



Alice Springs Town Council – Annual Report 2017/2018





Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Alice Springs Town Council would like to acknowledge the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

Annual Report intent

This report has been produced in compliance with the Local Government Act intending to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2018, including the audited *Financial Statements*.

Council's performance is assessed against the Strategic Objectives as outlined in the *2018/19 – 2021/22 Municipal Plan* including:

- Strategic Objective 1 – Dynamic community
- Strategic Objective 2 – Great place to live
- Strategic Objective 3 – Leader in sustainability
- Strategic Objective 4 – Dynamic Council

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.

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Vision

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

Mission

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

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

Message from the Mayor

I am pleased to introduce the Alice Springs Town Council – Annual Report 2017/2018, outlining significant achievements for the financial year. It has been a busy time for Elected Members, our CEO, the Directors and Council staff and their commitment to delivering essential services to our community, in all climatic conditions, is to be commended.



In May this year, I joined the Climate Advisory Panel of the Cities Power Partnership (CPP), providing specialist guidance to over 70 member councils across Australia. Alice Springs Town Council joined the CPP in 1998 – the first member from the Territory to do so – and in 2006 adopted its Local Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Alice Springs. All CPP partners have committed to switching to non-polluting energy and reducing emissions in their communities.

During 2017/2018, Council installed a 175kW solar panel ground array at ASALC and two roof installations at the Civic Centre equating to 165kW of energy output. Variable speed drives were installed to all eight pumps at ASALC which, looking ahead, will save around 60K per annum in power bills. These initiatives bring the total energy generated at our facilities to over 500kW, putting Council well on target to meet its CPP pledges and aligns with Strategic Objective 3, to become a leader in sustainability.

Over 55K was committed this year by Council to assist many community groups with the staging of events and programs, via its four Grants Program categories: Community Development, Community Assistance, Youth Development and Araluen Access. Key programs receiving financial assistance included the Clown Doctors at the Alice Springs Hospital, a volunteer bus service for the Prison Fellowship, Type 1 Diabetes Support Group, and youth sports initiatives led by the Australian Red Cross Society and Charity Bounce. Major events supported by Council included the Beanie Festival, Advocate Art Award, Desert Song Festival and Sustainable Couture. The Tourism, Events & Promotions Advisory Committee approved sponsorship of the Bush Bands Bash, desertSMART Eco Fair, Carols by Candlelights and the Centralian Eisteddfod. These important programs and events, at some time, touch every individual in our community, either bringing assistance, focus, colour, amusement or comfort to where it's most needed.

One of my favourite civic duties, I was pleased to confer citizenship on over 200 new Australians from 20 different countries at our four annual civic ceremonies: Australia Day (January); Harmony Day (March); Territory Day (July); and, Citizenship Day (September). The diverse demography of Alice Springs offers our modest population a rich and multicultural suite of services, cuisines, arts and entertainment, and I encourage everyone to seize opportunities to participate in open days at the mosque, markets in the Mall, church fetes or foodie fiestas.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the CEO, Rex Mooney, for another year of diligent work. Rex's patient guidance through Council processes, and his extensive knowledge of local governance, are exemplary. His assistance to myself, over the years, has been invaluable. I wish to also thank the Elected Members for their passionate service to the community of Alice Springs.

Damien Ryan
Mayor

Message from the CEO

The 2017/2018 financial year denotes another period of stability and financial integrity for Council operations. The independently audited revenue and expenditure report is available in the 'Financials' section in this Annual Report.



Achievements for the year have successfully aligned with Council's Strategic Objectives, as defined by the recently adopted Strategic Plan 2018–2021, and the previous Strategic Plan 2013–2017. Major Council projects that have commenced, continued or were completed during 2017/2018, are highlighted within this document.

With the 2016/2017 Northern Territory Government's (NTG) Roads to Recovery grant of 2.2M, Council was able to complete works on Stage 2 of the Ilparpa Road road-widening and shared-path project. The project has significantly improved traffic safety and access for residents and visitors, between Greatorex and Lillecrapp roads. Announced in June 2018, Ilparpa Road Stage 1 works, between Stuart Highway and Greatorex Road, will commence in 2019 with a combined investment from the NTG and Council of 3.7M.

First phase expansion of the CBD's existing CCTV monitored security system, installed 2009-2011, got underway with the announcement of the Commonwealth Government's \$807,048 grant from the Safer Communities Fund. Another 18 locations in the CBD were identified for CCTV cameras to be rolled out over the coming months. Council also invested an additional 20K for a constant-record CCTV system at Anzac Oval following a period of increased vandalism at the facility.

After consultations with the Heritage Council NT and AAPA, Council was given approval to invest approximately \$180,000 for works to protect the iron buildings in the Totem Theatre Complex from further rusting. The regularly used buildings in the Heritage-listed complex, comprised of WWII-era huts and sheds located between Anzac Oval and the Todd River, have suffered from significant stormwater damage over the years due to a lack of gutters and poor drainage. In addition to stormwater drainage pits and underground pipes, guttering and downpipes, Council also installed a safe, accessible pathway to the public facilities at the rear of the theatre. The boardwalk was raised to avoid damage to the roots of significant trees.

This Annual Report represents the 13th Council's first year in operation. I wish to thank all new and returning Elected Members for meeting the challenges involved in undertaking and addressing the needs of their constituency. I would also like to thank the Mayor, Damien Ryan, Directors and acting-Directors, and Council staff for their tireless and ongoing dedication to the community of Alice Springs.

Rex Mooney

Chief Executive Officer

Your Council

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

13th Council of Alice Springs

Left to right: Cr Marli Banks, Cr Catherine Satour, Cr Glen Auricht, Cr Matt Paterson, Mayor Damien Ryan, Cr Jacinta Price,



Cr Jamie de Brenni, Cr Eli Melky, Cr Jimmy Cocking.

Alice Spring Town Council was established 1 July 1971. Council elections are held every four years – the next is scheduled for 2021. Councillor biographies are available on the Council's website.

[www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au / council / elected-members](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/council/elected-members)

Council Meetings

Ordinary Council meetings in the Council Chamber are held on the last Monday of each month, commencing at 6pm. The public is invited to attend informal sessions with Elected Members from 5.30pm, prior to meetings.

Council Standing Committee meetings in the Council Chamber are held on the third last Monday of each month (except January and December), commencing at 5.30pm. Almost all business which comes before the Council is first considered at Committee Meetings.

The public and the media are welcome to attend all Council and Committee meetings, except while confidential items are discussed. Agendas are available at the meetings and also from Council's website at **www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au**

Your Council Committees

*Three **Standing Committees**, comprised of Council staff and Elected Members, discuss issues and make recommendations to Ordinary Council on policy.*

Corporate and Community Services – to discuss issues relating to:

- Corporate planning
- Services to Elected Members
- Community development
- Public relations
- Library and Information services
- Economic development

Finance – to discuss issues relating to:

- Financial services
- Office administration
- Customer services
- Rates

Technical Services – to discuss issues relating to:

- Urban/town development
- Environmental policy and strategy
- Infrastructure assets maintenance
- Infrastructure development
- Open space development

Council Committees are supported by a number of Advisory Committees covering areas such as recreational facilities, disability services, cemetery management, youth engagement and events.

The public is welcome to attend Advisory Committee meetings.

- Access Advisory Committee
- Australia Day Coordinating Committee
- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Parks Advisory Committee
- Public Art Advisory Committee
- Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Risk Management and Audit Committee
- Seniors Coordinating Committee
- Sports Facility Advisory Committee
- Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee
- Youth Action Group

Further information, dates and times of meetings are available on the Council's website.

[www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au / governance /meetings / meeting-information](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/governance/meetings/meeting-information)

Your Elected Members



Mayor, Damien Ryan
Elected Member since March 2008
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- Development Committee
- ASALC Committee
- Regional Waste Management Facility Committee
- Risk Management & Audit Committee

- Public Art Advisory Committee
 - SFAC Committee
 - Access Advisory Committee
 - Cemeteries Advisory Committee
 - Environment Advisory Committee
 - Youth Action Group
 - Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee
 - Seniors Coordinating Committee
 - Australia Day Coordinating Committee
 - Community Grants Committee
 - Parks Advisory Committee
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Deputy Mayor, Jamie de Brenni
Elected Member since October 2015
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- Development Committee
- ASALC Committee
- Regional Waste Management Facility Committee
- Risk Management & Audit Committee
- SFAC Committee
- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Seniors Coordinating Committee
- Parks Advisory Committee



Cr Glen Auricht
Elected Member since September 2017
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- Development Committee
 - SFAC Committee
 - Access Advisory Committee
 - Cemeteries Advisory Committee
 - Environment Advisory Committee
 - Seniors Coordinating Committee
 - Australia Day Coordinating Committee
 - Parks Advisory Committee
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Cr Marli Banks
Elected Member since September 2017
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- Development Committee
- ASALC Committee
- Regional Waste Management Facility Committee
- Risk Management & Audit Committee
- Public Art Advisory Committee
- Cemeteries Advisory Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee
- Community Grants Committee



Cr Jimmy Cocking
Elected Member since September 2017
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- Development Committee
 - ASALC Committee
 - Regional Waste Management Facility Committee
 - Risk Management & Audit Committee
 - Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee
 - Parks Advisory Committee
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Cr Eli Melky
Elected Member since February 2011
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- Development Committee
- Access Advisory Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Community Grants Committee



Cr Matt Paterson
Elected Member since September 2017
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- Development Committee
 - SFAC Committee
 - Youth Action Group
 - Community Grants Committee
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Cr Jacinta Price
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- Development Committee
- ASALC Committee
- Regional Waste Management Facility Committee
- Risk Management & Audit Committee
- Public Art Advisory Committee
- Youth Action Group
- Australia Day Coordinating Committee

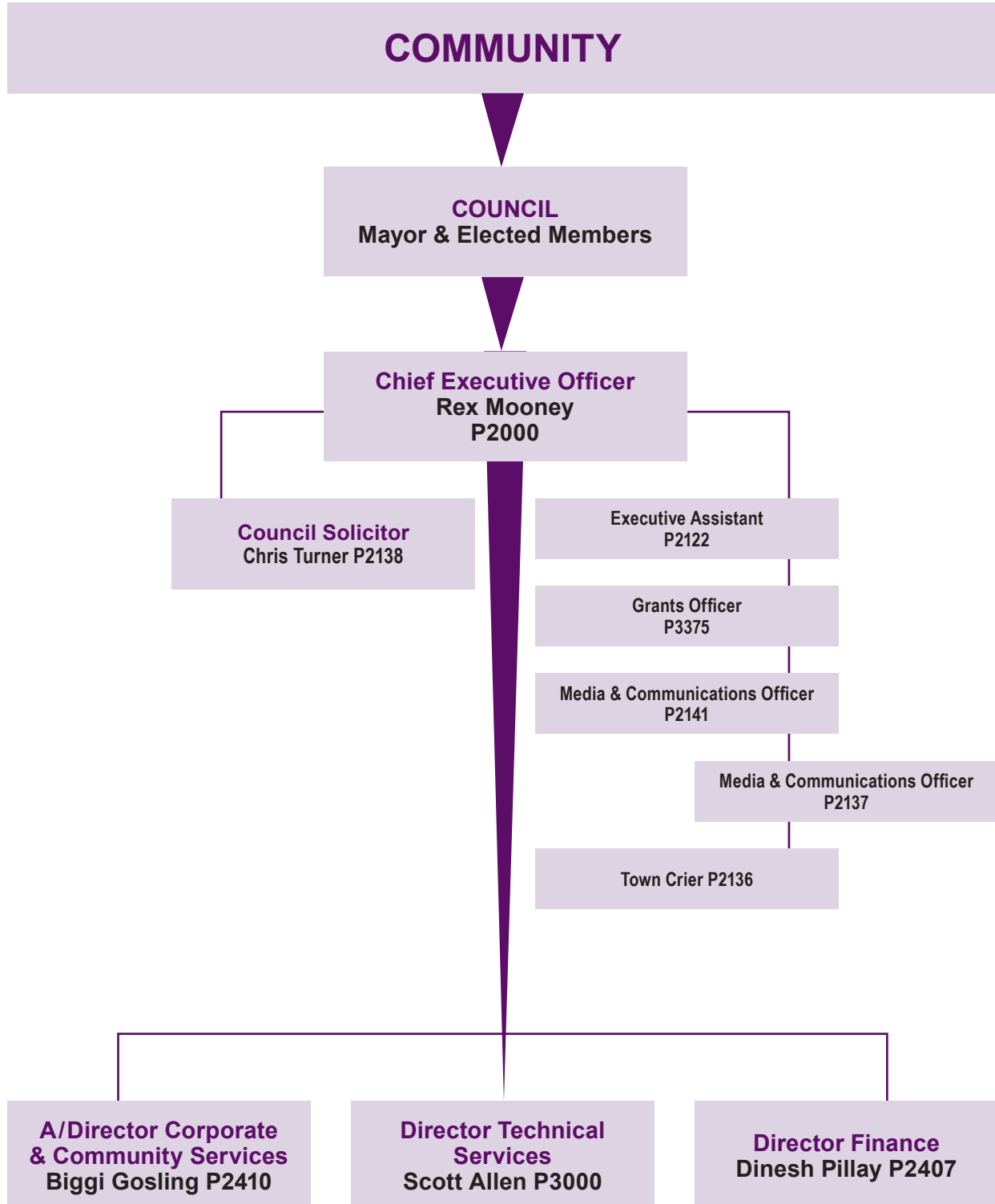


Cr Catherine Satour
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- Development Committee
 - Public Art Advisory Committee
 - Cemeteries Advisory Committee
 - Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee
 - Community Grants Committee
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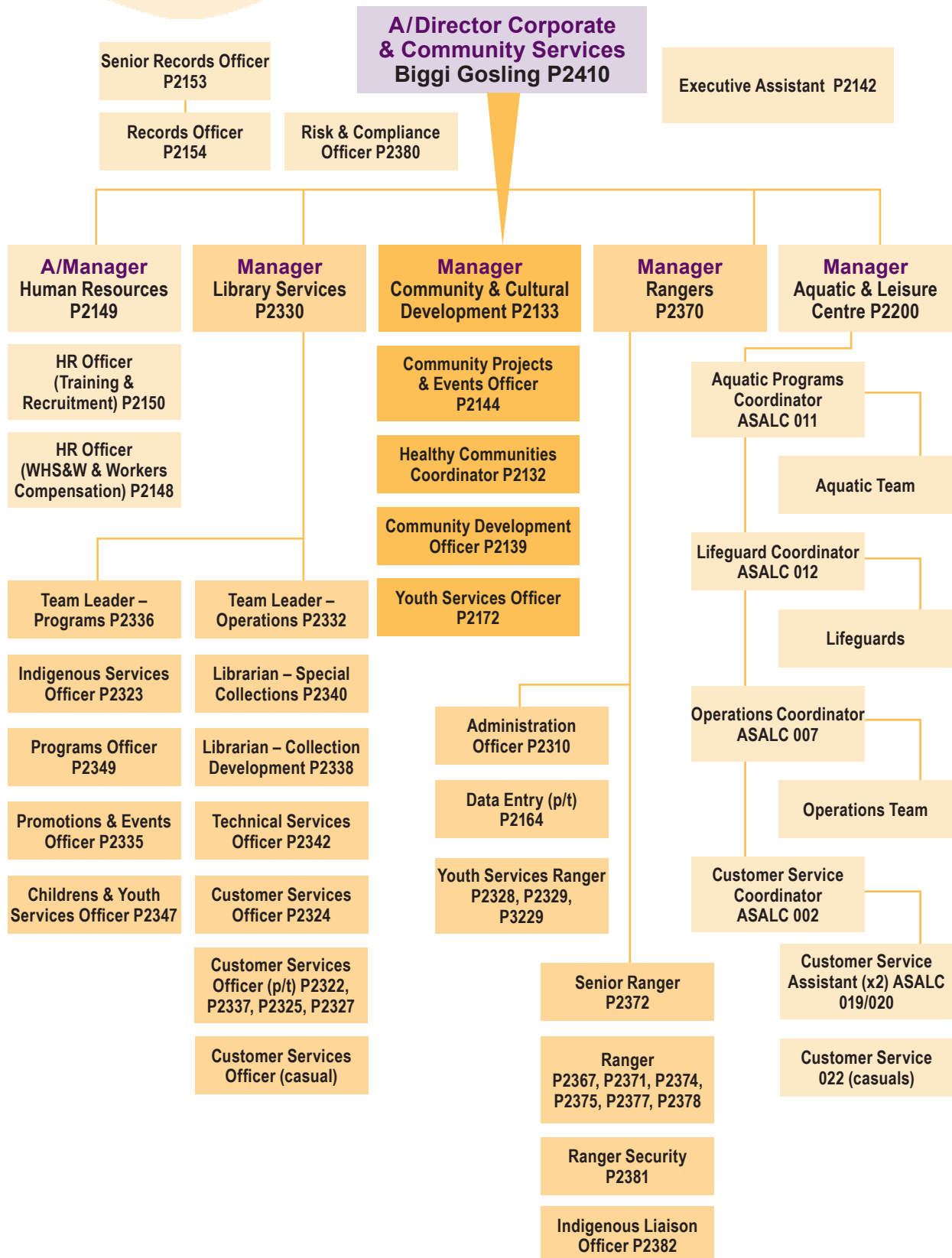
Organisational Structure – Executive

(Correct, at 30 June 2018)



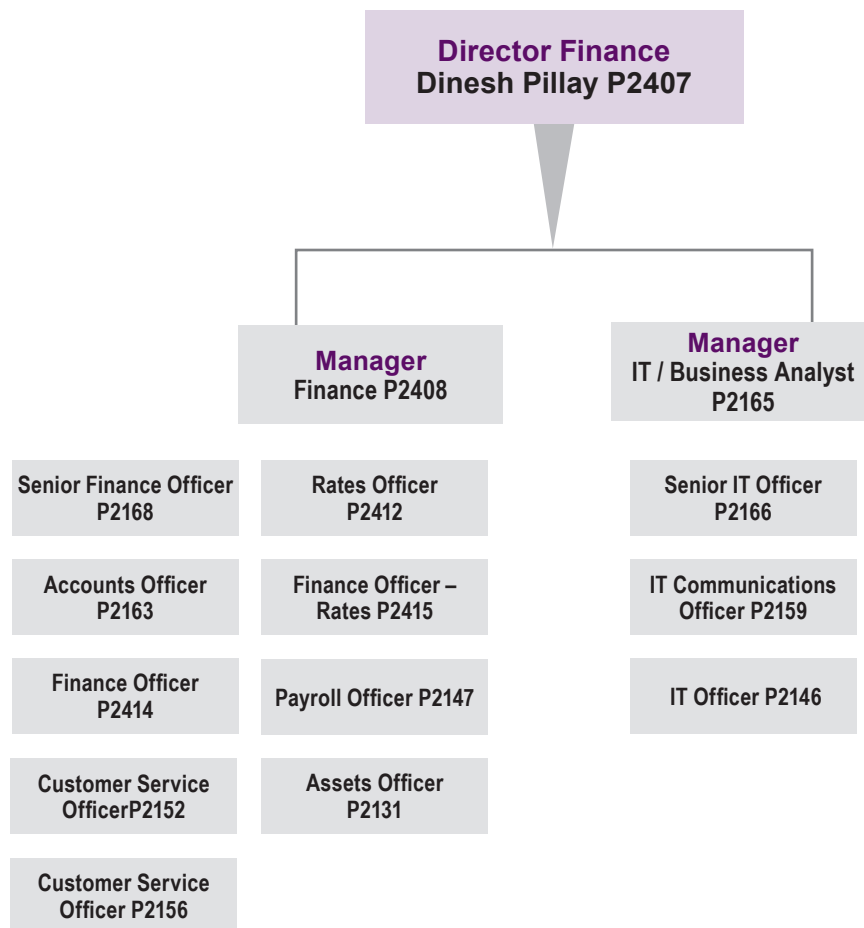
Organisational Structure – Corporate and Community Services

(Correct, at 30 June 2018)



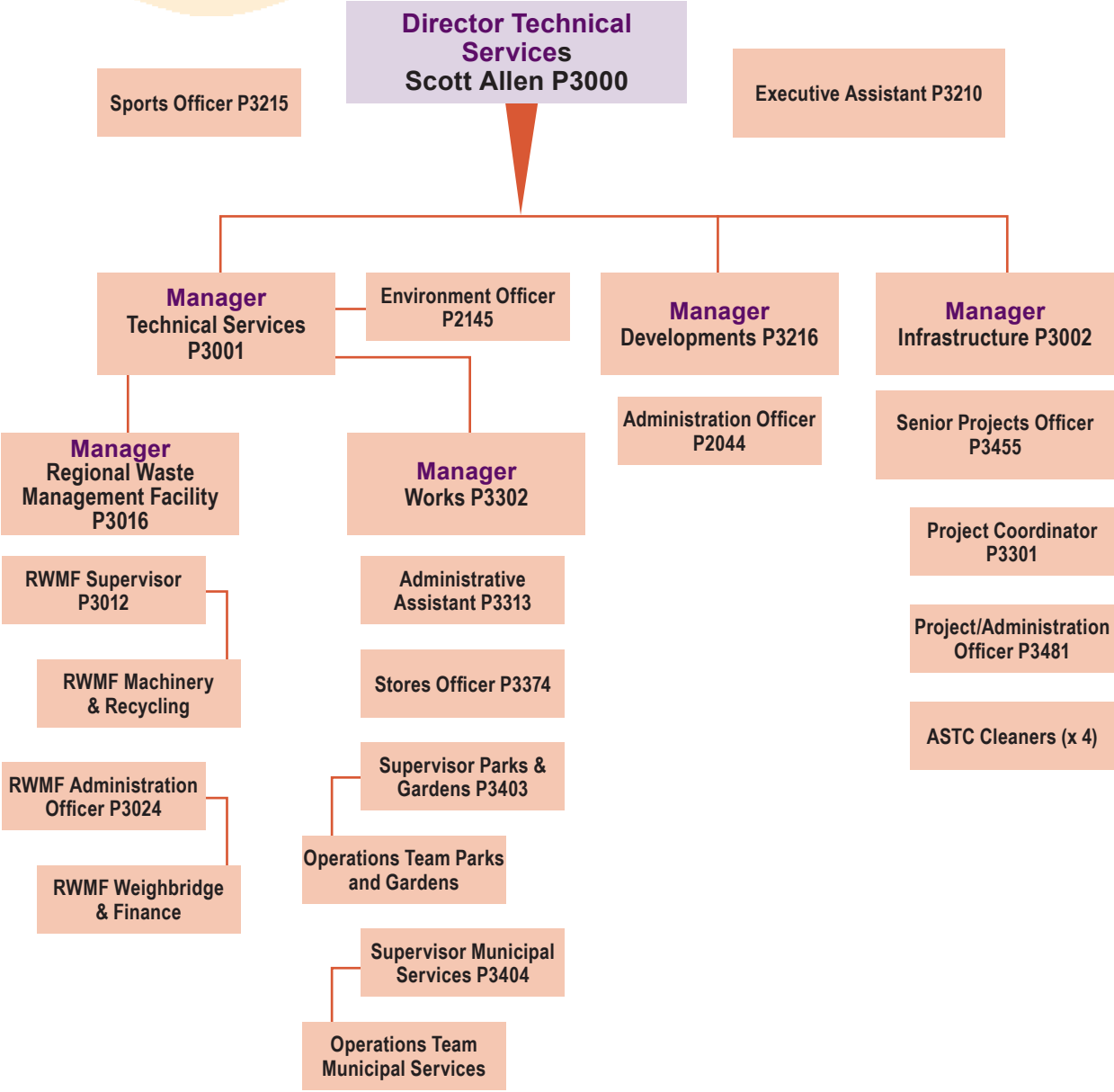
Organisational Structure – Finance

(Correct, at 30 June 2018)



Organisational Structure – Technical Services

(Correct, at 30 June 2018)





Strategic Objectives

In its Ordinary meeting on 26 March 2018, Council adopted the *Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021* to provide a critical framework for Alice Springs and outlining its aspirations for the next four years as the inland capital city. The four strategic objectives in the current plan enable Council to monitor the achievements in the pursuit of delivering strong and positive outcomes for the community in all areas of Council's responsibility.

- **Strategic Objective 1** – *Dynamic community*
- **Strategic Objective 2** – *Great place to live*
- **Strategic Objective 3** – *Leader in sustainability*
- **Strategic Objective 4** – *Dynamic Council*

Strategic Objective 1 – *Dynamic community*

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



Alice Springs Town Council contributes towards economic development in many ways to ensure the town continues to 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; close affiliations with the Northern Territory Government Regional Australia Development Office; and staff participation and formal Council representation as a part of regular Alice Springs Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Council also strives to strengthen relationships with government, business and community organisations to ensure the local tourism industry is informed, supported and strengthened. The Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee and the Public Art Advisory Committee are intrinsic to this process.

The in-house Council Development Committee also has a prevailing focus upon construction and economic development, throughout the town.

The annual Alice Springs Town Council community grants program awarded more than \$55,000 to 23 different community groups enabling dynamic events, visual and performing arts initiatives to take place. The following tables provide details of grants recipients and their respective initiatives, across four award categories: community development; community assistance; youth development; and, Araluen community access.





Grants

Community Development Grants

Applicant	Amount	Purpose	Ref.*
The Humour Foundation	\$5,000	Supporting the Alice Springs Hospital's Clown Doctors Program which seeks to improve the quality of life, health and wellbeing of sick kids and their families whilst staying in hospital. Clown Doctors work in partnership with the Hospital's medical professionals to deliver tailored, engaging humour-therapy to encourage health, lift morale and offer coping strategies to ease the impact of a stressful environment on children.	1.1.1 1.1.2
Alice Springs Beanie Festival	\$5,000	Supporting the annual Alice Springs Beanie Festival – a community arts event providing opportunities for artists from remote Indigenous communities and the wider community to make, exhibit and sell beanies. Through workshops, a competitive exhibition, a touring exhibition and participation in national events, the Beanie Festival celebrates the humble beanie, the creativity and storytelling of Indigenous artists and Beanie Makers from across the country and the globe.	1.1.2 1.1.3
Central Australian Singing Incorporated	\$5,000	Desert Song Festival 2018 – the fifth annual showcase of cultural diversity and artistic brilliance staged in Central Australia, celebrating the singer, the song, the instrument, the land and its people.	1.1.2 1.1.3
Sustainable Couture	\$4,803.50	Sustainable Couture provides a range of community art and design activities for the township. In 2018, Sustainable Couture aims to expand community development activities and promote sustainability in the community, strengthen their Pop-Up Shop presence to attract people to the CBD, enhance community engagement and continue to partner with local arts and community organisations.	1.1.2 1.1.3
Total	\$19,803.50	*Strategic Plan Reference	

Community Assistance Grants

Applicant	Amount	Purpose	Ref*
Prison Fellowship Australia	\$1,500	Prison Fellowship Australia provides a bus service, with volunteer-drivers, on Saturdays and Sundays for families and friends of inmates of the Alice Springs Correctional Centre. More than 1,000 people use this service each year, with the majority of passengers being Aboriginal whose only alternative would be to use a paid passenger service. The grant is used to assist with fuel costs associated with running a bus service.	1.1.1 1.1.2
Central Australia Lace Makers (auspiced by Central Craft)	\$1,500	Assistance for local craftspeople in learning, complementing and building existing skills by covering a portion of the costs associated with bringing an international tutor in wire bobbin lace-making to conduct workshops in Alice Springs. The workshops enable skills development in a field of expertise not currently available here.	1.1.1
Central Australian Aviation Museum	\$1,200	Enabling the 8th Children's Aviation Art / Literary Program to take place, April – November 2018. For members of the local community, pre-schools, local and remote area schools to bring their children to the museum to learn about the history of aviation in the Territory.	1.1.2
Central Australian Show Society	\$1,500	Enabling the creation of a instructional and promotional video for the Alice Springs Show organiser's Volunteer Program, to attract recruitment of volunteers, inform them of the steps required to get involved, and to communicate the benefits of volunteering at the Show to the wider community.	1.1.1 1.1.2
Gap Community Childcare Centre	\$1,500	Enabling the purchase of literature for children up to 2 years for their parents to borrow and use with their children over a 1 - 2 week period. Also, to purchase resources for parents and caregivers to assist with their child's learning and development.	1.1.1
Alice Springs Netball Association	\$1,500	Assistance with developing and implementing a recycling education, promotion and waste management system at the Pat Gallagher Netball Centre in partnership with Acacia Hill School students. The Alice Springs Netball Association (ASNA) seeks to encourage members, spectators and other users of the Centre to improve waste management through recycling awareness educational programs and provision of recycling facilities.	3.2.2
Apex Club of Australia	\$1,500	Assistance in the purchase of operating equipment for the Apex Club of Central Australia recycling campaign, Cash for Cans.	3.2.2
Alice Springs Camel Cup Inc	\$1,500	Assistance in the purchase of operating and safety equipment, including helmet and crops, for the Alice Springs Camel Cup.	2.1.1
Northern Territory Ranger Association	\$569.65	Assistance in the purchase of two chairs, two anti-fatigue mats and tape for use by visiting Morsecodians, providing a comfortable seat whilst volunteering their time to operate equipment at the Post & Telegraph Office, Alice Springs Telegraph Station (Historic Precinct). Volunteer Morsecodians come to Alice Springs each year to demonstrate, on the original equipment displayed at the Historic Precinct, the sending and receiving of Morse Code and telegrams.	2.3.1 1.2.3
Alice Springs Type 1 Diabetes Support Group (auspiced by Healthy Living Australia)	\$1,500	Assistance with the launch an awareness campaign to promote the newly formed Alice Springs Type 1 Diabetes Support Group, including logo, flags, flyers, t-shirts, and an information session with health professionals discussing topics requested by local T1D individuals and their families.	1.1.1
Central Australian Education Foundation	\$1,500	Comprising 100% of a scholarship fund, and granted to an applicant for further study in 2019. Central Australian Education Foundation supports the youth of Alice Springs achieve higher education outcomes.	1.1.1
Alice Springs Swimming Club	\$1,500	Enabling the purchase of 62 pairs of training fins in a range of sizes for younger and older swimmers. The Alice Springs Swimming Club aims to promote health, fitness and engagement in sport, and social interaction. Swimming fins are essential equipment for training swimmers. To replace old, worn out fins, mostly consisting of odd pairs and small sizes.	2.1.1 2.1.2
Alice Springs Peace Action Think Tank (auspiced by Heritage Alice Springs)	\$1,500	Assistance with the development of a phone app playing 11 audio vignettes of the stories and experiences of WW1 soldiers, related personnel (doctors, nurses) or their descendants. The app will be accessible from the top of Anzac Hill, with signage at three locations on the ascent, to alert visitors to the app and available stories. Specifically, this grant covers costs of graphic design for the signage.	2.3.1 2.3.2
Total	\$18,269.65	*Strategic Plan Reference	





Youth Development Grants

Applicant	Amount	Purpose	Ref*
Australian Red Cross Society – Alice Springs	\$5,000	Enabling vulnerable young people to engage in local team sports and other extracurricular activities through the provision of transport, mentorship, uniforms, basic brokerage funds and nutritious food, and visits to the pool. Many young people in Alice Springs are eager to participate in structured recreational activities, however experience a barrier preventing ease of access.	2.1.1 2.1.2
Charity Bounce	\$4,000	Assistance in the delivery of Stand Tall Basketball Programs for 100 participants in communities in and around Alice Springs. The program includes on and off court activities, including basketball skills, drills, health, well-being and active lifestyle education. The project primarily benefits young Indigenous people who are significantly disengaged from education, unemployed or have multiple barriers requiring alternative engagement pathways to achieve positive outcomes.	2.1.1 2.1.2
Total	\$9,000	*Strategic Plan Reference	

Araluen Access

Applicant	Amount	Purpose	Ref*
Central Australian Art Society Inc	\$2,000	Assistance with the staging of the Advocate Art Award and exhibition, from 27 July to 12 August 2018.	1.1.3
Studio B School of Dance	\$2,000	Assistance with the staging of Studio B's End of Year Performances.	1.1.3
Sadadeen Primary School with 2nd Toe Dance Collective	\$2,000	Assistance with the staging of Alice Can Dance 2018.	1.1.3
Central Australia Singing Inc	\$2,000	Assistance with the staging of the Desert Song Festival's premiere screening of 'The Song Keepers'.	1.1.3
Total	\$8,000	*Strategic Plan Reference	

Through Council's Tourism, Events and Promotions Advisory committee, a total of \$17,750 was awarded in sponsorship support to the following organisations:

- Music NT – Bush Bands Bash
- Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre – Red Centre Dust Up
- Arid Lands Environment Centre – desertSMART ECO Fair
- Friends of the Strehlow Research Centre – Strehlow Research Centre

- Isolated Children's Parents Association – ICPA Conference

Annual sponsorships were given to the Alice Springs Town Band (\$5,000), Carols by Candlelight (\$3,000) and the Centralian Eisteddfod (\$7,500).

In 2018, two Charles Darwin University scholarships to the value of \$2,000 each were awarded to Vanessa Farrelly and Kathleen Gaza.

Grants – Received

The following table shows successful grants applications and the funds received by Council during the financial year.

Council wishes to acknowledge the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments and express its gratitude for the ongoing support given via these grants.



Commonwealth Government Grants	
Attorney-General & Justice Department (Department of Industry, Innovation and Science)	Safer Communities Fund – Round Two
Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development	Roads to Recovery Program
Northern Territory Government Grants	
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Youth Services Innovation Grants – Alice Springs
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Youth Engagement Grants Program – Youth Vibe Holiday Grants (Summer)
Department of Tourism and Culture	Regional Museums Grant Support Program 2017/2018
Australia Day Council NT	Australia Day Community Grants 2018
Department of the Chief Minister - Office of Aboriginal Affairs	Celebrating Aboriginal Culture Grant 2018
Territory Families – Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)	Harmony Grants 2017
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Quick Response Grant
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	NT Youth Week 2018
Department of Housing & Community Development	Special Purpose Grant (SPG), Round 1 2017/2018
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Youth Engagement Grants Program – Youth Vibe Holiday Grants (Winter)
Territory Families – Office of Senior Territorians	Seniors Month 2018
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Alice Springs Youth Activities (Winter 2018)
Territory Families – Office of Youth Affairs (OYA)	Alice Springs Youth Activities (Winter 2018)
Department of Housing & Community Development	Special Purpose Grant (SPG) Round Two 2017/2018
Department of Housing & Community Development	Special Purpose Grant (SPG) Round Two 2017/2018
Department of the Chief Minister	Operational Funding
Department of Housing & Community Development	Operational Funding
Non Government Grants	
Good Things Foundation	Be Connected 2017 – Activation Grants





Purpose	\$ Received
CCTV throughout Alice Springs township	807,048
Alice Springs roads	-
Subtotal	807,048
STEAM into Alice	30,767
Digital Artists in Residence – Yestermorph Project	1,500
Stories from the Heart	1,142
Australia Day 2018	2,000
Australia Day 2018	1,500
Languages at Lunch	800
Recycled Art Prize	2,000
Youth Week Movie Marathon	1,800
Priority 1 – installation of fitness stations along the Todd River	72,330
Phoney Film Festival 2018	1,600
Still Got Talent – 6th Edition	2,000
Geek in Residence	18,900
Movie Marathon Nights	17,401
Priority 1 – ASALC Lighting Upgrade	80,895
Priority 2 – Mobile Grandstand	35,565
After Hours Youth Service	-
Town Camp Rubbish Collection	
Subtotal	270,200
Be Connected membership in support of 30 older Australians	1,500
Subtotal	1,500
Total Grants Received	1,078,748

Other services and support

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 throughout the municipality. This relates to parks and gardens, vegetation, road verges, local roads and pathways, cemeteries, sports and playing fields, in addition to buildings and infrastructure.

Green spaces maintained by Council Depot	
Parks	60-64Ha: 53 Council-owned 10 NTG-owned 1 Flynn Church-owned
Sporting ovals	11-22Ha
Green open spaces	5
Laneways	13.5km
Trees	20,000+
Open unlined drains	2-3kms

The depot team also make a significant contribution towards community and sporting events through the provision of services and in-kind support.

During 2017/2018, some of the highlights for the Depot team included:

- Alice Springs Show
- Red Centre Nats support
- Big Bash Cricket
- AFL Women's League / AFL Matches
- Queen's Baton Relay – traffic control and relay escort
- Anzac Day
- Finke Desert Race support
- Finke Desert Race Night Markets
- National Tree Day
- The completion of the Ilparpa Road Footpath Stage Two
- ASALC solar panel earthworks
- Regional Waste Management Facility – earthworks for baler shed

After-hours youth night patrol

With funding from the Northern Territory Government, Alice Springs Town Council continued a partnership with Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, providing an After Hours Youth Patrol service. The service assisted young people to get home safely at night to suitably rest, and better prepare for participation in school. The service concluded on 30 June 2018.

Listed below are a few statistics from the service over its three year duration:

- Transported over 30,000 children during the life of the Contract
- Bus travelled 18,000 kilometres during each year of service
- Bus repairs included:
 - 3 x sets of tyres
 - 3 x broken rear windows
 - 4 x replacement seat belts
 - 3 x sets brake pads
 - 3 x sets of sliding door rollers
 - 4 x flat tyres

Total number of youths transported in 2017/2018 by the service was 19,872.

CCTV expansion

The months between November 2017 and January 2018 proved to be an expensive period for vandalism at the Anzac Oval facility. As a result, Council invested an estimate 20K in a CCTV remote camera system which included a sensor-screamer and PTZ cameras that constantly record.

With the introduction of this system, damage to the facility has dramatically reduced. Further to this, in an incident when the facility was defaced by graffiti, the CCTV footage was produced as evidence and, as a result, three youths received criminal convictions.



Development

The Development Team has worked hard throughout the past financial year to enable Council to achieve progress in strategic and diverse areas of interest.

Council's objective as a dedicated service provider is met through prompt service delivery to the community through provision of development related technical advice and processing of development applications.

Applications for development range from small extensions, such as car ports, to large commercial and industrial developments, such as warehouses. Developments managed or funded by the NT Government are also assessed in detail with a vast portion of time spent by Council officers determining the long-term benefits to ratepayers of these large-scale projects. Frequently, such developments require a handover of infrastructure for Council to maintain as part of its ongoing service delivery to the community.

Every development is individually assessed on its overall benefit to the community. All potential impacts on Council related infrastructure, or service delivery, is thoroughly assessed. Once assessment is complete, overall benefits are evaluated and relevant permit conditions are imposed, before the permit is released by the relevant Consent Authority. Conditions are promptly relayed to the applicants to ensure that the completed development is compliant with relevant legislation and building standards.

Additionally, input from Council's Development Team is sought on Planning Scheme Amendments, controlled by the Minister for Planning. Amendments to permit conditions, that may positively aid developments, are comprehensively considered by the Development Committee. Council's input, from its perspective as a local authority and service provider, is provided to the Consent Authority and the Planning Commission.





The Development Team continues to deliver essential services to the community in the form of assessments, technical responses to development applications and planning scheme amendments, site inspections and Part 5 clearances. The efficiency of this service is qualitatively measured by timely responses to enquiries, responding with appropriate information, prompt delivery of inspections, and release of clearances.

During 2017/2018, significant achievements for the Development Team were:

- Netball stadium
- Ilpeye Ilpeye subdivision
- Albrecht Drive loop road
- Larapinta land release
- Norris Bell intersection
- feedback on Kilgariff subdivision, Stages 1A and 1B
- Proposed United Petroleum service station, 43 Stuart Highway
- Proposed United Petroleum service station, 194 Stuart Highway
- Heavytree Gap subdivision, 36 lots
- Renewed concepts for the development of Melanka site

- Subdivision proposal at White Gums
- CAAC facility, 1 Hearne Place
- Megafauna facility, 21 Todd Street
- Extension to Teppa Hill Preschool facility
- Extension to Purple House dialysis facility

Additionally, the Development Team has progressed numerous major and minor developments within the township by assessing, guiding and approving developments to achieve compliance to industry standards.

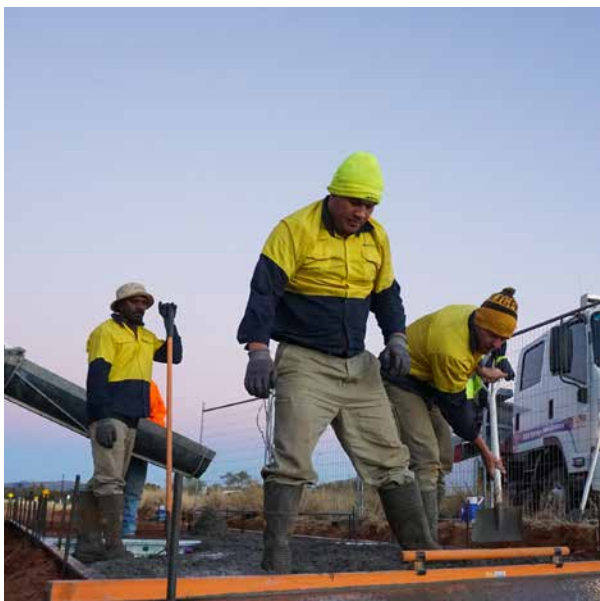
The following table provides a partial update of development activity undertaken by Council during 2017/2018, received from the Department of Infrastructure Planning & Logistics.

Record of applications referred through Development Assessment Services (DIPL)	
Miscellaneous Applications	0
Proposed Planning Scheme Amendments	1
Exceptional Development Permit applications	4
Development Permit Applications	81
Development Permits	84
Exceptional Development Permits	2
Part 5 Clearances	59
Notice of Refusal	1
Partial Part 5 Clearances	0

This table does not include developments referred to Council by various Territory Government agencies via consultants, or discussion of concepts, etc.

Representing Council, the Development Team continues to participate in a variety of forums, assisting multiple agencies with relevant technical information, and ensuring local developments comply with relevant Australian Standards.





Infrastructure

Major Projects

- Ilparpa Road, Stage 2 – shared path via Roads to Recovery program as part of 2.2M grant to improve traffic safety
- Hartley Street pedestrian refuge upgrade
- Council's annual footpath program – providing better access for all
- New park equipment installed – as part of Council's parks program
- Pedestrian ramps within the CBD upgraded to be compliant
- New soccer storage shed
- Landscaping of Kmart corner of Bath Street and Stott Terrace
- Totem Theatre stormwater upgrade and toilet access
- ASALC 175kW solar panel installation project
- Glass Crusher platforms installed to improve safety during maintenance work at the RWMF
- Civic Centre 75kW solar panel installation project
- Library 90kW solar panel installation project



Heritage projects

Totem Theatre:

- Stormwater system replaced to further protect this heritage-listed site
- Works commenced on an access way to the toilet facility and theatre, to be completed 2018-19

Hartley Street School:

- Repainted main classroom
- Water reticulation system repairs undertaken
- General repair and maintenance of ageing electrical components
- Works commenced on toilet facility and replacement of kitchenette, to be completed 2018-19



Rangers

Permits issued for public places:	Value
Permits issued	\$20,482
Number of complaints	1,392
Infringements:	
Parking infringement notices	\$65,855
Animal control infringement notices	\$24,332
Public places infringement notices	\$20,842
Waste management infringement notices	\$3,080
Fines recovery unit:	
Fines received	\$69,522
Fines sent	\$70,558
Animal registrations:	
Dog registrations	\$73,930
Cat registrations	\$16,340
Animals impounded:	
Dogs impounded	250
Cats impounded	236



Strategic Objective 2 – Great place to live

To provide a great place to live that attracts and retains residents because of the unmatched leisure and healthy living opportunities and embrace of our unique landscape and culture.

In responding to community needs, Alice Springs Town Council facilitated seven night markets, held on a Thursday evening from 5pm-9pm, to complement the popular Sunday morning Todd Mall Markets. Stall-holders displayed a variety of wares, including artisan crafts and homemade jewellery, to ceramics and Indigenous artworks.



Over the course of the financial year, thousands of local, interstate and international visitors enjoyed the multiple flavours of a range of international cuisines and musical entertainment at the night markets, showcasing the multicultural origins of many Alice Springs residents.

The much-anticipated Christmas Carnival – a major event on Council's annual events calendar – sadly had to be cancelled on the day, due to an adverse weather event.



Programs and events

Civic receptions

Four public citizenship ceremonies held during the year formally acknowledged and welcomed 222 newly-conferred Australians from 20 different countries of origin to our town. These civic ceremonies are held each year on (or nearest to) Australia Day (January), Harmony Day (March), Territory Day (July) and Citizenship Day (September).

- In July 2017, Council hosted an informal reception for His Excellency General, the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia. The event was attended by Elected Members, dignitaries and invited members of the community.
- In August for the Henley-on-Todd Regatta, the Civic Centre received an informal visit from radio and TV personality, Andrew 'Mick' Molloy, crewing for the *Yacht Squadron de Australie*. Also visiting as part of a national tour was 'the cup that stops a nation', the Emirates Melbourne Cup.
- Following Council elections, the 13th Council of the Town of Alice Springs' was formally sworn-in on 11 September 2017.
- In November 2017, Council received the Minister of LG, Darren Chester, at an informal gathering at the Civic Centre.



- Council hosted delegates from around the Territory at the LGANT Conference, held in Alice Springs in November 2017.
- In March 2018, the Mayor received a commemorative plaque on behalf of Council from the Darwin-based Consular of the Republic of Indonesia, Dicky D. Soerjanatamihardja and his entourage.
- OLSH students, learning about the democratic process and structure of government, toured the Council Chamber, guided by the Mayor Damien Ryan, in November 2017.





Community programs

Council takes pride in delivering community programs designed to increase engagement in health and fitness, leisure activities and environmental initiatives. Programs for 2017-18 included:

- Ongoing exercise programs at the ASALC's Health & Wellness Centre for people with, or at risk of, chronic health conditions. The 'Keep You Moving' exercise program received 4282 visits.
- Council's 'Active in Alice' Walking Group remains the second-largest, out of 1,500 Heart Foundation walking groups, nation-wide. Over the year, there were 1,955 visits from 328 registered walkers.
- Residents of the Old Timers' Village, continued to benefit from Council's free, twice weekly onsite exercise programs, supported by Get Physical and the YMCA.
- Council's Healthy Communities exercise program was delivered to participants at the Mental Health Unit of the Alice Springs Hospital, the Drug & Alcohol Services Association (DASA), and Life without Barriers.
- Council staff joined community members in the National Ride to Work Day, October 2017.
- ASPL offered interested seniors a 'crash course' in drone flying in August 2017.



Community events

In the Community Development area, many successful events and programs were delivered, including:

- Mayoral Awards Ceremony and International Day of People with Disability Celebrations, held Monday 4 December 2017, with guest speakers Cuc Saidah (a well-known disability rights activist in Indonesia), and Faisal Rusdi (a member of the Mouth and Food Painting Artists (MFPA)). The award winners were:
 - Tiffany Keane, Champion Award
 - Royston Thompson, Noteworthy Award
 - Karen Stewart, Michele Castagna Medal
- Seniors Month, held throughout August included the sixth staging of 'Still Got Talent', with 10 talented groups and individuals performing for a capacity crowd. 'The Mayoral Morning Tea' was also hugely popular.
- In May 2018, the 'Big Day Out in Harmony' was delivered in partnership with the Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia. Around 800 people enjoyed music, dance, food and activities at the event, held on the Council lawns, in celebration of the rich and diverse community of Alice Springs.



- Pets on Parade is a special, celebratory occasion for the Alice Springs Community. It is an annual event facilitated by Council's Ranger team and an opportunity to showcase the four-legged, feathered and slithery pets owned by our community members. The event is designed to encourage responsible pet ownership and each year raises funds for a different charity. In 2018, over \$5,000 was raised for Camp Quality Northern Territory with approximately 420 people taking part in the parade. In addition to the pet-centric activities on the Council lawns, there were literally hundreds of giveaways and prizes donated for the event by local business and community groups, ensuring a fantastic day for everyone.
- In early December, the Christmas Windows Competition winners were announced and the Heart Foundation's Christmas Breakfast Walk took place.
- The December event for the official lighting of Council's Christmas Tree was attended by several hundred people, and was a great success.





Youth events

- In the first half of 2018, the Youth Recycled Art Prize received 49 entries, while the subsequent exhibition, held in April, received 1038 visitors – a significant increase from 264 visitors in 2017.
- In April 2018, Council's Movie Marathon – held for National Youth Week – sold out. Approximately 180 local youth attended the event.
- July's Phoney Film Festival received five entries with the amateur films shown on the big screen for the public at the Alice Springs Cinema.
- YAMfest, the Youth Arts & Music Festival, held in October at the ASALC, received a great response from youth aged 12-15 years who attended a free night of live music, spray-art, swimming, food stalls, face painting and games.

Participation

- Council staff and members of the Alice Springs community participated in the national Queen's Baton Relay held during February, prior to the 2018 Commonwealth Games held on the Gold Coast, Queensland.
- In March, the Mayor was joined by students from the Clontarf Foundation for Clean Up Australia Day.

Reconciliation Week was acknowledged with a smoking ceremony by the Gathering Garden, in front of the ASPL, in May 2018.

- NAIDOC Week march, concluding on the Civic Centre lawns for a community event in July 2017, was also participated in by Council's Library staff who hosted an information stand.
- Also in July for National Tree Day, the Mayor, Council staff and members of the community planted saplings in Frances Smith Memorial Park. Further tree planting took place in August with participation from students of Sadadeen Primary School.
- Finke Street Party Night Markets were a great success with many stallholders expressing that it was the best night market in living memory!
- Around 1000 cups of free tea and coffee given by ASTC to community members over the Alice Springs Show weekend.
- Council staff also participated in the White Ribbon March, November 2017.

Arts and Culture

The Alice Springs Town Council launched its new *Arts & Cultural Plan* and *Arts & Cultural Policy, 2017-2021* in April 2018. These documents recognise the significant contribution and value that arts and culture contribute to the appeal, vibrancy and prosperity of the Alice Springs community.

- Further installations occurred in 2017 as part of the Public Art Tiles program in the Todd Mall, with the enhancement of six benches out of nine completed. The six completed thus far have been created by: 1. The Beanie Festival 2. Tapatjatjaka Artists 3. Central Craft 'homeschool group' 4. BushMob 2016 (Kim Donald) 5. Pat Purrule Ansell 6. Leigh Fowlestone
- Do Ewe Recycle installation at the RWMF (July 2017).

Alice Springs Public Library

The Alice Springs Public Library (ASPL) is an integral meeting, learning and recreational space for the community of Alice Springs. Averaging 13,000 visitors each month and with over one third of the local population signed up as members, the library provides free access to books, DVDs, research materials, WiFi and printing facilities as well as a huge range of programs.

The library caters for a broad clientele and welcomes all members of the public, Alice Springs locals and people visiting from remote communities as well as those travelling Australia or from overseas. The library is a vital community hub in Central Australia for educational, recreational, meeting and research purposes.

Regular library programs attract all age groups and cover a variety of interests, including local history, research, creative writing, technology, languages, arts and craft, health and parenting skills.



Statistics

Programs	2017-18	2016-17	% change
Programs total	837	430	↑94.65%
Program participants – Adults	7,614	5,016	↑51.79%
Program participants – Under 18s	10,406	7,214	↑44.24%
STEAM focussed programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)	240	N/A	
Operations	2017-18	2016-17	% change
Loans	113,450	130,203	↓14.76%
Items used in-house	29,228	19,913	↑46.77%
Number of active members	10,404	8,043	↑29.35%
Number of new members	3,018	3,843	↑29.35%
Number of visitors	155,857	142,214	↑9.59%





Kinetic IT Regional Managers presenting the Community Benefit Award to Indigenous Services Officer, Felicity Thorne and Library Manager, Clare Fisher.

Award winners

Australian Library & Information Association NT Recognition Award

The dedicated team at ASPL won the ALIA NT Recognition Award in June 2018 for their tireless and passionate work at the forefront of promoting and increasing digital literacy in Central Australia.

During this past year, the library introduced a range of new programs for children and youth through to seniors including STEAM into Alice, STEAM Corps, the YesterMorph Project, and Connect to Tech. These programs focused on improving digital literacy skills in an engaging, fun and relaxed environment.

NT Digital Excellence Award Winners

In December 2017, the library won the following two awards as part of the NT Digital Excellence Awards.

The NT Digital Excellence Gold Award

The award – for demonstrating the highest degree of digital excellence in the Northern Territory during 2017 – was presented to the ASPL by the Minister for Corporate and Information Services, the Honourable Lauren Moss MLA.



Kinetic IT Community Benefit Award

Presented to the ASPL by Regional Managers from Kinetic IT, the Community Benefit Award recognises outstanding contributions towards building stronger and healthier Territory communities through enabling: greater participation, particularly by disadvantaged or underrepresented people; through innovative use of technology to overcome barriers; an initiative that helps close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens; or via any other nomination that has achieved major community benefit.

Digital literacy

Connect to Tech

Alice Springs Public Library partnered with Be Connected, an Australian Government initiative aimed at increasing the confidence, skills and online security of older Australians using digital technology.

Participants increased their digital literacy in a supportive and relaxed environment while practicing a range of new online skills, involving iPads and Androids, internet security and online shopping.

Launched in November 2017, Connect to Tech continues to run weekly at the library. Sessions are usually booked out several weeks in advance, indicating a strong demand for digital training and education for Alice Springs seniors.

STEAM into Alice

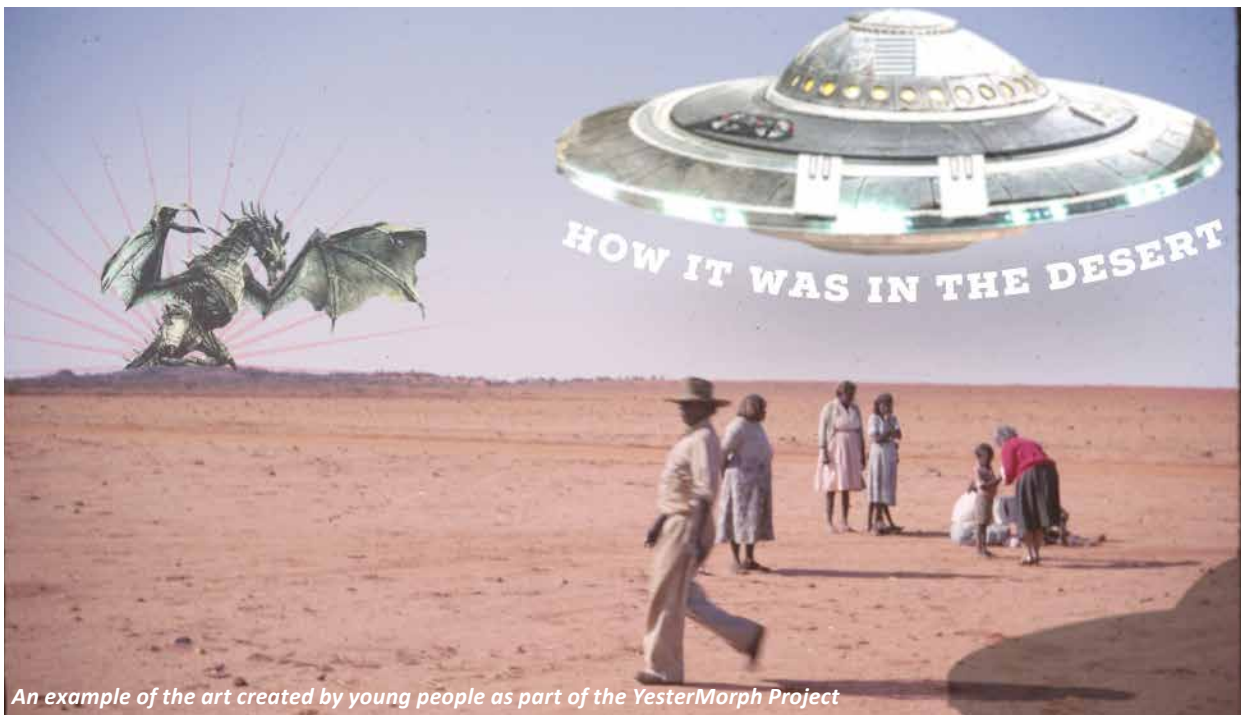
Between October 2017 and January 2018, ASPL attended Tangentyere Town Camps to provide children from 4-17 years access to emerging technology. The STEAM into Alice program officer facilitated a 3-month program that included robotics and coding using OzoBots, Spheros, LEGO Mindstorms and WeDos.

Sessions were delivered weekly to four Town Camps during term-time, and three town camps plus Brown Street Drop-in Centre during school holidays.

The program's success was indicated by:

- 380 participants
- Passionate learners identified for future opportunities
- Awareness of library services improved
- Attending children exposed to new ideas improved problem-solving skills
- Improved digital literacy in participants





An example of the art created by young people as part of the YesterMorph Project

YesterMorph Youth Program

The YesterMorph Program offered young people an opportunity to develop their creative digital manipulation skills using local historical images as a starting point. Guided by the Geek in Residence, the program encouraged young people to use simple image-manipulation apps on iPads to make poster art. Photographic images from the Central Australian Historical Images Collection formed the base layer of the artworks.

YesterMorph participants created more than 38 completed poster artworks, which were exhibited in the youth area of the library, creating a sense of achievement and positive regard for the space.

The exhibition, officially launched during the winter school holidays, was a celebration of the creativity of young library patrons.

Special collections, history and heritage

The library's Special Collections Librarian implemented a new literacy collection for adults looking to improve their print literacy. The collection includes books, flash cards and games to assist those learning to read for the first time, or those learning English as a second language.

History and Heritage events:

- My Story, My Culture talk with Celia Otley
- My Story, My Culture talk with Youssef Saudie
- Alice Springs Heritage Trivia Night
- Family History Workshop with Ali Donaldson
- Diary Writing Workshop
- Telegraph Station Open Day
- Reconciliation Week events included a smoking ceremony and Purple House (dialysis) information sessions.

Partnerships

The Alice Springs Public Library works closely with numerous schools, clubs, government and non-government organisations to ensure the library provides relevant, informed and dynamic services to the local community. Throughout 2017/2018, the library worked in partnership with more than 70 providers.



Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre

Another successful year for the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre (ASALC) with some of the highlights below:

- 138,157 visits, with record attendance in December, April and May
- 8 x Splash Parties, with a combined attendance of 2956
- Updated signage and painting throughout the ASALC facility
- Variable Speed Drive Installation to all eight ASALC pumps resulting in energy savings of around 60K p.a.
- Renovation of ASALC Training Room
- Additional storage and screening installed
- Over 1,000 individuals enrolled in ASALC's Out of School Learn to Swim Program
- Updating and upgrading of all ASALC mobility equipment
- Introduction of Swim Ready! resulting in improved supervision and safety for children under 10 years
- Purchase of 2 new inflatables





Sports

Throughout 2017/2018, Council's dedicated Sports Officer provided administrative support for the Sports Facility Advisory Committee by undertaking the scheduling and coordination of playing fields and ovals, in consultation with sports groups, and assisting with the successful staging of major sporting events.

Some of the sporting highlights for Alice Springs over the year were:

- In January 2018, TIO Traeger Park was host venue for Cricket Australia's Big Bash League (BBL) and the Women's Big Bash League (WBB) Games with the Perth Scorchers against the Adelaide Strikers. Held on a Saturday, the WBB was televised nationally and achieved an average of 242K views with a reach of 576K. On Twitter, the #WBB03 trended at #2 nationally with an audience of 1,309. The following BBL game was also televised and achieved 672K average audience, peaking at 920K. There was great support from the Alice Springs community with 3,906 spectators through the gates. The WBB, with an attendance of 165, achieved 37K views via a live stream.
- In January 2018, the first Women's AFL game to be played in Alice Springs, between the Collingwood Magpies and Melbourne Demons, was attended by 1,680 spectators.
- The Queens Baton Relay, held over two days (in February-March), involved 60 baton bearers, six schools, one camel, a Finke Desert Race buggy, and several sporting groups. The Alice Springs community gathered for an event at the end of the local relay to send the baton on its way to the Gold Coast for the Commonwealth Games.
- Also in February, Alice Springs once again was host to the National Indigenous Cricket Championships and the Imparja Cup, with all matches played on local sporting grounds. This iconic event has been secured for Alice Springs until 2021, and includes a commitment to upgrade sporting facilities, such as installation of lights at Albrecht Oval.
- In May, a nationally televised AFL game, between the Adelaide Crows and Melbourne Demons, was staged in Alice Springs

Strategic Objective 3 – *Leader in sustainability*

To be a leader in sustainability and best practice, living well in our desert context and minimising our impact.



Regional Waste Management Facility

The Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF) was established to provide a range of long-term recycling and waste minimisation strategies to communities and commercial users in the Central Australia region. In addition to the Alice Springs township, waste received at the RWMF is from the communities of Yulara, MacDonnell Regional Council and Central Desert Regional Council. The facility incorporates a weighbridge, administration area, transfer station and a retail recycling centre.

The layout of the facility prevents accidental public access to operational areas where heavy vehicles, equipment and machinery are in constant use, thereby ensuring a safe and efficient drop-off zone for the public.

The RWMF's transfer station provides the public with a sorting area where waste is separated and screened for items inappropriate for landfill. The separated items are baled and transported to major interstate recycling facilities.

The RWMF receives a broad range of items for processing, including: glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, metal, wood, concrete, bricks, electronics, chemicals, oil, tyres, green-waste, household and whitegoods. Size reduction and disassembly measures are in place to manage bulky items.

The Rediscovery Centre is the RWMF's salvage yard where pre-loved goods, household items, furniture, timber, etc. can be dropped-off, purchased, recycled and upcycled by the public. The Centre also sells mulch and crushed glass, produced onsite at the RWMF.

RWMF is available to school groups for onsite tours and offers educational programs to learn about waste management and recycling opportunities.

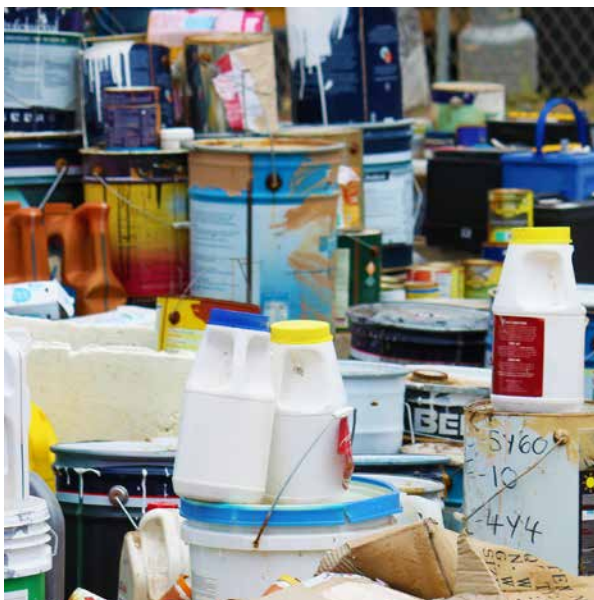




In line with Council's strategic objective of environmental sustainability, the RWMF's 30Kwh solar panels (approx. 120 panels, installed in 2016), were complemented by 12Kwh storage batteries, installed in 2017.

Highlights for 2017/2018 at the RWMF:

- Tonnage of glass recycled = 15.70
- Tonnage of metal recycled = 1280.44
- Tonnage of e-waste recycled = 34.66
- No. of wood pallets recycled = 4000
- No. of mattresses recycled = 2000
- No. of fluorescent tubes = 3,289
- Positive customer experience at the weighbridge due to a hold on rates, free e-waste drop-off days and introduction of vouchers.
- New software installed at weighbridge
- Display of recycled sheep on the banks of the Rediscovery Centre.
- New recycling drop-off for ink cartridges, household batteries, and mobile phones installed at the Rediscovery Centre
- Purchase of new compactor for landfill
- Completion of a sorting slab at the baler
- Approximately 10 schools visit to RWMF



The following statistics for 2017/2018 represent waste products processed through the Regional Waste Management Facility.

Item	Tonnes IN	Tonnes OUT
Animal Carcass	10.06	
Asbestos	590.04	
Building Material		139.39
Cardboard / Paper	286.44	
Chemicals	0.00	0.00
Clean Fill	12,780.14	
Concrete	2,598.71	1,065.58
Container Deposit (CDL)	10.82	10.82
Council Supported	73.46	
Demolition Materials	6,225.14	
Domestic Bins	7,346.98	
Drop-off Zone (Shop)		143.31
Electronic Waste	49.02	37.66
Glass	94.24	12.40
Green Waste	2,697.94	418.20
Household Goods		43.29
Liquid Waste	1,259.22	
Mattresses	71.64	61.11
Metals	829.31	1,285.28
Mixed Waste	11,737.52	
Timber / Pallets	685.03	716.41
Tyres	14.32	4.14
Total	47,360.03	3,937.59
Total minus clean fill	34,579.89	
Percentage recycled		11.39%



Environment

A committed Environment Officer focussed exclusively on enhancing Council's approaches towards best practice environmental management and sustainability. This involved the development of initiatives across all directorates and the wider municipality. Initiatives included:

- Paint Back Scheme
- Tyre Stewardship Program
- Ride 2 Work Day
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Great Northern Clean Up
- National Tree Planting Day
- Garage Sale Trail
- Earth Hour
- Neighbour Day
- Installation of Solar Panel Systems at:
 - ASALC
 - TIO Traeger Park
- Climate Action Plan
- Cities Power Partnership Program
- NT Mobile Muster Top Collector Award
- Battery Recycling
- School Tours to RWMF



Strategic Objective 4 – *Dynamic Council*

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



Risk and Compliance

- Provided support to the Risk Management and Audit Committee.
- Monitored Council's website to comply with the *Local Government Act*.
- Responded to and actioned queries by the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Provided advice to Council with regard to compliance and governance activities and recommended improvements.
- Commenced a thorough review of Council's policy environment and initiated development of a Policy Framework.
- Updated Council's website to reflect a new Governance section with further enhancements to Council Committee webpages in development.



- Conducted periodic meetings with Operational Risk Register owners to thoroughly review risk registers and discuss the status of risk treatment plans.
- Held meetings with the Executive team to develop a comprehensive Strategic Risk Register for Council.
- Developed Council's first Internal Audit Charter (in draft).
- Developed Council's first Policy Framework (in draft).

Risk Management and Audit Committee

The Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) is an advisory committee providing independent assurance and assistance to Council on its audit process, internal control and compliance frameworks, corporate governance and risk management framework.

The members of the RMAC for 2017/2018 were:

Members – 12th Council: Meetings Attended	
Mr Iain Summers (independent Chair) B. Comm Grad Dip Mngt Psych, FCA, FCPA, FAIM, FAICD	1
Mayor Damien Ryan GAICD	1
Councillor Brendan Heenan (Chair, Finance Standing Committee)	1
Councillor Jade Kudrenko (Chair, Corporate and Community Services Standing Committee)	0
Councillor Eli Melky (Chair, Technical Services Standing Committee)	1

Members – 13th Council: Meetings Attended	
Mr Iain Summers (independent Chair) B. Comm Grad Dip Mngt Psych, FCA, FCPA, FAIM, FAICD	3
Mayor Damien Ryan GAICD	3
Deputy Mayor Jamie de Brenni	3
Councillor Marli Banks (Chair, Technical Services Standing Committee)	1
Councillor Jimmy Cocking (Chair, Finance Standing Committee)	3
Councillor Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (Chair, Corporate and Community Services Standing Committee)	1

The RMAC is supported by the following Council officers who have a standing invitation to attend meetings:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Director Corporate and Community Services
- Director Finance
- Director Technical Services
- Manager Finance
- Risk and Compliance Officer.

The RMAC met four times during the year. Activities undertaken included:

- review of Council's Strategic and Operational Risk Registers
- review of the 2016/2017 audited financial statements
- recommended the development of an internal audit plan and allocation of internal audit funding
- review of the Draft Internal Audit Charter
- review of the RMAC Terms of Reference and clarified roles and responsibilities
- recommended a review of Council's Investment Policy.

Note: information regarding the Risk Management and Audit Committee is required to be included in the Annual Report under the *Department of Housing and Community Development General Instruction No. 3* pursuant to Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Accounting) regulations.





Registry

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

Property Ownership

During the reporting period, change of ownership updates to Council's database occurred in relation to 683 houses and 61 units.

Cemetery Burials

During the same period, Council facilitated 83 burials, nine ashes interments and granted 19 Exclusive Right of Burials. In relation to the War Graves at the Memorial Cemetery, the Director of Veterans Affairs has indicated that maintenance of the site is very satisfactory.

Information Technology (IT)

A small dedicated team of four staff looks after the IT requirements for Council, including maintenance of the organisation's public website.

Some projects completed during the reporting period:

- Implementation of an alternate data-backup solution
- Decommissioning of remaining analogue telephone services in preparation for the copper cut-off
- Commissioning and installation of a new anti-virus solution
- Replacement of the free wi-fi infrastructure at the AS Public Library
- Extension of the free wi-fi service to include Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre (ASALC)
- Integration of ASALC's telephone services with the rest of the organisation
- Deployment of a new solution for the distribution of meeting papers to Elected Members



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 2017/2018 the activities entailed the following:

- Reviewed and refined screening process for new employees ensuring they have work rights in Australia
- Coordinated Council Orientation Days
- Coordinated comprehensive training program for all ASTC departments
- Assisted all work units with HR functions including recruitment and induction of employees
- Conducted employee information sessions on *Bullying and Harassment* and *Alcohol and Drugs*
- Revised and displayed updated Council Representatives charts on notice boards and Intranet
- Reviewed and updated HR components of Intranet and Website
- Reviewed and updated JSEA's as required and carried out employee education regarding effective JSEA use
- Maintained Risk Register for Human Resources department
- Updated HR delegations
- Carried out comprehensive review of internal operational policies
- Updated business plans for all work units and amended KPIs
- Continued comprehensive recruitment and selection process including skills testing, pre-employment medicals (including drug and alcohol tests) and police clearances
- Changed provider for pre-employment medicals for all potential Council employees
- Conducted ASTC Safety Day with a guest speaker
- 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, and training and information sessions
- Attended Indigenous Youth Employment Forum and the Careers Skills Expo organised by Clontarf





Financial Reflections

Analysis of Statement of Comprehensive Income

Income results have increased by \$4.72 million, in comparison to 2016/17 largely attributable to:

- 3% increase in rate revenue in the 2017/18 financial year as set out in the Municipal Plan
- \$284,000 increase in user charges at Council's Regional Waste Management Facility.
- Council's income from Grants and Contributions increased by \$3.74 million. Grants commission (Financial Assistance Grants) Roads and General Purpose grants were partly received in advance for 2018/19.

Expenditure results show an increase of \$0.86 million in comparison to 2016/17 largely attributable to:

- Employee costs having increased by \$0.52 million, there was however a increase in depreciation from \$7.23 million in 2016/17 to \$8.01 million in 2017/18.

Council's investment in solar initiatives have proven beneficial as electricity costs have decreased as reflected in the 2017/18 annual financial statements.

Analysis of Statement of Financial Position

Total current assets have increased by \$11.40 million in comparison to 2016/17. This is largely attributable to an increase in term deposits held by Council, due to an increase in grants received and 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.

Current liabilities have decreased due to repayment of Council's borrowings in July 2017.

Non-current liabilities have increased slightly due to increase in the employee long service leave provisions and Land fill restoration provision.

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 2019.

Analysis of Statement of Changes in Equity

Council's reserve balances have increased by \$12.89 million since the 2016/17 financial year. Significant movement to reserves include \$433,000 to the Aquatic & Leisure Centre reserve, \$ 366,000 Regional Waste Management Facility Plant & Equipment Replacement Reserve, \$803,000 to the Street Lighting Reserve, \$587,000 to the Albrecht Oval Lights Reserve, \$ 300,000 to the Solar Initiatives Reserve, \$ 854,000 to the City Deals Projects Reserve, \$587,000 to the Plant Equipment Replacement Reserve, \$1.29 million to the Ilparpa Road Reserve and \$200,000 to the Footpath Reserve as well as various grant funding received that have been moved to reserves at financial year to facilitate works in the 2018/19 financial year. Significant movement from reserves include \$137,000 from the Totem Theatre Drainage Reserve, \$107,000 from the Baler Shed Reserve and \$224,000 from the Solar Initiative Reserve



Analysis of Statement of Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents were \$46.42 million, as at 30th June 2018. This cash balance is sufficient to cover Council's reserve holdings (apart from the Asset Revaluation Reserve). Unexpended grants amounted to \$7.51 million at the end of the reporting period.

Operating Income and Operating Expenditure

The detailed audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 follow this report.

During the 2017/2018 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	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Rates and annual charges	\$22.81m	\$24.42m	\$25.15m	\$25.68m
User fees and charges	\$3.26m	\$3.64m	\$4.31m	\$4.70m
Interest	\$1.16m	\$1.33m	\$1.28m	\$1.27m
Grants and contributions	\$4.18m	\$5.93m	\$6.95m	\$10.69m
Other revenues	\$1.29m	\$1.43m	\$1.81m	\$0.80m
Total	\$32.70m	\$36.75m	\$39.50m	\$43.14m

Operating Expenditure	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Employee costs	\$13.66m	\$14.75m	\$15.36m	\$15.89m
Materials & contracts	\$5.79m	\$6.09m	\$7.81m	\$7.58m
Interest charges	\$0.15m	\$0.13m	\$0.11m	\$0.06m
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	\$10.54m	\$9.38m	\$7.72m	\$8.01m
Other expenses	\$4.29m	\$4.23m	\$4.61m	\$4.17m
Loss on disposal of assets	\$0.00m	\$0.03m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m
Total	\$34.43m	\$34.61m	\$35.61m	\$35.71m

Summary of Assets and Liabilities

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 2018/19 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.

Assets				
Current Assets	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Cash Assets	\$27.01m	\$32.62m	\$34.87m	\$46.42m
Receivables	\$2.10m	\$2.84m	\$2.56m	\$2.40m
Inventories	\$0.13m	\$0.13m	\$0.13m	\$0.14m
Other	\$0.07m	\$0.13m	\$0.18m	\$0.18m
Total	\$29.31m	\$35.72m	\$37.74m	\$49.14m

Non-Current Assets	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Deferred Rates	\$0.01m	\$0.02m	\$0.02m	\$0.02m
Work in Progress	\$0.10m	\$1.32m	\$1.65m	\$0.50m
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$193.03m	\$188.01m	\$281.50m	\$277.98m
Total	\$193.15m	\$189.35m	\$283.17m	\$278.50m

Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Payables	\$0.81m	\$0.33m	\$0.82m	\$1.20m
Borrowings	\$0.40m	\$0.43m	\$1.22m	\$0.00m
Provisions	\$1.34m	\$1.46m	\$1.81m	\$1.88m
Total	\$2.55m	\$3.22m	\$3.85m	\$3.08m

Non-Current Liabilities	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Borrowings	\$1.65m	\$1.22m	\$0.00m	\$0.00m
Provisions	\$2.86m	\$3.04m	\$3.23m	\$3.29m
Total	\$4.51m	\$4.26m	\$3.23m	\$3.29m





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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018

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.



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General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

I, Mr 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 2018; and
- are in accordance with the accounting and other records of the Council.



Mr Rex Roger Mooney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 30 October 2018

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Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2018

	Notes	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
Income			
Rates Revenues	2a	21,992	21,537
Waste Management Revenue	2a	3,687	3,610
Statutory Charges	2b	204	212
User Charges	2c	4,505	4,103
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2f	9,031	4,211
Interest Income	2d	1,267	1,280
Other Income	2e	794	1,810
Total Income		41,480	36,763
Expenses			
Employee Costs	3a	15,885	15,361
Materials and Contracts	3b	7,584	7,815
Other Operating Expenses	3b	4,167	4,609
Depreciation and Amortisation	3c	8,011	7,723
Finance Costs	3d	58	111
Total Expenses		35,705	35,619
Operating Surplus		5,775	1,144
Net Gain / (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	4	(6)	(5)
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2f	1,662	2,741
Net Surplus		7,431	3,880
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in Revaluation Surplus - I,PP&E	9a	-	92,364
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	92,364
Total Comprehensive Income		7,431	96,244

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2018

	Notes	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5a	46,421	34,875
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	2,404	2,557
Other Financial Assets	5c	177	179
Inventories	5d	136	132
Total Current Assets		49,138	37,743
Non-Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7a	277,981	281,502
Other Non-Current Assets	6	513	1,673
Total Non-Current Assets		278,494	283,175
TOTAL ASSETS		327,632	320,918
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8a	1,196	815
Borrowings	8b	-	1,228
Provisions	8c	1,880	1,812
Total Current Liabilities		3,076	3,855
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	8c	3,292	3,230
Total Non-Current Liabilities		3,292	3,230
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,368	7,085
Net Assets		321,264	313,833
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		9,502	14,956
Asset Revaluation Reserve	9a	269,204	269,204
Other Reserves	9b	42,558	29,673
Total Council Equity		321,264	313,833

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2018

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$ '000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$ '000	Other Reserves \$ '000	Total Equity \$ '000
2018					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		14,956	269,204	29,673	313,833
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		7,431	-	-	7,431
Total Comprehensive Income		7,431	-	-	7,431
b. Transfers between Reserves		(12,885)	-	12,885	-
Balance at the end of period		9,502	269,204	42,558	321,264
2017					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		12,466	176,840	28,283	217,589
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		3,880	-	-	3,880
b. Other Comprehensive Income					
- Changes on Revaluation of I,PP&E	7a	-	92,364	-	92,364
Other Comprehensive Income		-	92,364	-	92,364
Total Comprehensive Income		3,880	92,364	-	96,244
c. Transfers between Reserves		(1,390)	-	1,390	-
Balance at the end of period		14,956	269,204	29,673	313,833

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2018

	Notes	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates Receipts		25,702	25,253
Statutory Charges		204	212
User Charges		4,955	3,901
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (operating purpose)		9,171	4,352
Investment Receipts		1,267	1,280
Other Receipts		1,598	3,993
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to Employees		(15,764)	(12,526)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(12,630)	(17,193)
Finance Payments		(58)	(111)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	11b	14,445	9,161
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets		1,662	2,741
Sale of Replaced Assets		53	72
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(144)	(1,588)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(3,245)	(7,666)
Net Purchase of Investment Securities		2	(52)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(1,672)	(6,493)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Bonds & Deposits		1	62
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(1,228)	(426)
Repayment of Bonds & Deposits		-	(51)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(1,227)	(415)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		11,546	2,253
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	5, 11	34,875	32,622
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	5, 11	46,421	34,875

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated 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 30 October 2018.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

Except for revaluation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and 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 amount are presented in Australian Dollars, unless otherwise stated.

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Council's accounting policies.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of these Notes.

1.4 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 and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

3 Income Recognition

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

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

In recent years the payment of untied financial assistance grants has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference
2015/16	\$1,663,465	\$1,663,465	Nil
2016/17	\$2,454,107	\$1,618,321	+ \$835,786
2017/18	\$1,662,483	\$1,650,037	+\$12,446

Because these grants are untied, the Australian Accounting Standards require that payments be recognised upon receipt. Accordingly, the operating results of these periods have been distorted compared to those that would have been reported had the grants been paid in the year to which they were allocated.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Rates and levies

Rates are recognised at the commencement of rating period.

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.

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 Assets

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

5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential.

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.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life.

Capitalisation thresholds applied during the year 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 assets. 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 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
<i>Other Assets</i>	
Library Books General	10 to 15 years
Library Books Special Collection	60 years

6.5 Impairment

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if the Council were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing.

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

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

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 the Council assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

8 Employee Benefits

8.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) 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 oncosts) 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.

8.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Statewide 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 the Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.

9 Provisions for Reinstatement, Restoration and Rehabilitation

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

Although estimated future costs are based on a closure plan, such plans are based on current environmental requirements which may change. 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.

10 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.

11 Construction Contracts

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

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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.

12 GST Implications

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

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

13 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.

Some Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations have been issued but are not yet effective. Those standards have not been applied in these financial statements. The Council will implement them when they are effective.

The standards that are expected to have a material impact upon Council's future financial statements are:

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

- *AASB 9 Financial Instruments* This replaces AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, and addresses the classification, measurement and disclosure of financial assets and liabilities.

The standard introduces a new impairment model that requires impairment provisions to be based on expected credit losses, rather than incurred credit losses. Based on assessments to date, the Council expects a small increase to impairment losses however the standard is not expected to have a material impact overall.

- *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, *AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* and *AASB 2016-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities*

AASB 15 will replace AASB 118 Revenue, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and a number of Interpretations. AASB 2016-8 provides Australian requirements and guidance for not-for-profit entities in applying AASB 9 and AASB 15, and AASB 1058 will replace AASB 1004 Contributions. Together they contain a comprehensive and robust framework for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of income including revenue from contracts with customers.

The Council is still reviewing the way that income is measured and recognised to identify whether there will be any material impact arising from these standards.

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

- *AASB 16 Leases*

Council has some leases that are not in the Statement of Financial Position. These will need to be included when this standard comes into effect. A lease liability will initially be measured at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the lease term. A corresponding right-of-use asset will also be recognised over the lease term. This estimate is based on council's

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

current obligations and various market and other assumptions.

The standards are not expected to have a material impact upon Council's future financial statements are:

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

- 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 2016-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarifications to AASB 15

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

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

14 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.

15 Disclaimer

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

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 2. Income

	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
Notes		
(a). Rates Revenues		
General Rates		
- Residential	14,165	13,772
- Rural	586	574
- Business	7,174	7,123
- Airport	67	68
Total General Rates	21,992	21,537
Other Rates (Including Service Charges)		
Waste Collection	3,687	3,610
Total Other Rates	3,687	3,610
Total Rates Revenues	25,679	25,147
(b). Statutory Charges		
Regulatory / Statutory Fees	204	212
Total Statutory Charges	204	212
(c). User Charges		
Cemetery Charges	192	162
Sundry	66	31
Hire of Council Equipment	27	38
Rates Searches	19	7
Rental Charges	113	119
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Income	893	828
Weighbridge Charges	2,939	2,655
Night Markets	12	7
Library Charges	31	33
Tip Shop	213	223
Total User Charges	4,505	4,103
(d). Investment Income		
Interest on Investments		
- Banks & Other	1,002	955
Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges	265	325
Total Investment Income	1,267	1,280

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Note 2. Income (continued)

	2018	2017
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(e). Other Income		
Sundry	326	424
Fines	96	137
Fuel Rebates	140	35
Insurance Claims	122	641
Development Consent Authority Charges	49	75
NDRAA Funding	-	348
Solar Rebates	-	75
Merchant fees	8	10
Other	53	65
Total Other Income	794	1,810

(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions

NT Operating Grants

General Purpose - Australian Government via Northern Territory Grants Commission

Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose	718	1,068
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	944	1,386
	1,662	2,454

Specific Purpose

National Reconciliation Week	-	5
Safer Streets Programme	4	10
Senior Month Event	2	2
Library Operational	607	595
Pensioner Subsidies	205	216
National Youth Week	2	3
Youth Vibe Holiday	2	2
DHLGS - Town Camps Waste Collection	183	282
Road Safety Community Program	-	10
After Hours Youth Service	535	349
Roaming Cat Prevention	1	3
Regional Museums Support Program	1	-
Be Connected Activation	2	-
STEAM Into Alice	31	-
Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day)	2	-
Summer Holiday Youth Vibe	2	-
Languages At Lunch	1	-
Recycled Art Prize	2	-
	1,582	1,477
Total NT Operating Grants	3,244	3,931

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Note 2. Income (continued)

	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
	Notes	
(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions (continued)		
NT Capital Grants		
Retractable Seating Netball Stadium	-	208
Storage Shed Ross Park	-	97
50+ Community Centre Carpark	-	90
Albrecht Oval Carpark	-	967
Alice Springs Sporting Infrastructure	6,200	-
Hazardous Waste Facility	401	-
Albrecht Oval Lighting	600	-
Alice Springs Aquatic Centre Lighting Upgrade	81	-
Todd River Fitness Station	72	-
Mobile Grandstand	36	-
Total NT Capital Grants	7,390	1,362
Commonwealth Operating Grants		
Specific Purpose		
Healthy Communities	-	30
Total Commonwealth Operating Grants	-	30
Commonwealth Capital Grants		
Mona's Lounge Extension	-	45
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	-	1,334
Total Commonwealth Capital Grants	-	1,379
Total Grants	10,634	6,702
Contributions		
Keep Australia Beautiful	-	10
Upgrade of Bath Street Footpath	-	160
Sports Facility Fees & Participation Levies	50	56
Sporting Club Contributions	-	12
Other	2	6
Pets on Parade	7	6
Total Contributions	59	250
Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	10,693	6,952

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

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Note 2. Income (continued)

	2018	2017
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(f). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions (continued)		
(i) Sources of grants		
Commonwealth Government	-	1,409
State Government	10,634	5,293
Other	59	250
Total	10,693	6,952

(ii) Individually Significant Items that are intended for 2018/19

Grants Commission (FAG) Roads Grant Recognised as Income *	483	472
Grants Commission (FAG) General Purpose Grant Recognised as Income **	364	363

* Grants commission (FAG) Road Grant for 1st half of 2018/19 received in advance.

** Grants commission (FAG) General Purpose for 1st half of 2018/19 received in advance.

(g). Conditions over Grants & Contributions

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:

Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	2,411	1,372
<i>Less:</i>		
<i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
Arts & Cultural Program	(1)	(20)
Youth Vibe Holiday	(2)	(2)
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery	(775)	(811)
ASTC Waste Strategy	-	(1)
The Art of Waste	-	(7)
After Hours Youth Service	(12)	(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	(11)	(5)
Mona's Lounge Extension	-	(25)
Jim McConville Park - Diamond	-	(35)
Ross Park Storage Shed	(96)	-
50+ Community Centre Carpark	(75)	-
Safer Streets Programme	(15)	-
Health and Wellness Centre	(33)	-
Road Safety Community Programme	(5)	-
NDRAA Hail Storm Damage	(346)	-
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose	(363)	-
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	(473)	-
Subtotal	(2,207)	(1,215)

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Note 2. Income (continued)

	Notes	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
(g). Conditions over Grants & Contributions (continued)			
<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		1	2
After Hours Youth Service		13	24
Health and Wellness Centre		-	30
Roaming Cat Prevention		1	3
DOTARS - Roads to Recovery		-	775
Road Safety Community Programme		-	5
Safer Streets Programme		3	10
50+ Community Centre Carpark		-	90
Ross Park Storage Shed		-	97
Waste Collection Town Camps		55	33
NDRAA Hail Storm Damage		-	346
Financial Assistance Grant - General Purpose		484	363
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads		364	473
National Reconciliation Week		-	3
Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure		5,807	-
Hazardous Waste Facility		389	-
Youth Vibe Holiday - Phoney Film Festival		2	-
Aquatic Centre - Lighting Upgrade		81	-
Mobile Grandstands		36	-
Todd River Fitness Stations		72	-
Subtotal		7,308	2,254
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period		7,512	2,411
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period		5,101	1,039

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Note 3. Expenses

	Notes	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
(a). Employee Costs			
Salaries and Wages		13,017	12,420
Employee Leave Expense		1,030	1,243
Superannuation	16	1,405	1,250
Workers' Compensation Insurance		247	274
Travelling		26	17
FBT		40	47
Training		108	78
Other		12	32
Total Operating Employee Costs		15,885	15,361

Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period) 168 176

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	12	8
140,000 - 159,999	2	3
240,000 - 259,999	1	1

	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
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Elected Members Remuneration

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

Councillor Allowance	105	90
Mayor Allowance	108	108
Deputy Mayor Allowance	37	37
Travelling Allowance	5	2
	255	237

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2018	2017
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		
(i) Materials and Contracts		
Parts, Accessories & Consumables	12	-
Sundry	5	1
Advertising	5	6
Books/Resources	28	21
Children and Youth events	19	11
Computer consumables	19	9
Consulting fees	161	416
Contract material and labour	4,021	3,283
Equipment Hire	6	5
Food (catering)	95	76
Fuel and oils	306	277
General events	10	5
Internet service provider	36	38
IT equipment	40	98
Journals and periodicals	12	12
Licence and maintenance fees	341	214
Materials	1,966	2,935
Membership and subscriptions	90	69
Network communication	41	61
Non-book resources	5	1
Office equipment	12	10
Other equipment	23	8
Printing	51	43
Promotional/Education	8	10
Security	73	78
Software development	70	-
Stationery	33	35
Uniforms	14	13
Other - SFAC Contribution	82	80
Total - Materials and Contracts	7,584	7,815
(ii) Other Operating Expenses		
(a) Prescribed Expenses		
Auditor's Remuneration		
- Auditing the Financial Reports	37	30
- Other Services	-	8
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	37	38
(b) Electricity		
Electricity costs	911	1,143
Subtotal - Electricity	911	1,143

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	Notes	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses (continued)			
(c) Other Expenses			
Advertising		136	102
Bad & doubtful debts		(9)	374
Bad debt write off		9	103
Consulting fees		29	1
Contributions and/or donations made		63	60
Courier and freight		20	15
Elected member allowances		259	244
Elected members allowances		7	-
Gas expenses		66	84
General rates - Early Bird draw		16	15
Grants made		80	82
Telephone		61	87
Insurance		345	341
Legal fees		-	6
Merchant transaction fees		56	54
Other expenses		29	41
Pensioner concessions		254	256
Postage		22	20
Refunds/Reimbursements		11	1
Relocation expenses		15	9
Rent		33	40
Travel and accomodation expenses		27	26
Vehicle registration		82	84
Water consumption, sewerage and service charges		1,608	1,383
Subtotal - Other Expenses		3,219	3,428
Total - Other Operating Expenses		4,167	4,609
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		11,751	12,424

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2018	2017
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(c). Depreciation and Amortisation		
Land Improvements	1,701	1,663
Buildings	1,961	1,914
Infrastructure		
- Sealed Roads	1,803	1,801
- Unsealed Roads	36	36
- Stormwater Drainage	525	521
Plant & Equipment	676	591
Furniture & Office Equipment	212	163
Other Assets	1,097	1,034
Total Depreciation and Amortisation	8,011	7,723
(d). Finance Costs		
Interest on Loans	26	98
Finance expense - Provision for Restoration of the Landfill	32	13
Total Finance Costs	58	111

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

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

(i) Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced

Proceeds from Disposal	53	72
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(59)	(77)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal	(6)	(5)
Net Gain / (Loss) on Disposal	(6)	(5)

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Note 5. Current Assets

	2018	2017
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(a). Cash & Cash Equivalents		
Cash on Hand at Bank	10,021	1,775
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.	36,400	33,100
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	46,421	34,875
(b). Trade & Other Receivables		
Rates - General & Other	1,579	1,602
Accrued Revenues	224	195
User Charges and Fees	637	612
ATO	114	312
Other	350	345
Subtotal	2,904	3,066
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	(500)	(509)
Total Trade & Other Receivables	2,404	2,557
(c). Other Financial Assets		
Prepayments	177	179
Total Other Financial Assets (Investments)	177	179
Amounts included in other financial assets that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date are disclosed in Note 13		
(d). Inventories		
Stores & Materials	136	132
Total Inventories	136	132

Note 6. Non-Current Assets

Capital Works-in-Progress	489	1,649
Deferred Rates	24	24
Total Other Non-Current Assets	513	1,673

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for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 7a. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000	Fair Value Level	as at 30/6/2017				Asset Movements during the Reporting Period					as at 30/6/2018			
		At	At	Acc.	Carrying	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	At	Acc.	Carrying
		Fair Value	Cost	Dep'n	Value						Fair Value	Cost	Dep'n	Value
Land	3	60,877	-	-	60,877	-	-	-	-	-	60,877	-	-	60,877
Land Improvements	3	21,580	-	1,663	19,917	545	-	(1,701)	-	-	22,125	-	3,369	18,756
Buildings	3	50,607	-	1,914	48,693	497	-	(1,961)	-	-	51,104	-	3,875	47,229
Infrastructure														
- Sealed Roads	3	81,068	-	1,801	79,267	1,913	-	(1,803)	-	-	82,982	-	3,605	79,377
- Unsealed Roads	3	1,727	-	36	1,691	-	-	(36)	-	-	1,727	-	72	1,655
- Stormwater Drainage	3	35,708	-	521	35,187	190	-	(525)	-	-	35,899	-	1,046	34,853
Plant & Equipment	3	7,800	-	589	7,211	516	(59)	(676)	-	-	8,254	-	1,261	6,993
Furniture & Office Equipment	3	1,400	-	163	1,237	87	-	(212)	-	-	1,487	-	375	1,112
Art Collection & Heritage	3	3,204	-	-	3,204	-	-	-	-	-	3,204	-	-	3,204
Other Assets	3	25,254	-	1,036	24,218	798	-	(1,097)	-	-	26,050	-	2,125	23,925
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		289,225	-	7,723	281,502	4,546	(59)	(8,011)	-	-	293,709	-	15,728	277,981
Comparatives		217,988	-	29,977	188,011	8,943	(77)	(7,723)	(13,837)	106,201	289,225	-	7,723	281,502

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2018

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

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 entity can access at the measurement date.

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

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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

Information on Valuations

Certain Land, Land Improvements and Buildings

Certain land, and the buildings and 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 Council.

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.

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

Valuation of Assets (continued)

Other Information

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

Highest and best use

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

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.

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.

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

Valuation of Assets (continued)

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.

Note 8. Liabilities

Notes	2018	2018	2017	2017
	Current \$ '000	Non Current \$ '000	Current \$ '000	Non Current \$ '000

(a). Trade and Other Payables

Goods & Services	(18)	-	(4)	-
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements	604	-	449	-
Accrued Expenses - Other	528	-	245	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	82	-	81	-
Unearned Income	-	-	44	-
Total Trade and Other Payables	1,196	-	815	-

(b). Borrowings

Westpac loan - Civic Centre	-	-	1,228	-
Total Borrowings	-	-	1,228	-

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Note 8. Liabilities

Notes	2018	2018	2017	2017
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(c). Provisions				
Restoration of Landfill	-	2,657	-	2,625
Airfares	14	-	14	-
Annual Leave	1,178	-	1,125	-
Long Service Leave	574	635	566	605
TIL Liability	114	-	107	-
Total Provisions	1,880	3,292	1,812	3,230

Note 9. Reserves

	1/7/2017	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	30/6/2018
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(a). Asset Revaluation Reserve					
Land	50,675	-	-	-	50,675
Land Improvements	5,530	-	-	-	5,530
Buildings	29,508	-	-	-	29,508
Infrastructure					
- Sealed Roads	112,298	-	-	-	112,298
- Unsealed Roads	2,598	-	-	-	2,598
- Stormwater Drainage	41,783	-	-	-	41,783
Plant & Equipment	4,628	-	-	-	4,628
Furniture & Office Equipment	469	-	-	-	469
Art Collection & Heritage	3,126	-	-	-	3,126
Other Assets	18,589	-	-	-	18,589
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	269,204	-	-	-	269,204
Comparatives	176,840	92,364	-	-	269,204

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

	1/7/2017	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	30/6/2018
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b). Other Reserves					
Elections	193	125	(86)	-	232
Regional Waste Management Future Funds	3,565	-	-	-	3,565
Sports Facility Advisory Committee	493	148	-	-	641
Developer Contributions Trust	134	-	-	-	134
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	-	433	-	-	433
Capital Infrastructure	5,031	-	-	-	5,031
Employee Entitlement	315	-	-	-	315
Working Capital	2,897	-	-	-	2,897
Todd Mall & Environs Redevelopment	2,389	-	-	-	2,389
Regional Waste Management Facility P&E	1,803	366	-	-	2,169
Civic Centre Upgrade	371	38	-	-	409
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee	14	-	-	-	14
Totem Theatre Drainage Reserve	180	-	(137)	-	43
Park Reports	202	-	-	-	202
Christmas Tree Replacement	51	-	-	-	51
Mount John's Development Road Maintenance	110	-	-	-	110
Town Camp Waste Collection	32	81	(58)	-	55
Open Drains	332	-	-	-	332
Parks & Playgrounds	130	429	-	-	559
Upgrades To Pedestrian Ramps	78	-	-	-	78
Town Beautification	601	-	-	-	601
Baler Shed Reserve	240	-	(107)	-	133
Street Lighting	2,055	803	-	-	2,858
Albrecht Lights Reserve	600	587	(4)	-	1,183
Solar Initiatives	327	300	(224)	-	403
Cycle Study	102	261	(22)	-	341
Map Signage	50	-	-	-	50
Cricket Wicket Replacement	42	-	-	-	42
Unexpended Funds	4,142	5,865	(5,258)	-	4,749
Ragonesi Road Footpath Reserve	320	-	-	-	320
Unexpended Grants Reserve	1,604	1,224	(1,699)	-	1,129
City Deals Project Reserve	69	854	-	-	923
Supreme Court Laneway	200	-	-	-	200
After Hours Youth Service	24	15	(27)	-	12
Kerbside Recycling Collection	977	-	(3)	-	974
Pedestrian Refuge Reserve	-	143	(38)	-	105
Public Toilet Project Reserve	-	140	(40)	-	100
RWMF Capital Projects Reserve	-	50	-	-	50
South Edge Estate Defective Works Reserve	-	50	-	-	50
Plant Equipment Replacement Reserve	-	587	(3)	-	584
Ilparpa Road Reserve	-	1,290	(88)	-	1,202

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

	1/7/2017	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	30/6/2018
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b). Other Reserves (continued)					
Todd Mall Facelift Reserve	-	40	-	-	40
Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure	-	6,225	(417)	-	5,808
ANZAC Oval Fencing Reserve	-	177	-	-	177
Cemetery Master Plan Reserve	-	100	-	-	100
Footpath Reserve	-	200	-	-	200
Tree Planting Reserve	-	51	-	-	51
Library IT upgrade Reserve	-	125	-	-	125
Hazardous Waste Facility Reserve	-	389	-	-	389
Total Other Reserves	29,673	21,096	(8,211)	-	42,558
Comparatives	28,283	12,006	(10,616)	-	29,673

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

Elections Reserve

To cover costs associated with the council elections.

Regional Waste Management Facility Future Landfill Site Reserve

For the purchase of land at the future RWMF.

Capital Infrastructure Reserve

Funding for significant capital projects.

Regional Waste Management Facility Plant & Equipment Reserve

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

Plant & Equipment Replacement Reserve

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

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

(b). Other Reserves (continued)

Ilparpa Road Reserve

For upgrade of Ilparpa Road Stage 2 width and footpath.

Alice Springs Capital Sporting Infrastructure

For upgrade of various sporting facilities in Alice Springs \$6.2M.

Note 10. Assets Subject to Restrictions

	2018	2017
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '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 Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

Cash & Financial Assets

Unexpended amounts received

Other Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants

Total Cash & Financial Assets

7,512	2,441
7,512	2,441

Total Assets Subject to Externally Imposed Restrictions

7,512	2,441
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The following liabilities, included in Note 8, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance:

Provisions

Total

8	5,172	5,042
	5,172	5,042

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Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

	Notes	2018 \$ '000	2017 \$ '000
(a). Reconciliation of Cash			
Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:			
Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	5	46,421	34,875
Less: Short-Term Borrowings	8	-	-
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		46,421	34,875
(b). Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities			
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		7,431	3,880
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		8,011	7,723
Grants for Capital Acquisitions (Treated as Investing Activity Receipts)		(1,662)	(2,741)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		6	5
		13,786	8,867
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		162	(42)
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		9	(333)
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		(4)	(1)
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets		(18)	666
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		380	(529)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		130	533
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		14,445	9,161

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Note 12a. Functions

Functions/Activities	Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).													
	INCOME			EXPENSES			OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME			TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	Budget 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2017 \$ '000	Budget 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2017 \$ '000	Budget 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2017 \$ '000	Budget 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2017 \$ '000	Actual 2018 \$ '000	Actual 2017 \$ '000
General Public Services	27,853	29,204	30,147	11,665	14,234	12,977	16,188	14,970	17,170	1,063	1,928	2,683	74,070	64,254
Public Order & Safety	229	287	395	1,483	1,408	1,298	(1,254)	(1,121)	(903)	-	5	19	6,253	6,424
Economic Affairs	148	681	2,010	4,753	3,241	3,020	(4,605)	(2,560)	(1,010)	-	535	1,853	105,344	105,781
Environmental Protection	3,949	3,819	4,566	6,451	5,236	7,347	(2,502)	(1,417)	(2,781)	1,100	584	1,249	43,452	44,003
Housing & Community Amenities	243	253	394	2,401	1,100	1,480	(2,158)	(847)	(1,086)	-	-	142	3,290	3,442
Recreation, Culture and Religion	2,256	8,896	1,990	12,238	10,482	9,491	(9,982)	(1,586)	(7,501)	1,198	7,639	1,004	90,239	91,808
Education	-	-	-	4	4	4	(4)	(4)	(4)	-	-	-	-	-
Social Protection	2	2	2	17	6	7	(15)	(4)	(5)	2	2	2	4,984	5,206
Total Functions/Activities	34,680	43,142	39,504	39,012	35,711	35,624	(4,332)	7,431	3,880	3,363	10,693	6,952	327,632	320,918

Revenues and expenses exclude net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets, net gain (loss) from joint ventures & associated entities and physical resources received free of charge.

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Note 12b. Components of Functions

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

General Public Services

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

Public Order & Safety

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

Economic Affairs

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

Environmental Protection

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

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

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 2.69% (2017: 90 days and 2.7%)

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% (2017: 19%). Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables

Fees & Other Charges

Accounting Policy:

Carried at 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. 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)

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% (2017: 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 < 1 year \$ '000	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years \$ '000	Due > 5 years \$ '000	Total Contractual Cash Flows \$ '000	Carrying Values \$ '000
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2018

Financial Assets

Cash & Equivalents	46,421	-	-	46,421	46,421
Receivables	1,211	-	-	1,211	1,211
Other Financial Assets	177	-	-	177	177
Total Financial Assets	47,809	-	-	47,809	47,809

Financial Liabilities

Payables	1,214	-	-	1,214	1,214
Total Financial Liabilities	1,214	-	-	1,214	1,214

	Due < 1 year \$ '000	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years \$ '000	Due > 5 years \$ '000	Total Contractual Cash Flows \$ '000	Carrying Values \$ '000
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2017

Financial Assets

Cash & Equivalents	34,875	-	-	34,875	34,875
Receivables	1,152	-	-	1,152	1,152
Other Financial Assets	179	-	-	179	179
Total Financial Assets	36,206	-	-	36,206	36,206

Financial Liabilities

Payables	819	-	-	819	819
Current Borrowings	1,228	-	-	1,228	1,228
Total Financial Liabilities	2,047	-	-	2,047	2,047

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

	30 June 2018		30 June 2017	
	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value
Fixed Interest Rates	6.75%	-	6.75%	1,228
		-		1,228

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.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

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.

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

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

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

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Note 14. Commitments for Expenditure

	2018	2017
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000

(a). Capital Commitments

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

Buildings	140	187
Plant & Equipment	1,117	-
Other	1,122	346
	2,379	533

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	2,379	533
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	2,379	533

(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	1,307	481
	1,307	481

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	1,307	481
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	1,307	481

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Note 15. Financial Indicators

	Indicator 2018	Prior Periods 2017 2016	
1. Current Ratio			
<u>Current Assets less Externally Restricted Assets</u> Current Liabilities	15.97	9.17	10.47
2. Debt Service Ratio			
<u>Net Debt Service Cost</u> Operating Revenue	0.00	68.46	69.40
3. Rate Coverage Percentage			
<u>Rate Revenues</u> Total Revenues	59.52%	63.66%	66.41%
4. Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding			
<u>Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding</u> Rates & Annual Charges Collectible	6.15%	6.37%	6.99%

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Note 16. Superannuation

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 2017/18; 9.50% in 2016/17). 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 Balance Sheet

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet, but knowledge is 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, 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 reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At reporting date, Council controlled 218 km of road reserves of average width 17 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

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

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

3. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies at reporting date.

4. LEGAL MATTERS

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had no notice of appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

5. STREET LIGHTS

Council is disputing costs levied by Power and Water Corporation totalling \$745,413 in relation to repairs and maintenance on streetlights.

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Note 18. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2018, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

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

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 30/10/18.

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

Note 19. Related Party Transactions

	2018	2017
	\$ '000	\$ '000

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.

Transactions with Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the *Local Government Act*. In all, 18 persons were paid the following total compensation:

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

Base Salary/Allowances	912	841
Superannuation	105	97
Non Cash Vehicle Benefit	128	110
Other short-term benefits	16	37
Total	1,161	1,085

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

(ii) Retirement Benefits

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

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Note 19. Related Party Transactions (continued)

(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.

(v) Outstanding Amounts

As at 30 June 2018, there was a total outstanding amount of \$1,652.10 receivable from the Council's KMP. These outstanding balances were paid financial year 18/19.

Independent audit report to the Chief Executive Officer of Alice Springs Town Council

Opinion

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 2018, 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 Alice Springs Town Council is in accordance with the *Northern Territory Local Government Act*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Alice Springs Town Council as at 30 June 2018 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) and the *Local Government (Accounting) 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 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* 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 CEO either intends 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.

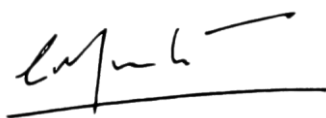
As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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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