

2024/25



Alice Springs Town Council
Annual Report



Acknowledgement of Country

Mparntwe Town Council-le alengke areme tyerrtye Mpwepe Arrernte mape, apmere Mparntweke atweye mape itne alengke areme arrkwelenge, lyeyenge ante Ingwethe apetye apetyame mape.

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

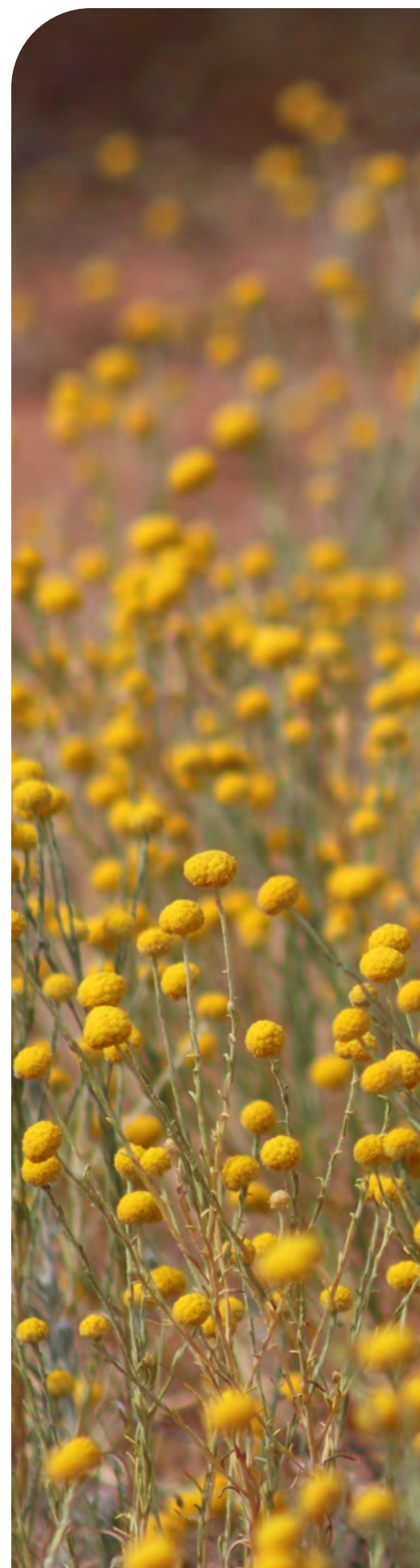
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Launching the new Arrernte Meeting Room names as part of Council's Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan

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Vision

for the Town of Alice Springs

A brighter future, a prosperous and cohesive community.

We aspire to be modern, inclusive and innovative, bridging divides and forging new paths.

We want to bring our community together, to celebrate this unique place of gathering where the world meets the oldest living culture on Earth.

Our Mission

We will be a smart and efficient Council. We will deliver our services to the Community whilst constantly improving our practices and procedures to achieve our vision.

We will always be accountable to the Community whom we serve.

Our Values

Leadership: Our culture, values and accountability are present throughout the organisation.

Collaboration: We work in partnership and are better together.

Trust: Nothing is more important than the trust between the community and ourselves.

Respect: We respect people and genuinely care.

Authenticity: What we do rings true and we do what we say.

Inclusion: We value all people to create a more equal world.

Commitment: We consistently strive towards our mission.

Determination: We endeavour to continuously improve.



Top: Night Markets 2025
Middle: RWMF Open Day 2025
Bottom: Working on Newland Park

Message from the Mayor

It is my privilege to present this Annual Report on behalf of the Alice Springs Town Council. While this document reflects the achievements and progress of the previous Council during the 2024/25 financial year, it also marks the beginning of a new chapter for our town under the stewardship of the newly elected 15th Council.

The past year saw important initiatives delivered that have enhanced the liveability of our community. From investment in critical infrastructure and the enhancement of local parks, to the delivery of programs that celebrate our unique culture and support community wellbeing, Council has continued to play a central role in making Alice Springs a place we are proud to call home. These achievements are a credit to the dedication of the former Mayor and Councillors, as well as the professionalism of Council staff, who work tirelessly for our town.

As your new Mayor, I am both humbled and proud to represent our community. The trust placed in this new Council is not taken lightly. Together with my fellow Councillors, I am committed to building on the momentum of the previous council and identifying new opportunities that will help Alice Springs to grow and prosper, and remain a vibrant place for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

This report is not just a record of what has been achieved—it is a reminder of what can be accomplished when community and Council work hand in hand.

On behalf of the 15th Alice Springs Town Council, I look forward to working with you to continue delivering great outcomes for Alice Springs. Together, we will strive for a future that reflects the pride, spirit, and strength of our community.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Hill'.

Mayor Asta Hill

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

I am proud to present Alice Springs Town Council's 2024/25 Annual Report.

As we reflect on the past financial year, it's clear that 2024/25 has been a period of progress, renewal, and optimism for Alice Springs. Council has continued to deliver on its commitment to strengthening our town's foundations while embracing new opportunities to enhance community wellbeing and resilience.

This year has also marked an important moment of transition, with the election of the 15th Council. I extend my sincere thanks to the 14th Council for their vision, leadership, and the strong legacy they leave behind. Their guidance and commitment have set the stage for the next chapter in Alice Springs' story.

To our newly elected Council, I look forward to the exciting journey ahead. Together, we will continue to build on past achievements and explore new ways to deliver meaningful outcomes for our community – ensuring that Alice Springs remains a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable place to live.

I would like to thank all members of the Alice Springs Town Council team for your dedication, professionalism, and care for our community. Your efforts – across every department, every day – make a tangible difference in the lives of residents and help create a town we can all be proud of.

The year ahead holds great promise, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to make Alice Springs a place where people feel connected, supported, and inspired.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Wilsmore'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

CEO Andrew Wilsmore

Our Town, Our History



Apmere Mparntwe has a history which was born in the Altyerre (dreamtime). Athereyurre (Telegraph Station) was where the Central Arrernte people survived for 1000's of years because of the source of water reliability. Athereyurre provided this necessity to the Central Arrernte people.

The Mparntwe people of the Central Arrernte tribe lived in this area because of the availability of water and all types of foods this particular area offered, including amerne (vegetables) and akure (meat).

Landmarks such as Ntaripe (Heavitree Gap), Akeyellerre (Billy Goat Hill), Untyeyetwelye (Anzac Hill), Athereyurre (Telegraph Station) and surrounding hill lines all have an Aboriginal presence when looking through Central Arrernte Mparntwe eyes.



They are hidden but not invisible and are very present in the moment about a past history from the Altyerre (dreamtime) of beetles, caterpillars and dogs fighting all travelling in all directions leaving these monumental landmarks in the wake for all to view.

The original town of Stuart, which is also known as the Telegraph Station, was the original location of Alice Springs. The location for the Overlander Telegraph Station was perfect when making a Telegraph Line through the centre of Australia that connected the South to North to "get a message!"

The township started under the name of Stuart; between 1871 and 1933 Alice Springs was simply the name of a waterhole adjacent to the Telegraph Station. It was named after Alice Todd, the wife of Sir Charles Todd, who was the driving force for constructing the Overland Telegraph Line.

The purpose of the telegraph was to assist communication from the north to the south of Australia. Without it, messages could only be delivered by the Afghan cameleers and would take months to be received.



Top: Pauline Sweet, Alice Springs from ANZAC Hill, 1941.
Middle: Pauline Sweet. Emily Gap 1941, Southern Side.
Bottom: Albert Namatjira's camp and truck, November 1957.



As the town became more connected, fossicking miners looking for gold, mica and tungsten, as well as pastoralists, were drawn to the vast land and great opportunity that was available.

With the harsh and arid environment at the time, the journey from Alice Springs to Arltunga was accessible only by camel. Afghan cameleers forged a vital place in the town's history, driving their camel trains through the unforgiving desert climate. Their legacy is proudly evident in the town today with many local families being direct descendants of those early pioneers.

In 1933 the town took on the name of Alice Springs, and less than ten years later, during World War II, it became a very active base for military personnel. It's estimated around 8,000 soldiers were stationed here and about 200,000 visited.

During the 1960s Alice Springs again became an important defence location with the development of the US/Australian Pine Gap joint defence satellite monitoring base, home to about 700 workers from both countries.

In more modern times, life in Alice Springs has boomed with an increase in tourism and the introduction of large events such as the Camel Cup, the Henley on Todd, the Desert Song Festival, Red CentreNATS, Desert Mob and Parrtjima.

Today, Alice Springs is a home to people from many countries and cultures, with an Aboriginal population of 20.6% and over 24% of residents speaking a language other than English at home.

This plan for Alice Springs was developed for the benefit of all residents, to ensure a better future for everyone in our town.

Top: Whittaker, Sunrise, Haasts Bluff.

Middle: Benz Collection. Henley on Todd

Bottom: Aubrey Strathearn, Hayes Swamps. Dale Conrick Collection.



Alice Springs Today

Our People

Population: 29,213 (2023 ABS ERP)

Target Population Growth: 3.5%

Median Age: 34

Population density: 88.97 persons per square km

Number of dwellings: 11,686

Average household size: 2.51

Aboriginal population: 20.6%

Australian citizens: 78.4%

Population born overseas: 26.2%

Language at home other than English: 24.5%

University Qualification: 27.2%

Trade Qualification: 19.5%

Eligible voters: 18,819 (as of January 2025)

Our Environment

Land area: 328.3 km²

Mean maximum temperature (since 1941): 28.9 °C

Mean minimum temperature (since 1941): 13.2 °C

Our Economy

Alice Springs Gross Regional Product: \$2.58 billion

(in the year ending June 2023)

Median weekly household income: \$2,142

Registered businesses: 2,016

Employed population: 13,727

Top industry sector of employment:

1. Healthcare & Social Assistance (3,095)
2. Public Administration and Safety (2,394)
3. Education and Training (1,295)



ASTC Team Members working at the Cemetery, 2025.

Part One:

About the Council

Council in Focus

Alice Springs officially became a Municipality on 1 July 1971, with the first Council Meeting of the newly-elected Aldermen held a few days later on 5 July. The first Council comprised several high-profile identities, such as the popular pastoralist and former Federal Member for the NT, Jock Nelson, who was voted in as the first Mayor in a landslide victory over five other candidates. The Jock Nelson Centre at 16 Hartley Street recognises Mr Nelson, who resigned from Council in late-1973 to take up the Darwin-based position of Administrator of the Northern Territory.

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

Council Structure

The Council sets the strategic and policy direction for the organisation, monitors the performance of its functions, and has the responsibility of financial allocation and resourcing. Their role is to represent the people in their area providing leadership and guidance to the community. The monthly Ordinary Council Meetings are open to the public who may sit in the public gallery or watch the meeting streamed live.

Council Representatives

There are nine Elected Members (eight Councillors and one Mayor) who represent the community of Alice Springs. They have specific powers, responsibilities and duties as set out in the *Local Government Act 2019*. The Mayor is elected during the local government elections held every four years and the Deputy Mayor is elected by the Council every 12 months as per Council policy.



Top: Tech Services Team Members on-site at Newland Park
Middle: Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony, 2025
Bottom: Animal Shelter Team Member caring for a furry friend

Role of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor is elected directly to the office. As the principal member of the Alice Springs Town Council, their role:

- » Chairs the meetings of Council
- » Speaks on behalf of Council and as Council's principal representative
- » Liaises with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) about the performance of the Council's and CEO's functions, and leads the Council to undertake regular review of the performance of the CEO
- » Promotes behaviour among the members of the Council that meets the standards set out in the code of conduct
- » Carries out the civic and ceremonial functions required of this position.

As a member of Council, the Mayor also:

- » Represents the interests of residents and ratepayers of the municipality of Alice Springs
- » Provides leadership and guidance
- » Facilitates communication between Council and the members of Council's constituency
- » Participates in the deliberations of Council and its community activities
- » Ensures, as far as practicable, that Council acts honestly, efficiently, and appropriately in carrying out its statutory responsibilities.

The Mayor and all Councillors are bound by Council's Code of Conduct (Council Members, Council Committee & Audit Committee).

The Deputy Mayor is the deputy principal member of Council whose role is to carry out the Mayor's functions when the Mayor delegates the functions to the Deputy Mayor, is absent from official duties because of illness or another pressing reason, or is on leave.

The Deputy Mayor is appointed each year to the office by the Councillors and Mayor.

Role of Councillors

The *Local Government Act 2019* states that the role of a member of a council is:

- » to represent the interests of all residents and ratepayers of the council area
- » to provide leadership and guidance
- » to facilitate communication between the members of the council's constituency and the council
- » to be properly informed to enable participation in the deliberations of the council and its community activities
- » to ensure, as far as practicable, that the council acts honestly, efficiently and appropriately in carrying out its statutory responsibilities
- » to ensure that council resources are used prudently and solely in the public interest
- » to actively monitor the financial affairs of the council.



Elected Members in an Ordinary Council Meeting, 2025.

Committees, Advisory Groups and Representation of External Bodies

In 2024/25, Council had two advisory committees that made recommendations to them about any matters the committee believed required the Council's consideration as a result of the committee's functions.

Risk Management and Audit Committee

The Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) is an advisory committee with an objective to provide independent assurance and advice regarding the integrity of Council's financial management and risk, internal control and compliance frameworks. RMAC continues to be independently chaired by Mr Bryan Whitefield, and supported by the Chief Executive Officer and senior Council officers.

The committee met four times in the 2024/25 FY to provide oversight of the following:

- Annual financial statements
- Compliance review
- External audit reporting
- Internal audit assurance
- Risk management.

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

The Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC) provides advice on the provision, appropriate development and management of Council Sporting Facilities within our community. The committee met two times during the 2024/25 financial year. SFAC provided oversight of the following:

- develop and oversee implementation of a 10-year Sports Facilities Master Plan; External audit reporting
- develop and oversee implementation of Sports Facilities Annual Plans;
- oversee the management of the Sports Facilities Fund as per the Sports Facilities Fund Guidelines;
- advise and make formal recommendations to Council in matters relating to the development and sustainable management of the sporting facilities in the municipality of Alice Springs;
- identify strategies that assist Council in achieving its 5% annual sports participation increase as per the ASTC Strategic Plan; and
- create a forum for collaboration and coordination across sports to address issues that impact on efficient use of facilities, maximum participation, volunteer and spectator support.

The Elected Members

14th Alice Springs Town Council

**That served throughout the 2024/25 FY*

Mayor

Matt Paterson



Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Risk Management and Audit Committee

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

External Committee Representation

Development Consent Authority

Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT)

Outback Highway Development Council Inc (Outback Way)

Tourism Central Australia (ex-officio)

Councillor

Allison Bitar



**Deputy Mayor from
August 2024 - August 2025*

Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

External Committee Representation

Alice Springs Art Foundation

Councillor

Marli Banks



Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

External Committee Representation

Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council

Deputy Mayor

Mark Coffey



Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Risk Management and Audit Committee

External Committee Representation

Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT)

Outback Highway Development Council Inc (Outback Way)

Councillor

Kim Hopper



Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Risk Management and Audit Committee

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee



Councillor
Michael Liddle

Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

External Committee Representation

National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)
Aboriginal Leadership Group



Councillor
Eli Melky

Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee

External Committee Representation

Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT)



Councillor
Gavin Morris

**Term ceased 25 March 2025*

Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee



Councillor
Chris Daffy

**Term effective from
26 November 2025*

Internal Committee Representation

Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee



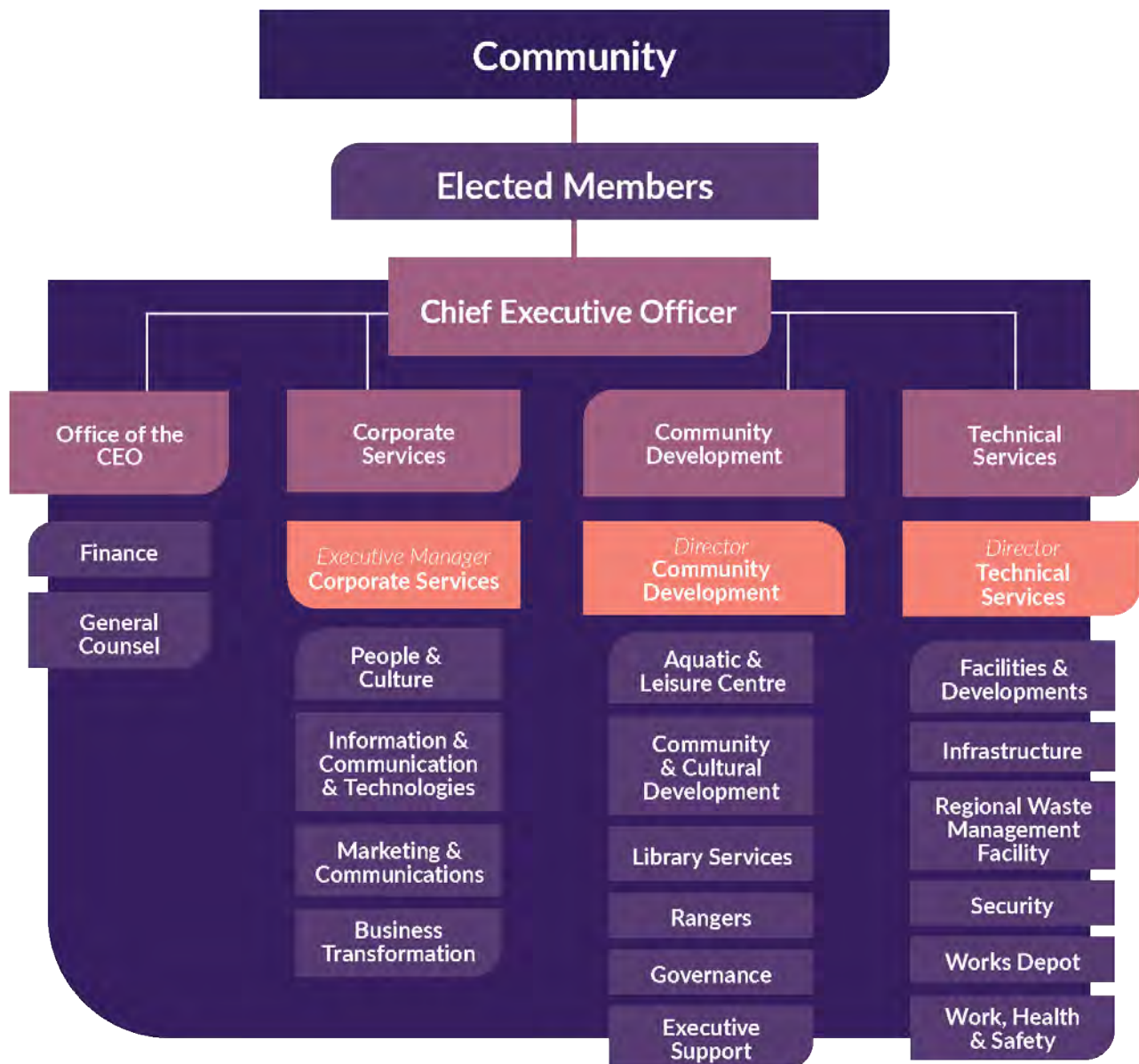
Elected Members in an Ordinary Council Meeting, 2025.

Organisational Structure

Alice Springs Town Council is building a constructive culture that encourages and supports its diverse and talented workforce, upskilling with a generous training provision and supported by excellent employment terms and conditions in our Enterprise Agreement 2022.

As per the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council delegates the responsibility of the day-to-day operations of Council to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who works closely with the Elected Members to ensure Council strategic actions are achieved.

To strengthen strategic alignment and improve service delivery across key corporate functions, Council established a new Executive Manager role in early 2025. This role brought together Marketing & Communications, People & Culture, and ICT under dedicated leadership ensuring greater coordination, clearer accountability, and improved service delivery for staff and teams across the organisation.





Part Two:

Reporting Performance

Strategic Framework

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Alice Springs Town Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework guides Council's planning process to deliver accountable and measurable links between community aspirations, financial and resource sustainability including effective asset management, and practical service delivery.

The strategic and planning documents provide transparency to the community on how Council intends to achieve the strategic goals and operational objectives and supports accountability by reporting Council's performance on a regular basis.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is outlined below.



ASTC Ranger Team Members at the Animal Shelter

Key Projects

Council Asset Maintenance & Renewal

Council facilities, plant and equipment were maintained and renewed to ensure our level of service delivery is maintained to a high standard in the future and enhance the safety, health and comfort for the Alice Springs community, specifically:

- » A total of 8,713 repair and maintenance jobs were completed by the Works Depot with 6,221 being preventive or planned works and 3,032 being reactive in nature
- » 16 streets were resealed as part of the 2024/25 Road Reseal Program
- » Annual stormwater maintenance was completed in the areas of Larapinta, Gillen, Ghan, and Ciccone in line with the annual maintenance program including replacement of drain pit lids
- » Lions Walk – Restoration works
- » Wills Terrace pedestrian crossing remediation works
- » Sealing of Bath Street completed
- » Ross Park stormwater/ soccer club remediation flooding issue
- » CCTV infrastructure replacement and upgrades
- » Fencing and lighting upgrades across eight locations
- » ASALC Filtration Roof Structure design and construction completed
- » Depot Amenities Upgrade design completed and construction in progress
- » ASALC upgrades - reception and kiosk currently in design phase
- » New fire alarms at Works Depot
- » Tender awarded and completed for acquisition of a new loader for the Regional Waste Management Facility



Depot Team Members performing maintenance

Regional Skate & Play Precinct: Newland Park

The new Regional Skate and Play Precinct at Newland Park is near completion with a pump track, skate elements, play spaces, and a half-court basketball court giving the community another incredible facility to utilise.



Newland Park works in progress, aerial photograph 2025

Community Park Improvements

In 2024/25, Alice Springs Town Council invested in the upgrade of seven local community parks, ensuring they remain welcoming, safe and enjoyable spaces for residents and visitors alike. These works form part of Council's ongoing commitment to improving open spaces and fostering community wellbeing across all neighbourhoods.

The upgraded parks include:

- » **Mercorella Park (Eastside)**
- » **Spearwood Park (Eastside)**
- » **Bowman Park (Araluen)**
- » **Spicer Crescent Park (Araluen)**
- » **Battarbee Park (Araluen)**
- » **Kunoth Park (Braitling)**
- » **Tucker Park (Braitling)**

By investing in these neighbourhood parks, Council continues to strengthen the liveability of Alice Springs and deliver on its vision of "Together for Alice."



Revamped playground at Oleander Park, 2024

Community Initiatives

Youth School Holiday Programs

Alice Springs Town Council established and ran various programs and events to engage young people and their families in positive social activities throughout the four school holiday periods. Funded by National Indigenous Australians Agency, the school holiday programs included a pop-up roller skating rink, a giant obstacle course, indoor rock climbing, 10-pin bowling, and free movies at the cinema.

Council is committed to providing activities that promote strong community engagement and celebrate the enthusiasm of young people, with all programs and events attracting a total of 15,714 participants over the combined 12 weeks of school holidays.



Colour Run as part of the 2025 Winter School Holiday program

Community Support

Community Grants: Council's annual Community Support program included delivery of grant workshops with 36 attendees and a total of \$42,445 distributed for local programs and initiatives.

Cash Sponsorship: Council issued a total of \$136,409 cash sponsorships to 14 recipients, supporting the development and staging of a diverse range of community events in Alice Springs.

In-Kind Sponsorship: Council delivered a total value of \$249,768 of in-kind support to community groups and organisations. This comprised of equipment loans, public places and sporting oval permits, assisting with the delivery of diverse and vibrant events and projects.

Performance Targets

Alice Springs Town Council's Municipal Plan for 2024/25 outlined Council's direction and priorities to guide focused activity towards achieving the below pillars:



Pillar One - **Liveability**



Pillar Two - **Safety**



Pillar Three - **Environment**



Pillar Four - **Economy**



Pillar Five - **Governance & Civic**

Key Performance Indications for each of the strategies can be found in the *Liveability and Sustainability 2030 Plan* accessible via Council's website: www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au



Meeting and greeting Night Market patrons at the Library stall

Pillar One – Liveability

Alice Springs Town Council is committed to collaborating with key stakeholders to ensure our town fulfils its true potential. Council wants our town to be an example of remote living success, creating a thriving and accessible town to live, work study and play. Through planning for upgraded and new facilities, Council continues to bring Alice Springs' unique character and landscape to life while activating key spaces across the municipality. This will ultimately enrich the quality of life for Central Australian residents and visitors.

2024/25 Measures of Success	Result
Create and support meaningful opportunities for the community to come together	
Deliver five night markets	✓
Deliver five pop up events	✓
Develop and publish a monthly events calendar	✓
Increase activation of the CBD through continued collaboration with Activate Alice	✓
Continue to administer a community grants/sponsorship program, including bi-annual information sessions	✓
Assist in the set up and implementation of community events	✓
Build community engagement and improve perceptions of Council activities	
Improve the design and functionality of the Events and Community Calendar	✓
Develop a proactive communications program to support the events calendar and Council activities	✓
Expand communications to highlight Council activities and events	✓
Connect minority and marginalised groups to the community	
Deliver all actions in the Multicultural Action Plan within agreed timelines	✓
Via the Sports Inclusion Officer, work with sporting facilities and clubs to increase accessibility for people with lived experience of disability and their carers	✓

2024/25 Measures of Success	Result
Showcase 'What's unique about Alice'	
Review communication materials and engagement programs to celebrate indigenous culture, history, multiculturalism, and natural aspects of Alice Springs	✓
Continue to deliver the Public Art Masterplan within agreed timeframes	✓
Investigate the delivery of an Aboriginal statue/monument to Arrernte culture	→
Oversee delivery of decorative roller-shutters within the CBD	✓
Develop a concept of supporting informative plaques, showcasing key locations related to the multiculturalism, indigenous culture, history and natural aspects of Alice Springs and create maps people can follow to see them	→
Leverage and coordinate content with Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government that can collectively be used across communication and marketing channels	✓
Review signage to natural wonders in and around Alice Springs and improve or create as needed	✓
Provide for community physical development needs and recreational activities	
Complete resurfacing of the Tennis Courts	✓
Complete Regional Skate & Play Precinct Design and Tender, and commence construction	✓
Consult on Alice Springs Parks Plan	→
Complete design and tender for Araluen Park upgrade	→
Upgrade three parks	✓
Upgrade shade to three parks	✓
Partner with the Northern Territory Government to install lights at Jim McConville Oval	→
Complete one accessibility upgrade to a Council owned facility	✓
Complete design for upgrades on the Paul Fitzimons Oval	✓
Complete Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Adventure Playground	✓
Undertake plant refurbishment at Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre	✓

2024/25 Measures of Success	Result
Implement programs that help deliver rich, fulfilling and healthy lives	
Implement regular term and school holiday programs for children and young people	✓
Further investigate and implement new programs at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre, including the operationalisation of the new Outdoor Playground	✓
Undertake a review of programs offered within the Alice Springs Public Library, including targeted community engagement with residents and other interested stakeholders	✓

✓ Achieved → In Progress × Not Achieved



Australian Citizenship Day Citizenship Ceremony, 2024

Pillar Two – Safety

Alice Springs is a unique and prosperous place to live and work. This relies heavily on ongoing considerations and support around community safety. Council understands the need for residents and visitors to feel safe and secure in the town while experiencing all that Alice Springs has to offer. We are committed to working with all levels of government, as well as the community and individuals, to ensure Alice Springs becomes a safer place to live.

2024/25 Measures of Success	
Help repair relationships between young people, people who have been impacted by crime and the community	
Continue and strengthen existing advocacy	✓
Continue input and participation in relevant networks and committees to lead and support partners' diversion programs	✓
Support businesses to take a more active role in their security	
Continue to support traders within the CBD through the provision of brokerage funding	✓
Protect the wellbeing of the local community	
Advocate to provide incentives for operators to target harden their infrastructure	×
Advocate for ride-sharing to supplement transport options	×
Advocate for a review and trial of a Canberra-style "Nightrider" service	×
Undertake Community education in relation to responsible pet ownership, including free microchipping event for residents	✓
Improve access to the CBD by maintaining parking enforcement	✓
Improve visual amenity by maintaining trolley enforcement (collections and fines)	✓
Improve visual amenity by maintaining litter enforcement (fines)	✓
Complete CCTV, sports carpark lighting and fencing improvements	✓
Prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks	
Stand up disaster response committee to coordinate resources and determine ways response can be improved	✓
Update Council's Disaster Recovery Plan	✓
Undertake flood mitigation works including removing sand from river and clearing storm water drains	✓

2024/25 Measures of Success

Improve roads and cycleways

Complete road reseal program

✓

Review adequacy of cycle signage

✓

Improve swim safety in the community

Improve water safety by offering targeted programs for identified cohorts including parents, migrants and people with lived disability

✓

Continue to support and undertake initiatives that seek to decrease gender-based violence and improve gender equality

Participate in 16 days of activism

✓

Review sporting clubs' licencing and signage arrangements to include respectful relationships and violence and aggression standards

✓

✓ Achieved → In Progress × Not Achieved



Top: Depot Team Members undertaking road maintenance

Bottom: Community Development Team Members at the School Holidays Colour Run

Pillar Three – Environment

Alice Springs Town Council recognises its role in climate action and preserving the liveability of our town. We remain dedicated to reducing our overall environmental footprint and contributing to a sustainable future for generations to come. Alice Springs is a destination made by our unique composition of people and place. The Alice Springs community is one that cares deeply about the environment and its response to climate change. Council shares this commitment to change and has developed ways to help Alice Springs become a more sustainable town, including heat mitigation, water and greening strategies.

2024/25 Measures of Success	
Improve land, air, water quality and reduce emissions	
Deliver efficient and sustainable rubbish collection	✓
Review waste charges at the Regional Waste Management Facility to incentivise against illegal dumping	→
Continue to support Alice Springs Landcare and community gardens	✓
Undertake National Tree day giveaway	✓
Continue to implement Climate and Environment Implementation Plan	✓
Develop ASTC Water Strategy	✓
Implement Greening Strategy Plan	✓
Deliver Green living subsidies	✓
Commence a program to accept solar panels for recycling at Regional Waste Management Facility	✓
Deliver food security workshops	✓
Work to achieve outcomes of the Lhere Mparntwe Management Strategy	✓
Reduce the damage caused by pests and feral animals	
Investigate and trial new programs to decrease the number of feral animals within Alice Springs	→
Advocate for funding and partnership for the management of Buffel within Alice Springs	✓

2024/25 Measures of Success

Maintain council assets and support the community to reduce the impact of disasters and emergency events

Amplify messages to residents and businesses to help them prepare and prevent incidents

✓

Minimise the need for additional landfill space and improve recycling

Develop kerbside recycling business case

✓

Continue to work with partners on circular economy

✓

✓ Achieved → In Progress × Not Achieved



Environment Officer demonstrating use of the new Envirobank 10c bottle deposit stations



Top: Regional Waste Management Facility Team Members at the ReDiscovery Centre

Bottom: Enjoying the FabAlice Night Markets

Pillar Four – Economy

Alice Springs at its best is a vibrant place that is a space for economic and social excellence. Council continues to pursue opportunities supporting local business owners in Alice Springs encouraging the creativity and ingenuity that makes our region unique. There has been a strong focus on collaborating with all forms of government as well as industry bodies wherever possible to achieve positive outcomes for all current and potential business owners in our community.

2024/25 Measures of Success	
Regenerate the CBD	
Develop regional partnerships precincts application	✓
Commence the Regenerating the Alice Town Centre detailed design	✓
Support existing businesses to be successful	
Review and update procurement policy to strengthen focus on 'buy local'	✓
Undertake a locally targeted procurement engagement program based on upcoming projects to prepare local businesses for upcoming opportunities	✓
Support and help drive the Central Australia Regional Economic Growth Plan	×
Improve Alice Springs brand and narrative	
Advocate for development of an Alice Springs brand / tourist brand	×
Investigate economic development opportunities of Council Assets	×
Increase accommodation numbers, variety and quality	
Advocate to reduce red tape and barriers so accommodation providers are incentivised to invest in the town	×
Review and advocate for the development of a tourism investment prospectus	✓
Encourage providers to create and promote tours and more holistic experiences	✓

2024/25 Measures of Success

Improve accessibility to town

Understand barriers to international flights from Alice Springs airport	×
Continue involvement in and advocacy for delivering of 'Outback Way' and sealing of the Mereenie Loop	✓
Explore social media opportunities with "drive tourism" influencers	→

Support and encourage 'Indigenous Tourism'

Investigate opportunities in the Council Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to support and encourage "Indigenous Tourism"	✓
Investigate opportunities in the Council Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) that encourage Indigenous businesses to participate in business accelerators and pop ups	✓

✓ Achieved → In Progress × Not Achieved



Civic Centre Team Members at the Australian Citizenship Day Citizenship Ceremony, 2024

Pillar Five – Governance & Civic

Alice Springs Town Council commits to demonstrating our rigorous and thoughtful decision-making process at every available opportunity. Council recognises the need of operating in an ethical and transparent manner at all times. Alice Springs residents expect a local government they trust and Council strives to meet those expectations with every decision. Council commits to true and genuine consultation with residents of Alice Springs to create a vibrant and liveable town.

2024/25 Measures of Success

Undertake effective two way communications with the community

Establish consistent consultation processes and standards within projects	✓
Develop a community engagement strategy that advertises Council wins and value to the community	✓
Develop a framework for Council Projects	→
Undertake an annual community survey that is instructive and can be used as a pulse check over time	→
Regularly inform the community on Council initiatives and value provided	✓

Develop a sustainable financial model

Develop critical assessment criteria for grant submissions based on ROI, whole life costs, or other appropriate measures	→
Undertake a commercial review of property owned or controlled by Alice Springs Town Council and consider other revenue opportunities	✓
Undertake an analysis of fees and charges based on cost of providing relevant services	✓
Develop the Four-Year Long-term Financial Plan into a Ten-Year Financial Outlook	✓



FabAlice Night Markets, 2024

2024/25 Measures of Success	
Plan effectively for asset acquisition, operation and maintenance, renewal and disposal	
Complete fire alarm upgrades to Council Depot	✓
Complete stage one of Council's Asset Management Plan	✓
Complete a new Library concept design and costing	✓
Demolish dilapidated house at the Tennis Courts	✓
Purchase new plant at Regional Waste Management Facility	✓
Complete new kiosk and reception design for Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre	✓
Complete new facilities upgrades at Council Depot	✓
Complete fire alarm upgrades to Council Depot	✓
Make Council more relatable, memorable, and engaging to the community	
Provide a defined high level of customer service focusing on effective communication, responsiveness and consistency	→
Review and complete brand positioning, assets and narrative strategy	✓
Develop and begin to use key messages	✓
Develop proactive communications program	✓
Establish systems to achieve good governance and improve operational efficiency	
Review and update Council and Administrative Policies prioritised by risk profile	→
Deliver solutions to improve Council processes	✓
Deliver ICT networking and computer infrastructure program upgrades	✓
Improve ICT infrastructure, workflow improvements and user experience at Works depot	✓
Improve connectivity and mobility of team members	✓
Update the Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS)	→
Better utilisation of technology to remove paperwork and duplication	✓

2024/25 Measures of Success

Support employment pathways and deliver effective training and support that leads to quality outcomes

Develop a training framework by position and against strategic objectives and cultural expectations	×
Deliver solutions to improve Council processes	→
Develop a team member brand/narrative	→
Improve materials and processes for onboarding new team members	→
Implement Wellbeing initiatives	→
Implement Work Health and Safety Management System	→
Investigate and support trainee and apprentice opportunities	→

Improve team member job significance

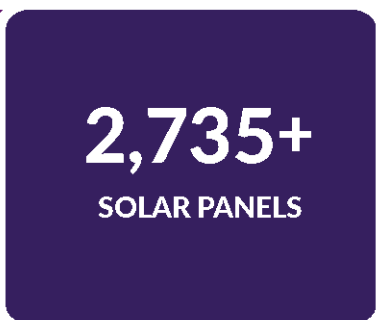
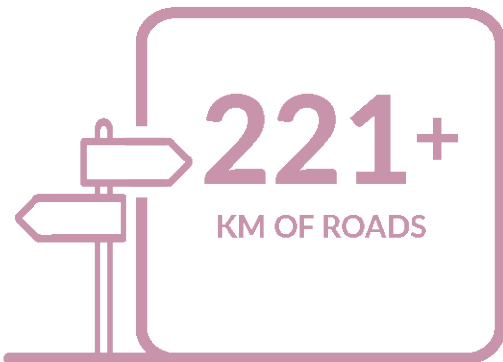
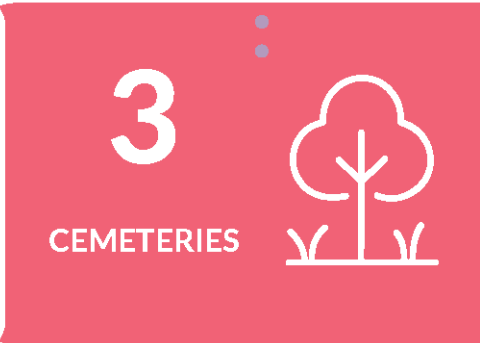
Develop an internal communications strategy	✓
Continually improve the employee rewards and recognition program	✓
Include team members within strategic decision-making processes	✓
Develop a Workforce Plan	×
Develop and implement a staff performance framework	✓
Continue the culture survey to track progress	✓

✓ Achieved → In Progress × Not Achieved



Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Team Members

Council Manages



Our Service Delivery

Service delivery is a core function of Alice Springs Town Council and we are committed to providing value to the community. We care about our town.

A significant proportion of Council's resources are dedicated to delivering services, programs and events. The activities maintain and renew the amenity of community facilities to enhance the safety, health and comfort for the users, and combined with programs and activities, enliven public spaces and activate our infrastructure and facilities that are impressive for a remote town.

Function	Service, Program or Activity
Community Development	
Community & Cultural Development	• Community events and programs • Community art collection • Cultural development activities • Public art • Event sponsorship • Grants for community initiatives • Reconciliation Action Plan
Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre	• Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre management • Learn to Swim lessons • Sport and recreation activities, programs and services
Rangers	• Ranger services including animal control • Animal shelter • By-law compliance
Alice Springs Public Library	• Library collections and borrowing services • Online services and digital inclusion • Welcoming and inclusive spaces • Programs, events and activities • History, language and culture
Executive Management	• Executive and Elected Member support • Customer service
Governance	• Governance and compliance • Policies • Audit and risk management • Council administration and meetings • Incoming grant funding management

Office of the CEO	
Office of the CEO	• Corporate planning • Advocacy initiatives and support
Finance	• Financial management and procurement • Rates • Payroll
Legal	• In-house legal service
Corporate Services	
People and Culture	• Employee experience and support • Recruitment • Employee wellbeing initiatives
Marketing and Communications	• Community engagement and participation • Brand management • Marketing of Council functions, programs and events • Media enquiries and management
ICT	• Records management • ICT infrastructure • User support • Digital support and transformation
Technical Services	
Capital and Infrastructure Projects	• Capital projects • Infrastructure development • Construction projects • Tender processes and contractor management
Facilities, Developments and Asset Management	• Council-owned facilities • Security management for Council properties • Asset management plans • Condition assessments and facility upgrades • Council's assessment of developments and development planning applications

Works Depot	• Coordination of Depot staff and resources • Fleet and equipment • Council's sporting venues and parks • Council's cemeteries • Assist with Council events • Council's green spaces and trees • Maintain Council's roads and pathways • Litter collection
Regional Waste Management Facility	• Regional waste facilities • Waste management strategies • Recycling and waste disposal services • Community education on waste reduction
Work Health and Safety	• WHS policies and procedures • Safety training and initiatives • Monitoring and reporting on safety performance • Workplace health and safety compliance
Environment	• Council Climate and Environment Policy and Implementation Plan • Investigation and advocacy of circular economy initiatives • Coordination, support and advocacy of environmental initiatives and events



Left: Community Development Team Members at the Night Markets, 2025. Right: Coordinating School Holiday Programs



Part Three:

Legislative Requirements

Legislative Requirements

This annual report has been produced in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* to provide a comprehensive account of the activities and achievements of Alice Springs Town Council. Council's performance is assessed against the strategic pillars in its strategic plan, Alice Springs Liveability & Sustainability 2030, and the objectives and actions in the Municipal Plan 2024/25, adopted at the Ordinary Meeting held 25 June 2024. Alice Springs Town Council utilises records and archives management practices to be compliant with Part 9 of the *Information Act 2002*. While this annual report is primarily produced to comply with statutory requirements, the report also provides a relevant overview for residents, visitors, employees, government, and other interested parties.

Consultations

Alice Springs Town Council is committed to demonstrating our rigorous and thoughtful decision-making process. We understand the need for open and transparent engagement with our community and have adopted a Community Engagement Framework that reflects this. Council also launched a new website, providing the community with a more robust and interactive platform to meaningfully engage with Council.

Through the reporting period, Council undertook five consultations with the community as detailed below:

Frances Smith Memorial Park Upgrades

In collaboration with Common Ground Trail, Council sought input into the design and features of the proposed Frances Smith Memorial Park bike facility with 55 responses.

Regenerating the Alice Town Centre Project

Council consulted on the 75% design concept of the *Regenerating the Alice Town Centre* project with 255 community responses.

Parks and Implementation Plan

Council began consultation for the *Parks Implementation Plan* however the consultation was withdrawn with the Plan put on hold.

Todd Mall Major Art Project

Council invited community feedback on two proposed designs for a major public art piece to be installed in the Todd Mall. 249 in-person votes were received with a further 159 received online.

Draft Municipal Plan

Council invited feedback on the draft 2025/26 Municipal Plan with no community feedback.



Tech Services Team Members at playground upgrade launch, 2024

Freedom Of Information

In accordance with the *Information Act 2002*, the public may request access to information (Freedom of Information) which is either personal to them or information related to business. There were no Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to Alice Springs Town Council in 2024/25.

Allowances and Expenses Paid to Elected Members

For the 2024/25 financial year, Elected Members were paid allowances permissible under the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 1 of 2024: Allowances for Members for Local Government Councils and as outlined in the table below:

Allowance Claimable						
Elected member	Base	(Provision of Motor Vehicle (Mayor)	Extra Meeting	Childcare	Professional Development	Total
Mayor Paterson	112	25				137
Deputy Mayor Coffey*	36		4		8	48
Councillor Banks	22		6		4	32
Councillor Bitar*	22		5		2	29
Councillor Daffy*	15		4			19
Councillor Hopper	22		4			26
Councillor Liddle	23		3			26
Councillor Melky	23		7			30
Councillor Morris*	23					23
Total Allowances Paid	299	25	33		14	371

Note: to the nearest \$,000

*Partial terms

Elected Members' meeting attendance

Elected Member	Ordinary Council Meeting	Special Council Meeting	Forum
TOTAL MEETINGS	12	5	19
Mayor Paterson	12	5	15
DM Coffey	11	4	14
Cr Bitar	10	5	16
Cr Banks	12	5	16
Cr Daffy*	6	4	11
Cr Hopper	11	5	14
Cr Liddle	8	2	12
Cr Melky	12	5	19
Cr Morris *	8	2	4

*partial term

Committee Meeting attendance

Elected Member	Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC)	Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC)
TOTAL MEETINGS	4	2
Mayor Paterson	4	2
DM Coffey	2	NR
Cr Bitar	NR	NR
Cr Banks	NR	NR
Cr Daffy	NR	NR
Cr Hopper	3	2
Cr Liddle	NR	NR
Cr Melky	NR	2
Cr Morris	NR	0

NR = Not required

Grants Received

Successful Applications 2024/25		
Commonwealth Grants		
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	CBD Regeneration	7,000,000
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	Alice Springs Skate Park	2,600,000
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre Upgrades	583,129
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	CCTV Lighting	300,000
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	Jim McConville Park	1,400,000
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	Netball Resurfacing and shade structures	100,000
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Alice Springs School Holiday Program	360,000
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	FAA General Purpose	778,000
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	Roads Grant	1,273,000
	Subtotal	14,394,129
Northern Territory Government Grants		
Department of People, Sport and Culture	Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre Wet Wednesday	4,000
Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre free admission during school holidays 2025	450,000
Department of People, Sport and Culture	Alice Springs Youth Services School Holiday Calendars	31,500
Department of People, Sport and Culture	Harmony Day	1,000
Department of People, Sport and Culture	Public Library funding 2023-2028 (operating)	623,906
Department of Territory Housing and Communities	Pensioner and Carer Concession 2024-2025	158,000

Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	Pop Up Parks series	2,000
Department of Tourism and Hospitality	Frances Smith Park Upgrade	272,727
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure	Teague Park Grant	200,000
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure	New Alice Springs Town Library	1,496,000
Department of People, Sport and Culture	Men's Wellbeing at Alice Springs Aquatic Centre	2,000
Department of Tourism and Hospitality	Public Art roundabout series	100,000
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure	New Tourism Central Australia Headquarters and Visitors Information Centre	480,000
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure	Regional Skate Park and Play Precinct at Newland Park	1,080,000
Department of People, Sport and Culture	Youth Recycled Art Prize	2,000
Department of People, Sport and Culture	Senior's Mont grants	6,000
Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	Town Camp Funding	203,000
Department of People, Sport and Culture	Virtual Reality in the Library	20,000
	Subtotal	5,132,133
Others		
Alice Springs Cricket Association	Flynn Drive Lighting Upgrade	132,938
The Australia Day Council Northern Territory	Australia Day Activities	3,000
Territory Families, Northern Territory	Design of combined Winter School Holiday calendar	-11,000
Alice Springs Tennis Association	Alice Springs Tennis Court upgrade	26,000
Department of Education	ASALC Summer Holiday Catering Reimbursement	49,000
	Subtotal	199,938
	Grand total	19,726,200



Depot Team Members

Part Four:

Financial Reports

Statement 1.

Comparison of Actual Performance Against Budget

Table 1.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure Statement

	Financial Year Original Budget \$,000	Financial Year Final Budget \$,000	Actual Performance \$,000	Variation - Final Budget and Actuals \$,000
OPERATING INCOME				
Rates	28,702	28,702	28,769	68
Charges	4,764	4,764	4,783	19
User Fees and Charges	6,138	5,360	5,474	114
Operating Grants and Subsidies	3,232	7,640	4,534	(3,106)
Interest / Investment Income	1,888	2,791	3,130	339
Other Operating Revenue	778	904	1,605	701
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	45,501	50,161	48,295	(1,866)
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
Employee Expenses	20,965	22,027	22,291	(264)
Materials and Contracts	13,359	14,690	13,476	1,214
Elected Member Allowances	455	449	371	79
Elected Member Expenses	0	59	33	27
Council Committee & LA Allowances*	0	7	12	(5)
Council Committee & LA Expenses*	0	20	4	16
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	9,572	12,880	13,152	(273)
Other Operating Expenses	5,718	5,802	6,872	(1,070)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	50,069	55,935	56,210	(275)
OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	(4,567)	(5,774)	(7,915)	2,141

*Council Committee and LA Allowances are to equal the relevant total expenditure line in Table 3.1

Table 1.2 Annual Operating Position

	Financial Year Original Budget \$,000	Financial Year Final Budget \$,000	Actual Performance \$,000	Variation - Final Budget and Actuals \$,000
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	(4,567)	(5,774)	(7,915)	2,141
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS				
Add Back Non Cash Expenses - Depreciation	9,572	12,880	13,152	(273)
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	9,572	12,880	13,152	(273)
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	19,183	16,350	12,088	4,262
Transfers to Reserve	660	5,366	6,909	(1,544)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	19,843	21,716	18,997	2,718
Capital Grants Income	8,400	4,335	7,287	2,952
Transfers from Reserve	6,439	10,276	8,853	(1,423)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	14,839	14,611	16,140	1,529
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	0	0	2,380	2,380

Statement 2.

Reasons for material variations between the Final Budget and Actual Performance

Operating Income

Operating income had a negative variance of \$1.9M as compared to the final year budget. This variance arose primarily because some capital grants were misclassified as operating grants in the budget.

Other operating revenue was higher than budget due to unbudgeted insurance claim reimbursements and additional unbudgeted contribution income received from sporting organisations.

Operating Expenses

The overall \$0.2M increased operating expenses variance was mainly as a result of an item that was capitalised in a prior year that was gifted in the current year, with the recognition occurring in 'other operating expense'. The amortisation of landfill which relates to an increase in rates used for the cost escalation, has meant that the provision has increased, compared to a nominal change in the prior year.

Materials and contracts were below budget with purchase order commitments not being recognised as expenses as at the end of June 2025.

Capital Expenditure

The capital expenditure was lower than budget due to budget schedule timing of capital projects, with \$4.3M of capital expenditure being brought forward into the 2025/2026 financial year. Capital projects that were not completed as per budget schedule will be updated in the November 2025 budget review.

Capital Grant Income

Capital grants are recognised as the related project expenditure is incurred.

Statement 3.

Total Expenditure for each Council Committee

Table 3.1 Council Committee Expenditure

	Council Committee Allowances \$,000	Council Committee Expenses \$,000	Total
Operating income			
Risk Management and Audit Committee	12	4	15
Sports Facilities Advisory Committee			
Total	12	4	15





Alice Springs Town Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2025

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.



General Purpose Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025

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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

I, Andrew Wilsmore, 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 2019* and the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* so as to present fairly the financial position of the Council and the results for the year ended 30 June 2025; and
- are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.



Andrew Wilsmore
Chief Executive Officer

3 November 2025

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2025

\$ '000	Notes	2025	Restated* 2024
Income			
Rates revenue	2a	33,552	31,953
Statutory charges	2b	147	178
User charges	2c	5,327	5,315
Grants, subsidies and contributions - operating	2f	4,534	4,336
Investment and interest income	2d	3,130	2,889
Other income	2e	1,605	1,021
Total income		48,295	45,692
Expenses			
Employee costs	3a	22,291	20,511
Materials, contracts and other expenses	3b	20,045	19,444
Depreciation and amortisation*	3c	13,153	12,714
Finance costs	3d	721	887
Total expenses*		56,210	53,556
Operating surplus / (deficit)*		(7,915)	(7,864)
Asset disposal and fair value adjustments	4	(86)	(575)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2f	7,287	2,890
Net surplus / (deficit) *		(714)	(5,549)
Other comprehensive income			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result			
Changes in Revaluation Surplus/Reserves - Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment*	9a	—	16,526
Total amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result*		—	16,526
Total other comprehensive income*		—	16,526
Total comprehensive income*		(714)	10,977

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2025

\$ '000	Notes	2025	Restated* 2024	Restated* 1 July 2023
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents*	5a	13,464	11,057	9,830
Trade and other receivables	5b	5,885	6,642	5,863
Other financial assets (investments)*	5c	48,941	38,251	38,478
Inventories	5d	187	165	250
Other current assets	5e	2,538	242	329
Total current assets		71,015	56,357	54,750
Non-current assets				
Other non-current assets	6	4,173	2,343	307
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment*	7	398,876	401,120	392,390
Total non-current assets*		403,049	403,463	392,697
TOTAL ASSETS*		474,064	459,820	447,447
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	8a	18,189	7,562	6,147
Provisions	8b	2,920	2,450	2,042
Total current liabilities		21,109	10,012	8,189
Non-current liabilities				
Provisions	8b	22,750	18,889	19,316
Total non-current liabilities		22,750	18,889	19,316
TOTAL LIABILITIES		43,859	28,901	27,505
Net assets*		430,205	430,919	419,942
EQUITY				
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)*		(6,834)	(8,066)	8,933
Asset revaluation reserves*	9a	403,851	403,851	387,325
Other reserves	9b	33,188	35,134	23,684
Total Council equity*		430,205	430,919	419,942
Total equity *		430,205	430,919	419,942

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2025

\$ '000	Notes	Accumulated surplus	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Total equity
2025					
Restated balance at the end of previous reporting period*		(8,066)	403,851	35,134	430,919
Net surplus / (deficit) for year		(714)	–	–	(714)
Other comprehensive income					
Total other comprehensive income		–	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income		(714)	–	–	(714)
Transfers between Reserves		1,946	–	(1,946)	–
Balance at the end of period		(6,834)	403,851	33,188	430,205
2024					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		2,394	292,273	23,684	318,351
Impact of restatement*	19a	6,539	95,052	–	101,591
Restated balance as at 1 July 2023*		8,933	387,325	23,684	419,942
Net surplus / (deficit) for year*		(5,549)	–	–	(5,549)
Other comprehensive income					
Gain (loss) on revaluation of Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment*	7a	–	16,526	–	16,526
Total other comprehensive income*		–	16,526	–	16,526
Total comprehensive income*		(5,549)	16,526	–	10,977
Transfers between Reserves		(11,450)	–	11,450	–
Restated balance at the end of period*		(8,066)	403,851	35,134	430,919

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2025

\$ '000	Notes	2025	Restated* 2024
Cash flows from operating activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates Receipts		32,872	31,228
Statutory Charges		151	209
User Charges		6,497	5,883
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions		5,076	4,678
Investment Receipts		3,130	2,855
Other Receipts		1,708	769
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to Employees		(22,178)	(20,320)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(20,153)	(18,559)
Net cash provided by (or used in) operating activities	11b	7,103	6,743
Cash flows from investing activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		15,775	2,890
Sale of Replaced Assets		73	—
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(9,854)	(8,633)
Purchase of Investment Securities*		(10,690)	227
Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities*		(4,696)	(5,516)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		2,407	1,227
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period*		11,057	9,830
Cash and cash equivalents held at end of period*	11a	13,464	11,057

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 1. Summary of material 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 2019*, the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* and other relevant Northern Territory legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 3rd November 2025.

1.2 Historical cost convention

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

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

(3) Income recognition

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

Rates and levies

Rates are recognised at the point in time when Council has unconditional entitlement to the funds which is at the commencement of rating period. Rates over paid at the end of the reporting period are classified as a current liability.

Statutory and user charges

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

Grants, subsidies, and contributions

The Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 1. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the Council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the Council. In this case, the Council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the Council satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

Investment income

Interest received from term deposits is recognised as it accrues over the term of the investment. No dividends were received during the reporting period.

Other Revenue

Other revenue is recognised at the point in time when the Council satisfies the performance obligation. The Council typically satisfies its performance obligations when:

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

(4) Cash, cash equivalents and other financial instruments

Cash assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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

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

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments also form part of Note 12.

(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 and 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 material 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 Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land improvements	\$5,000
Buildings	\$5,000
Furniture and office equipment	\$5,000
Plant and equipment	\$5,000
Infrastructure	
- Sealed roads	\$5,000
- Unsealed roads	\$5,000
- Stormwater drainage	\$5,000
- Other	\$5,000
Art collection and heritage	\$5,000

6.3 Subsequent recognition

Certain classes of assets are revalued on a regular basis to ensure their carrying amounts are not materially different from fair value. A comprehensive revaluation was undertaken on 1 July 2024. Additions acquired after that date are recognised at cost, which is deemed to approximate fair value at reporting date. Significant estimation uncertainties exist in the fair value measurement of certain asset classes, including land, buildings, associated structures and infrastructure. Further information on valuation methods, key assumptions and valuers is disclosed in Note 7.

6.4 Depreciation of non-current assets

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

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

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

Land improvements	10 to 25 years
Buildings	20 to 100 years
Furniture and office equipment	3 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	3 to 35 years

Infrastructure

Sealed roads - formation	Not depreciated
Sealed roads - pavement	20 years
Sealed roads - seal	25 years
Sealed roads - drainage and kerbing	60 years
Unsealed roads - formation	Not depreciated
Unsealed roads - surface sheeting	15 years
Stormwater drainage	50 to 100 years
Other	15 to 80 years
Art collection and heritage	Indefinite

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 1. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

6.5 Impairment

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

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

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

There are no indicators of impairment at 30 June 2025.

(7) Payables

7.1 Goods and services

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

7.2 Payments received in advance and deposits

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

(8) Employee benefits

8.1 Salaries, wages and compensated absences

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

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

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

8.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Hostplus Super fund (formerly Statewide Superannuation Scheme). The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 15.

(9) Provisions for reinstatement, restoration and rehabilitation

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

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 1. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Restoration of Landfill provision – Note 8 Liabilities

The Council has recognised a provision for restoration for landfill of the Regional Waste Management Facility Stages 1 to 5, being those stages that are operational (have been disturbed) at 30 June 2025. This provision represents Council's current best estimate of the present value of restoration costs to meet its legal and contractual, regulatory environmental requirements which have been estimated to occur in 2039. The timing, methodology and technology current at the time of restoration will impact this estimate in future periods. This provision calculation has been updated to recognise the liability in the Balance Sheet and a Right of Use Asset for Landfill under paragraph 24 of AASB16. The Right of Use Asset will be amortised over its estimated life.

(10) Leases

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

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

10.1 Council as a lessee

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

i) Right-of-use-assets

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

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

ii) Lease liabilities

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

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

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

(11) GST implications

In accordance with UIG abstract 1031 "*Accounting for the Goods and 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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 1. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(12) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

Council applied for the first-time the amendments to Australian Accounting Standards that are effective for annual period beginning on 1 July 2024:

- AASB2020-1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Amendments to AASB101
- AASB2022-5: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback – Amendments to AASB16
- AASB2022-10: Fair Value Measurement of Non- Financial Assets of Not-for Profit Public-Sector Entities
- AASB2022-6: Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
- AASB2023-1: Supplier Finance Arrangements

The amendments had no impact on the accounting policies or disclosure requirements of the Council.

Certain new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the year ended 30 June 2025. Council has elected not to early adopt any of the standards. Council is assessing the potential impact on its financial statements resulting from the application of the new standards, amendments and interpretations.

(13) Comparative figures

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 2. Income

\$ '000	2025	2024
(a) Rates revenue		
General rates		
Residential	18,031	17,200
Rural	752	718
Business	9,890	9,389
Airport	96	88
Total general rates	28,769	27,395
Other rates (including service charges)		
Waste collection	4,783	4,558
Total other rates (including service charges)	4,783	4,558
Total rates	33,552	31,953
(b) Statutory charges		
Regulatory / statutory fees	147	178
Total statutory charges	147	178
(c) User charges		
Cemetery charges	266	266
Aquatic & Leisure Centre income	978	832
Weighbridge charges	3,445	3,469
Library charges	48	26
Tip shop	257	255
Rates searches	31	27
Rental charges	174	359
Sundry charges	128	81
Total user charges	5,327	5,315
(d) Investment and interest income		
Interest on investments		
- Banks and other	2,801	2,594
Interest on overdue rates and charges	329	295
Total investment income	3,130	2,889

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2025	2024
(e) Other income		
Development Consent Authority charges	12	72
Fines	148	170
Fuel rebates	106	92
Insurance claims	761	131
Sundry income	54	98
Other income	524	458
Total other income	1,605	1,021
(f) Grants, subsidies and contributions		
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	6,728	2,635
Roads to Recovery	559	255
Total capital grants, subsidies and contributions	7,287	2,890
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions		
Other grants, subsidies and contributions	2,483	2,274
Other grants, subsidies and contributions - operating		
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	2,051	2,062
Total other grants, subsidies and contributions - operating	4,534	4,336
Total grants, subsidies, contributions	11,821	7,226
(i) Sources of grants		
Commonwealth government	4,956	2,586
State government	6,750	4,250
Other	115	390
Total	11,821	7,226

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2025	2024
(g) Conditions over grants and 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	4,799	3,973
Less:		
Grant funds recognised as revenue	(11,821)	(3,209)
Subtotal	(11,821)	(3,209)
Plus:		
Grant funds received during the year	19,726	4,035
Subtotal	19,726	4,035
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period	12,704	4,799
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period	7,905	826

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 2. Income (continued)

	as at 30/06/24			as at 30/06/25
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Movements Received	Expended	Closing Balance
(h) Reconciliation of government grants				
Grants (with discretion on use)				
General purpose (untied)				
FAG general purpose	–	778	(778)	–
FAG road	–	1,273	(1,273)	–
Subtotal	–	2,051	(2,051)	–
Specific purpose (recurrent)				
Aquatic and Leisure Centre	–	4	(4)	–
ASALC and library youth program	–	450	(450)	–
Audio and visual projection	52	–	–	52
Calendar design	10	(10)	–	–
Community swimming	7	–	(7)	–
DHLGS - Town camps waste collection	6	203	(209)	–
International Womens Day	1	–	(1)	–
Mens places	8	–	(8)	–
Naidoc Week	6	–	(6)	–
Phoney film festival and workshop	8	–	(8)	–
Pop up parks series	25	–	(22)	3
Recycled art prize	1	2	–	3
CCTV Lighting	420	–	(420)	–
Roller shutter artwork	1	–	–	1
Seniors month grant- CCD	2	2	(4)	–
Todd Mall Traders Association	15	–	(14)	1
Welcome to Alice Springs community event	2	–	(2)	–
Youth sports activation program	126	–	(126)	–
Youth week skateboarding	2	–	(2)	–
Youth Services School Holiday Calendars	–	32	(32)	–
ASALC Summer Holiday Catering	–	49	(49)	–
Harmony Day	–	1	(1)	–
Library Operational	–	624	(624)	–
Library- Virtual Reality	–	20	(20)	–
School Holiday Program	–	360	(311)	49
Australia Day	–	3	(3)	–
Pensioner & Carer Concession	–	158	(158)	–
Seniors Month Grant- Library	–	2	(2)	–
Subtotal	692	1,900	(2,483)	109
Total other grants	692	3,951	(4,534)	109

Grants specifically for new/upgraded assets

Specific purpose (recurrent)

ASALC upgrades LRCL phase 3	448	583	(1,031)	–
Black spot railway crossings	202	–	(157)	45
CCTV lighting	1,183	300	(1,483)	–
Footpath program	120	–	(62)	58
Improve community lighting	205	–	(13)	192
Jim McConville Park	276	1,400	–	1,676
Netball resurfacing and shade structures	259	100	(359)	–
Park redevelopment	260	–	(260)	–
Staff amenities upgrade depot	250	–	(20)	230
Roads to Recovery	904	–	(559)	345

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	as at 30/06/24	Movements		as at 30/06/25
	Opening Balance	Received	Expended	Closing Balance
CBD Regeneration	–	7,004	(1,205)	5,799
Flynn Oval Lighting Upgrade- Cricket Association	–	133	(17)	116
Frances Smith Park Upgrade	–	273	–	273
New Alice Springs Town Library	–	1,496	–	1,496
New tourism Central Australia Headquarter and Visitors Information Centre	–	480	–	480
Skate Park	–	3,680	(2,026)	1,654
Teague Park Grant	–	200	–	200
Public Art- roundabout series	–	100	(69)	31
Alice Springs Tennis Court upgrade- Tennis Association	–	26	(26)	–
Total grants specifically for new/upgraded assets	4,107	15,775	(7,287)	12,595
Recognised as liability	4,799	19,726	(11,821)	12,704
Total grants	4,799	19,726	(11,821)	12,704

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2025	2024
(a) Employee costs			
Salaries and wages		14,726	14,259
Employee leave expense		4,214	3,447
Superannuation	15	2,135	1,831
Workers' compensation insurance		752	766
Travelling		66	15
FBT		21	42
Training		321	150
Other employee related costs		56	1
Total employee costs		22,291	20,511

Total number of employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period) 156 162

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

	No.	No.
100,000 - 119,999	35	18
120,000 - 169,999	17	10
170,000 - 189,999	1	1
190,000 - 239,999	2	2
240,000 - 289,999	1	1

\$ '000	2025	2024
Elected Members Remuneration		
The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to Council members:		
Councillor allowance	160	146
Mayor allowance	138	134
Deputy Mayor allowance	26	40
Extra meeting allowance	33	57
	357	377

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	2025	2024
(b) Materials, contracts and other expenses		
(i) Prescribed expenses		
Auditor's remuneration		
- Auditing the financial reports	69	53
Subtotal - prescribed expenses	69	53
(ii) Other materials, contracts and expenses		
Books/Resources	12	16
Children and Youth Events	18	17
Computer consumables	45	32
Consulting fees	509	688
Contract material and labour	11,807	10,094
Equipment hire	21	9
Food (catering)	110	55
Fuels and oils	461	500
General events	9	15
Internet service provider	207	230
IT equipment	–	38
Journals and periodicals	10	12
Licence and maintenance fees	779	934
Memberships and subscriptions	97	84
Network communication	290	100
Non-book resources	8	3
Office equipment	7	11
Other equipment	17	18
Parts, accessories and consumables	19	27
Printing	52	47
Security	103	129
Stationery	16	21
Uniforms	11	7
Other	85	83
Subtotal - other material, contracts and expenses	14,693	13,170
(iii) Electricity		
Electricity costs	1,438	1,212
Subtotal - electricity	1,438	1,212

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	2025	Restated* 2024
(iv) Other expenses		
Advertising	108	101
Bad debt write off/provision	348	1,382
Conference fees	1	–
Contributions and/or donations made	59	49
Courier and freight	14	25
Elected member base allowance	323	346
Gas expenses	108	60
General rates - Early Bird draw	18	17
Grants made	200	167
Insurance	535	678
Legal fees	130	147
Merchant transaction fees	62	61
Other expenses	91	40
Pensioner concessions	270	281
Postage	15	12
Refunds/Reimbursements	16	2
Rent	39	39
Travel and accommodation expenses	30	66
Vehicle registration	96	87
Water consumption, sewerage and service charges	1,382	1,449
Subtotal - other expenses	3,845	5,009
Total materials, contracts and other expenses	20,045	19,444

(c) Depreciation and amortisation*

(i) Depreciation and amortisation

Land improvements*	2,286	2,268
Buildings*	3,674	3,497
Infrastructure		
- Sealed roads*	1,953	1,922
- Unsealed roads	–	40
- Stormwater drainage*	1,081	758
Right-of-use assets	880	954
Plant and equipment*	1,721	1,716
Furniture and office equipment *	80	84
Other assets*	1,478	1,475
Subtotal	13,153	12,714
Total depreciation and amortisation	13,153	12,714

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

(d) Finance costs

Unwinding of rehabilitation provision present value	721	887
Total finance costs	721	887

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 4. Asset disposal and fair value adjustments

\$ '000	Notes	2025	2024
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment			
(i) Assets renewed or directly replaced			
Proceeds from disposal		73	–
Less: carrying amount of assets sold	7a	(159)	(575)
Gain (loss) on disposal		(86)	(575)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets		(86)	(575)

Note 5. Current assets

\$ '000	2025	2024 Restated*
(a) Cash and cash equivalents*		
Cash on hand at bank *	13,464	11,057
Total cash and cash equivalents*	13,464	11,057

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

(b) Trade and other receivables

Rates - general and other	5,759	5,507
Accrued revenues	942	677
ATO	140	284
User charges and fees	154	853
Other	828	940
Subtotal	7,823	8,261
Less: provision for expected credit losses	(1,938)	(1,619)
Total trade and other receivables	5,885	6,642

(c) Other financial assets (investments)*

Other financial assets	48,941	38,251
Total other financial assets (investments)*	48,941	38,251

Amounts included in other financial assets that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date are disclosed in Note 12. *

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

(d) Inventories

Stores and materials	187	165
Total inventories	187	165

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 5. Current assets (continued)

\$ '000	2025	2024
(e) Other current assets		
Prepayments	2,538	242
<u>Total other current assets</u>	<u>2,538</u>	<u>242</u>

Note 6. Non-current assets

\$ '000	2025	2024
Other non-current assets		
Capital works-in-progress	4,149	2,321
Deferred rates	24	22
<u>Total other non-current assets</u>	<u>4,173</u>	<u>2,343</u>

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

(a) Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment*

\$ '000	as at 30/06/24			Asset movements during the reporting period					as at 30/06/25		
	At Fair Value Restated*	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation Restated*	Carrying amount Restated*	Asset Additions New / Upgrade	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c)	Adjustments & Transfers	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation
Land	64,563	-	-	64,563	-	-	-	-	64,563	-	-
Land improvements	78,709	-	(48,245)	30,464	4,491	-	(2,286)	-	83,200	-	(50,531)
Buildings	133,682	-	(67,807)	65,875	86	-	(3,674)	-	133,768	-	(71,482)
Infrastructure											
- Sealed roads	196,271	-	(66,635)	129,636	659	-	(1,953)	-	196,930	-	(68,587)
- Unsealed roads	1,720	-	(39)	1,681	-	-	-	-	1,720	-	(39)
- Stormwater drainage	60,581	-	(14,954)	45,627	380	-	(1,081)	-	60,962	-	(16,035)
Right-of-use assets	14,149	-	(954)	13,195	-	-	(880)	3,042	17,191	-	(1,834)
Plant and equipment	21,698	-	(10,750)	10,948	2,127	(159)	(1,721)	-	23,185	-	(11,990)
Furniture and office equipment	2,958	-	(2,109)	849	269	-	(80)	-	3,200	-	(2,161)
Art collection and heritage	4,257	-	-	4,257	-	-	-	-	4,257	-	-
Other assets	64,726	-	(30,701)	34,025	12	-	(1,478)	-	64,737	-	(32,178)
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	643,314	-	(242,194)	401,120	8,024	(159)	(13,153)	3,042	653,713	-	(254,837)
											398,876

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See note 19.

Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment and Investment Property (continued)

	as at 30/06/23			Asset movements during the reporting period						as at 30/06/24				
	At Fair Value Restated*	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation, Restated*	Carrying amount* Restated*	Asset Additions New / Upgrade	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c)	Adjustments & Transfers	Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR) (Note 9)	At Fair Value Restated*	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation, Restated*	Accumulated Impairment	Carrying amount Restated*
\$ '000														
Land - other	64,176	-	-	64,176	-	(340)	-	-	727	64,563	-	-	-	64,563
Land improvements	69,715	-	(40,347)	29,368	2,042	(3)	(2,268)	-	1,324	78,709	-	(48,245)	-	30,464
Buildings and other structures	121,408	-	(56,214)	65,194	444	(228)	(3,497)	-	3,963	133,682	-	(67,807)	-	65,875
Infrastructure														
- Sealed roads	179,933	-	(56,673)	123,260	1,018	-	(1,922)	-	7,278	196,271	-	(66,635)	-	129,636
- Unsealed roads	1,720	-	-	1,720	-	-	(40)	-	-	1,720	-	(39)	-	1,681
- Stormwater drainage	57,181	-	(12,470)	44,711	147	-	(758)	-	1,526	60,581	-	(14,954)	-	45,627
Right-of-use assets	15,261	-	-	15,261	-	-	(954)	(1,112)	-	14,149	-	(954)	-	13,195
Plant and equipment	17,890	-	(8,209)	9,681	2,812	(4)	(1,716)	-	173	21,698	-	(10,750)	-	10,948
Furniture and fittings	2,734	-	(1,859)	875	57	-	(84)	-	-	2,958	-	(2,109)	-	849
Art collection and heritage	4,156	-	-	4,156	-	-	-	-	101	4,257	-	-	-	4,257
Other assets	59,815	-	(25,827)	33,988	80	-	(1,475)	-	1,434	64,726	-	(30,701)	-	34,025
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	593,989	-	(201,599)	392,390	6,600	(575)	(12,714)	(1,112)	16,526	643,314	-	(242,194)	-	401,120

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See note 19.

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Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

(b) Valuation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and 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 structure thereon are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. These are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

Crown Land

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

Certain Building, Infrastructure and Other Property Plant & Equipment

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

- The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for material and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.
- The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

Art Collection and Heritage

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

Capital Works

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

Other Information

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

Highest and best use

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

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Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Land Under Roads

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

Land - Council Owned and Council Controlled

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 30 June 2024
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

Freehold land and land over which the Council has control but does not have title, as valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on the basis of fair market value on 30 June 2024 and is disclosed at its fair value.

Buildings, Furniture and Office Equipment and Plant and Equipment

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 30 June 2024
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 30 June 2024 and, pursuant to the Council's election, 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: 30 June 2024
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

The art collection was valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 30 June 2024 and, pursuant to the Council's election, is disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

Infrastructure

Roads, Kerb and Gutter, Footpaths

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 30 June 2024
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

Stormwater Drainage

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 30 June 2024
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

Structures, Bridges, Car Parks

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value
- Date of valuation: 30 June 2024
- Valuer: Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd - Brooke Smith FAPI CPV & Ty Noble FAPI CPV

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 30 June 2024 and, pursuant to the Council's election, are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

All Other Assets

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

These assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services on 30 June 2024 and pursuant to the Council's elections are disclosed at fair value. All acquisitions since revaluation are recorded at cost.

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Note 8. Liabilities

\$ '000	Notes	2025 Current	2025 Non Current	2024 Current	2024 Non Current
(a) Trade and other payables					
Payments received in advance		1,067	—	—	—
Grants, subsidies, contributions	2f	12,704	—	4,799	—
Unearned income - rates		932	—	1,360	—
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		493	—	355	—
Accrued expenses - other		2,872	—	951	—
Deposits, retentions and bonds		121	—	97	—
Total trade and other payables		18,189	—	7,562	—

(b) Provisions

Provision for restoration	—	22,084	—	18,321
Airfares	60	—	8	—
Annual leave	2,083	—	1,773	—
Long service leave	569	666	497	568
Time in lieu liability	208	—	172	—
Total provisions	2,920	22,750	2,450	18,889

Restoration of landfill

Obligations for future landfill restoration work are determined annually, estimating the nature and extent of work associated with the closure of the landfill facility, monitoring of historical residues and leaching on the site. As council has a present obligation, it is probable that restoration work will be undertaken and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made, it is recognised as a provision. The calculation of the provision uses assumptions including application of environmental legislation, site closure dates, available technologies and engineering cost estimates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from amounts currently provided. The estimated costs are escalated by an estimate of the long term inflation rate to derive a future value, and the result is discounted to present value. The provision is discounted using long term deposit rates.

The projected cost is \$33,689,027 (undiscounted) and this cost is expected to be incurred from 2039.

Movements in non-employee provisions

2025 (current and non-current) \$ '000	Future Reinstatement 2025
Opening balance	18,321
Add: unwinding of present value discounts	721
Increase due to change in discount rate	2,393
Increase in estimated future costs due to change in inflation rate	649
Closing balance	22,084
2024 (current and non-current)	
Opening balance	18,550
Add: unwinding of present value discounts	887
Increase due to change in discount rate	2,500
Decrease in estimated future costs due to change in inflation rate	3,616
Closing Balance	18,321

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Note 9. Reserves

	as at 30/06/24				as at 30/06/25
	Opening Balance Restated*	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	Closing Balance
\$ '000					
(a) Asset revaluation reserve					
Land	54,968	—	—	—	54,968
Land improvements	20,714	—	—	—	20,714
Buildings	59,091	—	—	—	59,091
Infrastructure					
- Sealed roads	165,339	—	—	—	165,339
- Unsealed roads	2,674	—	—	—	2,674
- Stormwater drainage	55,015	—	—	—	55,015
Plant and equipment	5,422	—	—	—	5,422
Furniture and office equipment	552	—	—	—	552
Art collection and heritage	4,139	—	—	—	4,139
Other assets	35,937	—	—	—	35,937
Total asset revaluation reserve* *	403,851	—	—	—	403,851
Comparatives Restated *	387,325	16,526	—	—	403,851

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

	as at 30/06/24			as at 30/06/25
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Closing Balance
(b) Other reserves				
Liquid waste remediation	1,000	—	—	1,000
Lights at sporting ovals	400	—	—	400
Araluen Park	750	908	(750)	908
Regional Skate Park	1,650	1,800	(1,650)	1,800
Strategic projects reserve	1,500	992	(1,500)	992
Elections	240	60	—	300
RWMF Future Funds	3,156	550	(511)	3,195
Sporting Facility Advisory Committee	253	158	—	410
Road renewals	3,705	500	—	4,205
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	2,940	514	(688)	2,765
Facilities renewal	1,704	615	(582)	1,737
Reinvigorating Alice Town Centre	2,509	—	—	2,509
Fleet and plant	301	—	—	301
Public Art Advisory Sub Committee	3	203	—	206
Stormwater and open drains	1,351	—	(186)	1,165
Security and safety lighting	3,141	—	—	3,141
Energy efficiency	304	—	(90)	214
Kerbside recycling collection	956	—	—	956
Cemetery Master Plan	106	48	—	154
Tree planting	214	—	—	214
ICT renewals	458	—	—	458
Disaster and emergency reserves	941	—	—	941
Major project seed funding	400	200	—	600
Sports facilities, parks and recreation renewal	785	—	(132)	653
Elected members projects	100	200	—	300
Economic Development Park	200	—	—	200
Shovel ready projects	900	—	—	900
CCTV	290	—	—	290
Information communication and technology	1,695	161	(371)	1,485
Media relations and marketing	130	—	(130)	—
Regional Skatepark	150	—	(150)	—
Flynn Drive lights	130	—	—	130
Araluen Park upgrade	158	—	(158)	—
Frances Smith Park upgrade	200	—	—	200
Park consolidation	30	—	—	30
Depot amenities renewal	370	—	—	370
Carpool storage	300	—	(300)	—
Public art	250	—	(250)	—
RWMF long term strategic plan	210	—	(210)	—
Asset condition assessments	195	—	(195)	—
Childcare Centre maintenance	59	—	—	59
Footpath program	500	—	(500)	—
ASALC kiosk/reception	500	—	(500)	—
Total other reserves	35,134	6,909	(8,853)	33,188
Comparatives	23,684	24,439	(12,989)	35,134

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

Purposes of reserves

Asset revaluation reserves

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

Other reserves

Liquid Waste Remediation

Remediation and decommissioning of liquid waste ponds. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Lights at Sporting Ovals

Funding for lighting at sporting ovals is determined by the Council. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Araluen Park

Funding for the upgrade of Araluen Park. Net transfers during the financial year total \$158,000.

Regional Skate Park

Funding for the construction of the Regional Skate Park. Net transfers during the financial year total \$150,000

Strategic Projects Reserve

Fund available for strategic projects to be allocated by the Council. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$508,000)

Elections

To cover costs associated with future Council elections. Net transfers during the financial year total \$60,000

RWMF Future Funds

Provision for a future landfill site for Alice Springs. Net transfers during the financial year total \$39,000

Sports Facility Advisory Committee

Sports Facility Advisory Committee contributions (Sports Clubs & Council) to be allocated via resolution of SFAC and Council. Net transfers during the financial year total \$158,000

Road Renewals

Renewals for work in the road reserve, including new pavement, kerb and channel and footpaths. Net transfers during the financial year total \$500,000

Aquatic & Leisure Centre

Renewal of ASALC infrastructure, including plant and equipment, buildings and swimming pools. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$174,000).

Facilities Renewal

Renewals of Council-owned facilities (Civic Centre, Depot, community facilities, etc). Net transfers during the financial year total \$33,000.

Reinvigorating Alice Town Centre

Project contingency for current and future town centre projects. This is to fund works on the design and capital works within the Alice Springs CBD area. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Fleet and Plant

Part funding for future purchases of a shredder for the RWMF. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Public Art Advisory Sub Committee

Provision for future art projects in line with the Public Art Masterplan. Net transfers during the financial year total \$203,000.

Stormwater and Open Drains

Renewal of the stormwater and open drain network infrastructure. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$186,000).

Security and Safety Lighting

Provision for Council-owned streetlight upgrades. There were no transfers during the financial year.

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

Energy Efficiency

Funding for renewal of the photovoltaic system on Council assets. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$90,000).

Kerbside Recycling Collection

Seed funding to facilitate future kerbside recycling initiatives. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Cemetery Master Plan

To fund the development of the Garden Cemetery in line with the masterplan for the facility. Net transfers during the financial year total \$48,000.

Tree Planting

Provision for future tree planting initiatives following the development and adoption of the Alice Springs Town Council Greening Strategy. There were no transfers during the financial year.

ICT Renewals

Renewals of Council's ICT Infrastructure. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Disaster & Emergency Reserve

Natural emergency and disaster support funding. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Major Project Seed Funding

Seed funding for future projects and initiatives. Net transfers during the financial year total \$200,000.

Sports Facilities, Parks & Recreation Renewal

Renewals for our sports facilities (excl. ASALC), parks and recreational facilities and equipment. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$132,000).

Elected Member Projects

Funding for elected member projects. Net transfers during the financial year total \$200,000.

Economic Development Park

For the Economic Development Plan. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Shovel Ready Projects

For future development projects. There were no transfers during the financial year.

CCTV

For CCTV, sports carpark lighting and fencing improvements. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Information Communication & Technology

Funding for IT upgrades. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$213,000).

Media Relations & Marketing

Website development and signage. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$130,000)

Regional Skatepark

Funding for a regional skatepark. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$150,000).

Flynn Drive Lights

To fund the Flynn Oval Lighting Upgrade. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Araluen Park Upgrade

Fund for upgrades at Araluen Park. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$158,000).

Frances Smith Park Upgrade

To fund the Frances Smith Park upgrade. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Park Consolidation

To fund capital investment for Parks & Reserves Grandstands. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Depot Amenities Renewal

Funding for Depot Amenities upgrade - 37 Wilkinson Street. There were no transfers during the financial year.

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

Carpool Storage

To fund the Civic Centre car pool storage area. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$300,000).

Public Art

To fund Public Art installations. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$250,000).

RWMF Long Term Strategic Plan

Funding towards improving the sustainability and lifespan of the RWMF Facility. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$210,000).

Asset Condition Assessments

Towards the Asset Management Plan, maintenance and condition reports on various assets. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$195,000).

Childcare Centre Maintenance

To fund upgrades on Childcare facilities. There were no transfers during the financial year.

Footpath Program

To fund the Footpath Program. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$500,000).

ASALC Kiosk/Reception

For the new kiosk/reception area at ASALC – subject to business case. Net transfers during the financial year total (\$500,000).

Note 10. Assets subject to restrictions

\$ '000	Notes	2025	2024
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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 and financial assets

Other specific purpose unearned grant income	12,704	4,799
Total cash and financial assets	12,704	4,799

Total assets subject to externally imposed restrictions	12,704	4,799
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The following liabilities, included in Note 8, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance:

Provisions	8	25,670	21,339
Total		25,670	21,339

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Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	Notes	2025	Restated* 2024
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(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 Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Total cash and equivalent assets*	5	13,464	11,057
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		13,464	11,057

(b) Reconciliation of Operating Result

Net surplus/(deficit)		(714)	(5,549)
Non-cash items in income statements			
Depreciation and amortisation*		13,153	12,714
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as investing activity		(7,287)	(2,890)
Net (gain) loss on disposals		86	575
Unwinding of discount rates on restoration provisions		721	887
		5,959	5,737
Add (less): changes in net current assets			
Net increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		2,105	1,414
Net increase/(decrease) in other provisions		470	199
Net (increase)/decrease in receivables		757	(778)
Net (increase)/decrease in inventories		(22)	86
Net (increase)/decrease in other assets		(2,166)	85
Net cash provided by (or used in) operations *		7,103	6,743

(*) Comparative information is restated on account of correction of errors. See Note 19.

Note 12. Financial instruments

Recognised financial instruments

Recognised financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

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

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

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

Subsequent Measurement

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

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

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Note 12. Financial instruments (continued)

- fair value through Other Comprehensive Income.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

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

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

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

Derecognition

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

Expected Credit Losses

Refer to Note 1 (4).

Bank, deposits at call, short term deposits

Accounting policy:

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost; interest is recognised when earned.

Carrying amount:

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables - rates and associated charges (including legals and penalties for late payment)

Accounting policy:

Carried at amortised cost less any allowance for expected credit loss. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed) annually, when collection in full is no longer possible.

Terms and conditions:

Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 9% (2024: 9%). Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the Territory.

Carrying amount:

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - fees and other charges

Accounting policy:

Carried at amortised cost less any allowance for expected credit loss in place of doubtful debts. An allowance for expected credit loss is recognised (and re-assessed) annually, when collection in full is no longer possible.

Terms and 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 12. Financial instruments (continued)

Receivables - other levels of government

Accounting policy:

Carried at amortised cost.

Terms and conditions:

Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.

Carrying amount:

Approximates fair value.

Liabilities - creditors and accruals

Accounting policy:

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.

Terms and conditions:

Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying amount:

Approximates fair value.

Liquidity analysis

\$ '000	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
2025					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	13,464	—	—	13,464	13,464
Receivables	5,885	—	—	5,885	5,885
Other financial assets	48,941	—	—	48,941	48,941
Total financial assets	68,290	—	—	68,290	68,290
Financial liabilities					
Payables	18,189	—	—	18,189	18,189
Total financial liabilities	18,189	—	—	18,189	18,189
2024					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	11,057	—	—	11,057	11,057
Receivables	6,642	—	—	6,642	6,642
Other financial assets	38,251	—	—	38,251	38,251
Total financial assets	55,950	—	—	55,950	55,950
Financial liabilities					
Payables	7,562	—	—	7,562	7,562
Total financial liabilities	7,562	—	—	7,562	7,562

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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 12. 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 impairment. All Council investments are made in accordance with the Council's investing policy and Minister Guidelines. Except as detailed in Notes 5 and 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.

Ageing of receivables

	Less than 1 year \$'000	1 year \$'000	2 years \$'000	3 years + \$'000	Total \$'000
Rates and charges	1,849	1,617	852	1,533	5,851
Less legal fees, postponed rates and rates suspense					(92)
Total	1,849	1,617	852	1,533	5,759
Less allowance for expected credit loss			-	(1,473)	(1,473)
Total	1,849	1,617	852	60	4,286

	Current \$'000	30 days \$'000	60 days \$'000	90+ days \$'000	Total \$'000
User fees		63	63	28	154
Other	8	271	112	436	828
Total	8	334	175	464	982
Less allowance for expected credit loss		(33)	(87)	(343)	(465)
Total	8	301	87	121	517

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 (Local Government Association of South Australia's Information Paper No. 15 - Treasury Management), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 13. Capital expenditure commitments

\$ '000	2025	2024
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(a) Capital commitments

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

Other	11,122	5,441
	11,122	5,441

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	11,122	5,441
	11,122	5,441

(b) Other expenditure commitments

Other non-capital expenditure commitments at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Non-capital expenditure	2,161	2,472
	2,161	2,472

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	2,161	2,472
	2,161	2,472

Note 14. Financial indicators

\$ '000	Amounts 2025	Indicator 2025	Indicators 2024	Indicators 2023
1. Current Ratio				
Current assets	71,015	3.36	5.63	6.69
Current liabilities	21,109			
2. Debt Service Ratio				
Net debt service cost	—	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating revenue	48,295			
3. Rate coverage percentage				
Rate revenues	28,769	51.76%	56.39%	60.97%
Total revenues	55,582			
4. Rates and annual charges outstanding				
Rates and annual charges outstanding	5,759	17.16%	17.79%	14.53%
Rates and annual charges collectable	33,552			

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 15. Superannuation

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

Hostplus (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme and Statewide Super)

Hostplus Super (formerly Statewide Super Scheme under Local Government Superannuation Scheme) 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 (11.5% in 2024/2025; 11.0% in 2023/2024).

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

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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 16. Contingencies and assets/liabilities not recognised in the balance sheet

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, but knowledge 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 245 km of road reserves of average width 16 metres.

2. Potential insurance losses

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

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to 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 not guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies at reporting date.

4. Legal expenses

There are no legal matters pending at 30 June 2025.

5. Street Lights

Council continues to dispute costs levied by Power and Water Corporation in relation to repairs and maintenance on street lights and as at 30 June 2025 the parties have not resolved the outstanding dispute.

Note 17. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2025, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

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

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 18. Related party transactions

Key management personnel

(i) Transactions with key management personnel

The related parties of Council include:

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

\$ '000	2025	2024
The compensation paid to key management personnel comprises:		
Short-term employee benefits	517	553
Post-employment benefits	68	65
Termination benefits	68	18
Elected member allowances	357	378
Total	1,010	1,014

Chief Executive Officer

Remuneration - 2024/2025 \$ '000	Andrew Wilsmore	Acting CEO Nicole Battle	Acting CEO Joel Andrew
Short term benefits	274	23	11
Non-cash benefits	-	-	-
Other long term benefits	-	-	-
Post-employment benefits	30	2	2
Termination benefits	-	-	-
Share-based payments	-	-	-
Total Remuneration	304	25	13

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

(ii) Termination Benefits

Termination benefits of \$66,640 have been paid by Council to KMP during the reporting year.

(iii) Loans to Responsible Persons

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 18. Related party transactions (continued)

(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. Transactions to any organisations, under normal terms and conditions, where Council's KMPs may hold executive positions and/or Directorships during the year.

(v) Outstanding Amounts

As at 30 June 2025, there were no outstanding amounts receivable from Council's KMP.

Note 19. Correction of errors relating to previous reporting periods

Nature of prior-period error

During the year ended 30 June 2025, material errors were identified in the accounting treatment of the following matters relating to previous financial statements.

Restatement 1

During the 2024–25 financial year, Council identified a significant increase of written down value of infrastructure and property, plant and equipment of \$111,578 thousand, following a comprehensive revaluation conducted as at 1 July 2024 (effective 30 June 2024). This revaluation was the first since the previous one in 2019/2020.

The increase in asset values is primarily driven by improved data accuracy and refinement, including adjustments to depreciation rates and the application of componentisation. It also reflects market conditions that have evolved since the last revaluation - particularly those influenced by post-COVID supply chain disruptions, labour shortages, fuel and bitumen price volatility, and regional cost pressures unique to the Northern Territory.

As this increase in fair value is not attributable to a single year's change, prior years' financial statements did not reflect the correct asset values. In accordance with AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, Council has restated comparative amounts in the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, and the relevant notes to the financial statements. At 1 July 2023 this resulted in an increase in the opening balance of Asset Revaluation Reserve and Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment of \$95,052 thousand. In the comparative period ended 30 June 2024 resulted in a further increase in the Asset Revaluation Reserve and Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment \$16,526 thousand and increased depreciation on the revalued assets \$2,372 thousand.

Restatement 2

During the 2024–2025 financial year, Council identified road and footpath infrastructure assets that had not been recognised in financial periods prior to 2023–2024. An independent audit of Council's infrastructure, completed in 2024–25, revealed unrecorded assets with a capital value of \$2,730 thousand for footpaths and \$3,808 thousand for roads. To correct the impact of this material prior period error, Council has restated comparative amounts in the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, and the relevant notes to the financial statements, in accordance with AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*.

At 1 July 2023 this resulted in an increase in the opening balance of Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit) of \$6,539 thousand and infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment \$6,539 thousand. In the comparative period ended 30 June 2024 resulted in increased depreciation on the found assets \$289 thousand.

Restatement 3

During the 2024–2025 financial year, Council reviewed the classification of its term deposits and identified that, in the prior year, term deposits were incorrectly included in Cash and Cash Equivalents. In accordance with AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, these balances have been reclassified to Other Financial Assets (Investments). This adjustment represents a reclassification only and has no impact on the total assets, equity, or net result previously reported.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 19. Correction of errors relating to previous reporting periods (continued)

Changes to the opening Statement of Financial Position at 1 July 2023

Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	As Previously Reported 1 July, 2023	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	As Restated Balance 1 July, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	48,308	(38,478)	9,830
Other financial assets (investments)	–	38,478	38,478
Total current assets	54,750	–	54,750
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	290,799	101,591	392,390
Total non-current assets	291,106	101,591	392,697
Total assets	345,856	101,591	447,447
Net Assets	318,351	101,591	419,942
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	2,394	6,539	8,933
Asset Revaluation Reserve	292,273	95,052	387,325
Total council equity	318,351	101,591	419,942

Adjustments to the comparative figures for the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	As Previously Reported 30 June, 2024	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	As Restated Balance 30 June, 2024
Cash and cash equivalents	49,308	(38,251)	11,057
Other financial assets (investments)	–	38,251	38,251
Total current assets	56,357	–	56,357
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	285,664	115,456	401,120
Total non-current assets	288,007	115,456	403,463
Total assets	344,364	115,456	459,820
Net Assets	315,463	115,456	430,919
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	(11,944)	3,878	(8,066)
Asset revaluation reserves	292,273	111,578	403,851
Total council equity	315,463	115,456	430,919

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 19. Correction of errors relating to previous reporting periods (continued)

Statement of Comprehensive Income

\$ '000	As Previously Reported 30 June, 2024	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	As Restated Balance 30 June, 2024
Depreciation and amortisation	10,053	2,661	12,714
Total expenses	50,895	2,661	53,556
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(5,203)	(2,661)	(7,864)
Net surplus/deficit	(2,888)	(2,661)	(5,549)
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus/Reserves-Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	—	16,526	16,526
Total Other Comprehensive Income	—	16,526	16,526
Total Comprehensive Income	(2,888)	13,865	10,977

Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	As Previously Reported 30 June, 2024	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	As Restated Balance 30 June, 2024
Purchase of investment securities	—	227	227
Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities	(5,743)	227	(5,516)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	1,000	227	1,227
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	48,308	(38,478)	9,830
Cash and cash equivalents held at end of period	49,308	(38,251)	11,057

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 20(a). Functions

Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 20(b).												
\$ '000	OPERATING INCOME			OPERATING EXPENSES			OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			GRANTS INCLUDED IN OPERATING INCOME		
	2025	2025	2024	2025	2025	2024	2025	2025	2024	2025	2025	2024
	Budget	Actual	Restated*	Budget	Actual	Restated*	Budget	Actual	Restated*	Budget	Actual	Restated*
			Actual			Actual			Actual			Actual
Functions												
General and public services	38,759	39,762	36,116	28,884	17,969	25,077	9,875	21,793	11,039	2,236	2,240	779
Public order and safety	336	330	346	1,759	2,015	1,578	(1,423)	(1,685)	(1,232)	—	—	—
Economic affairs	26	487	1,718	9,527	8,833	4,613	(9,501)	(8,346)	(2,895)	1,763	434	1,667
Environmental protection	4,178	3,988	4,162	10,030	9,384	9,091	(5,852)	(5,396)	(4,929)	205	213	356
Housing and community amenities	298	158	401	1,373	1,597	1,242	(1,075)	(1,439)	(841)	—	—	45
Recreation, culture and religion	4,029	3,564	2,946	14,442	16,335	11,820	(10,413)	(12,771)	(8,874)	1,472	1,643	1,486
Social protection	—	6	3	133	77	135	(133)	(71)	(132)	—	4	3
Total functions	47,626	48,295	45,692	66,148	56,210	53,556	(18,522)	(7,915)	(7,864)	5,676	4,534	4,336

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

(*) Refer to Note 19 for detailed information on restatement of comparatives.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Note 20(b). Components of functions

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

General public service

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

Public order and 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, and street cleaning.

Housing and community amenities

Public cemeteries, public conveniences and street lights.

Recreation, culture and religion

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

Social protection

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



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Council of Alice Springs Town Council

Opinion

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

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report presents fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2025, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards, the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes, including material accounting policies

Basis for opinion

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

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

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

Emphasis of matter – Restatement of comparative balances

We draw attention to Note 19 to the financial report, which states that the amounts reported in the previously issued 30 June 2024 Financial Report have been restated and disclosed as comparatives in these Financial Statements. Our opinion is not modified in respect of the matter.

Restriction on use

The Financial Report has been prepared to assist the Chief Executive Officer of the Council in complying with the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 2019 and *the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

As a result, the Financial Report and this Auditor's Report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter. Our report is intended solely for the Council and should not be used by parties other than the Council. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the Financial Report to which it relates, to any person other than the Council or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

Other information

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

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

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

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for:

- preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act 2019 and the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 objective is:

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

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

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

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



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