, is the number of employees of Council entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more:			
	No.	No.	
100,000 - 119,000	13	19	
170,000 - 189,999	1	3	
240,000 - 259,000	1	1	

**Elected Members Remuneration**

The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to Council Members:

Councillor Allowance	156	154
Mayor Allowance	107	101
Deputy Mayor Allowance	31	34
Extra Meeting Allowance	22	46
	<b>316</b>	<b>335</b>

**MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES****(i) Prescribed Expenses**

Auditor's Remuneration		
- Auditing the financial reports	60	43
<b>Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>

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**Note 3 - EXPENSE (con't)**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b><u>(ii) Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u></b>			
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		20	21
Other		121	531
Advertising		-	21
Books/Resources		24	12
Children and Youth Events		6	9
Computer consumables		12	6
Consulting fees		1,675	692
Contract material and labour		6,239	5,850
Election expenses		319	-
Equipment Hire		7	9
Food (catering)		65	55
Fuels and oils		426	314
General events		6	2
Internet service provider		118	101
IT Equipment		109	122
Journals and periodicals		12	9
Licence and maintenance fees		325	461
Materials		2,234	1,881
Memberships and subscriptions		77	83
Network communication		38	71
Non-book resources		5	4
Office equipment		4	5
Other equipment		21	28
Printing		52	58
Promotional/Education		8	2
Security		185	103
Software development		-	7
Stationery		15	26
Uniforms		22	17
<b>Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</b>		<b>12,145</b>	<b>10,500</b>
<b><u>(iii) Electricity</u></b>			
Electricity costs		1,066	1,013
<b>Subtotal - Electricity</b>		<b>1,066</b>	<b>1,013</b>
<b><u>(iv) Other Expenses</u></b>			
Advertising		82	90
Bad debt write off		46	27

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**Note 3 - EXPENSE (con't)**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022</b> \$'000	<b>2021</b> \$'000
Contributions and/or donations made		71	85
Courier and freight		27	29
Elected members allowances		246	239
Elected members training course fees		-	2
Gas expenses		85	112
General rates - Early Bird draw		14	15
Grants made		153	164
Insurance		1,042	601
Legal fees		442	395
Merchant transaction fees		66	65
Other expenses		27	92
Pensioner concessions		263	288
Postage		15	12
Provision for Restoration of Landfill Site		573	-
Refunds/Reimbursements		2	1
Rent		13	15
Telephone		9	16
Travel and accomodation expenses		11	21
Vehicle registration		102	87
Water consumption, sewerage and service charges		1,316	1,422
<b>Subtotal - Other Expenses</b>		<b>4,605</b>	<b>3,778</b>
<b><u>Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</u></b>		<b><u>17,876</u></b>	<b><u>15,334</u></b>

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**Note 3 - EXPENSE (con't)**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>			
<b>Depreciation and Amortisation</b>			
Land Improvements		1,999	1,748
Buildings		2,554	2,105
Infrastructure			
- Sealed Roads		2,207	1,847
- Unsealed Roads		-	-
- Stormwater Drainage		626	530
Plant & Equipment		1,228	914
Furniture & Office Equipment		194	241
Other Assets		1,545	1,325
		<b>10,353</b>	<b>8,710</b>
<b>Total Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</b>		<b>10,353</b>	<b>8,710</b>

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**Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
	17		
Proceeds from disposal		3,674	151
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		(5,751)	(256)
<b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>		<b>(2,077)</b>	<b>(105)</b>
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS</b>			
		<b>(2,077)</b>	<b>(105)</b>

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**Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash on Hand at Bank		11,082	6,609
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.		30,400	34,759
<b><u>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalent Assets</u></b>		<b><u>41,482</u></b>	<b><u>41,368</u></b>
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>			
Rates - General & Other		3,148	1,707
Accrued Revenues		73	74
User charges and fees		784	589
ATO		179	110
Other		3,738	47
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>7,922</b>	<b>2,527</b>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		(280)	(261)
<b><u>Total Trade &amp; Other Receivables</u></b>		<b><u>7,642</u></b>	<b><u>2,266</u></b>
<b>INVENTORIES</b>			
Stores & Materials		250	238
<b><u>Total Inventories</u></b>		<b><u>250</u></b>	<b><u>238</u></b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
Prepayments		239	195
<b><u>Total Other Current Assets</u></b>		<b><u>239</u></b>	<b><u>195</u></b>

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**Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

	2022	2021
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Capital Works-in-Progress	307	3,724
Other	20	-
<b><u>Total Other Non-Current Assets</u></b>	<b><u>327</u></b>	<b><u>3,724</u></b>

\$3,417,000 of WIP from FY2021 was transferred to PPE and presented in the current year as part of additions. Out of \$3,417,000 WIP, \$3,414,000 was the addition of Ilparpa Road under the category of Sealed Roads.

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**Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (IPP&E)**

	Fair Value Level	2021 \$'000			2022 \$'000		
		Fair Value	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land	2/3	60,607	-	60,607	59,810	-	<b>59,810</b>
Land Improvements	2	27,747	(3,765)	23,982	27,498	<b>(5,614)</b>	<b>21,884</b>
Buildings	2	54,011	(4,875)	49,136	49,325	<b>(7,121)</b>	<b>42,204</b>
Infrastructure							
- Sealed Roads	2	83,930	(3,829)	80,101	87,611	<b>(6,036)</b>	<b>81,575</b>
- Unsealed Roads	2	1,720	(38)	1,682	1,720	<b>(38)</b>	<b>1,682</b>
- Stormwater Drainage	2	37,440	(1,108)	36,332	37,717	<b>(1,734)</b>	<b>35,983</b>
Plant & Equipment	2	10,435	(1,853)	8,582	11,687	<b>(3,085)</b>	<b>8,602</b>
Furniture & Office Equipment	2	1,332	(504)	828	1,362	<b>(695)</b>	<b>667</b>
Art Collection & Heritage	2	3,555	-	3,555	3,555	-	<b>3,555</b>
Other Assets	2	30,834	(2,754)	28,080	30,814	<b>(4,219)</b>	<b>26,595</b>
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>		<b>311,611</b>	<b>(18,726)</b>	<b>292,885</b>	<b>311,099</b>	<b>(28,542)</b>	<b>282,557</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>		<b>306,690</b>	<b>(10,037)</b>	<b>296,653</b>	<b>311,611</b>	<b>(18,726)</b>	<b>292,885</b>

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**Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

	2021	Carrying Amounts Movement During the Year					2022	2022	2022
	\$'000	\$'000					\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	Carrying Amount	Additions	Disposals	Dep'n	Transfers		At Fair Value	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying Amount
	New / Upgrade	In			Out				
Land	60,607	-	(520)	-	-	(277)	59,810	-	59,810
Land Improvements	23,982	321	(421)	1,999	-	-	27,498	(5,614)	21,884
Buildings	49,136	239	(4,617)	2,554	-	-	49,325	(7,121)	42,204
Infrastructure									
- Sealed Roads	80,101	3,681	-	2,207	-	-	87,611	(6,036)	81,575
- Unsealed Roads	1,682	-	-	-	-	-	1,720	(38)	1,682
- Stormwater Drainage	36,332	-	-	626	277	-	37,717	(1,734)	35,983
Plant & Equipment	8,582	1,360	(112)	1,228	-	-	11,687	(3,085)	8,602
Furniture & Office Equipment	828	41	(8)	194	-	-	1,362	(695)	667
Art Collection & Heritage	3,555	-	-	-	-	-	3,555	-	3,555
Other Assets	28,080	134	(73)	1,545	-	-	30,814	(4,219)	26,595
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>	<b>292,885</b>	<b>5,776</b>	<b>(5,751)</b>	<b>10,353</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>(277)</b>	<b>311,099</b>	<b>(28,542)</b>	<b>282,557</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>292,885</b>						<b>311,611</b>	<b>(18,726)</b>	<b>292,885</b>

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**Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (con't)**

**Valuation of Assets**

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with Accounting Standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a "level" in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data

Refer to Note 7 for the disclosure of the Fair Value Levels of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment Assets

**Information on Valuations**

**Certain Land, Land Improvements and Buildings**

Certain land, and the buildings and structure thereon are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. These are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

**Crown Land**

Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and/or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

**Certain Building, Infrastructure and Other Property Plant & Equipment**

There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for material and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques. Accordingly, formal sensitivity analysis does not provide useful information.

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**Art Collection and Heritage**

The art collection is disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

**Capital Works**

Capital works in progress is measured at original cost. This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

**Other Information**

Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, current replacement cost is taken to be the fair value.

**Highest and best use**

All of Council's non financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest best use.

**Transition to AASB 13 - Fair Value Measurement**

The requirements of AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013 as shown by the valuation dates by individual asset classes below.

**Land Under Roads**

The Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliable to qualify for recognition, has not recognised land under roads in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

**Land - Council Owned and Council Controlled**

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang L aSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

Freehold land and land over which the Council has control but does not have title, as valued by Jones Lan LaSalle Advisory Services on the basis of fair market value on 1 July 2019 and is disclosed at its fair value.

**Buildings, Furniture and Office Equipment and Plant and Equipment**

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 1 July 2019 and pursuant to the Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

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**Art Collection and Heritage**

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

The art collection was valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 1 July 2019 and pursuant to the Council's election, is disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

**Infrastructure**

*Roads, Kerb and Gutter, Footpaths*

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

*Stormwater Drainage*

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

*Structures, Bridges, Car Parks*

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 1 July 2019 and pursuant to the Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

**All other Assets**

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- As at 30 June 2022, there were no outstanding amounts receivable from the Council's KMP.
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 1 July 2019 and pursuant to the Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

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**Note 8 - LIABILITIES**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
		(\$'000)		(\$'000)	
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>					
Goods & Services			-	1	-
Payments received in advance					
- Grants, Subsidies, Contributions		2,966	-	2,014	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		478	-	189	-
Accrued expenses - other		938	-	830	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		124	-	175	-
Unearned Income - Rates		911	-	-	-
<b><u>Total Trade and Other Payables</u></b>		<b><u>5,417</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>3,209</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
			-		
<b>PROVISIONS</b>					
Restoration of Landfill		-	3,288	-	2,715
Airfares		9	-	6	-
Annual Leave		1,266	-	1,469	-
Long Service Leave		514	557	529	635
TIL Liability		154	-	143	-
		<b><u>1,943</u></b>	<b><u>3,845</u></b>	<b><u>2,147</u></b>	<b><u>3,350</u></b>

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**Note 9 - RESERVES**

<b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>	<b>1/7/2021</b>	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	<b>30/6/2022</b>
<b>Notes</b>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land	50,405	-	-	50,405
Land Improvements	11,662			11,662
Buildings	30,585	1,385	-	31,970
Infrastructure				
- Sealed Roads	116,080	-	-	116,080
- Unsealed Roads	2,699	-	-	2,699
- Stormwater Drainage	44,888	-	-	44,888
Plant & Equipment	4,258	-	-	4,258
Furniture & Office Equipment	556	-	-	556
Art Collection & Heritage	3,477	-	-	3,477
Other	26,278	-	-	26,278
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>290,888</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>292,273</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>290,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>290,888</b>

<b>OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>1/7/2021</b>	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	<b>30/6/2022</b>
Elections	348	-	(348)	-
Regional Waste Management Future Funds	4,023	-	(1,000)	3,023
Sports Facility Advisory Committee	509	46	-	555
Developer Contributions Trust	141	-	-	141
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	1,391	201	(268)	1,324
Capital Infrastructure	3,156	1,463	(2,030)	2,589
Employee Entitlement	284	-	-	284
Working Capital	734	-	(220)	514
Todd Mall Environs Redevelopment	518	10	(10)	518
Regional Waste Management Facility P&E	1,187	782	(197)	1,772
Civic Centre Upgrade	432	-	(140)	292
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee	17	-	(7)	10
Mount Johns Development Road Maintenance	110	-	-	110
Town Camp Waste Collection	132	-	-	132
Open Drains	351	-	-	351
Parks & Playgrounds	322	250	(152)	420
Town Beautification	832	-	-	832

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**Note 9 - RESERVES (con't)**

	1/7/2021	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2022
Baler Shed Reserve	10	-	-	10
Street Lighting	3,141	-	-	3,141
Solar Initiatives	304	-	-	304
Map Signage	53	-	-	53
Cricket Wicket Replacement	45	-	-	45
City Deals Project Reserve	54	-	-	54
Netball Facility Upgrade	41	-	-	41
Kerbside Recycling Collection	956	-	-	956
Pedestrian Refuge Reserve	1	-	-	1
Public Toilet Project	178	100	(100)	178
South Edge Estate Defective Works	50	-	-	50
Plant & Equipment Replacement	636	-	(636)	-
Ilparpa Road	546	-	-	546
Cemetery Master Plan	106	28	(28)	106
Tree Planting	54	-	-	54
Library IT upgrade	58	-	-	58
Disaster & Emergency Reserve	2,141	-	(200)	1,941
South Edge Subdivision	75	-	-	75
CBD Revitalisation	1,957	87	(353)	1,691
Unexpended Funds		82	-	82
Investment Interest Income	243	-	(155)	88
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>25,136</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>(5,844)</b>	<b>22,341</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>33,455</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>(10,160)</b>	<b>25,136</b>

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**Note 9 - RESERVES (con't)**

**PURPOSES OF RESERVES**

**Asset Revaluation Reserve**

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non-current assets (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).

**OTHER RESERVES**

**Elections Reserve**

As at 30 June 2022, there were no outstanding amounts receivable from the Council's KMP.

**Regional Waste Management Facility Future Landfill Site Reserve**

For the purchase of land at the future RWMF

**Capital Infrastructure Reserve**

Funding for significant capital projects

**Regional Waste Management Facility Plant & Equipment Reserve**

To cover costs associated with the purchase and replacement of plant and equipment at RWMF

**Civic Centre Upgrade**

For future upgrade and capital works at the Civic Centre

**Security and Safety Lighting Reserve**

Contingency for street lighting with PowerWater. Future street lighting capital and maintenance costs.

**Solar Initiatives Reserve**

For capital solar projects

**Kerbside Recycling Collection Reserve**

For proposed introduction of kerbside recycling

**City Deals Project Reserve**

Working with NTG for any major projects in the CBD, in conjunction with Federal Government

**Plant & Equipment Replacement Reserve**

To cover costs associated with the purchase and replacement of plant & equipment for the Council.

**Ilparpa Road Reserve**

For upgrade works associated with Ilparpa Road

**Disaster and Emergency Reserve**

For Covid 19 costs associated with commercial and non commercial hardship and operational requirements



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**Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS**

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

<b>CASH &amp; FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022 \$'000</b>	<b>2021 \$'000</b>
Other Specific Purpose Unearned Grant Income		2,966	2,014
		<u>2,966</u>	<u>2,014</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS</b>		<u>2,966</u>	<u>2,014</u>

*The following liabilities, included in Note 8, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance.*

<i>Provisions</i>	8	<u>5,788</u>	<u>5,497</u>
		<u>5,788</u>	<u>5,497</u>

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**Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. 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:

	Notes	2022	2021
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	41,482	41,368
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>41,482</u>	<u>41,368</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities</b>			
Net Surplus (Deficit)		(10,679)	(5,661)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		10,353	8,710
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>2,077</u>	<u>105</u>
		1,751	3,154
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(1,697)	511
Change in Allowances for under-recovery of receivables		(19)	98
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(12)	7
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets		(43)	342
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		2,207	(492)
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions		<u>291</u>	<u>(286)</u>
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>		<u>2,478</u>	<u>3,334</u>

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**Note 12 - FUNCTIONS**

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES												
INCOME			EXPENSES			OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT			GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME			
BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	
2022	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021	
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>												
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
General Public Services	20,809	30,121	28,826	12,570	17,159	17,031	8,239	12,962	11,795	2,347	1,988	935
Public Order & Safety	772	643	1,171	2,263	1,472	2,454	(1,491)	(829)	(1,283)	230	230	946
Economic Affairs	3,383	1,878	1,329	7,109	10,052	5,823	(3,726)	(8,174)	(4,494)	1,837	1,836	1,135
Environmental Protection	405	270	4,089	1,298	1,256	6,594	(893)	(986)	(2,505)	197	197	216
Housing & Community Amenities	3,895	3,294	264	12,818	11,734	2,911	(8,923)	(8,440)	(2,647)	-	-	-
Recreation, Culture and Religion	6,152	3,765	2,431	8,383	6,574	13,106	(2,231)	(2,809)	(10,675)	1,816	1,816	1,369
Social Protection	4	4	4	106	106	128	(102)	(102)	(124)	4	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,420</b>	<b>39,975</b>	<b>38,114</b>	<b>44,547</b>	<b>48,353</b>	<b>48,047</b>	<b>(9,127)</b>	<b>(8,378)</b>	<b>(9,933)</b>	<b>6,431</b>	<b>6,071</b>	<b>4,605</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35,420</b>	<b>39,975</b>	<b>38,114</b>	<b>44,547</b>	<b>48,353</b>	<b>48,047</b>	<b>(9,127)</b>	<b>(8,378)</b>	<b>(9,933)</b>	<b>6,431</b>	<b>6,071</b>	<b>4,605</b>

Revenues and expenses exclude net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets, amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets and physical resources received free of charge.

**12 Components of Functions**

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

**General Public Service**

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

**Housing & Community Amenities**

Public cemeteries, public conveniences and street lights.

**Recreation, Culture and Religion**

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

**Social Protection**

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

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Financial assets are recognised when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets this is the equivalent to the date that the Council commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivables do not contain a significant financing component.

**Subsequent Measurement**

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost (Loans & receivables and investments);
- fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income; or
- fair value through Other Comprehensive Income.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- amortised costs; or
- fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Trade receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, net of any provision for impairment losses. Trade payables are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest rate method.

The Council does not have any financial assets and liabilities at fair value through Comprehensive Income or fair value through Other Comprehensive Income.

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Derecognition**

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the Council no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

**Expected Credit Losses**

Refer to Note 1 (4).

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

**Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits**      **Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned

**Terms & conditions:** Short term deposits have an average maturity of 288 days and an average interest rate of 0.4% (2021: 288 days and 1.53%).

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges**      **Accounting Policy:** carried at amortised cost less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed) annually, when collection in full is no longer possible.

**Terms & conditions:** Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 9% (2021: 9%). Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - Fees & other charges**      **Accounting Policy:** carried at amortised cost less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed) annually, when collection in full is no longer possible.

**Terms & conditions:** Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - other levels of government**      **Accounting Policy:** Carried at amortised cost.

**Terms & conditions:** 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 State and Federal Governments.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals**      **Accounting Policy:** Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council at amortised cost.

**Terms & conditions:** Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)****Liquidity Analysis**

2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>				
Cash & Equivalents	41,482			41,482
Receivables	4,595			4,595
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,077</b>	-	-	<b>46,077</b>
<b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b>				
Payables	2,451			2,451
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,451</b>	-	-	<b>2,451</b>
2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>				
Cash & Equivalents	41,368			41,368
Receivables	710			710
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,078</b>	-	-	<b>42,078</b>
<b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b>				
Payables	1,195			1,195
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,195</b>	-	-	<b>1,195</b>

**Net Fair Value**

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 impairment. As detailed in Note 5 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and 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.

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Liquidity Risk** is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

**Interest Rate Risk** is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.



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**Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE**

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>Capital Commitments</b>			
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:			
Other		1,070	426
		1,070	426
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		1,070	426
		1,070	1,278
 <b>Other Expenditure Commitments</b>			
Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to investment properties:			
Non-capital expenditure		2,811	686
		2,811	686
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		2,811	686
		2,811	686

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**Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

	Amounts 2022	2022	2021	2020
<b>Current Ratio</b>				
<u>Current Assets - Externally Restricted Assets</u>	49,613	6.24	8.23	7.79
Current Liabilities	7,360			
<b>Debt Service Ratio</b>				
<u>Net Debt Service Cost</u>	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Revenue*	37,953			
* as defined				
<b>Rate Coverage Percentage</b>				
<u>Rate Revenues</u>	23,401	61.66%	61.25%	51.24%
Total Revenues	37,953			
<b>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage</b>				
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding</u>	3,148	11.48%	6.35%	8.31%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	27,428			

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**Note 16 – SUPERANNUATION**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the following schemes;

Hostplus Super (formerly Statewide Super Scheme under Local Government Superannuation Scheme)

Statewide Super 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 (10.0% in 2021/2022; 10.5% in 2022/2023).

No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net asset of the Fund.

During the financial year of 2021-2022 State-wide Super merged with Hostplus Super as at 29/4/22. Hostplus super receives both employer and employee contributions on a fortnightly basis.

The 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.

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**Note 17 - Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet**

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. LAND UNDER ROADS**

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At reporting date, Council controlled **230** km of road reserves of average width **16** metres.

**2. 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.

**3. BANK GUARANTEES**

Council has not guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies at reporting date.

**4. LEGAL MATTERS**

The Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, the Council did not have any notices of appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date.

**5. STREET LIGHTS**

The Council continues to dispute costs levied by Power and Water Corporation totalling \$1,297,172 in relation to repairs and maintenance on street lights. A resolution on this issue is yet to be provided.

**6. IMPACT OF COVID-19**

The Council recognises that Covid-19 has continued to affect the operations of its services to the community and have provided support in current year with My Alice vouchers to support local businesses. Rates were increased in 2021/2022 and normal practice has resumed in relation to fines and infringements. Council will continue to monitor the evolving nature of the pandemic and respond accordingly.

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**Note 17 - Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet (con't)**

**7. COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF ANZAC OVAL**

The Northern Territory Government (the Territory) notified Council of the intention to compulsorily acquire Lot 678, Town of Alice Springs (Anzac Oval) on 18 March 2022 for the development of the National Aboriginal Art Gallery. Title was transferred to the Territory on 28 April 2022. At this time, the Council's ownership of Anzac Oval was converted into a right to claim compensation from the Territory under the *Lands Acquisition Act 1978* (NT) Act. On 4th October 2022, an offer of compensation was made to Council for \$3.66M. This offer is subject to a review by Elected members to determine whether the offer fairly compensates Council. Council has a period of 60 days, ending on 3 December 2022 to review the offer. No acceptance or dispute has been made at the date of signing.

**Note 18. Events after the Balance Sheet Date**

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2022, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

The Council is unaware of any material or significant "non adjusting events" that should be disclosed.

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**Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

**KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

**Transactions with Key Management Personnel**

The related parties of the Council include:

- the key management personnel (KMP) because they have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Council directly; and
- spouses, children and dependents who are close family members of the KMP and;
- any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or controlled or jointly controlled by their close family members.

**Chief Executive Officer**

Remuneration \$'000	2021-2022		
	Actual CEO Robert Jennings	Acting CEO Sabine Taylor	Temporary CEO
Short term benefits	257	19	-
Non-cash benefits	-	-	-
Other long term benefits	-	-	-
Post-employment benefits	27	2	-
Termination benefits	-	-	-
Share-based payments	-	-	-
<b>Total remuneration</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>

**Key Management Personnel**

\$ '000	2022 \$000		2021 \$000
Short-Term Employee Benefits	490		1,129
Termination benefits	-		281
Other Short-Term Benefits	-		11
Elected Member Allowances	316		335
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>806</b>		<b>1,756</b>

Amounts paid as direct reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council have not been included above

**(ii) Retirement Benefits**

No retirement benefits have been made by the Council to KMP during the reporting year.

**(iii) Loans to Responsible Persons**

No loans have been made, guaranteed or secured by the Council to KMP during the reporting year.

**(iv) Other Transactions**

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**Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (con't)**

Other than the amount paid as taxpayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.) no other transactions have been made with the KMP during the year.

There are no transactions to any organisations, on an arm's length basis and under normal terms and conditions, where the Council's KMPs may hold executive positions and/or Directorships during the year.

**(v) Outstanding Amounts**

As at 30 June 2022, there were no outstanding amounts receivable from the Council's KMP.



# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Chief Executive Officer of Alice Springs Town Council

## Opinion

We have audited the **Financial Report** of Alice Springs Town Council (the "**Council**").

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Alice Springs Town Council as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards and the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies
- Chief Executive Officer's Statement.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

## Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in the Council's annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the Other Information.

The Other Information we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report was the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Report, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information





and based on the work, we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

### Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for:

- the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements, *Australian Accounting Standards and the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019*.
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Council or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

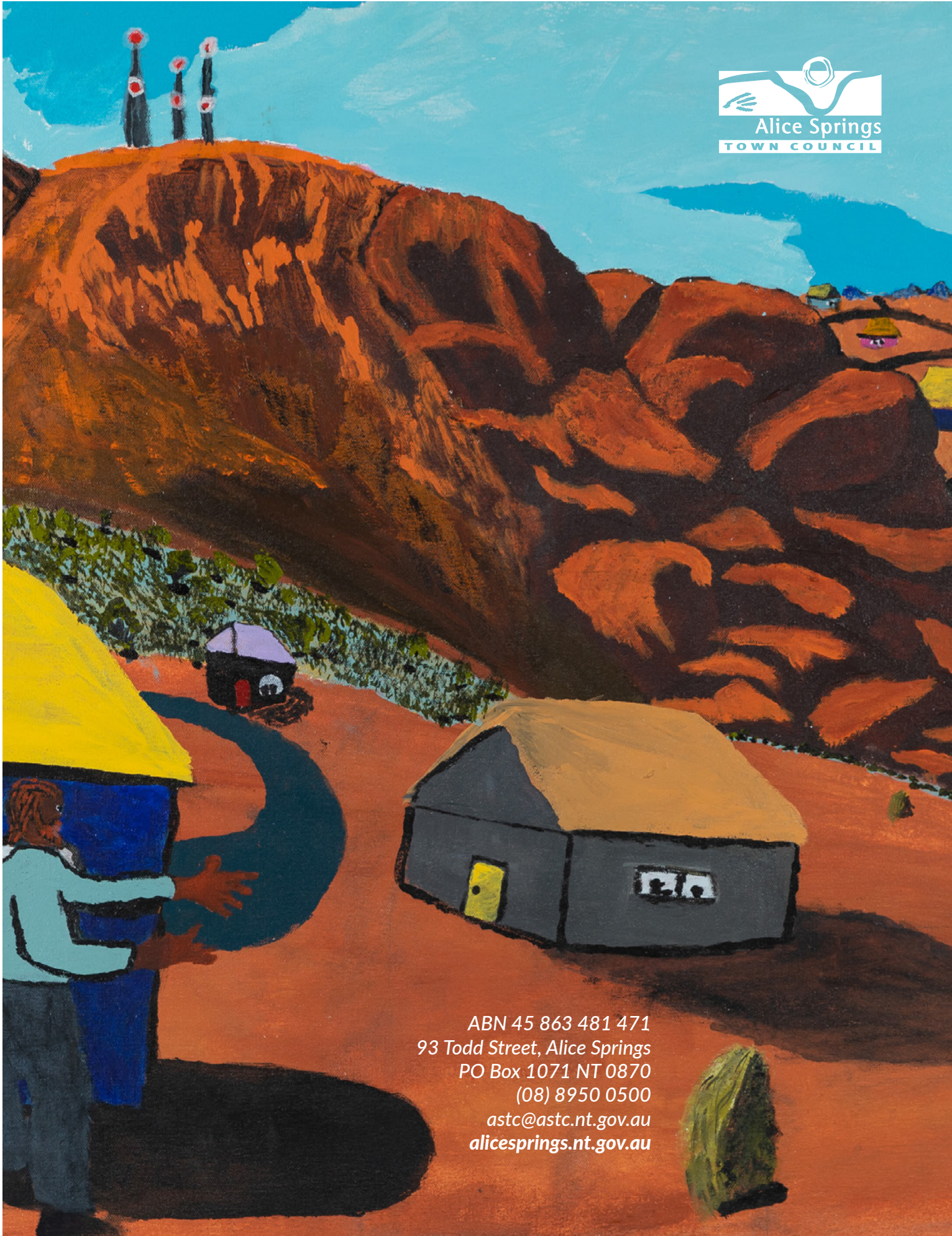
Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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