



Alice Springs Town Council

# Annual Report

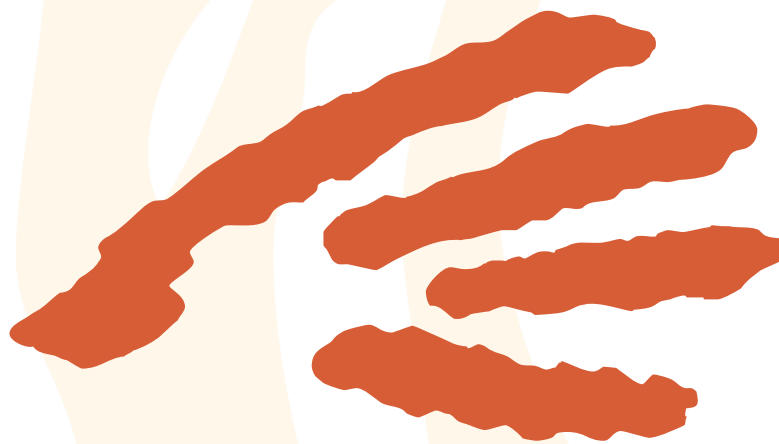
## 2016/17

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# Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Alice Springs Town Council respectfully acknowledges the past and present traditional owners and custodians of Mparntwe (the Alice Springs area).



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# Annual Report Intent

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This report has been produced in compliance with the Local Government Act to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council for the financial year ended June 30 2017, including the audited Financial Statements.

Council's performance is assessed against goals outlined in the 2016/17 – 2019/20 Municipal Plan including:

1. Economic
2. Recreation, culture and social infrastructure and programs
3. Environment
4. Development
5. Public Order and Safety
6. Organisation

While this report is primarily produced to comply with statutory requirements, the report also provides a relevant overview for residents, visitors, staff, Northern Territory Government departments and other interested parties.

# Vision

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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.

## Core values

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

- Strong leadership
- Effective communication
- Honesty and integrity
- Good customer service
- Response and contribution to the community
- Transparency and accountability



## A Town Like Alice

Alice Springs Town Council is considered to be the heart and soul of central Australia, made famous by Nevil Shute's novel, *A town like Alice*. It is the third largest town in the Northern Territory and has an Estimated Residential Population of 26,823.

The town is located in a picturesque part of central Australia, fondly known as the Red Centre. It is the physical and spiritual centre of Australia's arid zone, just south of the Tropic of Capricorn and on the northern side of the scenic MacDonnell Ranges. The town is located along the banks of the usually dry, Todd River. The Town Council spans 410 square kilometres; seventy-four per cent of that land mass is Crown Land and as such, cannot incur rates.

Alice Springs is located almost 1,500 kilometres from Darwin to the north; 1,532 kilometres from Adelaide, south on the Stuart Highway; and 462 kilometres north east of Uluru.





Given Alice Springs' strategic geographic location, it is the government, retail, sports and health services hub for the southern half of the Northern Territory, as well as remote parts of South Australia and Western Australia.

Alice Springs Town Council is proudly involved with more than 140 community events each year, including the iconic Rotary Henley on the Todd Regatta, night markets, Tatts Finke Desert Race, Masters Games, Red Centre Nats, Australian Football League Games and Sheffield Shield cricket competition.

Alice Springs is a dynamic town, offering diverse retail and business outlets, as well as quality education, recreation, leisure and entertainment, for locals, and visitors, alike.



# Mayor's Message

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I am very pleased to present the Annual Report for the 2016/2017 financial year. With a great many significant projects on the go and a number reaching completion, it has been a constructive year for Alice Springs Town Council.

February 2017 saw the completion of a key sporting infrastructure project; the new indoor netball stadium. The \$6.5 million development was a jointly funded venture between the Northern Territory Government (\$4.25m), Alice Springs Town Council (\$1.5m) and local business NT Link (\$0.5m). Netball plays a

significant role in the community's healthy and active lifestyle, being one of the strongest sports in Alice Springs by participation. This infrastructure has already been incredibly valuable for our community. The Alice Springs Netball Stadium is a testament to what can be achieved in partnership between the community and different levels of government.

The opening of the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery Chapel in May 2017 was a significant occasion. Council expended \$777,000 during the 2016/2017 financial year, for the construction of a culturally inclusive chapel at the Garden Cemetery. Envisioned as a community facility which accommodates dignified funeral services for all faiths and cultures, it was steered successfully through planning and development by Council's Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

Another significant achievement for Alice Springs in 2016 was the Masters Games, toward which Council contributed significantly through both in-kind and financial support. In fact, Alice Springs Town Council is a strong supporter of many community events, both large and small. Council has a long history of supporting Alice Springs events as diverse as the Tatt's Finke Desert Race, Anzac Day, Rotary Henley on Todd, Alice Desert Festival, Parrtjima, and many national and international major sporting events.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the CEO, Rex Mooney, for his tireless work. His knowledge, commitment and experience have been invaluable over the years. I also thank each Elected Member for their passion, dedication and service to the people of Alice Springs.

Damien Ryan  
MAYOR



# Chief Executive Officer's Message

2016/2017 has been another strong financial year for achievements at Alice Springs Town Council. I am pleased to present this year's Annual Report. Each year Council prides itself on providing significant municipal services, whilst also being fiscally responsible.

One of Council's key projects for the 2016/2017 financial year was Stage 2 of the Ilparpa Road widening project. Funds for this were received from the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery program, contributing \$2.2 million. This project will improve traffic safety and recreational amenity of a growing area, for both rural residents and tourists.

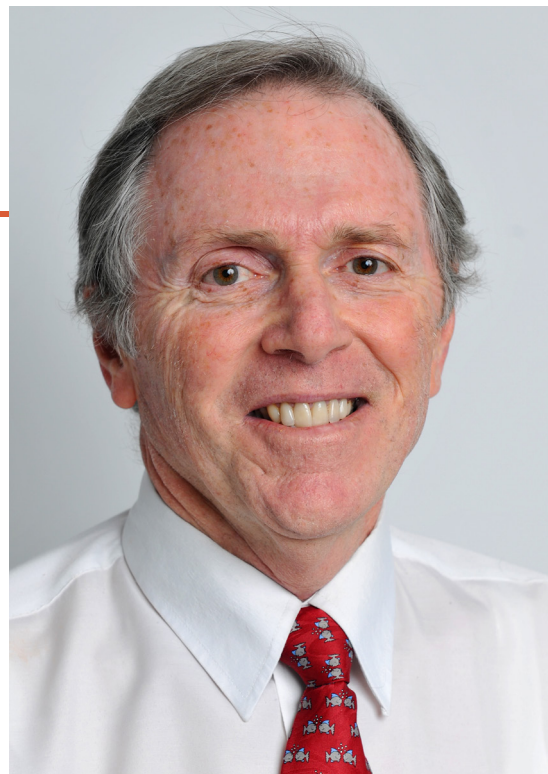
Another major project was the Albrecht Oval Carpark upgrade, to which Council contributed \$967,000. The project commenced in May 2016, following consultation between schools in the area, the Northern Territory Government, and residents of Alice Springs. The project was constructed and completed by Alice Springs Town Council with a grant of \$2.1 million from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics as part of the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund. The design of the new carpark focused on reducing existing traffic congestion associated with the close proximity of two schools and a high-use sporting field.

This financial year included Council's most well-attended Christmas Carnival to date. The Carnival first took place in 2003, and has grown to be a central part of the Alice Springs holiday season, enjoyed by up to 14,000 people in December 2016. Orchestration of the Carnival is achieved only through the collective efforts of many staff from across our organisation. The value of their contributions to the community is clearly evident.

Council is also very proud of its efforts towards improving solar capacity. Several solar projects progressed during the 2016/2017 financial year. This included the completion of a 75 kilowatt installation at the Civic Centre, and an additional 90 kilowatts at the Public Library. Solar energy now comprises twenty per cent of the energy use of five of our major facilities - Civic Centre, Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Council Depot, Alice Springs Public Library and the Regional Waste Management Facility.

This Annual Report is for the 12th Council's final full year. I thank the Mayor and all Councillors for their diligent service and commitment to the Alice Springs community. I would also like to thank the Directors and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Rex Mooney  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# Our Council

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

Ordinary Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber, the last Monday of every month. Ordinary meetings begin at 6:00pm. However, the public is invited to informal information sessions with elected members, prior to meetings, at 5:30pm.

Council Standing Committee meetings are held in the Council Chamber, the third last Monday of every month (except January and December), commencing at 5:30pm.



## Our Council

# Damien Ryan

### Mayor

Mayor Ryan was born in Alice Springs in 1955, completed his primary education at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School in Alice Springs, and his secondary education at Rostrevor College.

His professional career began in 1972 working in the retail photographic industry in Alice Springs. He has also worked within tourism industry as licensee of the Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse, and operated Dunmarra Roadhouse.

Mayor Ryan is the President of the Local Government Association NT, Vice President of the Australian Local Government Association, an NT Grants Commissioner, and Deputy Chair of the Outback Highway Development Council.

Mayor Ryan is a life-member of the Finke Desert Race, currently serving as Vice President.

Elected as Mayor of Alice Springs in March 2008, he is strongly committed to the sustainable development and advancement of Alice Springs.



#### External Committees:

- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
- Australian Local Government Association
- NT Grants Commissioner
- Central Australian Health Service
- Regional Development Australia - NT
- Alice Springs Regional Development Committee
- Outback Highway Development Council
- Alice Springs Masters Games Advisory
- RedHOT Arts Central Australia Inc.
- Alice Springs Alcohol Reference Group
- Araluen Cultural Precinct Community Reference Group
- Centralian Girls Academy Advisory
- Finke Desert Race Committee

Mayor Damien Ryan is a member of all Council Committees.

Our Council  
**Jamie de Brenni**  
Deputy Mayor

Council elected Councillor Jamie de Brenni  
Deputy Mayor March 29 2016.

Councillor de Brenni is a third generation Alice Springs local, after his grandparents moved to the Northern Territory, during the 1940s. He and his wife Alice have raised their own family of three children in Alice Springs. They particularly enjoy the lifestyle and opportunities the town has to offer.

Councillor de Brenni attended Gillen Primary School and Sadadeen High School. After finishing high school he worked in a variety of jobs before undertaking an adult apprenticeship in carpentry. He now has a successful building business.

Councillor de Brenni has a long history of involvement in many sports including Australian Football League, Rugby League and dirt kart racing. He is currently the Vice President of Motorsports NT.

Councillor de Brenni's goals include creating opportunities and reasons for our younger generation to remain in and contribute to our fantastic town. He promises to keep his passion and to chip away each day at making a difference for the future benefit of Alice Springs.



**External Committees:**

- Alice Springs Regional Economic Development Committee
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)
- Alice Springs Art Foundation
- Outback Highway Development Council
- Development Consent Authority

**Council Committees:**

- Australia Day Advisory Committee
- Parks Advisory Committee
- Sports Facilities Advisory Committee
- Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee

## Our Council

# Steve Brown

### Councillor

Councillor Brown is a born and bred “Alicespringian” who was raised on a dairy farm called White Gums, just outside of town along with three sisters and six brothers.

After finishing school, Councillor Brown undertook an apprenticeship as an electrician with the Department of Transport and Works. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, he established his own business.

His involvement with community has been in the areas of sport, particularly tennis and baseball; politics, as the Chairman of Advance Alice; and later as a co-founder of Action for Alice.

It is his burning ambition to see Alice Springs become a united, equal community where all children can fulfill their dreams and ambitions, in a vibrant, prosperous and caring community, through the establishment of a youth foundation for Central Australia’s neglected children.



#### External Committees:

- Alice Springs Water Advisory Committee (ASWAC)
- Council of the Ageing (COTA)
- Development Consent Authority (alternate)

#### Council Committees:

- Parks Advisory Committee
- Seniors Coordinating Committee
- Sports Facilities Advisory Committee
- Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee
- Alice Springs Town Council and Tjangentyere Council Steering Committee

## Our Council **Dave Douglas** Councillor

Councillor Douglas has lived in Alice Springs for more than thirty years and successfully runs two local businesses.

Councillor Douglas's aims are to refresh the town's image through streetscape improvements (including footpaths on both sides of all streets) and enforcements of anti-litter by-laws, reviewing removal of graffiti, improvements to the drainage system to limit flooding potential and improving facilities for the town's senior citizens.

Councillor Douglas's vision is that Council confronts the town's social issues and maintains its traditional responsibilities at the highest standards.

### Council Committees:

- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Community Grants/Araluen Access Grants Committee (incorporating Community Computers Program Committee)
- Seniors Coordinating Committee
- Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee

## Our Council

# Brendan Heenan

### Councillor

Councillor Heenan was born in Alice Springs and has worked for many years as a market gardener, landscape gardener and nurseryman.

Councillor Heenan and his wife Bev are the owners of a successful caravan park.

They have six children and fourteen grandchildren with most of the family residing and working in Alice Springs.

Councillor Heenan's community involvement includes roles as President of the NT Caravan Park Association, CRVA National Board member and as a Bindi board member.

Councillor Heenan is a patron of the AFLCA and sponsors the under-seventeen football community with the Heenan Cup and is a proud NT Thunder member.

A Rotarian of the Stuart Rotary Club since 1970, Councillor Heenan was president in 1977-78 and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for services to Rotary and the community.

Councillor Heenan enjoys spending time with family and friends, gardening, reading, politics, walking, AFL and is a member of the Essendon Football Club.



#### **Finance Committee Chair**

##### **External Committees:**

- Place Names Committee
- Council of the Ageing (alternate)

##### **Council Committees:**

- Access Advisory Committee
- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Risk Management and Audit Committee
- Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee

## Our Council **Jade Kudrenko** Councillor

Jade Kudrenko attended Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School and completed high school at St Philip's College.

Over the past decade Councillor Kudrenko has played active roles within the Education, Natural Resource Management and Indigenous Employment sectors.

Her work has taken her to many remote indigenous communities in Central Australia.

Her extensive travels in the region have fostered a strong appreciation for the natural environment and Councillor Kudrenko is passionate about conserving Central Australia's unique arid plants and animals.

She was a graduating participant of the Desert Leadership Program which was focused on developing skills in adaptive leadership and uniting other young leaders to respond to entrenched community issues.

In her private life Councillor Kudrenko and her husband Scott are foster parents and enjoy the opportunity to have great kids in their lives.

Corporate and Community Services  
Committee Chair

External Committees:

- Tangentyere Women's Committee
- Family Safety Project Advisory Group
- Development Consent Authority
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)
- Alice Springs Population Intelligence Working Group
- Development Consent Authority

Council Committees:

- Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee
- Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Community Grants/Araluen Access Grants Committee (incorporating Community Computers Program Committee)
- Public Art Advisory Committee
- Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Risk Management and Audit Committee
- Youth Action Group

## Our Council **Eli Melky** Councillor

Councillor Melky is proud to be a member of the 12th Council of Alice Springs.

He takes an attentive and pro-active approach towards the Council business of roads, rates and rubbish, whilst working equally hard to address his core concerns on law and order matters.

Councillor Melky enjoys representing this great town and ensuring Alice Springs has a bright future.

As well as wanting a safe and tidy town, Councillor Melky supports business and tourism growth initiatives, as well as many other sporting and special events in our town.



Technical Services Committee Chair  
Council Committees:

- Access Advisory Committee
- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Risk Management and Audit Committee

## Our Council **Chansey Paech** Councillor



### External Committees:

- Alice Springs Water Advisory Committee (ASWAC) (alternate)

### Council Committees:

- Youth Action Group
- Parks Advisory Committee
- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Community Grants/Araluen Access Grants Committee (incorporating Community Computers Program Committee)
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- Sister Cities Committee
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Councillor Paech is a fifth-generation Centralian.

One of his major visions for the 12th Council is to take a strong role in the economic and social development of Alice Springs.

Another priority is to develop, conserve and promote community assets, as he views the present Council as trustee for future generations.

Having been an active supporter of community groups for many years, Councillor Paech has a strong working knowledge, and sense of direction, for community groups in Alice Springs.

Councillor Paech's interests include Alice Springs and Australian history and heritage, indigenous/cultural affairs and the Centralian landscape.

Councillor Paech resigned from his Alice Springs Town Council position during August 2016.

## Our Council **Jacinta Price** Councillor

Councillor Price is a Warlpiri/Celtic woman who has grown up in Alice Springs.

Councillor Price has performed various professional roles within the Arts including Assistant Curator at the Araluen Galleries, Assistant Curator at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, and Project Manager at Desart. She has worked as a Cross Cultural Consultant for the past 17 years.

Councillor Price has co-produced and performed as part of the indigenous children's television program Yamba's Playtime for seven years. She is currently the co-founder and director of Yangapi Productions, which produces a popular children's television series.

Councillor Price is passionate about music and is a nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter who has performed to audiences around Australia since 1996.

Councillor Price is also passionate about improving the lives of indigenous children, addressing tough issues such as domestic violence and helping build a unified community.



### External Committees:

- RedHOT Arts Central Australia Inc. (alternate)

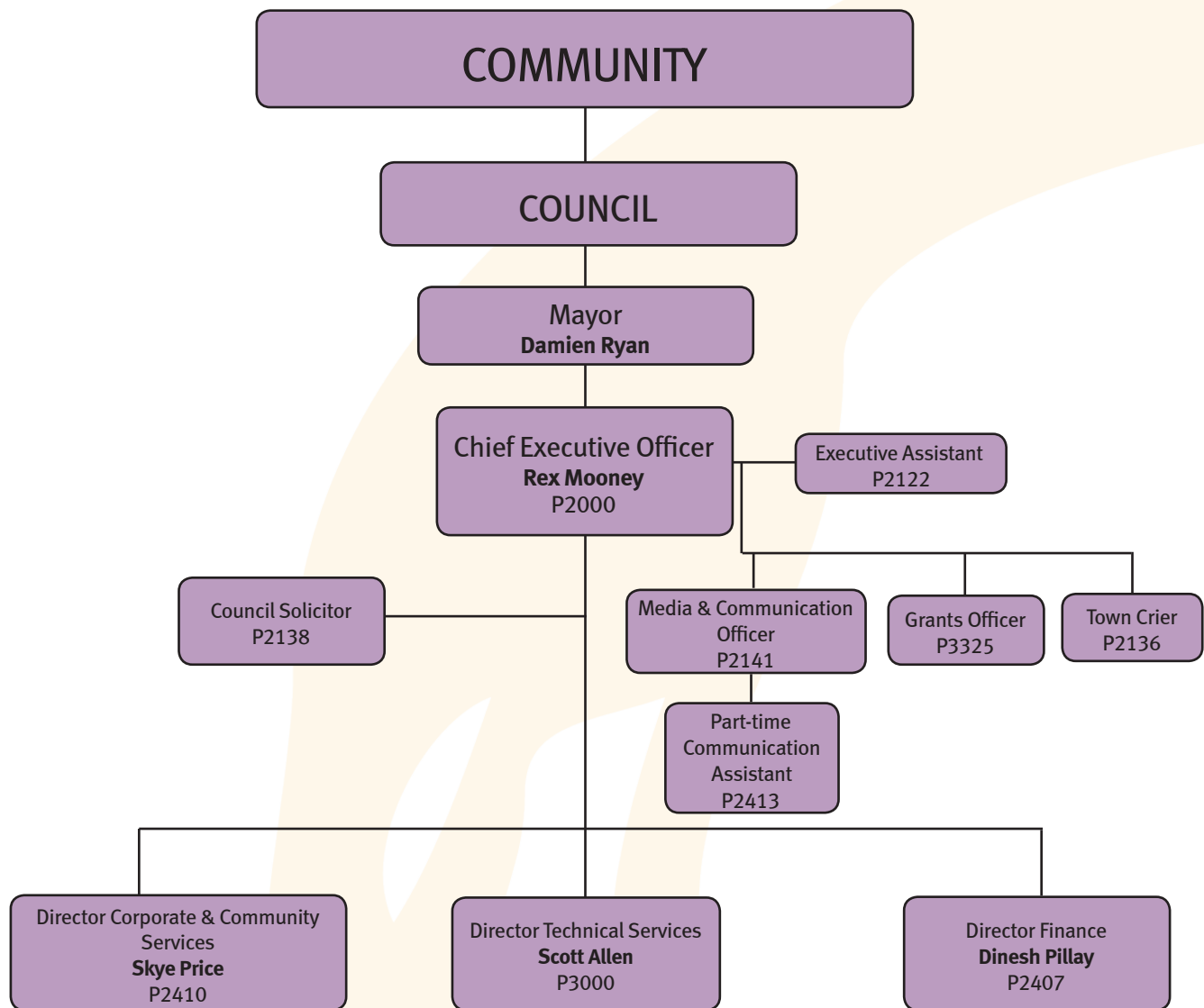
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# Our Staff

## Executive Structure

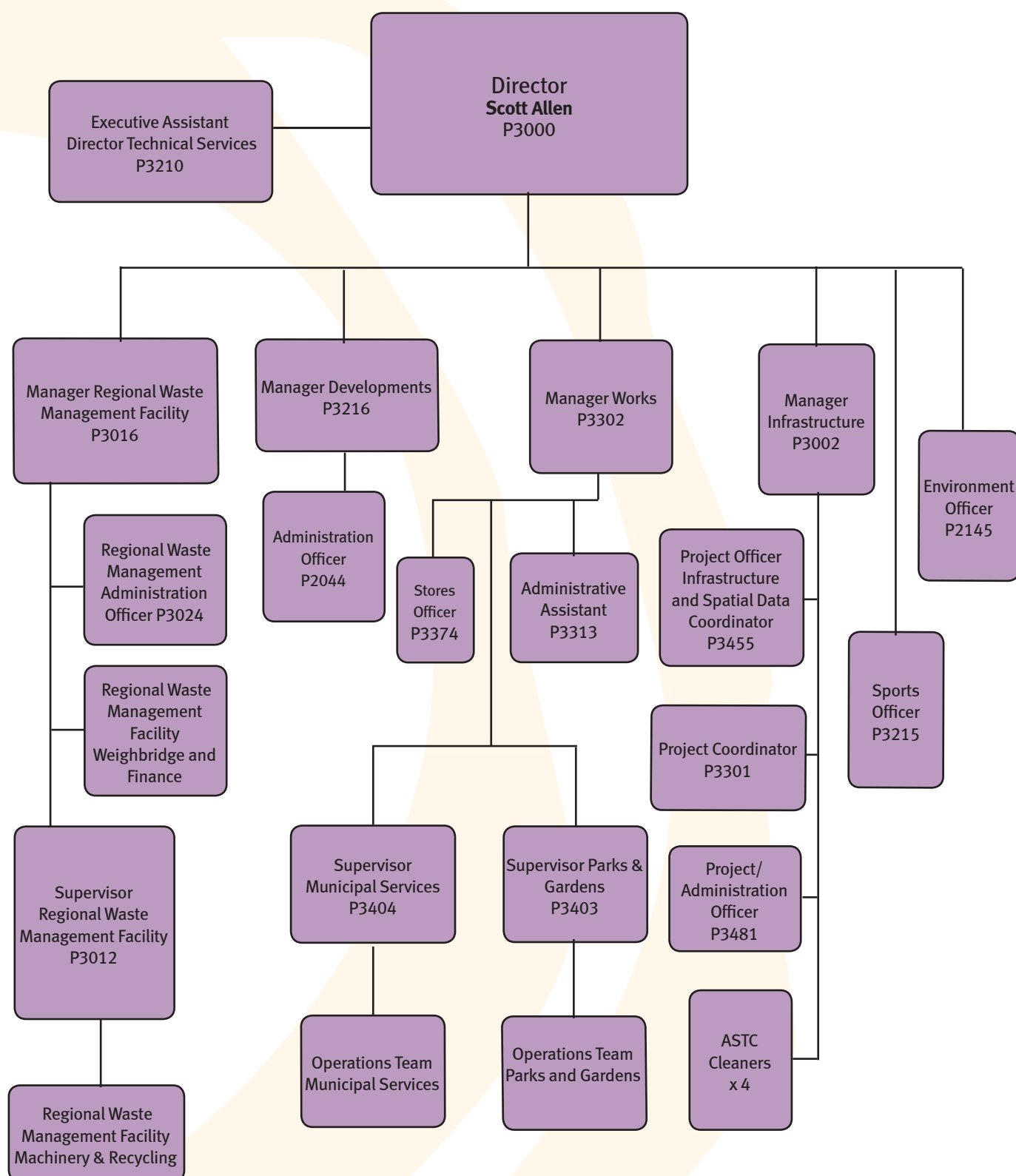
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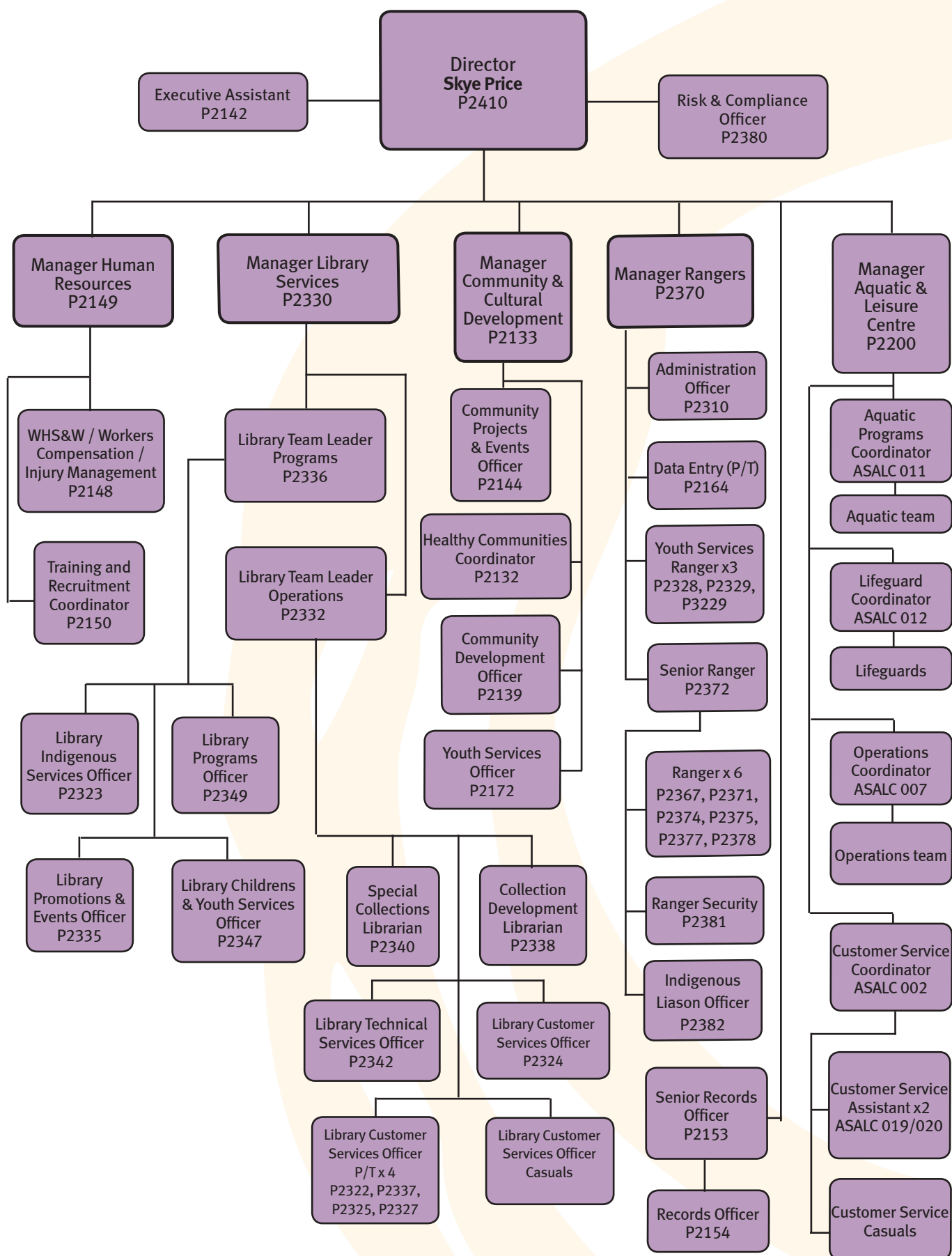


## Our Staff

### Technical Services Structure

(as at 30 June 2017)

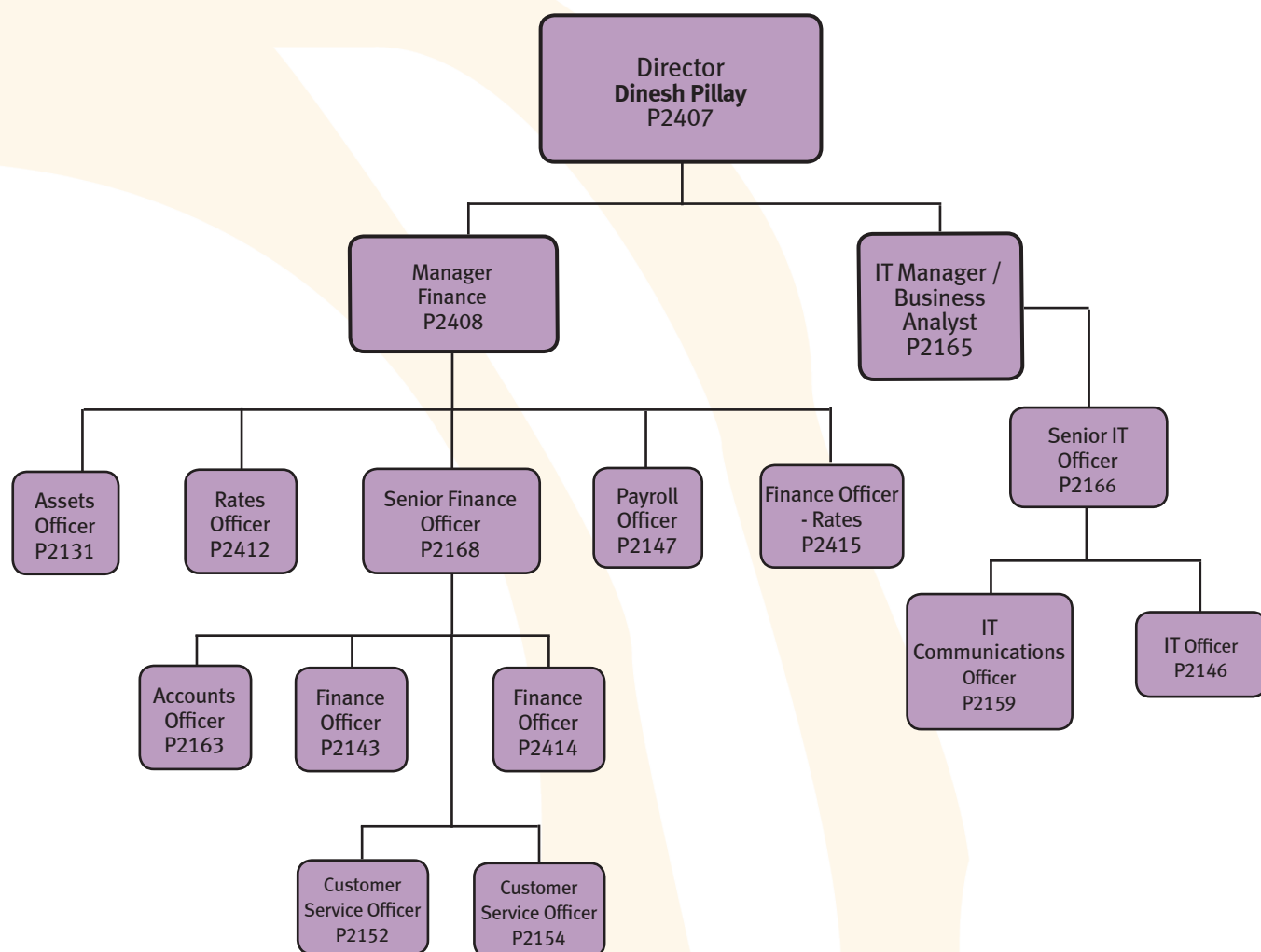




## Our Staff

### Finance Structure

(as at 30 June 2017)



# 1. Economic

## To facilitate a growing and dynamic economy.

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Alice Springs Town Council contributes towards economic development in a myriad of ways, ensuring that our town continues to suitably grow, evolve and prosper.

Efforts to improve the economy and strengthen relationships occur via strong Elected Member representation, as a part of the Alice Springs Regional Economic Development Committee; via close affiliations with the Northern Territory Government Regional Australia Development Office; and via staff participation and formal Council representation as a part of regular Alice Springs Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Council also proactively strives to strengthen relationships with government, business and community organisations, to ensure that the tourism industry is improved and strengthened.

The Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee and Public Art Advisory Committee, are intrinsic to this process. The Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee has diverse membership. This involves Tourism NT, Tourism Central Australia, major shopping centres Alice Plaza and Yeperenye, major arts groups, as well as the Chamber of Commerce. The committee provides advice to Council about new and developing events for our town, as well as ways in which to continue celebrating and enhancing existing major, as well as discreet events.

Further, executive staff represent as a part of the Alice Springs Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group. The Alice Springs Town Council Development Committee also has a prevailing focus upon construction and economic development, throughout our town.

Alice Springs Town Council facilitated four night markets, complimenting Sunday Todd Mall market offerings. More than sixty stall-holders displayed their wares, as well as provided food and entertainment, enabling approximately three thousand visitors to enjoy each occasion.

Four public citizenship ceremonies formally acknowledged and welcomed two hundred and three new Australians to our town. The multicultural backgrounds of our new citizens, ensures a more dynamic community fabric, as well as additional economic activity; and potential new business enterprises.

## 2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programs

To create a harmonious and healthy community, actively engaged in recreation, arts and culture.

### Community Grants

Fostering community engagement and encouraging grass root activity occurs in part, via an annual community grants program. In early 2017, more than forty-five thousand dollars was collectively awarded to eighteen different groups, for events, visual and performing arts initiatives. The accompanying table provides detail about the recipients and their respective dynamic initiatives, across four award categories: community development, community assistance, youth development and Araluen community access.

#### Community Development Grants

| Applicant                     | Amount  | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NT Writers Centre             | \$3,000 | Writing workshops held at the Akeyulerre Healing Centre, the Multicultural Resource Centre and schools. Some writing presented during the NT Writers' Festival. Workshops encourage participants to explore and develop writing, as a form of creative expression.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Alice Springs Beanie Festival | \$5,000 | Celebrating the 21st Anniversary Festival and securing the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>National Beanie Exhibition</li><li>Guinness World Record Attempt</li><li>Remote Indigenous Workshops</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sustainable Couture           | \$3,090 | A Sustainable Couture Opening Night Parade and marketplace at the Central Australian Aviation Museum - presenting recycled fashion, accessories and homewares <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A pop-up shop in the Alice Springs CBD</li><li>Community mentoring sessions/workshops in garment and fabric recycling</li><li>Promoting Alice Springs as a town highly regarded for sustainable living</li></ul> |

## 2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programs

### Community Development Grants (cont.)

| Applicant                             | Amount          | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Forkleaf                              | \$3,000         | <p>An opportunity for local and statewide designers and textile artists to participate and network in a collaborative fashion show.</p> <p>The event highlights skills and helps artists/designers develop pathways to establishing successful micro-businesses</p> <p>The Forkleaf Project Runway is an all-inclusive age, gender, ability and culturally diverse fashion show.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Incite Arts                           | \$5,000         | <p>A large scale outdoor community event. 2017 is the third year of developing and presenting this community collaborative event. The vision is to change our story. The story too often told and shown in popular culture is that our story is overwhelmingly negative and self-perpetuating. We are told we are a divided, racist, intolerant and bigoted society.</p> <p>Support the development of new work by the 'stArts with D' (SWD) Performance Ensemble, to be presented as part of UNBROKEN LAND 2017. SWD comprises Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people with intellectual disabilities.</p> |
| National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame | \$2,859         | <p>A Community Open Day, providing free entry to a museum, as part of International Museum Day; and to learn more about Alice Springs local heritage, including the role of women in Central Australia and the history of the Alice Springs Old Gaol.</p> <p>The intention was to attract people who would otherwise not visit local museums, as a way to better engage the Alice Springs community in heritage, and encourage stronger community connections.</p>                                                                                                                                       |
| Centralian Australian Singing         | \$5,000         | 2017 Desert Song Festival                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$26,949</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## 2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programs

### Community Assistance Grants

| Applicant                                         | Amount         | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The Dirty Word<br>(Auspiced by NT Writers Centre) | \$1,200        | Monthly workshops providing writing activities and challenges to encourage people to think more poetically and grow their skills and confidence in writing. The intended outcome is that attendees develop a series of poetry work which examines identity, place and belonging.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Central Australian Aviation Museum                | \$1,200        | 7th Children's Aviation Art/Literary program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Alice Springs Pony Club                           | \$1,066        | Replenishment of equipment used for rallies, coaching days and competition, ensuring acceptable OH&S standards. New equipment allows opportunities for all members to continue to develop equestrian and horse husbandry skills, at a competitive local, state and national level. Equipment is also utilised by other local horse and sporting clubs.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Unfinished Lines                                  | \$1,056        | Artists and a photographer have come together, inspired by the Alice Springs Natural Environment. They have set about capturing the unique and diverse landscape, with colourful older models from all parts of the globe portraying their journey and connection to the ancient landscape. They sought to print the portrayals on canvas. The artists then responded to the images in different media such as textiles, sculpture and sound, resulting in a final exhibition at the Olive Pink Gallery. |
| Alice Springs Women's Shelter                     | \$1,500        | Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The theme is "Engaging new Voices". The purpose will be to screen the documentary "The Porn Factor" followed by a Q & A session to support parents, teachers, youth workers and others to critique messages conveyed through pornography.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>\$6,022</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## 2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programs

### Youth Development Grants

| Applicant                                                                                     | Amount         | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Totem Youth Theatre Club                                                                      | \$2,500        | Mid-year school holiday program, providing Theatresports™ activities for young people, culminating in the launch of a Totem Theatresports™ Competition as a new annual, memorable event for the community of Alice Springs. |
| Mount Nancy Housing Association Inc. (Auspiced by Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation) | \$2,500        | Intensive self-esteem, self-regulation and confidence-building youth development project.<br><br>An induction for approximately forty youth, primarily from Mount Nancy and other northern Town Camps of Alice Springs.     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                  | <b>\$5,000</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### Araluen Community Access Grants

| Applicant                                                          | Amount         | Purpose                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Central Australian Art Society                                     | \$2,000        | 40th Advocate Art Award Exhibition |
| Ross Park & Sadadeen Primary Schools with 2nd Toe Dance Collective | \$2,000        | Alice Can Dance 2017               |
| Studio B School of Dance                                           | \$2,000        | Studio B End of Year Production    |
| Alice Springs Pop Choir (Auspiced by Watch this Space)             | \$2,000        | Christmas Concert Extravaganza     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                       | <b>\$8,000</b> |                                    |

## 2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programs

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An array of in-kind support is also provided to enable community groups to bolster their events and activities. During 2016/17, Alice Springs Town Council contributed to more than one hundred and forty events. Some of the calendar activities included The Rotary Club of Alice Springs Bangtail Muster Parade, Music NT Bush Bands Bash, Apex Camel Cup, Tatts Finke Desert Race, Alice Springs Pride Carnivale, NT Writers Festival, Teddy Bear's Picnic, Red Centre NATS, desertSMART EcoFair, NAIDOC Week, Lasseters Classic Outback Trial, Rotary Henley on Todd, Hamilton Downs Youth Camp Longest Desert Lunch, Territory Day and Carols by Candlelight occasions.

The Christmas Carnival is much anticipated as a part of the annual calendar. During the December 2016 event, up to 14,000 visitors enjoyed a variety of live performances, Todd Mall entertainment, markets stalls, a street parade and family activities.

Similarly, between October and December, four night markets in Todd Mall provided much enjoyment with live music, entertainment and street theatre to invigorate the CBD, as well as enhance experiences of Alice Springs.

The Big Day Out in Harmony was a celebratory multicultural event which attracted more than eight hundred people. Performances were inclusive of Indigenous, African, Filipino, Indian, Latino and belly dancing groups.

A Christmas window display competition for Todd Mall Traders was orchestrated by Council, in which several businesses participated. Winners were announced at the 2016 Christmas Carnival.

Funding of \$5,000 was also provided for the Alice Springs Town Band and \$7,500 for the Centralian Eisteddfod event.

### Seniors

Several activities and events occurred to acknowledge and be inclusive of senior citizens. These included efforts to enhance the Alice Springs 50 Plus Community Centre securing and administering an Immediate Works Grant for \$21,272.75 for a kitchen refurbishment. A Special Purpose Grant was also secured amounting to \$90,072 for car park improvements.

During the 2016 Seniors Month, the annual Still Got Talent was held at Witchetty's within the Araluen Cultural Precinct. This was the event's largest audience attendance, with more than one-hundred and forty people. The occasion included nine different variety performances. A DVD of the showcase acts has been produced by CAAMA.

During the annual Mayoral Morning Tea, the Guest speaker was Margaret Borger, 2016 Senior Australian of the Year NT Finalist. There was an attendance of seventy people who enjoyed the speaker's accounts.

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### Youth

- 2017 Movie Marathon held Friday 7 April at the Alice Springs Cinema. In support of this, the Alice Springs Town Council received a \$3,000 National Youth Week Grant to facilitate the event
- 2017 Youth Recycled Art Prize – 45 entries were received for the Prize.
- 2016 Phoney Film Festival was held Friday 29 July at the Alice Springs Cinema, with ten short films entered into the competition
- 2016 YAM Fest (Youth Arts and Music Festival): The second annual event held 24 September in the Northern End of the Todd Mall with around 350 – 450 attending. Anna McCauley created a sand sculpture of a Red Tailed Black Cockatoo and the 'Oh Balzers' were the headline music act

### Heritage

- The Northern Territory Government provided \$47,000 through the Community Benefit Fund for seating and air conditioning at Totem Theatre.
- Council also facilitated a much needed Hartley Street School refurbishment.



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### Arts and Culture

- Endorsement of an Arts and Cultural Policy and Plan, established following consultation and receipt of Arts NT funding
- Establishment of a pop-up gallery exhibition program in the CBD. There were four exhibitions spanning twenty-four weeks, with a total attendance of more than six thousand people (6,175)
- The Public Art Advisory Committee recommended two \$30,000 Public Art commissions for Council's endorsement. The commissions were progressed from concept to inception and were installed in the grounds at the new Alice Springs Town Council Garden Cemetery Chapel
- Outdoor cinema resources continue to be donated for community use and enjoyment at a variety of events and activities

### Charles Darwin University – Alice Springs Town Council Scholarship

Scholarships to assist students with their tertiary studies, valued at \$2,000 each, were awarded to Alexandra Smith and Rebecca Stephens.

### Mayoral Awards Ceremony and International Day of People with a Disability Celebrations

The 2016 Mayoral Awards Ceremony and International Day of Persons with Disability (IDPwD) were held December 5. Participants were entertained by guest motivational speaker and paralympian Katrina Webb OAM, as well as presentations from the Office of Disability - speech pathologist, physiotherapist and occupational therapist.

Jarrold Cahir and Sarah Thompson were awarded the Champion Award. Jol Fleming was the recipient of the Noteworthy Award, as well as the inaugural Michele Casagna Medal.

### Grants Received

Grants were applied for and successfully received to ensure the rollout of enhanced events:

- Seniors Month - Still Got Talent event \$2,000
- National Youth Week - Movie Marathon \$3,000
- Youth Vibe - Phoney Film Festival \$2,000

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### Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre

The Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre is a much valued community facility, open for public enjoyment three hundred and sixty-three days, each year.

The multi-million dollar complex comprises six pools. There are three indoor pools including a twenty-five metre, learn-to-swim and beach entry, leisure pool. There is an outdoor fifty metre, learn-to-swim and toddler splash pad. The facility also has a lazy river and water slides.

Key sports and wellbeing stakeholders include the Alice Springs Swimming Club, Aussie Desert Dolphins, Get Physical, Central Desert Canoe Polo Club, Alice Springs Triathlon Club, as well as Royal Lifesaving NT. Local community organisations with significant ongoing involvement also include Tangentyere Council and the Clontarf Foundation.

The centre hosts a range of aquatic programs for health and wellbeing, as well as water safety and swim programs for schools. The complex is a terrific location for recreation and leisure, hosting birthday parties and offering free barbeques, as well as pleasant lawn and shaded areas.

Attendance at the facility for the entire financial year was in excess of one hundred and twenty seven thousand, five hundred (127,543) individual visitors. The most patronised month for the period was November 2016, with more than nineteen thousand (19,001) people through the gates. These promising figures occurred despite significant remediation works being carried out on the twenty-five metre indoor pool, for several months.



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| 12 Month Membership Purchases | 1 Jul - 30 Sep | 1 Oct - 31 Dec | 1 Jan - 31 Mar | 1 Apr - 30 Jun | Total |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| 12 Month Adult Passes         | 12             | 12             | 4              | 6              | 34    |
| 12 Month Concession Passes    | 8              | 9              | 15             | 9              | 41    |
| 12 Month Child Passes         | 0              | 0              | 1              | 1              | 2     |
| 12 Month Family Passes        | 2              | 4              | 2              | 0              | 8     |
| Total                         | 22             | 25             | 22             | 16             | 85    |

| 3 Month Membership Purchases | 1 Jul - 30 Sep | 1 Oct - 31 Dec | 1 Jan - 31 Mar | 1 Apr - 30 Jun | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| 3 Month Adult Passes         | 72             | 124            | 73             | 23             | 292   |
| 3 Month Concession Passes    | 47             | 61             | 64             | 27             | 199   |
| 3 Month Child Passes         | 15             | 23             | 7              | 3              | 48    |
| 3 Month Family Passes        | 2              | 5              | 5              | 1              | 13    |
| Total                        | 136            | 213            | 149            | 54             | 552   |

| Other Membership Purchases | 1 Jul - 30 Sep | 1 Oct - 31 Dec | 1 Jan - 31 Mar | 1 Apr - 30 Jun | Total |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| 3 Month Adult Passes       | 0              | 0              | 4              | 15             | 19    |
| 3 Month Concession Passes  | 226            | 308            | 257            | 108            | 899   |
| Total                      | 226            | 308            | 261            | 123            | 918   |



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| ASALC Casual Visits      | 1 Jul -<br>30 Sep | 1 Oct -<br>31 Dec | 1 Jan -<br>31 Mar | 1 Apr -<br>30 Jun | Total        |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Early morning Adult      | 794               | 1280              | 1515              | 563               | 4152         |
| Early morning Concession | 640               | 823               | 1022              | 339               | 2824         |
| Early morning Child      | 234               | 190               | 79                | 6                 | 509          |
| Casual Visit Adult       | 3067              | 7071              | 6887              | 2014              | 19039        |
| Casual Visit Concession  | 1265              | 1529              | 1764              | 799               | 5357         |
| Casual Visit Child       | 1636              | 5891              | 4322              | 849               | 12698        |
| Family (entry x 4)       | 192               | 296               | 616               | 104               | 1208         |
| Child under 6            | 959               | 2934              | 2137              | 306               | 6336         |
| Spectators               | 1881              | 2207              | 586               | 115               | 4789         |
| Voucher/Pre-Paid Entry   | 0                 | 0                 | 232               | 37                | 269          |
| Free Event Entry         | 1181              | 1660              | 1804              | 0                 | 4645         |
| Membership Visit         | 3998              | 5408              | 5476              | 2308              | 17190        |
| Visit Pass               | 1973              | 2742              | 2071              | 918               | 7704         |
| Pool Lifesaving          | 0                 | 0                 | 53                | 1                 | 54           |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>17820</b>      | <b>32031</b>      | <b>28564</b>      | <b>8359</b>       | <b>86774</b> |

| ASALC Booking Visits | 1 Jul -<br>30 Sep | 1 Oct -<br>31 Dec | 1 Jan -<br>31 Mar | 1 Apr -<br>30 Jun | Total        |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| School Visit         | 3288              | 7295              | 5398              | 1122              | 17103        |
| Bush School Visit    | 228               | 830               | 294               | 76                | 1428         |
| Group Visit          | 146               | 1962              | 1184              | 1202              | 4494         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>3662</b>       | <b>10087</b>      | <b>6876</b>       | <b>2400</b>       | <b>23025</b> |

| ASALC Program Visits            | 1 Jul -<br>30 Sep | 1 Oct -<br>31 Dec | 1 Jan -<br>31 Mar | 1 Apr -<br>30 Jun | Total       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Program Attendance (LTS)        | 2979              | 3632              | 1223              | 1078              | 8912        |
| Holiday Program                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 84                | 84          |
| Aqua Exercise Entries           | 966               | 1176              | 1216              | 507               | 3865        |
| Birthday Party Entries          | 0                 | 0                 | 264               | 140               | 404         |
| Health & Wellness Centre (HAWC) | 1229              | 842               | 1165              | 1057              | 4293        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>5174</b>       | <b>5650</b>       | <b>3868</b>       | <b>2866</b>       | <b>8562</b> |

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### Healthy Communities

- Alice Springs Town Council recognises the importance of wellbeing and active community engagement for citizens. This is in the interests of fostering healthy lifestyles amongst all ages and stages, as well as enhanced social capital for everyone in Alice Springs. As such, the Community and Cultural Development team deliver an extensive range of programs both independently and in collaboration with a range of stakeholders. Council received \$30,000 from the Northern Territory Government Department of Health, for ongoing exercise programs. These were conducted at Council's Health and Wellness Centre within the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre complex, for people who have, or at risk of chronic health conditions
- Of 1,500 Heart Foundation walking groups nation-wide, Council's 'Active in Alice' Heart Foundation Walking group remains the second largest in Australia. The walk celebrated its fifth year of operation in 2016 and has 337 registered members
- For the residents at Old Timers Village Council, Healthy Communities continues to offer free exercise programs, twice weekly
- Council's Health and Wellness Centre continued to thrive. It is located at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre and now boasts thirteen programs per week, for people with chronic health conditions
- Healthy Communities presented at the Chronic Diseases Network Conference in Alice Springs. The presentation related to the successful health outcomes and referral pathways from the inception of the Healthy Communities initiative, to current pursuits
- Healthy Communities delivered weekly exercise programs for participants at Anglicare, Mental Health Association of Central Australia, Alice Springs Hospital, Drug and Alcohol Services Association (DASA) and Life Without Barriers
- Through Arthritis and Osteoporosis Australia, staff became accredited 'Joint Movement Instructors' specialising in exercise prescription for arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions

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### **Registry**

Registry comprises two full-time team members who ensure integrity of Council's digital records management, archiving, property ownership records and cemetery administration management.

### **Property Ownership**

During 2016/17, change of ownership database updates occurred with regard to six hundred and sixty nine properties, comprising 625 houses and 44 units.

Average sales per month comprised 56 houses and 3 units.

### **Cemetery Burials**

One hundred and five conventional burials occurred during the year. There were also seven exclusive right burials and seven ashes burials.

War Graves were inspected by the Director of Veteran Affairs and fulfilled all necessary consideration and maintenance requirements.

### **Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory Customer Service Awards Winner**

Loraine Dalwood received the Individual Chamber of Commerce Customer Service Award for outstanding customer engagement.

Loraine has been responsible for records management since 2014. She undertakes a critical function related to cemetery management and specifically, burials. This pursuit requires a special type of empathy, as well as developed interpersonal skills to undertake sensitive liaison with bereaved family members, whilst simultaneously ensuring that notices of interment are suitably completed.

A detailed and methodical process occurs to fulfil obligations related to death certificate records, issue of burial permits; and ordering of plaques. Similarly, exclusive rights of burial require considerate liaison with people planning their passing, the cemetery caretaker, and other stakeholders.

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### Alice Springs Public Library

The Alice Springs Town Council public library encourages an appreciation of literature, heritage and new digital technologies. It is a facility which also concentrates on building social capital amongst locals, as well as Alice Springs visitors, offering a broad range of activities and events, for different ages and stages.

During 2016/17 more than 130,000 items were borrowed from the library collection. There were also more than six and a half thousand individual new items added, as a part of the varied resources. There are just over eight thousand active members, representing almost one third of the Alice Springs population. Staff were enthusiastic about welcoming and assisting more than one-hundred and forty thousand visitors to the library, during 2016/17.

#### Library Statistics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Programs total                   | 430     |
| Program participants - adults    | 5,016   |
| Program participants – under 18s | 7,214   |
| Loans                            | 130,203 |
| Items used in-house              | 19,913  |
| Number of active members         | 8,043   |
| Number of new members            | 3,643   |
| Number of new items added        | 6,540   |
| Number of visitors               | 142,214 |

An invaluable Northern Territory library wide initiative, in collaboration with the NT Library included implementation of a new cloud-based library management software program. The program ensures a contemporary approach towards customer records and library records management. It also enables better monitoring of resources at each of the libraries included with the Northern Territory library network.

Alice Springs Public Library exceeded results of all other libraries in the NT, ensuring that more than fifty-seven per cent (57.83%) of active customers were aware of the new system and in agreement to migrate their data to the new system, during August 2016. It is not acceptable to transfer records without consulting individuals because of privacy legislation, respecting the confidentiality of individual personal information.

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Alice Springs Public Library is particularly excited about the positive community partnerships which occurred during the year. They included the following groups and organisations:

- Alice Springs Homeschool Group
- YouthWorks
- RoboCup Junior Australia
- Modern Teaching Aids
- Inspiring Australia
- FLINT Indigenous Digital Excellence
- Northern Territory Library
- University of the Third Age
- Territory Parents Support
- Telstra Brainery
- Sydney Opera House
- Leukaemia Foundation
- Anglicare
- Telegraph Station
- Community Heritage Group
- NT Writer's Festival
- NAIDOC Committee
- Kwatja Etatha Playgroup
- Yipirinya School
- Multicultural Services of Central Australia
- Tangentyere Council
- Red Hot Arts

Highlights for Alice Springs Public Library included the rollout of the inaugural RoboCup Junior event. The event attracted one-hundred and eleven participants, nine schools and twenty-nine individual teams. One-hundred and sixty children, teachers, parents and volunteers attended on the day, as a demonstration of their support and interest in robotics events. The event was hosted by the library, at Alice Springs Convention Centre.



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Alice Springs Public Library was an innovator in library and information service provision during the year, being one of few libraries in the Northern Territory to launch a regular Code Club program, teaching nine to eleven-year-old children computer coding skills. Others have since expressed their interest in a similar club, for adults.

Weekly Lego Club sessions were launched during the year. Their bookings and participation rates consistently reached capacity.

### **Robotics Equipment**

The library acquired significant robotic equipment through a range of grants and library donations. The resources include:

- Mini-drones
- NAO humanoid robots
- Sphero robotic balls
- LEGO Mindstorms
- Arduino electronic kits
- EZ-robot kits
- Edison robots

### **STEAM Hub**

An inaugural STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Hub evening was hosted in the library, 6 March 2017 attracting local enthusiasts including educators, technicians, engineers and hobbyists. The aim of the evening was to foster Alice Springs local networking, sharing STEAM-based resources, skills and programs; as well as generating interest for ongoing STEAM based pursuits.

### **Skills 2021 Robotics Workshops**

Skills 2021 is a free annual event, providing opportunities for students to learn about new technologies and future careers in our digital world. During August 2016, the Alice Springs Public Library hosted two Skills 2021 robotics workshops for local students. Fifty-nine students and teachers attended the workshops.

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### Shave for a Cure

Alice Springs Public Library facilitated a Shave for a Cure campaign, raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The group was in the Top 10 Northern Territory fundraisers, accumulating much needed funds for foundation research and treatment.

### Conversation Group for Women

A weekly Conversation Group for Women was launched to encourage local female migrants to practice their English in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

### Multicultural Experiences

In partnership with Multicultural Services of Central Australia, the library hosted an Indian Cultural Evening, celebrating Indian food, culture, dance and dress. More than one-hundred and twenty people enjoyed the festivities.

### Women on Wiki

Alice Springs Special Collections Librarian, Alice Woods worked with the Northern Territory Library WikiClub and members of the public to create Wikipedia pages for notable Territory Women to celebrate International Women's Day. Over the past twelve months, WikiClub NT has been responsible for adding one hundred pages about local people, places and history.

Photo credit: Emma Murray



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### Depot

Council's depot and municipal services undertake the delivery of essential services for the community, including a range of routine tasks and responsibilities related to ensuring public amenity, right throughout the municipality. This relates to parks and gardens, vegetation, road verges, local roads and pathways, cemeteries, sports and playing fields, as well as buildings and infrastructure.

The depot team also make a significant contribution towards community and sporting events. During 2016/17 some of the sporting occasions included:

- 2016 Masters Games
- Australian Football League Premiership match (Indigenous Round - Melbourne Demons versus Gold Coast Suns)
- National Rugby League pre-season match (Parramatta Eels versus Gold Coast Titans)
- Sheffield Shield Cricket match (Victoria Bushrangers versus Western Australia Western Warriors)
- Sheffield Shield Cricket final (Victoria Bushrangers versus South Australia West End Redbacks)
- National Indigenous Cricket Championships – Alice Springs hosted the National Indigenous Cricket Carnival and Imparja Cup
- Tennis Pro Tour September 2016

The depot team also undertook a number of municipal and infrastructure improvements:

- Construction of Albrecht Oval car park
- Construction of Schwarz Crescent path
- Garden Cemetery Chapel – landscaping works, civil construction
- Alice Springs Aquatic and Lesiure Centre indoor 25 metre pool remediation works
- Cricket wicket replacement at Flynn Drive Oval
- Cricket wicket extension at Jim McConville Oval
- Parks and ovals dossier review and update to include irrigation plans and infrastructure, park furniture, fences, gates, locks and trees
- Northern Territory Government Department of Correctional Services Community Support Program partnership including litter management, mowing verges and events support. This arrangement provides practical skills for active employment prospects

## 2. Recreation, Culture and Social Infrastructure and Programs

### Sports

A dedicated sports officer works diligently to provide secretariat support for a Sports Facility Advisory Committee; to undertake scheduling and coordination of playing fields and ovals, in consultation with sports groups; and to assist with successful roll-out of major sporting events.

During the 2016/17 financial year, major administrative initiatives included:

- Sports Facilities Advisory Committee terms of reference governance review
- Review of participation levy guidelines
- Review of Alice Springs Sports Master Plan
- Sporting facility venue inspections
- Development and review of Emergency Procedure Manuals for each sporting facility



### 3. Environment

**To create a town at the forefront of sustainable management and protection of its built environment and natural resources.**

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An officer is exclusively focussed upon enhanced Council approaches towards best practice environmental management and sustainability. This involves initiatives across all Council departments and the wider municipality. Some initiatives included:

- Weed treatment and 268 trees and shrubs planted in the Todd River through the Green Army project
- Alice Springs Town Council was awarded Mobile Muster's Top Collector award for the NT. Collections of mobile phones have been ongoing through the Public Library, the Civic Centre, and the Rediscovery Centre
- Installation of a 90 kilowatt carport solar photovoltaic system for Alice Springs Public Library
- Installation of a 75 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system for the Civic Centre
- Roaming Cat Prevention Program rolled out with television and radio advertising, school resources, and education material. The public was also surveyed and 358 responses were received. This project aimed to reduce predation on native species biodiversity by both feral and domestic cats
- Doll It Down waste to art exhibition at the Rediscovery Centre and 20 tours of the Regional Waste Management Facility with the general public and school groups
- Event, promotion, participation and support related to Ride2Work Day, Clean Up Australia Day, the Great Northern Clean Up, National Tree Day, Garage Sale Trail, Super Tuesday Bike Count, Earth Hour, Threatened Species Day
- Compost Revolution project finalised with 92 households participating in the program. Discounted compost bins and free online composting tutorials

## 4. Development

**A town developed with the desired infrastructure of its residents whilst reflective of its unique character.**

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The development team has worked enabling Council to achieve progress with regard to a range of developments as diverse as small extensions like carports, to large commercial and industrial developments, including warehouses. Further to these efforts, developments such as those project managed or funded by the Northern Territory Government have also been thoroughly assessed, with substantial time spent on these large-scale projects. These developments include potential handover of infrastructure in the form of subdivisions, sporting facilities, roads and drains.

Each development is assessed individually according to an overall anticipated benefit provided for the community, as well as any potential impact to Council related infrastructure and services. The overall benefit is evaluated before relevant conditions are proposed. These are conveyed to respective developers in a timely manner so that once complete, the respective development is defect free and services provided do not encounter operational challenges.

In addition to assessments on developments, input from Council is sought for Planning Scheme Amendments. All recent amendments have been considered by the Development Committee and Council input has readily been provided to the Consent Authority and the Planning Commission, as a local and service authority.

The development team continually delivers essential services broadly in the form of assessments, technical responses to development applications and planning scheme amendments, site inspections, as well as Part 5 clearances.

The effectiveness of the service is measured by the qualitative and timely response to telephone enquiries, delivery of replies with appropriate information, timely inspections and release of clearances, as well punctual advice for applicants related to pending fee payments.

It is noted that with a reduction in fees during recent years, there has been a marked reduction in developments seeking resolution of fee related complaints through the Chief Executive Officer's office.

## 4. Development

During the 2016/17 financial year, some major development assessments included:

- Supreme Court of Central Australia
- The NT Transport Network's – Milner Road Bus Interchange
- Netball stadium
- Ilpeye Ilpeye subdivision
- Albrecht Drive loop road
- Larapinta Land release
- Norris Bell intersection
- Kilgariff subdivision feedback on stage 1B
- Kilgariff Estate (Ruffino Park)
- South Edge Estate units redevelopment at South Edge Estate
- Heavitree Gap units
- Heavitree Gap 36 lot subdivision
- Renewed concepts for the development of Melanka site

The development team has also assisted multiple major and minor developments in town with clearance to their developments and compliance with current standards.

The accompanying update provides information related to development activity undertaken through the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics, during 2016/17.

### Record of applications referred through Development Assessment Services

|                                             |    |
|---------------------------------------------|----|
| Miscellaneous Applications                  | 6  |
| Exceptional Development permit applications | 2  |
| Development permit applications             | 86 |
| Development permits                         | 83 |
| Exceptional Development Permits             | 4  |
| Part 5 Clearances                           | 31 |
| Notice of Refusal                           | 2  |

The above table does not include developments referred to Council by multiple Government agencies, through consultants; or discussion of concepts.

## 4. Development

The Development team continues to represent Council in a variety of forums, assisting multiple agencies with relevant information and assessment of technical information, to ascertain compliance with Council requirements.

### Infrastructure Department

- Ilparpa road widening stage 2 through Roads to Recovery Commonwealth Government program to improve traffic safety
- Bath Street and Stott Terrace footpath upgrade
- Upgrade to the Australian Armed Forces Commemorative Walk shared pathway
- New basketball floor at Alice Springs Basketball Stadium
- 50 Plus Community Centre carpark upgrade, funded by Northern Territory Government grant funding



## 5. Public Order and Safety

### A community with confidence in public safety.

Alice Springs Town Council Rangers concentrate on ensuring that community members and visitors have opportunities related to education, encouragement and then enforcement, on a daily basis.

Council upholds a suite of by-laws, including those related to control of public places, the Regional Waste Management Facility, Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre, the Nevil Shute Memorial Library, shopping trolleys; and animal control.

Rangers also exercise powers under Northern Territory legislation including the Local Government Act, Northern Territory Traffic Regulations (particularly Section 12 pertaining to parking), Local Government (road opening and closure) Regulations; and the Litter Act.

The Rangers undertake all security operations for Alice Springs Town Council buildings and facilities. The transition from an external security provider to in-house lock-up, arming and monitoring of all Council buildings and facilities, has concluded. Rangers patrol right across the 410 square kilometre municipality. They ensure that Council buildings and assets are suitably protected.

#### Out of hours youth service

Provision of an out-of-hours youth service program occurred for the entire financial year, with funding from the Northern Territory Government. The service has been delivered in partnership with Central Australian Aboriginal Congress. The program provides a youth night patrol with mini buses transporting youth home, or to a safe place. It is designed to ensure wellbeing amongst young people; as well as fostering their active participation in school, by ensuring that they are suitably rested. At risk youths are referred to relevant service providers, for ongoing mentoring and support.

#### Youth transported

| 1st Quarter |      | 2nd Quarter |      | 3rd Quarter |      | 4th Quarter |      |       |
|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------|
| Jul 2016    | 1419 | Oct 2016    | 806  | Jan 2017    | 1282 | Apr 2017    | 1617 |       |
| Aug 2016    | 687  | Nov 2016    | 1128 | Feb 2017    | 1450 | May 2017    | 2202 |       |
| Sep 2016    | 787  | Dec 2016    | 1137 | Mar 2017    | 1496 | Jun 2017    | 2108 | Total |
| Total       | 2893 |             | 3071 |             | 4228 |             | 5927 | 16119 |

## 5. Public Order and Safety

### Roaming Cat Prevention program

The Alice Springs Roaming Cat Prevention program was a once-off initiative coordinated by Council's Rangers and Environment Officer, with funding from Territory Natural Resource Management to the value of \$15,250. The program commenced in July 2016 and concluded at the end of the financial year. The initiative involved a range of education and community engagement pursuits.

Alice Springs Town Council recognises the problem that feral and domestic cats present to local biodiversity. Council sought to address this problem by purchasing ten additional cat traps and developing a multi-faceted cat program consisting of advice related to responsible cat ownership; information sessions at local schools about the damage feral cats inflict upon the environment and ecosystem; distributing information flyers to relevant stakeholders; as well creating a community service announcement advertisement, to be promoted via local television networks.

### Pets on Parade

The Pets on Parade event is a special celebratory occasion for the Alice Springs Community. It is an annual event facilitated by the Ranger team and held to showcase four-legged, feathered and slithery pets that community members have. The event is designed to encourage responsible pet ownership and it raises funds for donation to a different charity, each year. During the 2017 occasion, over \$5,000 was raised for Guide Dogs South Australia/Northern Territory and approximately 350 people took part in the walk, as well as activities on the Council lawns.



## 5. Public Order and Safety

| 2016/17 Public Order and Safety Statistics     |                 |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>PARKING INFRINGEMENTS</b>                   | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Quantity</b> |
| Infringement Notices issued                    | \$68,250        | 1340            |
| Infringement Notices paid                      | \$41,688        |                 |
| <b>ANIMAL CONTROL INFRINGEMENTS</b>            | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Quantity</b> |
| Infringement Notices issued                    | \$66,715        | 89              |
| Infringement Notices paid                      | \$21,269        |                 |
| <b>PUBLIC PLACES INFRINGEMENTS</b>             | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Quantity</b> |
| Infringement Notices issued                    | \$18,480        | 45              |
| Infringement Notices paid                      | \$373           |                 |
| <b>TROLLEY INFRINGEMENTS</b>                   | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Quantity</b> |
| Infringement Notices issued                    | \$2,772         | 9               |
| Infringement Notices paid                      | \$0             |                 |
| <b>WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY INFRINGEMENTS</b> | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Quantity</b> |
| Infringement Notices issued                    | \$3,080         | 2               |
| Infringement Notices paid                      | \$1,573         |                 |
| <b>CAUTION NOTICES ISSUED</b>                  | <b>Quantity</b> |                 |
| PARKING/TRAFFIC: Caution Notices Issued        | 56              |                 |
| ANIMAL: Caution Notices Issued                 | 66              |                 |
| PUBLIC PLACES: Caution Notices Issued          | 45              |                 |
| <b>FINES RECOVERY UNIT</b>                     | <b>Value</b>    |                 |
| Received                                       | \$60,689        |                 |
| Sent                                           | \$63,660        |                 |
| <b>TROLLEYS</b>                                | <b>Quantity</b> |                 |
| Woolworths                                     | 7               |                 |
| Other (Coles, Kmart & Other)                   | 24              |                 |

## 5. Public Order and Safety

| PERMITS ISSUED                                        | Quantity |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| PUBLIC PLACES: Permits Issued                         | 116      |          |
| TODD MALL ACTIVITY: Permits Issued                    | 74       |          |
| TODD MALL VEHICLE: Permits Issued (exc. markets)      | 9        |          |
| PAINTING SELLER: Permits Issued                       | 34       |          |
| NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS                                  | Quantity |          |
| Number of complaints                                  | 1,354    |          |
| ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS                                  | Value    | Quantity |
| DOGS: Lifetime Registrations                          |          | 525      |
| DOGS: New Annual Registrations                        |          | 109      |
| DOGS: Value of lifetime, new annual & annual renewals | \$81,516 |          |
| CATS: Lifetime Registrations                          |          | 128      |
| CATS: New Annual Registrations                        |          | 18       |
| CATS: Value of lifetime, new annual & annual renewals | \$17,352 |          |
| ANIMALS IMPOUNDED                                     | Quantity |          |
| DOGS: Impounded                                       | 200      |          |
| CATS: Impounded                                       | 292      |          |
| OTHER: Impounded                                      | 1        |          |
| TOWN CAMPS                                            | Quantity |          |
| MALE DOGS: Removed from Town Camps                    | 28       |          |
| FEMALE DOGS: Removed from Town Camps                  | 28       |          |
| DOGS: Registered                                      | 6        |          |
| RIVER RUNS                                            | Quantity |          |
| Conversations with males                              | 195      |          |
| Conversations with females                            | 212      |          |
| Children encountered                                  | 4        |          |
| PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL                         | Quantity |          |
| Conversations with consumers of alcohol               | 47       |          |
| Verbal warnings                                       | 13       |          |
| Infringements                                         | 15       |          |
| Standard drinks emptied                               | 503      |          |

# 6. Organisation

**An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high quality public services.**

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## Human Resources

A small, committed Human Resources team work consistently to ensure all recruitment, selection, induction, as well as workplace health, safety and welfare, in conjunction with training, development and performance matters. During 2016/17 the activities entailed the following:

- Coordinated review of departmental business plans. Established 2017 actions and Key Performance Indicators
- Facilitated Council Orientation Days and updated Employee Handbook
- Undertook comprehensive training needs analysis and training program, to include all ASTC departments
- Conducted employee information sessions for bullying, harassment, as well as Alcohol and Drugs
- Job Safety Analysis project review and update
- Review and update of performance appraisal system
- Refinement of comprehensive recruitment and selection process to include skills testing, Jobfit pre-employment medicals and Fit2work criminal history checks
- Coordinated regular structured Supervisor and Team Leader meetings
- Coordinated Council Representative groups including Wardens, Contact Officers and First Aid Officers. Activities included position descriptions, photo charts, training and information sessions
- Attended Clontarf Indigenous Youth and other community employment forums
- Alice Springs Town Council staff participated in the Local Government Management Challenge, winning the Northern Territory division and representing the Northern Territory at the National Competition held in Hobart, Tasmania

## Governance and Risk

During late 2016, a comprehensive risk management framework was endorsed by Council. This followed extensive work with the Risk Management and Audit Committee, the independent Chair of the Committee and Council officers. Operational risk registers were also completed and now undergo routine review.

Mainstream governance continues to focus upon upholding the Northern Territory Local Government Act and assessing Alice Springs Town Council's ongoing compliance, coupled with periodic review of Council and operational policies, in collaboration with departmental working documents.

# 2016/17 Financial Reflections

Alice Springs Town Council received Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government funding, during the year, as well as support from non-government organisations. The funding related to infrastructure, as well as specific events and programming activities.

## Successful Applications 2016/17

### Commonwealth Grants

|                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet            | National Reconciliation Week 2017                                                   | Alice Springs National Reconciliation Week 2017                | \$5,000     |
| Department Infrastructure & Regional Development    | Community Development Grants Program                                                | Traeger Park - Mona's Lounge Extension Final Milestone payment | \$45,000    |
| Attorney-General's Department                       | "Safer Streets Program - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Initiatives" | Reducing vandalism at Anzac Oval                               | \$10,000    |
| Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development | Roads to Recovery                                                                   | Alice Springs Roads                                            | \$1,334,000 |
| Subtotal                                            |                                                                                     |                                                                | \$1,394,000 |



## 2016/17 Financial Reflections

| Northern Territory Government Grants            |                                                           |                                                        |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Department of Housing and Community Development | Operational Funding                                       | Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose           | \$1,068,000 |
| Department of Housing and Community Development | Operational Funding                                       | Financial Assistance Grant - Roads                     | \$1,386,000 |
| Department of Transport                         | Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund                     | Albrecht Oval Carpark Upgrade                          | \$967,000   |
| Department of Transport                         | Road Safety Community Grants Program                      | Smiley Face against speeding                           | \$10,000    |
| Department of Housing and Community Development | Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) | Central Australia Hail Storm                           | \$347,561   |
| Department of Tourism and Culture               | Facility and Capital Equipment Program (FacE)             | Storage Shed Ross Park                                 | \$97,330    |
| Department of the Chief Minister                | Office of Youth Affairs - Youth Week 2017                 | Youth Week Movie Marathon                              | \$3,000     |
| Department of Housing and Community Development | Special Purpose Grant (SPG) Round 1 2016-2017             | Alice Springs 50 Plus Community Centre Carpark Upgrade | \$90,072    |
| Department of Tourism and Culture               | Capital Grants                                            | Retractable Seating Netball Stadium                    | \$208,000   |
| Department of Tourism and Culture               | Operational Funding                                       | Library Operational                                    | \$595,000   |
| Department of Housing and Community Development | Special Purpose Grant                                     | Elected Members/ Directors Course                      | \$3,000     |
| Territory Families - Office of Youth Affairs    | Youth Vibe Holiday Grant - Winter 2017                    | Phoney Film Festival and Workshop                      | \$2,000     |

## 2016/17 Financial Reflections

### Northern Territory Government Grants Continued

|                                                          |                                                          |                                   |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Territory Families<br>- Office of Senior<br>Territorians | Office of Senior<br>Territorians - Seniors<br>Month 2017 | Still Got Talent - 6th<br>Edition | \$2,000     |
| Central Australian<br>Health Service -<br>NT Health      | Operational Funding                                      | ASTC Health & Wellness<br>Centre  | \$30,000    |
| Department of the<br>Chief Minister                      | Operational Funding                                      | After Hours Youth<br>Service      | \$349,000   |
| Department of the<br>Chief Minister                      | Operational Funding                                      | After Hours Youth<br>Service      | \$379,000   |
| Subtotal                                                 |                                                          |                                   | \$5,157,963 |

### Non Government Grants

|                                                |                                                                                                         |                                                                 |             |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| National Centre<br>of Indigenous<br>Excellence | Indigenous Digital<br>Excellence (IDX) Flint<br>Program (Non Cash -<br>Alice Springs Public<br>Library) | \$25,000 worth of digital<br>and robotics equipment<br>received | N/A         |
| Keep Australia<br>Beautiful (KAB)              | Beverage Container<br>Recycling Community<br>Grants 2016                                                | Glass Bottle Recycling<br>Skips for Alice Springs               | \$10,000    |
| Subtotal                                       |                                                                                                         |                                                                 | \$10,000    |
| Total Grants Received                          |                                                                                                         |                                                                 | \$6,561,963 |

### Analysis of Statement of Comprehensive Income

Income results have increased by \$2.43 million, in comparison to 2015/16 largely attributable to:

- 3% increase in rate revenue in the 2016/17 financial year as set out in the Municipal Plan
- 19% increase in user charges primarily due to the Aquatic and Leisure Centre being reclassified and now reflected under user charges and no longer as other income.
- Council's income from Operating Grants and Contributions increased by \$731,000, whilst Capital Grants and Contributions increased by \$283,000 when compared to 2015/16. Grants commission (Financial Assistance Grants) Roads and General Purpose grants were partly received in advance for 2017/18.

Expenditure results show an increase of \$1 million in comparison to 2015/16 largely attributable to:

- materials, contracts and other expenses having increased by 20% (\$2.07 million) since 2015/16
- there was however a decrease in depreciation from \$9.38 million in 2015/16 to \$7.72 million in 2016/17, mainly due to a change in useful lives of the assets in order to provide more reliable and relevant information to the Council.

Council's investment in solar initiatives have proven beneficial as electricity costs have decreased as reflected in the 2016/17 annual financial statements.

A revaluation surplus of \$92.36 million is also reflected in the statement and is attributable to Council having undertaken a full review of all its fixed assets. An independent valuation was carried out by Australian Valuation Solutions, who are certified practising valuers. Asset revaluations are undertaken every three years by Council.

### Analysis of Statement of Financial Position

Total current assets have increased by \$2.01 million in comparison to 2015/16. This is largely attributable to an increase in term deposits held by Council, due to an improved position for outstanding receivables now reflected in increased cash and cash equivalents.

Council has provided for 100% impairment allowance on the infringement debtors that have gone to the NT Government Fines Recovery Unit (FRU), given FRU's poor recoverability history of fines and infringements.

## 2016/17 Financial Reflections

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The increase in non-current assets is due to the increase in the value of the assets as reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Council is also involved in capital work in progress projects such as the Ilparpa road works, Hazardous Waste Facility at the Regional Waste Management Facility, Woods Terrace bollards and 25 metre pool remediation works at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Current liabilities have increased by 19% since 2015/16 and this is due to Council's borrowings i.e. Westpac loan being fully reflected as a current liability only, with the loan being paid off on the 3rd July 2017.

Non-current liabilities have decreased substantially due to the borrowings only reflected under current liabilities.

Council is currently not undertaking the maintenance and capital works in regard to Power and Water's streetlights. Council is awaiting further direction from the Northern Territory Government with regard to this matter and will consider it again in 2018.

### Analysis of Statement of Changes in Equity

Council's reserve balances have increased by \$1.39 million since the 2015/16 financial year. Significant movement to reserves include \$600,000 to the Albrecht Oval Lights Reserve, \$240,000 to the Baler Shed Reserve, \$549,000 to the Regional Waste Management Future Fund Reserve, \$529,000 to the Kerbside Recycling Reserve as well as various grant funding received that have been moved to reserves at financial year to facilitate works in the 2017/18 financial year. Significant movement from reserves include \$1.5 million from the Netball Facility Upgrade Reserve to facilitate the investment in the netball stadium construction, \$720,000 from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve to facilitate the purchase of the property at 35 Wilkinson Street, \$777,000 from the Cemetery/Chapel Reserve to complete the build of the Garden Cemetery Chapel, \$542,000 from the Solar Initiatives Reserve to facilitate capital solar works at Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Alice Springs Public Library and Council's Civic Centre carpark.

### Analysis of Statement of Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents were \$34.87 million, as at 30th June 2017. This cash balance is sufficient to cover Council's reserve holdings (apart from the Asset Revaluation Reserve). Unexpended grants amounted to \$2.41 million at the end of the reporting period.

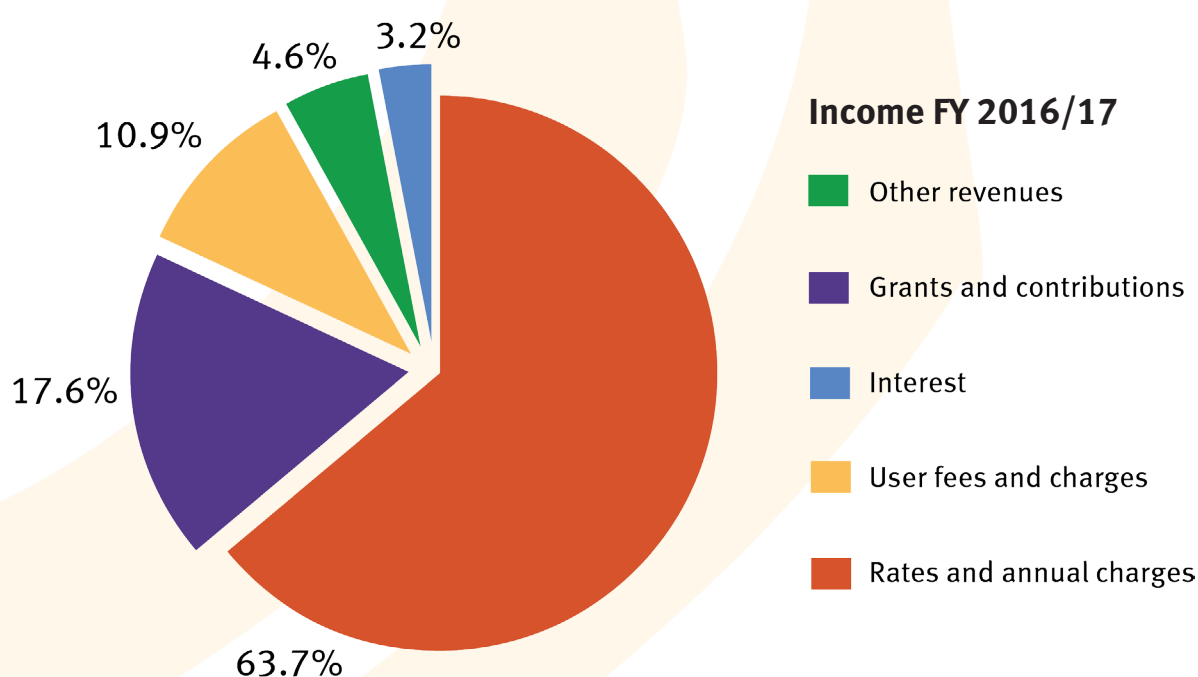
### Operating Income and Operating Expenditure

The detailed audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 follow this report.

During the 2016/2017 financial year, Council maintained delivery of core services, at a high level. These included community events and programming, municipal maintenance, Regional Waste Management Facility operations, Alice Springs Public Library access, as well as Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre facilities.

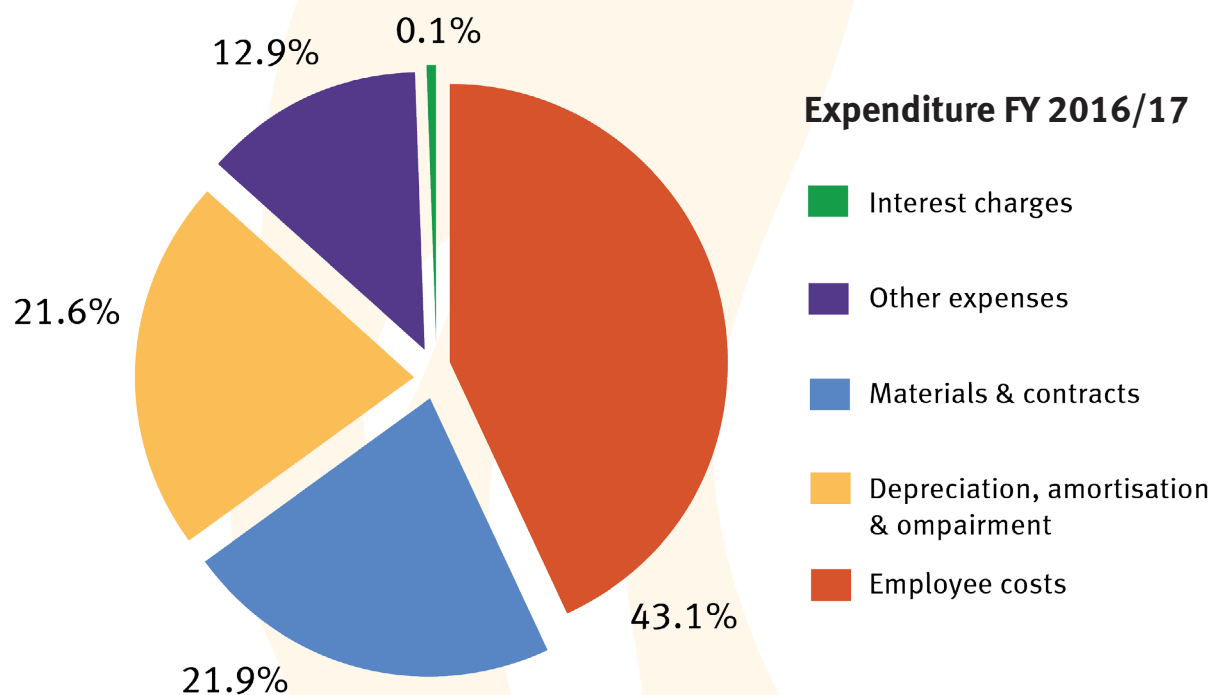
### Summary of the Operating Income and Operating Expenses

| Operating Income         | 2013/14  | 2014/15  | 2015/16  | 2016/17  |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Rates and annual charges | \$21.63m | \$22.81m | \$24.42m | \$25.15m |
| User fees and charges    | \$2.91m  | \$3.26m  | \$3.64m  | \$4.31m  |
| Interest                 | \$1.25m  | \$1.16m  | \$1.33m  | \$1.28m  |
| Grants and contributions | \$5.56m  | \$4.18m  | \$5.93m  | \$6.95m  |
| Other revenues           | \$3.85m  | \$1.29m  | \$1.43m  | \$1.81m  |
| Total                    | \$35.20m | \$32.70m | \$36.75m | \$39.50m |



## 2016/17 Financial Reflections

| Operating Expenditure                   | 2013/14  | 2014/15  | 2015/16  | 2016/17  |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Employee costs                          | \$12.88m | \$13.66m | \$14.75m | \$15.36m |
| Materials & contracts                   | \$9.33m  | \$5.79m  | \$6.09m  | \$7.81m  |
| Interest charges                        | \$0.26m  | \$0.15m  | \$0.13m  | \$0.11m  |
| Depreciation, amortisation & impairment | \$10.28m | \$10.54m | \$9.38m  | \$7.72m  |
| Other expenses                          | \$4.91m  | \$4.29m  | \$4.23m  | \$4.61m  |
| Loss on disposal of assets              | \$0.09m  | \$0.00m  | \$0.03m  | \$0.00m  |
| Total                                   | \$37.75m | \$34.43m | \$34.61m | \$35.61m |



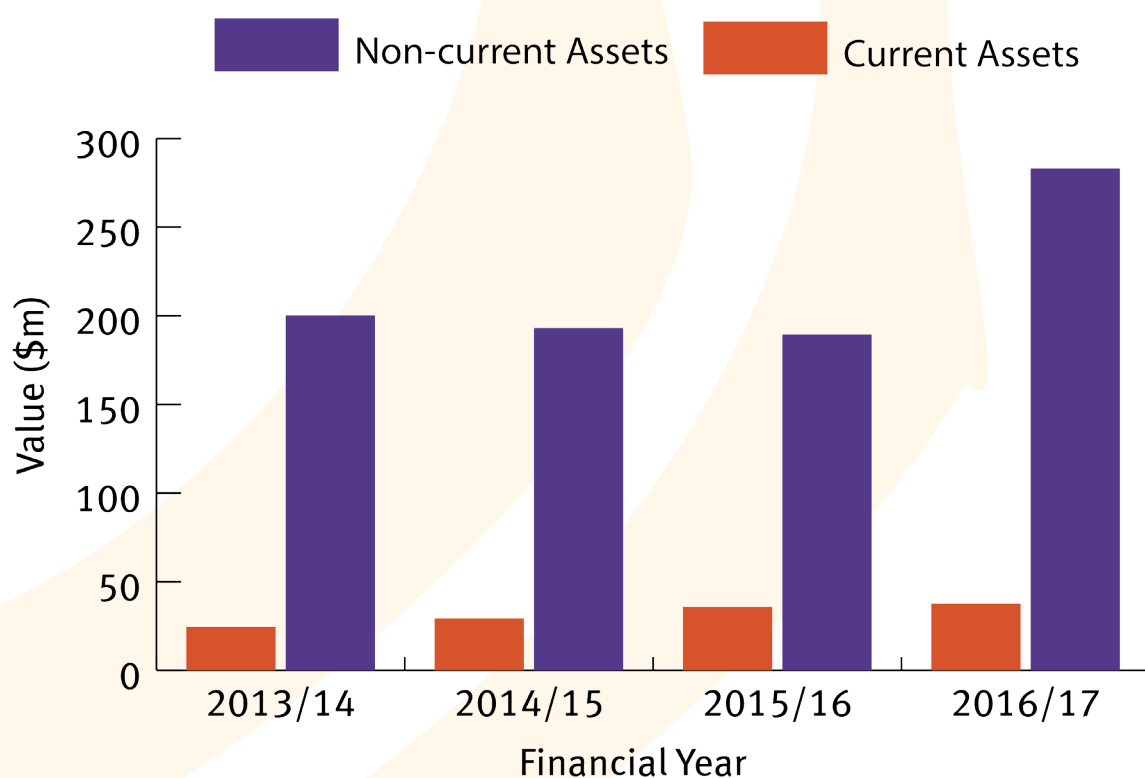
Assets and liabilities illustrate that at the end of the financial year, Council is in a sound fiscal position. Council has also carried out its core functions as required and provided additional planned expenditure, to enhance quality of life for Alice Springs residents. Council has obligations to carry out some specific works as a condition of grant funding. When those works have not yet been finalised, provision has been made to ensure that funds are carried forward into the 2017/18 financial year.

Council continues to set aside reserve funds to meet future requirements and these are specifically set out in the detailed audited financial statements.

## 2016/17 Financial Reflections

| ASSETS                      |           |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CURRENT ASSETS              | 2013/14   | 2014/15   | 2015/16   | 2016/17   |
| Cash Assets                 | \$22.05m  | \$27.01m  | \$32.62m  | \$34.87m  |
| Receivables                 | \$2.26m   | \$2.10m   | \$2.84m   | \$2.56m   |
| Inventories                 | \$0.16m   | \$0.13m   | \$0.13m   | \$0.13m   |
| Other                       | \$0.04m   | \$0.07m   | \$0.13m   | \$0.18m   |
| Total                       | \$24.51m  | \$29.31m  | \$35.72m  | \$37.74m  |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS          | 2013/14   | 2014/15   | 2015/16   | 2016/17   |
| Deferred Rates              | \$0.02m   | \$0.01m   | \$0.02m   | \$0.02m   |
| Work in Progress            | \$0.65m   | \$0.10m   | \$1.32m   | \$1.65m   |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | \$199.51m | \$193.03m | \$188.01m | \$281.50m |
| Total                       | \$200.17m | \$193.15m | \$189.35m | \$283.17m |

### Alice Springs Town Council Assets



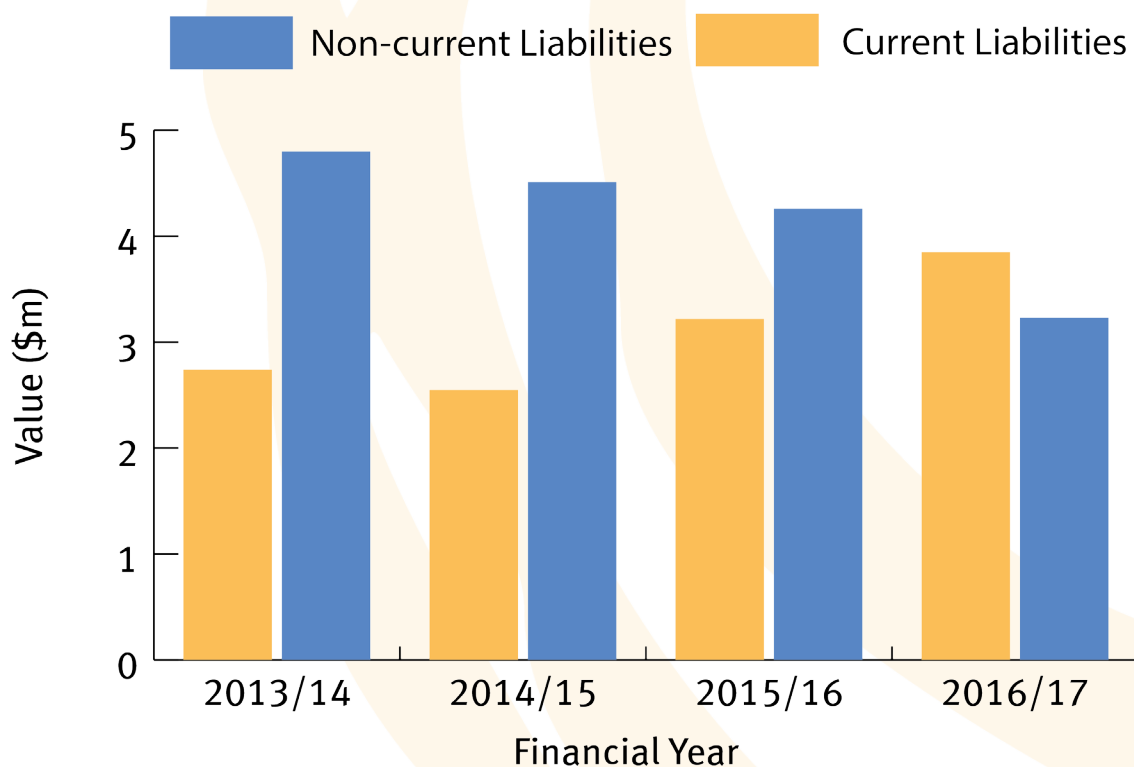
## 2016/17 Financial Reflections

### LIABILITIES

| CURRENT LIABILITIES | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Payables            | \$1.11m | \$0.81m | \$1.33m | \$0.82m |
| Borrowings          | \$0.38m | \$0.40m | \$0.43m | \$1.22m |
| Provisions          | \$1.25m | \$1.34m | \$1.46m | \$1.81m |
| Total               | \$2.74m | \$2.55m | \$3.22m | \$3.85m |

| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Borrowings              | \$2.06m | \$1.65m | \$1.22m | \$0m    |
| Provisions              | \$2.74m | \$2.86m | \$3.04m | \$3.23m |
| Total                   | \$4.80m | \$4.51m | \$4.26m | \$3.23m |

### Alice Springs Town Council Liabilities



# Alice Springs Town Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2017

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*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.*



# Alice Springs Town Council

## General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

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## Alice Springs Town Council

### General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

#### Chief Executive Officer's Statement

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

- have been drawn up in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* so as to present fairly the financial position of the Council and the results for the year ended 30 June 2017; and
- are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.



Mr Rex Roger Mooney  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Date: 23 October 2017

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2017

|                                                                | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                                  |       |                 |                 |
| Rates Revenues                                                 | 2a    | 25,147          | 24,428          |
| Statutory Charges                                              | 2b    | 212             | 206             |
| User Charges                                                   | 2c    | 4,103           | 3,441           |
| Grants, Subsidies and Contributions                            | 2f    | 4,211           | 3,480           |
| Investment Income                                              | 2d    | 1,280           | 1,338           |
| Other Income                                                   | 2e    | 1,810           | 1,432           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                            |       | <b>36,763</b>   | <b>34,325</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                |       |                 |                 |
| Employee Costs                                                 | 3a    | 15,361          | 14,750          |
| Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses                          | 3b    | 12,424          | 10,345          |
| Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment                        | 3c    | 7,723           | 9,388           |
| Finance Costs                                                  | 3d    | 111             | 132             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                          |       | <b>35,619</b>   | <b>34,615</b>   |
| <b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                           |       | <b>1,144</b>    | <b>(290)</b>    |
| Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets                          | 4     | (5)             | 31              |
| Grant Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets | 2f    | 2,741           | 2,458           |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                                 |       | <b>3,880</b>    | <b>2,199</b>    |
| <b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>                              |       |                 |                 |
| Changes in Revaluation Surplus - I,PP&E                        | 9a    | 92,364          | -               |
| <b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>                        |       | <b>92,364</b>   | <b>-</b>        |
| <b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>                              |       | <b>96,244</b>   | <b>2,199</b>    |

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2017

|                                             | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                               |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                       |       |                 |                 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                   | 5a    | 34,875          | 32,622          |
| Trade & Other Receivables                   | 5b    | 2,557           | 2,848           |
| Other Financial Assets                      | 5c    | 179             | 127             |
| Inventories                                 | 5d    | 132             | 131             |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                 |       | <b>37,743</b>   | <b>35,728</b>   |
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>                   |       |                 |                 |
| Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | 7a    | 281,502         | 188,008         |
| Other Non-Current Assets                    | 6     | 1,673           | 1,349           |
| <b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>             |       | <b>283,175</b>  | <b>189,357</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                         |       | <b>320,918</b>  | <b>225,085</b>  |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                          |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                  |       |                 |                 |
| Trade & Other Payables                      | 8a    | 815             | 1,333           |
| Borrowings                                  | 8b    | 1,228           | 433             |
| Provisions                                  | 8c    | 1,812           | 1,461           |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>            |       | <b>3,855</b>    | <b>3,227</b>    |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>              |       |                 |                 |
| Borrowings                                  | 8b    | -               | 1,221           |
| Provisions                                  | 8c    | 3,230           | 3,048           |
| <b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>        |       | <b>3,230</b>    | <b>4,269</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                    |       | <b>7,085</b>    | <b>7,496</b>    |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                           |       | <b>313,833</b>  | <b>217,589</b>  |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                               |       |                 |                 |
| Accumulated Surplus                         |       | 14,956          | 12,466          |
| Asset Revaluation Reserves                  | 9a    | 269,204         | 176,840         |
| Other Reserves                              | 9b    | 29,673          | 28,283          |
| <b>Total Council Equity</b>                 |       | <b>313,833</b>  | <b>217,589</b>  |

Statement of Changes in Equity  
for the year ended 30 June 2017

|                                                        | Notes | Accumulated<br>Surplus<br>\$ '000 | Asset<br>Revaluation<br>Reserve<br>\$ '000 | Other<br>Reserves<br>\$ '000 | Total<br>Equity<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>2017</b>                                            |       |                                   |                                            |                              |                            |
| <b>Balance at the end of previous reporting period</b> |       | 12,466                            | 176,840                                    | 28,283                       | <b>217,589</b>             |
| <b>a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>             |       | 3,880                             | -                                          | -                            | <b>3,880</b>               |
| <b>b. Other Comprehensive Income</b>                   |       |                                   |                                            |                              |                            |
| - Changes on Revaluation of I,PP&E                     | 7a    | -                                 | 92,364                                     | -                            | <b>92,364</b>              |
| <b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>                      |       | -                                 | 92,364                                     | -                            | <b>92,364</b>              |
| <b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>                      |       | <b>3,880</b>                      | <b>92,364</b>                              | <b>-</b>                     | <b>96,244</b>              |
| <b>c. Transfers between Reserves</b>                   |       | (1,390)                           | -                                          | 1,390                        | <b>-</b>                   |
| <b>Balance at the end of period</b>                    |       | <b>14,956</b>                     | <b>269,204</b>                             | <b>29,673</b>                | <b>313,833</b>             |
| <b>2016</b>                                            |       |                                   |                                            |                              |                            |
| <b>Balance at the end of previous reporting period</b> |       | 14,118                            | 176,840                                    | 24,432                       | <b>215,390</b>             |
| <b>a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>             |       | 2,199                             | -                                          | -                            | <b>2,199</b>               |
| <b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>                      |       | <b>2,199</b>                      | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>-</b>                     | <b>2,199</b>               |
| <b>b. Transfers between Reserves</b>                   |       | (3,851)                           | -                                          | 3,851                        | <b>-</b>                   |
| <b>Balance at the end of period</b>                    |       | <b>12,466</b>                     | <b>176,840</b>                             | <b>28,283</b>                | <b>217,589</b>             |

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2017

|                                                           | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>               |       |                 |                 |
| <b><u>Receipts</u></b>                                    |       |                 |                 |
| Rates Receipts                                            |       | 25,253          | 23,997          |
| Statutory Charges                                         |       | 212             | 206             |
| User Charges                                              |       | 3,901           | 3,785           |
| Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (operating purpose)   |       | 4,352           | 3,564           |
| Interest Income                                           |       | 1,280           | 1,338           |
| Other Receipts                                            |       | 3,993           | 1,920           |
| <b><u>Payments</u></b>                                    |       |                 |                 |
| Payments to Employees                                     |       | (12,526)        | (14,777)        |
| Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses        |       | (17,193)        | (10,729)        |
| Finance Payments                                          |       | (111)           | (132)           |
| <b>Net Cash provided by Operating Activities</b>          | 11b   | <b>9,161</b>    | <b>9,172</b>    |
| <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>               |       |                 |                 |
| <b><u>Receipts</u></b>                                    |       |                 |                 |
| Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets     |       | 2,741           | 2,458           |
| Sale of Replaced Assets                                   |       | 72              | 98              |
| <b><u>Payments</u></b>                                    |       |                 |                 |
| Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets              |       | (1,588)         | (1,225)         |
| Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets                        |       | (7,666)         | (4,428)         |
| Net Purchase of Investment Securities                     |       | (52)            | (58)            |
| <b>Net Cash used in Investing Activities</b>              |       | <b>(6,493)</b>  | <b>(3,155)</b>  |
| <b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>               |       |                 |                 |
| <b><u>Receipts</u></b>                                    |       |                 |                 |
| Proceeds from Bonds & Deposits                            |       | 62              | 72              |
| <b><u>Payments</u></b>                                    |       |                 |                 |
| Repayments of Borrowings                                  |       | (426)           | (403)           |
| Repayment of Bonds & Deposits                             |       | (51)            | (70)            |
| <b>Net Cash used in Financing Activities</b>              |       | <b>(415)</b>    | <b>(401)</b>    |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>               |       | <b>2,253</b>    | <b>5,616</b>    |
| <b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents at beginning of period</b> | 11    | <b>32,622</b>   | <b>27,006</b>   |
| <b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents at end of period</b>       | 11    | <b>34,875</b>   | <b>32,622</b>   |

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

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## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these financial statements 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

##### 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 general purpose 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 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 ("the Council") is incorporated under the NT Local Government Act and has its principal place of business at 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations.

#### 3 Income Recognition

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

##### Rates and levies

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

##### Grants and subsidies

Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations that are non-reciprocal in nature are recognised as revenue in the year in which the Council obtains control over them. An equivalent amount is placed in a reserve until the funds are expended.

Where grants, are received that are reciprocal in nature, revenue is recognised as the various performance obligations under the funding agreement are fulfilled.

##### Cash contributions

Developers also pay infrastructure charges for the construction of assets, such as roads and stormwater drainage. These infrastructure charges are not within the scope of AASB Interpretation 18 because there is no performance obligation associated with them. Consequently, the infrastructure charges are recognised as income when received.

##### Rental income

Rental revenue from investment and other property is recognised as income on a periodic straight line basis over the lease term.

##### Interest and dividends

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

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 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 or documents, issuing of the infringement notice or when the service is provided.

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

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at the 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.

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

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

### 5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stock room 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.

#### 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 the Council for each type of asset. In determining such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. 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 class 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 at cost until next valuation of that asset. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further detail 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

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

basis which, in the opinion of the 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 the Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Land Improvements            | 10 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 |
| - Pavement                   | 60 years        |
| - Seal                       | 25 years        |
| - Drainage & Kerbing         | 60 years        |
| - Unsealed Roads             |                 |
| - Formation                  | Not Depreciated |
| - Surface Sheetting          | 15 years        |
| - Stormwater Drainage        | 50 to 100 years |
| - Other                      | 15 to 80 years  |
| Art Collection & Heritage    | Indefinite      |

#### Other Assets

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Library Books General            | 10 to 15 years |
| Library Books Special Collection | 60 years       |

#### 6.5 Impairment

Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use).

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

assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

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.

#### 6.6 Borrowing Costs

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

#### 6.7 Land under Roads

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

#### 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.

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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#### 8 Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

The effective interest rate method is a method calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discount the estimate future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or where appropriate, or a shorter period.

#### 9 Employee Benefits

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

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based 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 the 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. The Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

##### 9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy

have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 17.

#### 10 Provisions

##### 10.1 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. The 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.

#### 11 Leases

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

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

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

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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#### 12 Construction Contracts

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

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues and expenses are recognised on a percentage of completion basis. Costs incurred in advance of a future claimed entitlement are classified as work in progress in inventory. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

#### 13 GST Implications

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

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

#### 14 New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

In the current year, the Council adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in any material changes to the Council's accounting policies.

Alice Springs Town Council has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

This year Council has applied AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures for the first time. As a result the Council has disclosed more information about related parties and transactions with those related parties. This information is presented in Note 20.

Other amended Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which were issued at the date of authorisation of the financial report, but have future commencement dates are likely to have an impact on the financial statements. The financial reporting impact of adopting these pronouncements when effective was not yet determined at the date of this report.

As at the date of authorisation of the financial statements, the standards and interpretations listed below were in issue but not yet effective.

#### Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017

- AASB 2014-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 15*
- AASB 2015-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of AASB 15*
- AASB 2016-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses [AASB 112]*
- AASB 2016-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 107*
- AASB 2016-4 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Recoverable Amount of Non-Cash-Generating Specialised Assets of Not-for-Profit Entities*
- AASB 2016-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Deferral of AASB 15 for Not-for-Profit Entities*

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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**Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 13 February 2017**

- AASB 2017-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Further Annual Improvements 2014- 16 Cycle*

**Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 13 December 2017**

- AASB 2017-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Transfers of Investment Property, Annual Improvements 2014-2016 Cycle and Other Amendments*

**Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018**

- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments (December 2009)*
- AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*
- AASB 2010-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010)*
- AASB 2014-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (Part E)*
- AASB 2014-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2014)*AASB 1057 *Application of Australian Accounting Standards*
- AASB 2016-3 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarifications to AASB 15*
- AASB 2016-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions*
- AASB 2016-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Applying AASB 9 Financial Instruments with AASB 4 Insurance Contracts*

**Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019**

- AASB 16 *Leases*
- AASB 16 *Leases (Appendix D)*
- AASB 2016-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities*
- AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*

**15 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.

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## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 2. Income

|                                                | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Notes                                          |                 |                 |
| <b>(a). Rates Revenues</b>                     |                 |                 |
| <b>General Rates</b>                           |                 |                 |
| - Residential                                  | 13,772          | 13,505          |
| - Rural                                        | 574             | 542             |
| - Business                                     | 7,123           | 6,810           |
| <b>Total General Rates</b>                     | <b>21,469</b>   | <b>20,857</b>   |
| <b>Other Rates (Including Service Charges)</b> |                 |                 |
| Waste Collection                               | 3,610           | 3,508           |
| Airport                                        | 68              | 63              |
| <b>Total Other Rates</b>                       | <b>3,678</b>    | <b>3,571</b>    |
| <b>Total Rates Revenues</b>                    | <b>25,147</b>   | <b>24,428</b>   |
| <b>(b). Statutory Charges</b>                  |                 |                 |
| Regulatory / Statutory Fees                    | 212             | 211             |
| Trolley Release Fees                           | -               | (5)             |
| <b>Total Statutory Charges</b>                 | <b>212</b>      | <b>206</b>      |
| <b>(c). User Charges</b>                       |                 |                 |
| Cemetery Charges                               | 162             | 173             |
| Sundry                                         | 31              | 25              |
| Hire of Council Equipment                      | 38              | 33              |
| Rates Searches                                 | 7               | 7               |
| Rental Charges                                 | 119             | 127             |
| Aquatic & Leisure Centre Income                | 828             | 191             |
| Weighbridge Charges                            | 2,655           | 2,629           |
| Night Markets                                  | 7               | 7               |
| Library Charges                                | 33              | 65              |
| Tip Shop                                       | 223             | 184             |
| <b>Total User Charges</b>                      | <b>4,103</b>    | <b>3,441</b>    |
| <b>(d). Investment Income</b>                  |                 |                 |
| Banks & Other                                  | 955             | 1,007           |
| Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges          | 325             | 331             |
| <b>Total Investment Income</b>                 | <b>1,280</b>    | <b>1,338</b>    |

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## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 2. Income (continued)

|                                       | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>(e). Other Income</b>              |       |                 |                 |
| Sundry                                |       | 424             | 128             |
| Fines                                 |       | 137             | 150             |
| Fuel Rebates                          |       | 35              | 24              |
| Insurance Claims                      |       | 641             | 131             |
| Development Consent Authority Charges |       | 75              | 91              |
| Aquatic & Leisure Centre Income       |       | -               | 790             |
| NDRAA Funding                         |       | 348             | -               |
| Solar Rebates                         |       | 75              | -               |
| Merchant fees                         |       | 10              | 20              |
| Other                                 |       | 65              | 98              |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>             |       | <b>1,810</b>    | <b>1,432</b>    |

### (f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions

#### NT Operating Grants

##### General Purpose - Australian Government via Northern Territory Grants Commission

|                                              |              |              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose | 1,068        | 739          |
| Financial Assistance Grant - Roads           | 1,386        | 925          |
|                                              | <b>2,454</b> | <b>1,664</b> |

##### Specific Purpose

|                                         |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| National Reconciliation Week            | 5            | -            |
| Safer Streets Programme                 | 10           | -            |
| Senior Month Event                      | 2            | -            |
| Storage Solutions - Jim McConville Oval | -            | 39           |
| Library Operational                     | 595          | 595          |
| Pensioner Subsidies                     | 216          | 228          |
| National Youth Week                     | 3            | 2            |
| Youth Vibe Holiday                      | 2            | 2            |
| DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection     | 282          | 266          |
| Road Safety Community Program           | 10           | 5            |
| After Hours Youth Service               | 349          | 379          |
| Container Deposit Scheme                | -            | 23           |
| Roaming Cat Prevention                  | 3            | 13           |
| Company Directors Course                | -            | 25           |
| Youth Arts & Music Festival             | -            | 2            |
| Heritage Grant - Totem Theatre          | -            | 5            |
| Household Waste Audit                   | -            | 10           |
| ASTC Waste Strategy                     | -            | 10           |
| The Art of Waste                        | -            | 7            |
| ASTC Compost Revolution                 | -            | 11           |
|                                         | <b>1,477</b> | <b>1,622</b> |
| <b>Total NT Operating Grants</b>        | <b>3,931</b> | <b>3,286</b> |

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 2. Income (continued)

|                                                          | 2017         | 2016         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Notes                                                    | \$ '000      | \$ '000      |
| <b>(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions (continued)</b> |              |              |
| <b>NT Capital Grants</b>                                 |              |              |
| Retractable Seating Netball Stadium                      | 208          | -            |
| Storage Shed Ross Park                                   | 97           | -            |
| 50+ Community Centre Carpark                             | 90           | -            |
| FSEF Anti Graffiti Gerni                                 | -            | 15           |
| Jim McConville Park - Diamond                            | -            | 86           |
| Albrecht Oval Carpark                                    | 967          | 1,121        |
| Solar Panels Structure - Library Carport                 | -            | 200          |
| <b>Total NT Capital Grants</b>                           | <b>1,362</b> | <b>1,422</b> |
| <b>Commonwealth Operating Grants</b>                     |              |              |
| <b>Specific Purpose</b>                                  |              |              |
| Healthy Communities                                      | 30           | 30           |
| Waste Management Centre                                  | -            | 30           |
| <b>Total Commonwealth Operating Grants</b>               | <b>30</b>    | <b>60</b>    |
| <b>Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>                       |              |              |
| Mona's Lounge Extension                                  | 45           | 105          |
| DOTARS - Roads to Recovery                               | 1,334        | 931          |
| <b>Total Commonwealth Capital Grants</b>                 | <b>1,379</b> | <b>1,036</b> |
| <b>Total Grants</b>                                      | <b>6,702</b> | <b>5,804</b> |
| <b>Contributions</b>                                     |              |              |
| Keep Australia Beautiful                                 | 10           | -            |
| Upgrade of Bath Street Footpath                          | 160          | -            |
| Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies              | 56           | 114          |
| Sporting Club Contributions                              | 12           | -            |
| Other                                                    | 6            | 1            |
| Pets on Parade                                           | 6            | 8            |
| Green Army Project                                       | -            | 11           |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>                               | <b>250</b>   | <b>134</b>   |
| <b>Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions</b>            | <b>6,952</b> | <b>5,938</b> |

The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.

### (i) Sources of grants

|                               |              |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Commonwealth Government       | 1,409        | 991          |
| Northern Territory Government | 5,293        | 4,813        |
| Contributions                 | 250          | 134          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>6,952</b> | <b>5,938</b> |

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 2. Income (continued)

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2017           | 2016         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$ '000        | \$ '000      |
| <b>(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions (continued)</b>                                                                                                                                                              |                |              |
| <b>(ii) Individually Significant Items</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |                |              |
| Grant Commission (FAG) Roads Grant Recognised as Income *                                                                                                                                                             | 472            | -            |
| Grant Commission (FAG) General Purpose Grant Recognised as Income **                                                                                                                                                  | 363            | -            |
| *Grants commission (FAG) Roads Grant for 1st half of 2017/18 received in advance.                                                                                                                                     |                |              |
| **Grants commission (FAG) General Purpose for 1st half of 2017/18 received in advance.                                                                                                                                |                |              |
| <b>(g). Conditions over Grants &amp; Contributions</b>                                                                                                                                                                |                |              |
| 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: |                |              |
| <b>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</b>                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1,372</b>   | <b>773</b>   |
| <i>Less:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |              |
| <i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>                                                                                                                      |                |              |
| Arts & Cultural Program                                                                                                                                                                                               | (20)           | (29)         |
| Youth Vibe Holiday                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (2)            | (1)          |
| Storage Solutions - Jim McConville Oval                                                                                                                                                                               | -              | (23)         |
| Recycling Cages @ RWMF                                                                                                                                                                                                | -              | (12)         |
| Cardboard & Paper Processing Facility                                                                                                                                                                                 | -              | (206)        |
| Alice Springs Chess Club                                                                                                                                                                                              | -              | (3)          |
| Seniors Grant                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -              | (2)          |
| Family Safe Environment                                                                                                                                                                                               | -              | (41)         |
| DOTARS - Roads to Recovery                                                                                                                                                                                            | (811)          | (287)        |
| Rethinking Waste in Alice                                                                                                                                                                                             | -              | (4)          |
| ASTC Waste Strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                   | (1)            | -            |
| The Art of Waste                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (7)            | -            |
| After Hours Youth Service                                                                                                                                                                                             | (164)          | -            |
| Container Deposit Scheme                                                                                                                                                                                              | (5)            | -            |
| FSEF Anti Graffiti                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (15)           | -            |
| Green Army Project                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (7)            | -            |
| Company Director Course                                                                                                                                                                                               | (25)           | -            |
| Health and Wellness Centre                                                                                                                                                                                            | (30)           | -            |
| Carpark Structure for Solar Panels                                                                                                                                                                                    | (63)           | -            |
| Roaming Cat Prevention                                                                                                                                                                                                | (5)            | -            |
| Mona's Lounge Extension                                                                                                                                                                                               | (25)           | -            |
| Jim McConville Park - Diamond                                                                                                                                                                                         | (35)           | -            |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>(1,215)</b> | <b>(608)</b> |

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### Note 2. Income (continued)

|                                                                                                                       | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>(g). Conditions over Grants &amp; Contributions (continued)</b>                                                    |       |                 |                 |
| <i>Plus:</i>                                                                                                          |       |                 |                 |
| <i>Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i> |       |                 |                 |
| Youth Vibe Holiday                                                                                                    |       | 2               | 2               |
| ASTC Waste Strategy                                                                                                   |       | -               | 1               |
| The Art of Waste                                                                                                      |       | -               | 7               |
| After Hours Youth Service                                                                                             |       | 24              | 164             |
| Container Deposit Scheme                                                                                              |       | -               | 5               |
| FSEF Anti Graffiti                                                                                                    |       | -               | 15              |
| Green Army Project                                                                                                    |       | -               | 11              |
| Company Director Course                                                                                               |       | -               | 25              |
| Health and Wellness Centre                                                                                            |       | 30              | 30              |
| Carpark Structure for Solar Panels                                                                                    |       | -               | 63              |
| Roaming Cat Prevention                                                                                                |       | 3               | 13              |
| Mona's Lounge Extension                                                                                               |       | -               | 25              |
| Jim McConville Park - Diamond                                                                                         |       | -               | 35              |
| DOTARS - Roads to Recovery                                                                                            |       | 775             | 811             |
| Road Safety Community Programme                                                                                       |       | 5               | -               |
| Safer Streets Programme                                                                                               |       | 10              | -               |
| 50+ Community Centre Carpark                                                                                          |       | 90              | -               |
| Ross Park Storage Shed                                                                                                |       | 97              | -               |
| Waste Collection Town Camps                                                                                           |       | 33              | -               |
| NDRAA Hail Storm Damage                                                                                               |       | 346             | -               |
| Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose                                                                          |       | 363             | -               |
| Financial Assistance Grant - Roads                                                                                    |       | 473             | -               |
| National Reconciliation Week                                                                                          |       | 3               | -               |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                                                                                       |       | <b>2,254</b>    | <b>1,207</b>    |
| <b>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</b>                                                               |       | <b>2,411</b>    | <b>1,372</b>    |
| <b>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</b>                        |       | <b>1,039</b>    | <b>599</b>      |

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## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 3. Expenses

|  | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|--|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
|--|-------|-----------------|-----------------|

#### (a). Employee Costs

|                                       |    |               |               |
|---------------------------------------|----|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries and Wages                    |    | 12,420        | 12,264        |
| Employee Leave Expense                |    | 1,243         | 796           |
| Superannuation                        | 16 | 1,250         | 1,239         |
| Workers' Compensation Insurance       |    | 274           | 252           |
| Travelling                            |    | 17            | 28            |
| FBT                                   |    | 47            | 60            |
| Training                              |    | 78            | 95            |
| Other                                 |    | 32            | 16            |
| <b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b> |    | <b>15,361</b> | <b>14,750</b> |

|                                                                             |     |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period) | 176 | 172 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|

Set out below, in bands of \$20,000, is the number of employees of Alice Springs Town Council entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more:

|                   | No. | No. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| 100,000 - 119,999 | 8   | 7   |
| 140,000 - 159,999 | 3   | 2   |
| 160,000 - 179,999 | -   | 1   |
| 240,000 - 259,999 | 1   | 1   |

|  | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|--|-----------------|-----------------|

#### Elected Members Remuneration

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

|                        |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Councillor Allowance   | 90         | 101        |
| Mayor Allowance        | 108        | 107        |
| Deputy Mayor Allowance | 37         | 37         |
| Travelling Allowance   | 2          | 15         |
|                        | <b>237</b> | <b>260</b> |

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for the year ended 30 June 2017

Note 3. Expenses

|                                                            | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</b>        |       |                 |                 |
| <b>(i) Prescribed Expenses</b>                             |       |                 |                 |
| Auditor's Remuneration                                     |       |                 |                 |
| - Auditing the Financial Reports                           |       | 30              | 26              |
| - Other Services                                           |       | 8               | -               |
| <b>Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses</b>                      |       | <b>38</b>       | <b>26</b>       |
| <b>(ii) Other Materials, Contracts and Expenses</b>        |       |                 |                 |
| Sundry                                                     |       | 1               | -               |
| Advertising                                                |       | 6               | 12              |
| Aquatic & Leisure Centre Expenses                          |       | -               | 673             |
| Books/Resources                                            |       | 21              | 24              |
| Children and Youth events                                  |       | 11              | 14              |
| Computer consumables                                       |       | 9               | 3               |
| Consulting fees                                            |       | 416             | 270             |
| Contract material and labour                               |       | 3,283           | 3,021           |
| Equipment Hire                                             |       | 5               | 8               |
| Food (catering)                                            |       | 76              | 69              |
| Fuel and oils                                              |       | 277             | 260             |
| General events                                             |       | 5               | 7               |
| Internet service provider                                  |       | 38              | 30              |
| IT equipment                                               |       | 98              | 46              |
| Journals and periodicals                                   |       | 12              | 10              |
| Licence and maintenance fees                               |       | 214             | 180             |
| Materials                                                  |       | 2,935           | 1,090           |
| Membership and subscriptions                               |       | 69              | 71              |
| Network communication                                      |       | 61              | 45              |
| Non-book resources                                         |       | 1               | -               |
| Office equipment                                           |       | 10              | 25              |
| Other equipment                                            |       | 8               | 18              |
| Printing                                                   |       | 43              | 39              |
| Promotional/Education                                      |       | 10              | 5               |
| Security                                                   |       | 78              | 111             |
| Software development                                       |       | -               | 17              |
| Stationery                                                 |       | 35              | 31              |
| Uniforms                                                   |       | 13              | 12              |
| Other - SFAC Contribution                                  |       | 80              | -               |
| <b>Subtotal - Other Material, Contracts &amp; Expenses</b> |       | <b>7,815</b>    | <b>6,091</b>    |
| <b>(iii) Electricity</b>                                   |       |                 |                 |
| Electricity costs                                          |       | 1,143           | 1,146           |
| <b>Subtotal - Electricity</b>                              |       | <b>1,143</b>    | <b>1,146</b>    |

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 3. Expenses

|                                                                 | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses (continued)</b> |       |                 |                 |
| <b>(iv) Other Expenses</b>                                      |       |                 |                 |
| Advertising                                                     |       | 102             | 109             |
| Bad & doubtful debts                                            |       | 374             | 4               |
| Bad debt write off                                              |       | 103             | 7               |
| Consulting fees                                                 |       | 1               | -               |
| Contributions and/or donations made                             |       | 60              | 63              |
| Courier and freight                                             |       | 15              | 38              |
| Elected member allowances                                       |       | 244             | 245             |
| Elected members allowances                                      |       | -               | 15              |
| Gas expenses                                                    |       | 84              | 8               |
| General rates - Early Bird draw                                 |       | 15              | 13              |
| Grants made                                                     |       | 82              | 45              |
| Telephone                                                       |       | 87              | 76              |
| Insurance                                                       |       | 341             | 447             |
| Legal fees                                                      |       | 6               | 42              |
| Merchant transaction fees                                       |       | 54              | 47              |
| Other expenses                                                  |       | 41              | 47              |
| Pensioner concessions                                           |       | 256             | 270             |
| Postage                                                         |       | 20              | 23              |
| Refunds/Reimbursements                                          |       | 1               | 10              |
| Relocation expenses                                             |       | 9               | 17              |
| Rent                                                            |       | 40              | -               |
| Travel and accomodation expenses                                |       | 26              | 29              |
| Vehicle registration                                            |       | 84              | 81              |
| Water consumption, sewerage and service charges                 |       | 1,383           | 1,446           |
| <b>Subtotal - Other Expenses</b>                                |       | <b>3,428</b>    | <b>3,082</b>    |
| <b>Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</b>            |       | <b>12,424</b>   | <b>10,345</b>   |

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## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 3. Expenses (continued)

|                                                             | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>(c). Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment</b>       |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Depreciation and Amortisation</b>                        | 7(a)  |                 |                 |
| Land Improvements                                           |       | 1,663           | 2,391           |
| Buildings                                                   |       | 1,914           | 1,199           |
| Infrastructure                                              |       |                 |                 |
| - Sealed Roads                                              |       | 1,801           | 3,192           |
| - Unsealed Roads                                            |       | 36              | 27              |
| - Stormwater Drainage                                       |       | 521             | 370             |
| Plant & Equipment                                           |       | 591             | 1,176           |
| Furniture & Office Equipment                                |       | 163             | 199             |
| Other Assets                                                |       | 1,034           | 834             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                             |       | <b>7,723</b>    | <b>9,388</b>    |
| <b>Total Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment</b>      |       | <b>7,723</b>    | <b>9,388</b>    |
| <b>(d). Finance Costs</b>                                   |       |                 |                 |
| Interest on Loans                                           |       | 98              | 127             |
| Finance expense - Provision for Restoration of the Landfill |       | 13              | 5               |
| <b>Total Finance Costs</b>                                  |       | <b>111</b>      | <b>132</b>      |

### Note 4. Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets

#### Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

##### Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced

|                                      |            |           |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Proceeds from Disposal               | 72         | 98        |
| Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold | (77)       | (67)      |
| <b>Gain (Loss) on Disposal</b>       | <b>(5)</b> | <b>31</b> |
| <b>Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal</b>   | <b>(5)</b> | <b>31</b> |

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## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 5. Current Assets

|                                                                                                                                                     | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>(a). Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>                                                                                                             |       |                 |                 |
| Cash on Hand at Bank                                                                                                                                |       | 1,775           | 5,622           |
| Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.                                                                                                                   |       | 33,100          | 27,000          |
| <b>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>                                                                                                            |       | <b>34,875</b>   | <b>32,622</b>   |
| <b>(b). Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>                                                                                                           |       |                 |                 |
| Rates - General & Other                                                                                                                             |       | 1,602           | 1,708           |
| Accrued Revenues                                                                                                                                    |       | 195             | 112             |
| User Charges and Fees                                                                                                                               |       | 612             | 712             |
| ATO                                                                                                                                                 |       | 312             | 141             |
| Other                                                                                                                                               |       | 345             | 351             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                                                                                                                     |       | <b>3,066</b>    | <b>3,024</b>    |
| Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts                                                                                                                  |       | (509)           | (176)           |
| <b>Total Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>                                                                                                          |       | <b>2,557</b>    | <b>2,848</b>    |
| <b>(c). Other Financial Assets</b>                                                                                                                  |       |                 |                 |
| Prepayments                                                                                                                                         |       | 179             | 127             |
| <b>Total Other Financial Assets</b>                                                                                                                 |       | <b>179</b>      | <b>127</b>      |
| Amounts included in other financial assets that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date if any are disclosed in Note 13. |       |                 |                 |
| <b>(d). Inventories</b>                                                                                                                             |       |                 |                 |
| Stores & Materials                                                                                                                                  |       | 132             | 131             |
| <b>Total Inventories</b>                                                                                                                            |       | <b>132</b>      | <b>131</b>      |

### Note 6. Non-Current Assets

|                                       |              |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Capital Works-in-Progress             | 1,649        | 1,325        |
| Deferred Rates                        | 24           | 24           |
| <b>Total Other Non-Current Assets</b> | <b>1,673</b> | <b>1,349</b> |

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

#### Note 7a. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

| \$ '000                                                      | Fair Value Level | as at 30/6/2016 |          |               |                | Asset Movements during the Reporting Period |                        |                                |                                                 |                                                 | as at 30/6/2017 |          |               |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
|                                                              |                  | At Fair Value   | At Cost  | Acc. Dep'n    | Carrying Value | Asset Additions                             | WDV of Asset Disposals | Depreciation Expense (Note 3c) | Revaluation Decrements to Equity (ARR) (Note 9) | Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR) (Note 9) | At Fair Value   | At Cost  | Acc. Dep'n    | Carrying Value |
| Land                                                         | 3                | 63,125          | -        | -             | 63,125         | 720                                         | -                      | -                              | (2,968)                                         | -                                               | 60,877          | -        | -             | 60,877         |
| Land Improvements                                            | 3                | 39,206          | -        | 7,535         | 31,671         | 741                                         | -                      | (1,663)                        | (10,832)                                        | -                                               | 21,580          | -        | 1,663         | 19,917         |
| Buildings                                                    | 3                | 28,134          | -        | 3,440         | 24,693         | 3,278                                       | -                      | (1,914)                        | -                                               | 22,637                                          | 50,607          | -        | 1,914         | 48,693         |
| Infrastructure                                               |                  |                 |          |               |                |                                             |                        |                                |                                                 |                                                 |                 |          |               |                |
| - Sealed Roads                                               | 3                | 32,480          | -        | 11,385        | 21,095         | -                                           | -                      | (1,801)                        | -                                               | 59,973                                          | 81,068          | -        | 1,801         | 79,267         |
| - Unsealed Roads                                             | 3                | 219             | -        | 141           | 77             | -                                           | -                      | (36)                           | -                                               | 1,650                                           | 1,727           | -        | 36            | 1,691          |
| - Stormwater Drainage                                        | 3                | 31,860          | -        | 1,109         | 30,751         | 206                                         | -                      | (521)                          | -                                               | 4,752                                           | 35,708          | -        | 521           | 35,187         |
| Plant & Equipment                                            | 3                | 9,942           | -        | 3,470         | 6,471          | 844                                         | (77)                   | (591)                          | -                                               | 563                                             | 7,800           | -        | 589           | 7,211          |
| Furniture & Office Equipment                                 | 3                | 1,289           | -        | 532           | 757            | 681                                         | -                      | (163)                          | (37)                                            | -                                               | 1,400           | -        | 163           | 1,237          |
| Art Collection & Heritage                                    | 3                | 2,932           | -        | -             | 2,932          | -                                           | -                      | -                              | -                                               | 272                                             | 3,204           | -        | -             | 3,204          |
| ASALC - Furniture & Equipment                                | 3                | 11              | -        | 1             | 10             | -                                           | -                      | -                              | -                                               | -                                               | -               | -        | -             | -              |
| Other Assets                                                 | 3                | 8,790           | -        | 2,364         | 6,426          | 2,473                                       | -                      | (1,034)                        | -                                               | 16,354                                          | 25,254          | -        | 1,036         | 24,218         |
| <b>Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b> |                  | <b>217,988</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>29,977</b> | <b>188,008</b> | <b>8,943</b>                                | <b>(77)</b>            | <b>(7,723)</b>                 | <b>(13,837)</b>                                 | <b>106,201</b>                                  | <b>289,225</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>7,723</b>  | <b>281,502</b> |
| <b>Comparatives</b>                                          |                  | <b>213,753</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>20,717</b> | <b>193,036</b> | <b>4,429</b>                                | <b>(67)</b>            | <b>(9,389)</b>                 | <b>-</b>                                        | <b>-</b>                                        | <b>217,988</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>29,977</b> | <b>188,008</b> |

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

#### Note 7b. Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property

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##### Valuation of Assets

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various 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 Council 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 (unobservable inputs).

##### Information on Valuations

###### **Certain Land, Land Improvements and Buildings**

Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuation inputs. The fair value of 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 valuation 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 buildings, infrastructure and other assets. These assets 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 materials 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 the Council.

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

#### Note 7b. Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

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##### Valuation of Assets (continued)

###### Art Collection and Heritage

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

###### Capital Works

Capital work 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 the Council's non financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and 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 2016 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 reliably 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 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

Freehold land and land over which the Council has control but does not have title, as valued by the Australian Valuation Services on the basis of fair market value on 1 July 2016 and is disclosed at its fair value.

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 7b. Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

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#### Valuation of Assets (continued)

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

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2016 and pursuant to the Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

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

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Digby Hyles

The art collection was valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2016 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: Written down current replacement cost
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

###### *Stormwater Drainage*

- Basis of valuation: Written down current replacement cost
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

###### *Structures, Bridges, Car Parks*

- Basis of valuation: Written down current replacement cost
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2016 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
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Australian Valuation Solutions Pty Ltd - Ty Noble FAPI CPV & Bill Linkson FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by the Australian Valuation Office on 1 July 2016 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

|                                          | 2017       | 2017        | 2016         | 2016        |
|------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                          | Current    | Non Current | Current      | Non Current |
| Notes                                    | \$ '000    | \$ '000     | \$ '000      | \$ '000     |
| <b>(a). Trade and Other Payables</b>     |            |             |              |             |
| Goods & Services                         | (4)        | -           | 21           | -           |
| Payments Received in Advance             | -          | -           | 108          | -           |
| Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements | 449        | -           | -            | -           |
| Accrued Expenses - Other                 | 245        | -           | 1,089        | -           |
| Deposits, Retentions & Bonds             | 81         | -           | 70           | -           |
| Unearned Income                          | 44         | -           | 45           | -           |
| <b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>    | <b>815</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>1,333</b> | <b>-</b>    |

### (b). Borrowings

|                             |              |          |            |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| Westpac loan - Civic Centre | 1,228        | -        | 433        | 1,221        |
| <b>Total Borrowings</b>     | <b>1,228</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>433</b> | <b>1,221</b> |

All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council. The loan was settled in full in July 2017

### (c). Provisions

|                         |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Restoration of Landfill | -            | 2,625        | -            | 2,612        |
| Airfares                | 14           | -            | 5            | -            |
| Annual Leave            | 1,125        | -            | 1,118        | -            |
| Long Service Leave      | 566          | 605          | 338          | 436          |
| TIL Liability           | 107          | -            | -            | -            |
| <b>Total Provisions</b> | <b>1,812</b> | <b>3,230</b> | <b>1,461</b> | <b>3,048</b> |

### Movements in Provisions

#### 2017 (current & non-current)

|                                   | Restoration<br>of Landfill | Airfares  | Annual<br>Leave | Long Service<br>Leave | TIL Liability |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b>            | 2,612                      | 5         | 1,118           | 774                   | -             |
| Add Additional Amounts Recognised | 13                         | 9         | 7               | 397                   | 107           |
| (Less) Payments                   | -                          | -         | -               | -                     | -             |
| <b>Closing Balance</b>            | <b>2,625</b>               | <b>14</b> | <b>1,125</b>    | <b>1,171</b>          | <b>107</b>    |

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### Note 9. Reserves

|                                        | 1/7/2016       | Increments<br>(Decrements) | Transfers | Impairments | 30/6/2017      |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
|                                        | \$ '000        | \$ '000                    | \$ '000   | \$ '000     | \$ '000        |
| <b>(a). Asset Revaluation Reserve</b>  |                |                            |           |             |                |
| Land                                   | 53,643         | (2,968)                    | -         | -           | 50,675         |
| Land Improvements                      | 16,362         | (10,832)                   | -         | -           | 5,530          |
| Buildings                              | 6,871          | 22,637                     | -         | -           | 29,508         |
| Infrastructure                         |                |                            |           |             |                |
| - Sealed Roads                         | 52,325         | 59,973                     | -         | -           | 112,298        |
| - Unsealed Roads                       | 948            | 1,650                      | -         | -           | 2,598          |
| - Stormwater Drainage                  | 37,031         | 4,752                      | -         | -           | 41,783         |
| Plant & Equipment                      | 4,065          | 563                        | -         | -           | 4,628          |
| Furniture & Office Equipment           | 506            | (37)                       | -         | -           | 469            |
| Art Collection & Heritage              | 2,854          | 272                        | -         | -           | 3,126          |
| Other Assets                           | 2,235          | 16,354                     | -         | -           | 18,589         |
| <b>Total Asset Revaluation Reserve</b> | <b>176,840</b> | <b>92,364</b>              | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>    | <b>269,204</b> |
| <b>Comparatives</b>                    | <b>176,840</b> | <b>-</b>                   | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>    | <b>176,840</b> |

### (b). Other Reserves

|                                           |       |       |         |   |       |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---|-------|
| Elections                                 | 220   | 50    | (77)    | - | 193   |
| Regional Waste Management Future Funds    | 3,016 | 549   | -       | - | 3,565 |
| Sports Facility Advisory Committee        | 377   | 116   | -       | - | 493   |
| Developer Contributions Trust             | 134   | -     | -       | - | 134   |
| Aquatic & Leisure Centre                  | 109   | 67    | (176)   | - | -     |
| Capital Infrastructure                    | 5,165 | 586   | (720)   | - | 5,031 |
| Employee Entitlement                      | 315   | -     | -       | - | 315   |
| Working Capital                           | 2,496 | 401   | -       | - | 2,897 |
| Todd Mall & Environs Redevelopment        | 2,389 | -     | -       | - | 2,389 |
| Regional Waste Management Facility P&E    | 1,463 | 340   | -       | - | 1,803 |
| Civic Centre Upgrade                      | 471   | -     | (100)   | - | 371   |
| Public Art Advisory Sub Committee         | 14    | -     | -       | - | 14    |
| Totem Theatre Drainage Reserve            | -     | 180   | -       | - | 180   |
| Park Reports                              | 202   | -     | -       | - | 202   |
| Crematorium                               | 777   | -     | (777)   | - | -     |
| Christmas Tree Replacement                | 51    | -     | -       | - | 51    |
| Mount John's Development Road Maintenance | 110   | -     | -       | - | 110   |
| Town Camp Waste Collection                | 132   | 282   | (382)   | - | 32    |
| Roads to Recovery                         | 811   | 1,334 | (2,145) | - | -     |
| Open Drains                               | 332   | -     | -       | - | 332   |
| Parks & Playgrounds                       | 130   | -     | -       | - | 130   |
| Upgrades To Pedestrian Ramps              | 78    | -     | -       | - | 78    |

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### Note 9. Reserves (continued)

|                                           | 1/7/2016      | Increments<br>(Decrements) | Transfers       | Impairments | 30/6/2017     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
|                                           | \$ '000       | \$ '000                    | \$ '000         | \$ '000     | \$ '000       |
| <b>(b). Other Reserves (continued)</b>    |               |                            |                 |             |               |
| Woods Tce Bollards Reserve                | -             | 20                         | (20)            | -           | -             |
| Town Beautification                       | 601           | -                          | -               | -           | 601           |
| Cemetery Chapel Art Reserve               | -             | 30                         | (30)            | -           | -             |
| Baler Shed Reserve                        | -             | 240                        | -               | -           | 240           |
| Street Lighting                           | 2,140         | 500                        | (585)           | -           | 2,055         |
| Albrecht Lights Reserve                   | -             | 600                        | -               | -           | 600           |
| Solar Initiatives                         | 869           | -                          | (542)           | -           | 327           |
| Arts & Cultural program                   | 91            | -                          | (91)            | -           | -             |
| Cycle Study                               | 102           | -                          | -               | -           | 102           |
| Map Signage                               | 50            | -                          | -               | -           | 50            |
| Cricket Wicket Replacement                | 42            | -                          | -               | -           | 42            |
| Aquatic & Leisure Centre Unexpended Funds | 67            | -                          | (67)            | -           | -             |
| Unexpended Funds                          | 2,148         | 4,053                      | (2,059)         | -           | 4,142         |
| Ragonesi Road Footpath Reserve            | -             | 320                        | -               | -           | 320           |
| Unexpended Grants Reserve                 | -             | 1,604                      | -               | -           | 1,604         |
| City Deals Project Reserve                | -             | 69                         | -               | -           | 69            |
| Radio Network Upgrade                     | 179           | -                          | (179)           | -           | -             |
| Supreme Court Laneway                     | 200           | -                          | -               | -           | 200           |
| Netball Facility Upgrade                  | 1,500         | -                          | (1,500)         | -           | -             |
| After Hours Youth Service                 | 164           | 136                        | (276)           | -           | 24            |
| Improving Strategic Local Roads           | 654           | -                          | (654)           | -           | -             |
| Jim McConville Park - Diamond             | 35            | -                          | (35)            | -           | -             |
| Mona's Lounge Extension                   | 26            | -                          | (26)            | -           | -             |
| Kerbside Recycling Collection             | 560           | 529                        | (112)           | -           | 977           |
| Solar Structure Library Carpark           | 63            | -                          | (63)            | -           | -             |
| <b>Total Other Reserves</b>               | <b>28,283</b> | <b>12,006</b>              | <b>(10,616)</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>29,673</b> |
| <b>Comparatives</b>                       | <b>24,432</b> | <b>12,288</b>              | <b>(8,437)</b>  | <b>-</b>    | <b>28,283</b> |

#### 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

All reserves not listed separately below are used to record funds set aside for future committed expenditures of the Council.

#### Elections Reserve

To cover costs associated with the council elections.

#### RWMF Future Landfill Site Reserve

For the purchase of land at the future RWMF.

#### Capital Infrastructure Reserve

Funding for significant capital projects.

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### Note 9. Reserves (continued)

#### (b). Other Reserves (continued)

##### **RWMF Plant & Equipment Reserve**

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

##### **Civic Centre Upgrade Reserve**

For future upgrade and capital works at the Civic Centre.

##### **Christmas Tree Replacement Reserve**

For costs associated with the replacement of the Christmas tree.

##### **Street Lighting Reserve**

Contingency for street lighting with PowerWater. Future street lighting capital & maintenance costs. Current dispute.

##### **Solar Initiatives Reserve**

For capital solar projects.

##### **Kerbside Recycling Collection Reserve**

For proposed introduction of kerbside recycling.

##### **Albrecht Lights Reserve**

For installation of oval lighting at Albrecht Oval.

##### **Ragonesi Road Reserve**

For construction of a footpath along Ragonesi Road.

##### **City Deals Project Reserve**

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

### Note 10. Assets Subject to Restrictions

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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 the Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained. |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Cash &amp; Financial Assets</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Unexpended amounts received</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |                 |                 |
| Other Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2g    | 2,411           | 1,372           |
| <b>Total Cash &amp; Financial Assets</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       | <b>2,411</b>    | <b>1,372</b>    |
| <b>Total Assets Subject to Externally Imposed Restrictions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |       | <b>2,411</b>    | <b>1,372</b>    |
| The following liabilities, included in Note 8, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance:                                                                                                                                                                               |       |                 |                 |
| Provisions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8     | 5,042           | 4,509           |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       | <b>5,042</b>    | <b>4,509</b>    |

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Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Notes | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>(a). Reconciliation of Cash</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       |                 |                 |
| 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 Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows: |       |                 |                 |
| Total Cash & Equivalent Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5     | 34,875          | 32,622          |
| <b>Balances per Statement of Cash Flows</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |       | <b>34,875</b>   | <b>32,622</b>   |
| <b>(b). Reconciliation of Changes in Net Assets to Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       | <b>3,880</b>    | <b>2,199</b>    |
| Non-Cash Items in Income Statements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |       |                 |                 |
| Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |       | 7,723           | 9,388           |
| Grants for Capital Acquisitions (Treated as Investing Activity Receipts)                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |       | (2,741)         | (2,458)         |
| Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       | 5               | (31)            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |       | <b>8,867</b>    | <b>9,098</b>    |
| <b>Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |                 |                 |
| Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       | (42)            | (682)           |
| Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       | (333)           | 62              |
| Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       | (1)             | -               |
| Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |       | 666             | (128)           |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |       | (529)           | 515             |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |       | 533             | 307             |
| <b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |       | <b>9,161</b>    | <b>9,172</b>    |

## Alice Springs Town Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

#### Note 12a. Functions

| Functions/Activities              | Income and Expenses have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities.<br>Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b). |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                                |                           |                           |                              |                           |                           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                   | INCOME                                                                                                                                                          |                           |                           | EXPENSES                  |                           |                           | OPERATING<br>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) |                           |                           | GRANTS INCLUDED<br>IN INCOME |                           |                           |
|                                   | Budget<br>2017<br>\$ '000                                                                                                                                       | Actual<br>2017<br>\$ '000 | Actual<br>2016<br>\$ '000 | Budget<br>2017<br>\$ '000 | Actual<br>2017<br>\$ '000 | Actual<br>2016<br>\$ '000 | Budget<br>2017<br>\$ '000      | Actual<br>2017<br>\$ '000 | Actual<br>2016<br>\$ '000 | Budget<br>2017<br>\$ '000    | Actual<br>2017<br>\$ '000 | Actual<br>2016<br>\$ '000 |
| General Public Services           | 28,843                                                                                                                                                          | 30,147                    | 29,111                    | 13,386                    | 12,977                    | 19,030                    | 15,457                         | 17,170                    | 10,081                    | 1,670                        | 2,683                     | 2,066                     |
| Public Order & Safety             | 231                                                                                                                                                             | 395                       | 227                       | 1,510                     | 1,298                     | 1,309                     | (1,279)                        | (903)                     | (1,082)                   | 11                           | 19                        | -                         |
| Economic Affairs                  | 471                                                                                                                                                             | 2,010                     | 2,624                     | 6,292                     | 3,020                     | 2,541                     | (5,821)                        | (1,010)                   | 83                        | 136                          | 1,853                     | 1,354                     |
| Environmental Protection          | 4,857                                                                                                                                                           | 4,566                     | 3,524                     | 9,015                     | 7,347                     | 4,991                     | (4,158)                        | (2,781)                   | (1,467)                   | 1,649                        | 1,249                     | 1,648                     |
| Housing & Community Amenities     | 239                                                                                                                                                             | 394                       | 378                       | 2,382                     | 1,480                     | 1,320                     | (2,143)                        | (1,086)                   | (942)                     | -                            | 142                       | 105                       |
| Recreation, Culture and Religion  | 1,813                                                                                                                                                           | 1,990                     | 950                       | 10,225                    | 9,491                     | 5,343                     | (8,412)                        | (7,501)                   | (4,393)                   | 688                          | 1,004                     | 631                       |
| Education                         | -                                                                                                                                                               | -                         | -                         | 4                         | 4                         | 4                         | (4)                            | (4)                       | (4)                       | -                            | -                         | -                         |
| Social Protection                 | 2                                                                                                                                                               | 2                         | -                         | 14                        | 7                         | 77                        | (12)                           | (5)                       | (77)                      | 2                            | 2                         | -                         |
| <b>Total Functions/Activities</b> | <b>36,456</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>39,504</b>             | <b>36,814</b>             | <b>42,828</b>             | <b>35,624</b>             | <b>34,615</b>             | <b>(6,372)</b>                 | <b>3,880</b>              | <b>2,199</b>              | <b>4,156</b>                 | <b>6,952</b>              | <b>5,804</b>              |

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

The Council deemed that it is not practicable to disclose asset allocation by functions.

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

### Note 12b. Components of Functions

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**The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:**

#### **General Public Services**

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

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

Animal control and impounding; control of public places and enforcement of By-laws.

#### **Economic Affairs**

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

#### **Environmental Protection**

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

#### **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.

#### **Education**

Charles Darwin University sponsorships.

#### **Social Protection**

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

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Note 13. Financial Instruments

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**Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits**

**Accounting Policy:**

Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Short term deposits have an average maturity of 90 days and an average interest rate of 2.7% (2016: 90 days and 3%)

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables**

**Rates & Associated Charges**

(including legals & penalties for late payment)

Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.

**Accounting Policy:**

Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 19% (2016: 19%). The Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the the Council's boundaries.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables**

**Fees & Other Charges**

**Accounting Policy:**

Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Unsecured, and do not bear interest. The 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).

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

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**Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Receivables**

**Other Levels of Government**

**Accounting Policy:**

Carried at nominal value.

**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 Territory 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.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value.

**Liabilities**

**Interest Bearing Borrowings**

**Accounting Policy:**

Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates of 6.75% (2016: 6.75%).

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value.

**Liabilities**

**Finance Leases**

**Accounting Policy:**

Accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

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### Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

|                                     | Due<br>< 1 year<br>\$ '000 | Due > 1 year<br>& ≤ 5 years<br>\$ '000 | Due<br>> 5 years<br>\$ '000 | Total Contractual<br>Cash Flows<br>\$ '000 | Carrying<br>Values<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>2017</b>                         |                            |                                        |                             |                                            |                               |
| <b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>      |                            |                                        |                             |                                            |                               |
| Cash & Equivalents                  | 34,875                     | -                                      | -                           | 34,875                                     | 34,875                        |
| Receivables                         | 1,152                      | -                                      | -                           | 1,152                                      | 1,152                         |
| Other Financial Assets              | 179                        | -                                      | -                           | 179                                        | 179                           |
| <b>Total Financial Assets</b>       | <b>36,206</b>              | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                    | <b>36,206</b>                              | <b>36,206</b>                 |
| <b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b> |                            |                                        |                             |                                            |                               |
| Payables                            | 819                        | -                                      | -                           | 819                                        | 819                           |
| Current Borrowings                  | 1,228                      | -                                      | -                           | 1,228                                      | 1,228                         |
| <b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>  | <b>2,047</b>               | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                    | <b>2,047</b>                               | <b>2,047</b>                  |
| <b>2016</b>                         |                            |                                        |                             |                                            |                               |
| <b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>      |                            |                                        |                             |                                            |                               |
| Cash & Equivalents                  | 32,622                     | -                                      | -                           | 32,622                                     | 32,622                        |
| Receivables                         | 1,175                      | -                                      | -                           | 1,175                                      | 1,210                         |
| Other Financial Assets              | 127                        | -                                      | -                           | 127                                        | 127                           |
| <b>Total Financial Assets</b>       | <b>33,924</b>              | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                    | <b>33,924</b>                              | <b>33,959</b>                 |
| <b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b> |                            |                                        |                             |                                            |                               |
| Payables                            | 1,312                      | -                                      | -                           | 1,312                                      | 1,291                         |
| Current Borrowings                  | 433                        | -                                      | -                           | 433                                        | 433                           |
| Non-Current Borrowings              | -                          | 1,221                                  | -                           | 1,221                                      | 1,221                         |
| <b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>  | <b>1,745</b>               | <b>1,221</b>                           | <b>-</b>                    | <b>2,966</b>                               | <b>2,945</b>                  |

The following interest rates were applicable to the Council's Borrowings at balance date:

|                      | 30 June 2017                  |                   | 30 June 2016                  |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|                      | Weighted Avg<br>Interest Rate | Carrying<br>Value | Weighted Avg<br>Interest Rate | Carrying<br>Value |
| Fixed Interest Rates | 6.75%                         | 1,228             | 6.75%                         | 1,654             |
|                      |                               | <b>1,228</b>      |                               | <b>1,654</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 allowance for doubtful debts.

Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 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.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

**Risk Exposures** (continued)

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

**Liquidity Risk** is the risk that the 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. The 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. The Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

Note 14. Commitments for Expenditure

|  | 2017<br>\$ '000 | 2016<br>\$ '000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|--|-----------------|-----------------|

(a). Capital Commitments

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

|           |            |            |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| Buildings | 187        | -          |
| Other     | 346        | 649        |
|           | <b>533</b> | <b>649</b> |

**These expenditures are payable:**

|                                                |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Not later than one year                        | 533        | 649        |
| Later than one year and not later than 5 years | -          | -          |
| Later than 5 years                             | -          | -          |
|                                                | <b>533</b> | <b>649</b> |

(b). Other Expenditure Commitments

**Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:**

|                         |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Non-Capital Expenditure | 481        | 413        |
|                         | <b>481</b> | <b>413</b> |

**These expenditures are payable:**

|                                                |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Not later than one year                        | 481        | 413        |
| Later than one year and not later than 5 years | -          | -          |
| Later than 5 years                             | -          | -          |
|                                                | <b>481</b> | <b>413</b> |

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Note 15. Financial Indicators

|                                                         | Indicator<br>2017 | Prior Periods<br>2016 | 2015   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| <b>1. Current Ratio</b>                                 |                   |                       |        |
| <u>Current Assets less Externally Restricted Assets</u> | <b>9.17</b>       | 10.47                 | 11.26  |
| Current Liabilities                                     |                   |                       |        |
| <b>2. Debt Service Ratio</b>                            |                   |                       |        |
| <u>Net Debt Service Cost</u>                            | <b>68.46</b>      | 69.40                 | 61.51  |
| Operating Revenue                                       |                   |                       |        |
| <b>3. Rate Coverage Percentage</b>                      |                   |                       |        |
| <u>Rate Revenues</u>                                    | <b>63.66%</b>     | 66.41%                | 69.73% |
| Total Revenues                                          |                   |                       |        |
| <b>4. Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding</b>          |                   |                       |        |
| <u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding</u>           | <b>6.37%</b>      | 6.99%                 | 5.59%  |
| Rates & Annual Charges Collectible                      |                   |                       |        |

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

#### Note 16. Superannuation

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

##### **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 (9.50% in 2016/17; 9.50% in 2015/16). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

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

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.

#### Note 17. Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Statement of Financial Position

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The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, but may be considered relevant to the users of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

##### **1. LAND UNDER ROADS**

As reported in the Financial Statements, the 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 the report. 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, the Council controlled 220 km of road reserves of average width 8.5 metres.

##### **2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES**

The 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 the Council that remain unsettled.

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

The 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 the Council may have existed at reporting date.

##### **3. BANK GUARANTEES**

The Council does not guarantee loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies at reporting date.

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#### Note 18. Events after the Statement of Financial Position Date

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Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2017, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

The 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.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is dd/mm/yy.

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

#### Note 19. Related Party Transactions

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##### 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 dependants 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.

##### Key Management Personnel

Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. In all, 12 persons were paid the following total compensation:

##### (i) Total remuneration and allowances paid to KMPs during the year consisted of:

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Base Salary/Allowances    | 841          |
| Superannuation            | 97           |
| Non Cash Vehicle Benefit  | 110          |
| Other short-term benefits | 37           |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>1,085</b> |

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

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Note 19. Related Party Transactions (continued)

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**(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**

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.

During the year an amount was paid for service provided by one of the KMPs close family members for delivery of the co-ordination of the Heart Foundation Walking Group, on an arm's length basis, under normal terms and conditions.

Other than the above, 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. The amount paid to this KMP's close family members amounted to \$450.

**(v) Outstanding Amounts**

As at 30 June 2017, there were no outstanding amounts receivable or payable to the Council's KMP.

## **Independent audit report to the Council of Alice Springs Town Council**

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial report of Alice Springs Town Council ("the Council"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement.

In our opinion, the financial report of the Alice Springs Town Council is in accordance with the *Northern Territory Local Government Act 2008*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Alice Springs Town Council as at 30 June 2017 and of the Council's performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) Local Government regulations.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. 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 *Northern Territory Local Government Act 2008* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the 'Code') that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

### **The Responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Northern Territory Local Government Act 2008* and for such internal control as the CEO determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the CEO is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are 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 the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and 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.

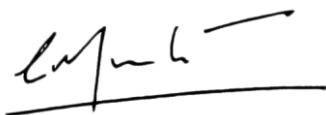
As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the CEO.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the CEO's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Chief Executive Officer and those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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23 October 2017