



KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL

—2018/19— ANNUAL REPORT

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PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for 2018/19 sets out Katherine Town Council's financial activities for the financial year and reflects on the performance against objectives outlined in the 2018/19 Municipal Plan.

It includes financial records showing a true and accurate view of Council's revenue and expenditure. It provides a review of assets and liabilities as at the end of the financial year.

This report has been produced in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, specifically meeting the requirements as set out in Chapter 4 – Part 4.1 – Division 2 – Clause 30 (2), Chapter 10 – Part 10.7 – Clause 131 and Chapter 14 – Part 14.1 – Clause 199.



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ABOUT KATHERINE

Katherine is located just 312km south-east of Darwin on the banks of the beautiful Katherine River. Katherine is the fourth largest town in the Northern Territory



Katherine is a regional centre offering a wide range of services to communities from the Western Australian border to the Gulf of Carpentaria on the Queensland border



10 621
Population
0.45% increase

 **0.01%**
Population density
(person per hectare)

 **33yrs**
Median age



First Nations People



Katherine has a multi-cultural population from First Nation peoples to new Australians from all corners of the globe. The Katherine community has three key Aboriginal groups in close proximity - the Dagoman, Jawoyn and Wardaman people.

ABOUT KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL



21 Parks

managed by Council,
including reserves.

38,000m²

of car parking area
managed by Council

31.2km

of underground
stormwater pipes

132 kms

sealed roads
managed and
maintained by Council



60

Staff currently employed by
Katherine Town Council



Worth of community
infrastructure including
roads, drainage,
sporting venues and
community facilities.

1 MAYOR
6 ALDERMAN

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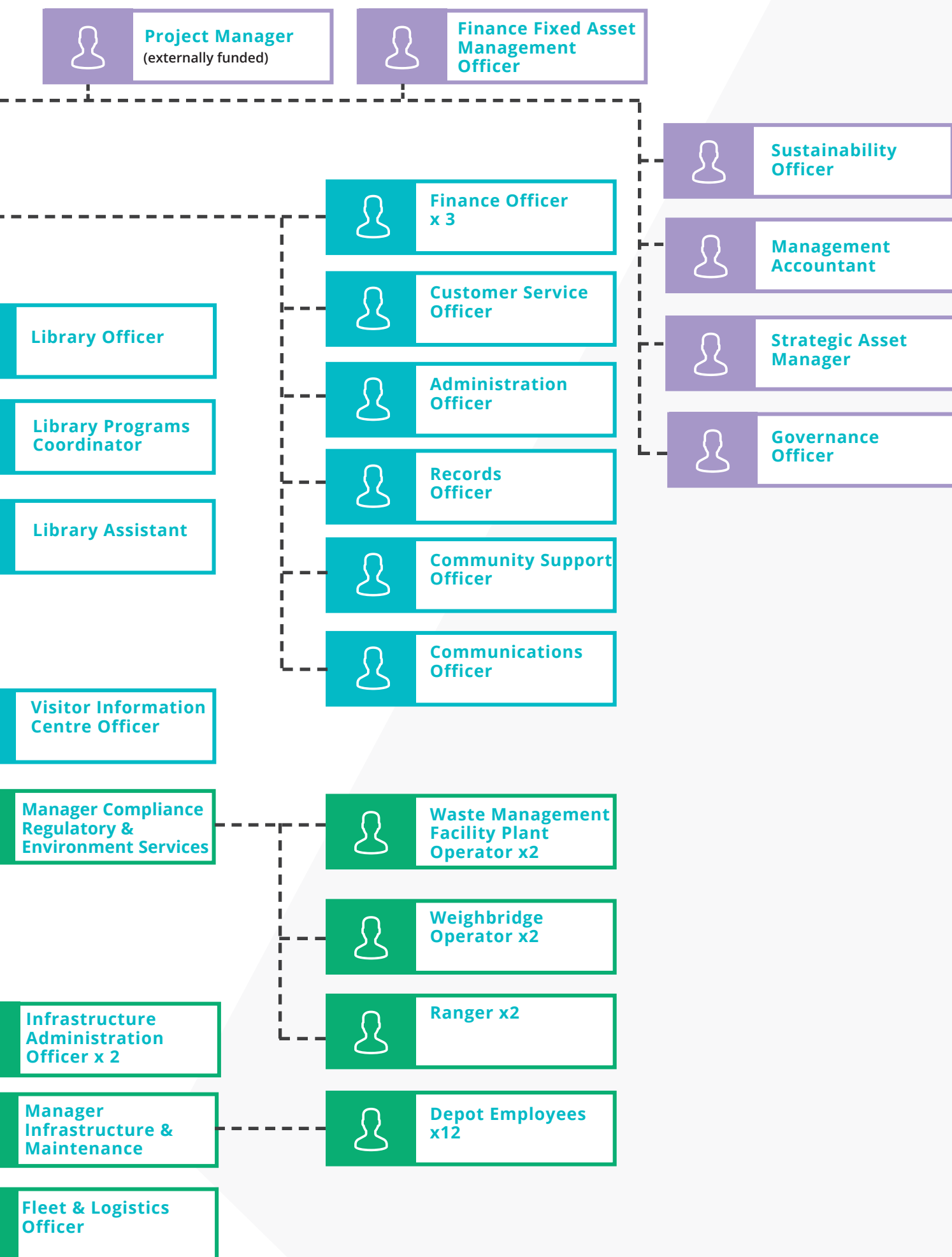
Rateable Properties in the
Katherine Municipality

17 Events

7 Council Events
11 Council Supported Events

\$26 515

Community Grants Program
12 Community projects and
events funded



ORGANISATIONAL CHART



VISION MISSION VALUES & GOALS

VISION

For Katherine to be recognised as an innovative, vibrant and inclusive community.

MISSION

To provide a sustainable and prosperous environment for the people of the Katherine Region through growth, opportunity and tolerance.



INFRASTRUCTURE

To ensure that Council has well planned, constructed and maintained infrastructure that is managed on a sustainable basis and meets the needs of present and future communities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To facilitate economic development and encourage and support investment and employment opportunities.

VALUES

Service

Council will strive to achieve excellence, quality and pride of service to the community in a cost effective, common sense and courteous way.

Responsibility

Council will act with integrity and in a financially responsible, sustainable manner in the interests of the community.

Responsiveness

Council will be responsive to the needs of the community.

Equity

Council will treat and provide services to the community in an equitable manner.

Involvement

Council will provide avenues of participation for and be accessible to the community.

Accountability

Council will make decisions on behalf of the community in an open and accountable way



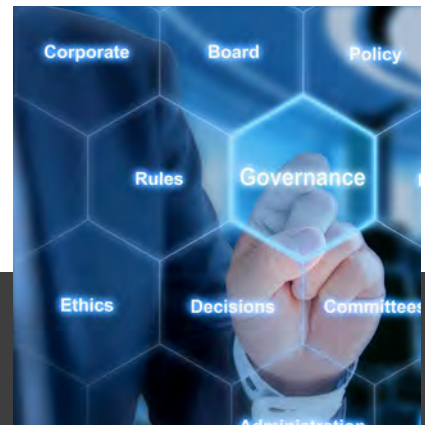
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To provide, in partnership with other organisations, for the social, recreational and cultural needs of residents and encourage a sense of involvement and community pride.



ENVIRONMENT

To promote and protect the quality of the Katherine environment and play a leadership role in addressing climate change.



GOVERNANCE

To ensure that Council demonstrates effective, open and responsible governance.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It is my pleasure to present Katherine Town Council's 2018/2019 Annual Report on behalf of the elected members and staff. This report highlights our ongoing commitment to enhancing the economic and social wellbeing of the Katherine community.

Katherine Town Council are proud to reflect on some of the events we were able to celebrate with the community, including:

- Citizenship Ceremonies with thirty six (36) new Citizens welcomed into our community
- Highly successful School Holiday Programs
- The 40th Anniversary of Territory Day
- Australia Day Awards Ceremony
- ANZAC Day commemoration
- Carols by Candlelight

Throughout the year, we continued a number of significant projects which were commenced in 2016/2017 and furthered other projects and services identified in the 2018-19 master plan. The Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub - KLAH (previously known as the Inland Port and Logistics Freight Hub) listed in our long term plan is being progressed, as is the Katherine East Neighbourhood Precinct and the Katherine Flood Mitigation Works in partnership with the NT Government. We planned to complete the Hot Springs redevelopment within this financial year,

however, extensive re-engineering of the project had to be undertaken which extended the completion date to the end of 2019. We will begin redevelopment of the upper parkland level in November 2019 and anticipate a completion date in early 2020. We continued to advocate on core issues that affect our community through our ongoing successful partnerships with the NT Government. Using a listening leadership approach, we engaged with our community using our website presence, our Facebook page, through committees, newsletters, service centres, forums and stakeholder meetings. We held regular meetings with the Police, the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics and the Department of the Chief Minister.

Coming to the end of the financial year I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow elected members and Council staff to promote a vibrant and prosperous Katherine.

We are intent on listening to you, our community, in order to continue to deliver the best results possible and to enrich community relationships. The future of Katherine as a centre for our region and the Northern Territory is growing brighter with the positive attention and energy that we are continuing to attract as we achieve our potential in partnership with our community, NT Government and all our stakeholders. I sincerely thank all our staff and volunteers who work so hard to deliver the results we are all so very proud of – and especially for their integrity, attitude of service and caring for our community.



Highlights of the 2018/19 financial year

11.4 M

Grant funding towards
Showgrounds,
Sportsgrounds &
CBD revitalisation



Freedom of Entry
29 September 2018



Territory Day 40
The VERONICAS!
5000+ attendees

The Council received \$11.4 M of grant funding from the NT Government in June 2018, which provided the opportunity to revitalise some of Katherine's key infrastructure elements. The Katherine Showgrounds, Sportsgrounds and the Railway Terrace section of the CBD will receive thoughtfully designed, well consulted and future proof facelifts. These projects are currently at the planning stage with progression to development planned in the 2019/2020 financial year.

These projects will contribute enormously to the quality of life for the residents of Katherine and the Big Rivers Region, as well as for the thousands of visitors the region attracts each year.

On 29 September 2018, Katherine welcomed the Royal Australian AirForce (RAAF Base Tindal) as they exercised their right to "Freedom of Entry" into Katherine. One hundred RAAF personnel marched down the Stuart Highway before forming up on the Civic Centre lawns. The Airforce Military Band

added to the spectacle of the day, as did the FA-18's flight over the crowd gathered on the lawn. We were also treated to a free community concert at the Katherine Showgrounds by the Airforce Band, the Friday night before the parade. This type of concert performance is an extraordinarily rare occurrence and a real honour. Appropriately, the dancing and appreciation continued well into the evening.

1 July 2018 was the 40th Anniversary of Territory Day. To celebrate, Katherine partied with internationally renowned music artists "The Veronicas". This free concert at the Showgrounds was a raging success, with thousands turning up to experience this once in a lifetime Katherine event. We thank the NT Government for their generous support for the event.

Fay Miller
Her Worship the Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Katherine Town Council's ongoing mission is to provide a sustainable and prosperous environment for the people of the Katherine Region.

During the last financial year, Council continued the work of improving delivery of our services and business through industry standard best practices and implementing long term financial planning and sustainable management of Council and community assets.

In partnership with NT Government and our community, Council continued to action the projects associated with our shared strategic vision by securing vital funding for several infrastructure improvements and developments which are now well into their delivery phase.

As identified in previous reports, the projects that will flow from this work will promote the local tourist industry, enhance social and recreational opportunities for residents and foster business opportunities within the town.

This 2018/19 Annual Report provides general information on Council's organisational structure and function held by Council; financial management requirements and Council service delivery commitments. This Report also provides an overview of the many activities Council have successfully undertaken during the year and previews a number of strategies and projects that have progressed through the planning, consultation and development stages and are well into the action phase.

With the completion of a number of major projects planned in the coming financial year, 2019/20 promises to be an exciting year in which the Katherine community and region will begin to realise the recreational and economic benefits that will continue to make Katherine Alive.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Jennings". The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'R' and a trailing 's'.

Robert Jennings
Chief Executive Officer

Highlights of the 2018/19 financial year

During the year, Council were involved with many engagements and advocacy activities which resulted in positive outcomes for the Region. Some of the highlights are:

- Council's strong advocacy for the reinstatement of PALIs (formerly POSIs) in Katherine's bottle shops resulted in seventy five (75) new Police Auxiliary Officers being trained in June 2019, for deployment across the Territory. PALIs began appearing in bottle shops in August 2019 and for Katherine, there was an immediate and noticeable decrease in the level of antisocial behaviour. We expect further positive outcomes will be reported in 2019/20, in the form of fewer hospital admissions which are attributed to alcohol fuelled violence.
- The Council led waste streaming initiatives at the Waste Management Facility (WMF) resulted in a positive decrease in landfill at the site. Types of wastes we streamed are green waste, tyres, whitegoods and other metals. In partnership with the Big Rivers Regional Waste Group, we welcomed the commencement of the tyre recycling program, with approximately 200 Tonne of shredded tyres transported to Adelaide for repurposing. A further 500 Tonne of legacy tyres are earmarked for removal in 2019/20. Separated scrap metal, plus car bodies etc. collected from around our region was stockpiled and made ready for transport to a recycling centre in the 2019/20 period. Separated green waste began to mound up and in 2019/20, it will be shredded and returned to Katherine's green spaces in the form of garden mulch and as an erosion control medium at the WMF.
- The Katherine Logistic and Agribusiness Hub (KLAH) has been further progressed with preliminary design works being commenced by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. This Hub will become the focal point for transporting of farmed produce and other products across the country and will provide increased employment opportunities to our Region in the coming years.

ELECTED MEMBERS

Seven (7) Elected Members govern Katherine Town Council. The Mayor and six (6) Aldermen are elected for a term of four (4) years.

DEPUTY MAYOR

At the commencement of the term, Council decided to appoint persons to the office of Deputy Mayor as required by the Local Government Act. This decision determined that all Aldermen would be appointed to Deputy Mayor on a rotational basis for a term of eight months each.



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month commencing at 6.00 pm. The Open Forum commences at 5.30pm. Changes to this scheduling may occur with all alterations being advertised prior to the meeting.



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Elected Members are a vital part of the community.
The next election will be 28 August 2021.



A YEAR IN KATHERINE

JULY 2018

\$6.4 Million awarded to Council for Sportsgrounds & Showgrounds Revitalisations

\$5 Million awarded to Council for CBD Revitalisation

Doggy Day

Territory Day 40th Year Anniversary

43rd Katherine Prize

Katherine Show

\$85K grant for Wayfinding Signage in Katherine's CBD

Completion of upgraded Airport apron

NAIDOC Week

AUGUST 2018

Seniors Month Morning Tea

Lindsay Street Roundabout Pavement Remediation



SEPTEMBER 2018

Solar lights installed on the Riverlink Trail

Tree risk assessment strategy enabled

Katherine Public Library Celebrates Australian Reading Hour

RAAF Tindal Freedom of Entry Parade and Community Concert

Zero Waste Challenge

Young Territory Author Awards at the Library

JANUARY 2019

Australia Day

Citizen of the Year Awards

FEBRUARY 2019

An increase of 198.85% in sales at the KVIC for February

MARCH 2019

Assistance in emergency evacuation for Cyclone Trevor

Opening of Northern Territory Primary Health Network (NTPHN) Community Wellbeing Grants Program

Clean Up Australia Day 2019

77th Anniversary of the Bombing of Katherine

Come & Try Sports Expo



OCTOBER 2018

School Holiday Program

Community Support Services Directory launched

Katherine Visitor Information Centre receives Katherine Customer Service Award

Katherine Library – Childrens Week Event

12 Community Grants Awarded

NOVEMBER 2018

Joint Council contract for scrap metal extractions across the region



DECEMBER 2018

School Holiday Program

Carols by Candlelight



APRIL 2019

Community Rates Forum

ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Community Parade

ANZAC Movie Night

Katherine Library Youth Week Movie Night

National Youth Week School Holiday Program

MAY 2019

Presentation of the preliminary Sportsgrounds upgrades masterplan

Dog Park Community Consultation



JUNE 2019

Hot Springs Tender Awarded

Hot Springs remediation works begun

Circus Oz

Katherine Debutante Ball

\$30K Regional Economic Development Fund for Katherine Alive Campaign



CORPORATE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The functions performed by the Corporate & Community Development team play an integral part in providing direct service delivery to the community along with supporting other Council departments in achieving desired service delivery objectives.

The Council's Corporate & Community Development team are responsible for responding to public enquiries. These including facility bookings, animal registrations, processing payments, the coordination of Council events, communications, community engagement, Library facilities and visitor information services. The Community Development team has a strong focus on external stakeholder collaboration through the provision of complimentary skilled staff and resources to ensure successful outcomes for the community. This is highlighted through Council's continuing partnerships with the School Holiday Program Group, Northern Territory Government led, and the Community Wellbeing Grants, courtesy of the NT Primary Health Network (NTPHN).

The Corporate & Community Development team has achieved noteworthy outcomes for the Council and the Katherine community during 2018/19 through diligent staff, effective management and a strong focus on stakeholder engagement and collaboration.

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INDICATOR	UNIT	TARGET	2018/19 ACTUAL	RESULT
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES				
Service requests are actioned within 10 business days	%	90	89.57	
CORPORATE SERVICES				
Adherence to internal financial procedures	%	100	100	
Legislative Compliance	%	100	100	
COMMUNITY EVENTS				
Increase participation by community at Council events	%	>15	77	
Increase Council's event program through community collaboration	#	2	3	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT				
Increase number of community engagement activities undertaken annually	#	>10	12	
Increase Community Grant Program interest (applications)	#	>10	12	
Increase number of community groups engaged with Council	#	>10	31	
Community Engagement Strategic Plan		Complete	Ongoing	

INDICATOR	UNIT	TARGET	2018/19 ACTUAL	RESULT
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS				
Increase number of followers on Facebook per annum	%	>15	67	
Increase in number of website visits per annum	%	>20	91.45	
Number of media releases with positive media coverage	#	5	23	
Annual Communication Plan		Complete	Ongoing	

LIBRARY FACILITIES				
Increase Number of patrons	%	5	12.18	
Increase number of members	%	5	-1.95	
Increase number of collection items loaned	%	5	70.92	

KATHERINE MUSEUM				
Adherence to Katherine Museum Masterplan		Complete	Complete	
Completion of agreed yearly asset maintenance	%	100	100	

VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES				
Increase total sales	%	1	4.2	
Increase KVIC visitor numbers	%	1	-21.4	
Increase sales value per booking	%	1	-14.4	

ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

In 2018/2019 Katherine Town Council achieved a Service Request Responsiveness Rate of 89.75%. This figure is representative of all Service Request issued across the Council, including Customer Service, Facilities Hires, Infrastructure, Environment and Regulatory Services. The competition of Service Requests timeframe is established through Council's Customer Service Charter.



In response to reviewing Council's technology needs in 2017/18, Council transitioned point of sale, rating and regulatory functions to "PropertyWise". As with any new system, the process produced a set of unique challenges. However, with support from the CouncilWise Service Team, Council is now fully operational in all areas. PropertyWise provides an increased level of functionality for staff, meaning we are less reliant on external contractors. The PropertyWise system has already achieved some significant saving for Council and we expect to see further and continued savings in the years ahead.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Council ensured adherence to all necessary financial procedures and legislative compliance during the period. The "as required" reviews and updates have occurred in relation to internal financial procedures and controls.



Council ensures adherence to legislative requirements through the production of a monthly financial report, in line with Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2008, as well as obtaining a successful unqualified Audit Report for 2017/2018. Katherine Town Council will be undertaking accounting system changes in 2019/2020, as part of our continuous service improvement plan.

89.7%
Responsiveness
Rate

“PropertyWise”

Introduction of “PropertyWise” to Council point of sale, rating and regulatory functions has already achieved some significant savings for Council and we expect to see further and continued savings in the years ahead.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

There was a significant increase in participation at community events during 2018/2019. Much of this can be attributed to the 2018 Territory Day celebrations which commemorated 40 years of Northern Territory self-government. Given this milestone, the NT Government funded a free community concert featuring Australia's international rock stars "The Veronicas" who were supported by local NT artists Caiti Baker and Craig Phillips. Previous Territory Day celebrations have attracted around 2,000 people. At the 2018 event, Council estimate approximately 5,000 people attended. In addition to this key event, Council continued to receive strong attendance support across all other Council led events.

2018 TERRITORY DAY FT. THE VERONICAS

The 2018 Territory Day marked the 40th year of Northern Territory self-government. NT Major Events delivered an amazing line up of artists to perform at the Showgrounds, which included The Veronicas, Caiti Baker & Craig Phillips. Over 5,000 people attended the free family event, recording the highest attendance ever, for Katherine's Territory Day celebrations. Feedback from the community was all very positive.



2018 DOGGY DAY

Doggy Day was held on the Katherine Civic Centre lawns. It was an enjoyable day with many families, and their dogs, coming along to take part in competitions and to meet with service providers, including Council's Rangers, Katherine Vet Care, NT Veterinary Services, Taggerty Kennels, Woofa Wash and Sheena's Small Dog Hotel.



2019 AUSTRALIA DAY

The 2019 Australia Day celebrations were held at the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre. Australia Day Ambassador, Bridie Duggan, gave a compelling speech about mental illness and looking out for one another. This special day also saw the awarding of Young Citizen of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year as well as welcoming five (5) new Australian Citizens.

2019 COME & TRY SPORTS EXPO

The Come & Try Sports Expo was a little different this year with the introduction of a game of Y-OPOLY, which invites participants to visit each service provider to get their passbook stamped. A full set of stamps made them eligible to go in the big prize draw. The YMCA Skate Rink was alive with the excitement of children, families and sporting groups. It is expected that over 500 people attended the event, which continues to grow each year, thanks to the ongoing partnership with the YMCA.

2018 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Carols by Candlelight 2018 saw several community groups participate in the event including the combined Katherine Schools Choir, the Cantarbillay Choir, the Katherine Combined Churches Choir and Band and a youth instrumental band. Although the weather was hot, the community began piling in when the gates opened at 5.00pm. Estimates have the attendance at 900 people.

In addition to Council led events, community collaboration continued to be an important area of improvement. In 2018/2019 Council was able to provide resources and skilled staff to a number of external stakeholders which helped ensure the success of the following community led events:

- ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Community Parade
- YMCA Colour run (School Holiday Program)
- Katherine Regional Youth Group - Movie in the Park (School Holiday Program)
- NAIDOC Week Events
- Art & Music in the Park (School Holiday Program)
- 2019 Katherine & District Show
- Kalano Lights
- Katherine Regional Arts Junk Arts Festival
- Katherine Horse & Pony Club Funkhana
- Katherine Community Markets
- RAAF Tindal Freedom of Entry Parade

Community
Grants

NTPHN
Wellbeing
Grants

School Holiday
Program



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

In 2018/2019 Katherine Town Council continued the provision of the Community Grants Program. Council developed the Community Grants Program to provide a transparent and accountable system of distributing funds by application to community groups, organisations and individuals, to assist in the development and implementation of innovative initiatives. The grants assist the local community in achieving community development principles and to further

contribute to the betterment and well-being of the Katherine community and the enhancement of our environment. For 2018/2019 Council received sixteen (16) applications for the program. This is an increase from the eleven (11) received during 2017/2018. After assessment of the applications, funding was provided to twelve (12) projects totalling \$26,515.53.



RECIPIENT	PROJECT	GRANT
Katherine Community Radio	Radio broadcasting equipment	\$2000
GYRACC	Wheelchair	\$250
Australian Red Cross – Kalano Flexible Care	Kalano Lights Event	\$2000
Katherine Anglican Parish Church	BBQ	\$500
Katherine Community Choir	Start up funding	\$2000
Katherine Community Markets	Community Market Events	\$2500
Katherine Horse & Pony Club	Funkhana Event	\$1600
Katherine Mens Shed	Signage	\$2000
Katherine Regional Arts	Junk Arts Festival	\$5000
Katherine Show Society	Big Bang Education	\$5000
National Trust NT (Katherine Branch)	Records & Coms Technology Upgrades	\$1791.72
National Trust NT (Katherine Branch)	Signage	\$1873.81

The allocated budget of \$40,000 was not fully expended.

The balance will be redirected into other community benefit based projects in the 2019/20 period.

In addition to the annual Community Grant Program, through the generous assistance of the NT Primary Health Network (NTPHN), Council was able to provide a one-off funding round for further community led projects to the value of \$50,000. The purpose of the grants was to enhance community-based initiatives and unlike Council's Community Grant Program, the funds could be allocated to reasonable operational expenditure such as wages, fees and insurances.

The Community Wellbeing Grant Program offered funding opportunities of up to \$10,000 and the broader selection criterion, provided greater scope to the community to fund projects that may not otherwise fall within the Community Grants Program. Council received fourteen (14) applications. After assessment the Committee provided funding to six (6) projects from various community groups, totalling \$39,250.

RECIPIENT	PROJECT	GRANT
Katherine Senior Citizens Association	Seniors Armchair Aerobics	\$3,330
Katherine Speedway	Track resurfacing (to allow for interstate competitors)	\$10,000
Council of the Ageing NT	Tai Chi Instructor Training	\$5,000
Katherine Regional Arts	I Heart Katherine – Art Installation	\$10,000
Kalano Community Association	Community Fun Day	\$10,000
Network Tindal	Yoga	\$950

The unallocated funding was rolled over to the 2019/20 funding pool.

ENGAGEMENT

In line with the goal to increase interactions with community groups, Council engaged with over 32 organisations and community groups from across Katherine in activities such as events, advertising and marketing assistance, grant funding and more.

- Youth Interagency Group
- Katherine Suicide Prevention Group
- YMCA Katherine
- Katherine Community Markets
- Katherine Mens Shed
- Katherine Show Society
- Katherine Chamber of Commerce
- Katherine Anglican Parish Church
- Katherine Heritage Church
- Katherine Baptist Church
- Katherine Horse & Pony Club
- Katherine Community Choir
- Katherine Regional Arts
- Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre (GYRACC)
- Jawoyn Association
- Kalano
- CHAIN
- NAIDOC Committee
- Katherine RSL Sub Branch
- Katherine Turf Club
- Network Tindal
- Sportsgrounds Advisory Group
- Showgrounds Advisory Group
- Katherine Senior Citizens Association
- Council of the Ageing
- NT Parks & Wildlife
- School Holiday Program Group
- Top End Rehoming Group
- Department of the Chief Minister
- Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics (DIPL)
- Northern Territory Primary Health Network
- RISE Ventures



Our community services are dedicated to facilitating collaborative relationships, advocating for and enabling a flourishing Katherine community and supporting community interests and events.





Council continued to support the School Holiday Program with the facilitation of marketing strategies such as printed events brochures delivered across the Katherine region and social media advertising. Council also provide support through in-kind facility hire to events run on Council facilities in the School Holiday period. The program continues to improve with every school holiday, as more agencies and community groups come on board. Feedback from the community is very positive and supportive.

Council printed 10,000 brochures for our successful Festivals of the Dry program this year. One of the challenges we face with this program is events are often not confirmed in time to be included in the brochure and many great events are not captured. With the progression of online events calendars and apps, Council sees the value in moving to a digital platform, primarily for advertising events, whilst still printing a limited number of brochures for distribution. This is an opportunity that will be explored further in the 2019/20 period.

COLLABORATION

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

Katherine Town Council has actively pursued the social media space to ensure this helpful and inexpensive resource can be fully utilised for communication and correspondence to our community. Council's Facebook page has 1840 followers, an increase of 740 from the previous year. Council's social media platform is one that encourages engaging posts and provides an avenue for the community to share information and interact with Council. Council work with other Facebook pages to ensure our messaging has maximum reach. These pages include event focus, community notice boards, lost animals and job opportunities.

With the redevelopment of the Katherine Town Council website in 2017/2018, we experienced a significant increase in visits, to the tune of 91.45% on previous years. This demonstrates how important a customer service and information tool the website is to Council and the community. The website contains information on Council meetings, agendas and minutes, media releases, upcoming events (both Council and community run), publications and a rates payment portal. Council will continue to develop this website, ensuring that it remains current and suitable to community needs.

In 2018/2019, particularly with the identification of major projects, Council has placed a heavy focus on Community Consultation. Community Consultations are designed to receive input from the community for matters that relate to the town. Consultation meetings, workshops and surveys are advertised broadly to the entire community or through targeted marketing campaigns, where matters affect a smaller portion of the Community, to reflect consultation methodologies.

In 2018/2019 Council developed a new Consultation Policy as well as commenced consultation activities on a number of major projects, including the proposed dog park, CBD Revitalisation Project, Sportsgrounds Pavilion Redevelopment and Showgrounds Redevelopment.

In addition, Council hosted a number of advisory group meetings with representatives of specific user groups, such as the Sportsgrounds and Showgrounds. Consultation and advisory meetings are a direct demonstration of Council's commitment to strengthening and enriching community relationships.

Large strides were made with the Katherine Town Council Communication Plan during 2018/2019 with specific project communication plans being developed for all major projects. The overarching Communications Plan will be completed before the end of 2019.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Council social's media profile is further supported by the Katherine Public Library and Visit Katherine Facebook pages. These pages have in excess of 1,000 followers each, whilst the Visit Katherine Instagram page has over 2,800 followers and often achieves a reach of over 5,000 per week.



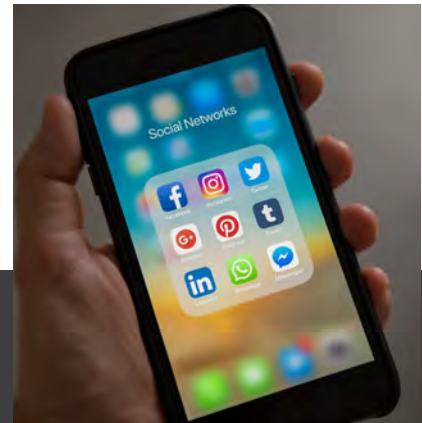
**91.45%
increase**

In website visits since 2017/18



**2,800
followers**

On Visit Katherine instagram
page



**+ 740
followers**

On Katherine Town Council
Facebook page since 2017/18

LIBRARY

The Katherine Public Library experienced a notable increase in both patron attendance and numbers of items loaned in the 2018/2019 period, when compared to previous year, despite a small reduction in overall membership numbers. Increased patronage is attributed to the expansion of the school holiday events and a revitalisation of core programs.

There was also an observed increase in community members attending the Library to utilise IT resources and the free Wi-Fi. Increases in Loaned Items are attributed to members frequently utilising the borrowing limit of ten (10) items per member.

In May 2018, a six (6) month trial of extended opening hours commenced, with the Library opening until 6.30pm every Wednesday night. The Library experienced large fluctuations in numbers during the trial and in October 2018, the decision was made that extended hours were not viable to make a permanent change. The 2018 Children's Week in October, provided some new partnership opportunities. Held at Council's Lindsay St Complex, the evening event was well supported with approximately 500 people in attendance. Activities included craft, face painting and a blow-up jumping castle. Various schools participated in short performances showcasing dance and singing. Sausage sizzles, cold drinks and other food options were available on the night.

School excursions to the Library were popular towards the end of 2018, with three (3) schools visiting for Show and Tell, as well as some crafts and tours. The Library also put on a special Story Time session for the kids from Pine Creek Primary School.

During late 2018 and into 2019, the Library restructured their personnel and welcomed some fresh faces and ideas to the Library. This enlivened the Library toward the end of the 2018/19 period and some positive changes resulted. Despite a 12.18% increase in overall patronage at the Library, the children's programs have experienced some decline. This is attributed to increased competition from other providers who have the same target demographic (toddlers to pre-schoolers). As a result, the Library reviewed all programming options and changed the Wriggle & Rhyme program from twice to once a week. Toward the end of the financial year, Wriggle & Rhyme was further enhanced with an update of all the songs as well as a new projector and screen, which allowed for greater participation for children and their parents.



MUSEUM

In 2017, the Katherine Town Council and Katherine Museum developed the 2017/2021 Katherine Museum Masterplan and the Council adhered to all the obligations and key performance indicators contained therein.

However, due to unexpected loss of revenue the Historical Society of Katherine NT experienced some difficulty in securing long term financial stability for the operation of the Katherine Museum. Council have committed to working with the Historical Society of Katherine NT to ensure a secure and stable future is re-established. The Museum holds the historical story of the region and its significance in preserving Katherine's rich beginnings cannot be underestimated.



KATHERINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Katherine Visitor Information Centre (KVIC) continued to provide full access to all tourist operators, within Tourism Top End membership and other businesses, in an unbiased manner. Tour and accommodation bookings are made through the Visitor Centre, at the standard commission rate of 12.5%. In 2018/2019, Nitmiluk Flights commission rate changed from 10% to 12.5%, to bring it into alignment. The Centre provides information on local services, caravan park site availability and interstate touring brochures. There is a water refill station, access to limited free Wi-Fi and some locally made produce and souvenirs for purchase.

The KVIC maintained its accreditation with the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program (ATAP). The KVIC is funded by Katherine Town Council and we acknowledge the valuable funding support provided by Tourism NT during 2018 of \$297,000. This funding assisted and will continue to assist in subsidising our services.

Tourism NT, Tourism Top End and Katherine Town Council have a strong, mutually supportive and highly valued partnership. We continued to work constructively with each other to ensure delivery standards are maintained and continuous improvement practices increase tourism in the Katherine Region.

The KVIC achieved \$1,346,197.08 in sales through bookings and retail sales during 2018/2019 with 89,379 visitors accessing KVIC services during that time. The KVIC has increased total sales by 4.3%, regardless of a 21.4% decrease in walk-in visitors. We also set a new sales record for the financial year.

During the July to September 2018 period, the use of a court yard door (via the Café) skewed the visitor numbers data for the KVIC. This was rectified with the installation of dual door counters in October 2018.

Online visitors to the www.visitkatherine.com website increased by 43% and resulted in a 133.24% increase in online sales. This reflected a positive result from our digital marketing campaigns with Google, Facebook and Instagram. Our Social media profiles "Visit Katherine" on Facebook and Instagram continued to grow and reach a bigger audience.



KATHERINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE TEAM

The KVIC team continued to deliver high customer service within our key philosophies:

- focus on building relationships,
- operate with precision, attention and passion,
- provide memorable experiences and
- go above and beyond at all times to exceed customer expectations.

The KVIC team won the award for Best Customer Service - NT Government section, at the 2018 Katherine Chambers of Commerce Customer Service Awards. This highlights our success in the provision of a high level of customer service at all times. Outstanding customer service is the most important role in our business and to receive local recognition is the best compliment of all.

Council have several feedback channels in place to measure customer satisfaction. The KVIC joined ReviewPro in September 2018 and in the qualifying year reached a Global Review Index of 88.3%. TripAdvisor and Google achieved a score of 4.5 out of 5. KVIC staff individuals received eighteen (18) Super Deeds between July 2018 and June 2019. A Super Deed is Tourism Top End nomination program which recognises someone who is going above and beyond in making an individual's visitor experience to the Top End, one to remember.

4.3%

Increase in
total sales

133%

Increase in
online sales

18

Super Deed
nominations



INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT

Council's Infrastructure and Environment department is, in many ways, the face of the Council, given that much of what it does is visible to the public and more often than not, relates to the core services that the community value and use on a daily basis.

During the year there were several management changes and for over six months, no Executive Manager was in position. As a result, we experienced limited leadership, which has inevitably impacted on the delivery of some elements of the Municipal Plan.

Infrastructure and Environment personnel operate from the Civic Centre, Depot and the Waste Management Facility. The following is a brief summary of their activities.

Civic Centre

Regulatory services, waste management facility, environment protection, airport management, development applications, major projects.

Depot

Repairs and maintenance, parks and gardens, cemetery, plant and fleet, facilities, roads. The Depot is made up of three teams, each with a geographical area to service and the responsibility for all maintenance activities within that area

Waste Management Facility

Weighbridge operation, tip face management, recycling programs and initiatives.

INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT

INDICATOR	UNIT	TARGET	2018/19 ACTUAL	RESULT
MOSQUITO MONITORING				
Supply fortnightly samples and data	%	100	100	

REGULATORY SERVICES				
Service requests are actioned within 10 business days	%	90	90	
Carry out Doggy Day education activities	#	1	3	
Complete annual controlled parking audit	%	100	100	
Implement a dog and cat microchipping program	Year	18/19	Complete	

- Three (3) Binjari educational Doggy Days were completed however, a changeover in Council's accounting software in June/July, temporarily disallowed the creation of dog registrations records.
- Microchipping is also a major activity of Katherine's Doggy Day and will occur during the rescheduled event on 9 November 2019.

BINJARI MUNICIPAL SERVICES				
Operational funding expended in accordance with the relevant legislation	%	100	100	

INDICATOR	UNIT	TARGET	2018/19 ACTUAL	RESULT
CEMETERY				
Be compliant with all relevant Cemetery legislations	Year	18/19	Ongoing	
Number of complaints received	#	< 6	0	
Completion of annual headwall installation program	#	2	0	
Resurvey the facility, including the supply of new plans	Year	18/19	Ongoing	
Installation of signage (updated plan) as per legislative requirements	Year	18/19	Ongoing	
Review and update Katherine Town Council Cemetery Policy	Year	18/19	Ongoing	
Develop a headstone/memorial permit, including associated fees for service	Year	18/19	Ongoing	
Design a flower/ornament brochure (in line policy guidelines) for public distribution	Year	18/19	Ongoing	
Examination of current service provision and management procedures, identification of opportunities for operational improvement and recommendations	Year	18/19	Ongoing	

PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS, RESERVES & GARDENS				
Service requests actioned within 10 business days	%	80	75	
Complete playground equipment inspections	Frequency	Monthly	Completed	
Carryout playground safety audit	Frequency	Annually	Ongoing	
Complete scheduled grounds maintenance	%	100	100	

RECREATIONAL & LEISURE FACILITIES				
Service requests actioned within 10 business days	%	80	75	
Complete scheduled mowing	%	100	100	

INDICATOR	UNIT	TARGET	2018/19 ACTUAL	RESULT
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ROADS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLEWAYS

Deliver capital works program for road resealing and pavement rehabilitation	%	100	80	
Maintenance grading to rural roads to stabilise and shape shoulders and table drains	%	20	10	
Potholes are made safe and repaired as observed by community or KTC staff within acceptable timeframe.	Days	1 to make safe and 21 to repair.	95%	
Develop renewal program for line marking		Complete in 2018/2019	Ongoing	
Scheduled street sweeping program completion	%	100	100	
Trip hazards are made safe and repaired as observed by community or KTC staff within acceptable timeframe	Days	1 to make safe and 21 to repair	95	

STORMWATER DRAINAGE

Carry out condition assessment of all kerbing and develop renewal program	Year	18/19	Ongoing	
Carry out scheduled CCTV inspections and cleaning of underground pipe	km	2	>2	
Carry out scheduled CCTV inspections and cleaning of under road culverts	#	15	15	
Side Entry Pit lids and grates are made safe and repaired as observed by community or KTC staff within acceptable timeframe	Days	1 to make safe and 21 to repair	100	
Scheduled capital renewals completed as per Asset Management Plan	%	100	Ongoing	

KATHERINE HOT SPRINGS

Routine inspections complete	%	100	100	
Service requests actioned within 10 business days	%	90	95	

INDICATOR	UNIT	TARGET	2018/19 ACTUAL	RESULT
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KATHERINE AIRPORT				
Reseal and line marking GA and RPT	Year	18/19	Completed	
Increase the number of charter flights landing at KTCA	Trend	Increasing	Increase recorded	
Implement a system to better monitor freight and passenger movements by departure point and destination	Year	18/19	NIL	
Additional business leases and involvement	Trend	Increasing	Ongoing	
Approved TSP (Transport Security Program)	Year	18/19	Not Required	

- In consultation with AVData, ways to improve in monitoring of freight and passengers at YPTN Tindal Aerodrome will be further investigated during the 2019/20 period.
- Airport sub-leases were renegotiated during the 2018/19 period and all signed agreements are expected to be received from lessors by November 2019.
- Due to the Department of the Home Affairs review of the Airport Categorisation Model, we have been advised that, at this time, a TSP is not necessary for YPTN Tindal Aerodrome.

COUNCIL FACILITIES				
Service requests actioned within 10 business days	%	90	75	
Capital renewal program completed and fully expended	%	100	60	

INDICATOR	UNIT	TARGET	2018/19 ACTUAL	RESULT
STREETLIGHTS				
Update of all new streetlighting assets into CIMCON Lighting Central Management System	%	100	80	
Service requests actioned within 10 business days	%	90	60	

A review of the KPIs for lighting will be undertaken in the 2019/20 period. This review will take into consideration risk rating of reported faults and the way maintenance contractors manage more minor risk repairs, i.e. in groups of 5-10 jobs before a repairer is assigned to rectify.

NOXIOUS WEEDS				
Deliver weed education through social media posts to land owners	Frequency	Quarterly	1 x November 2018	
Completion of weed surveys in identified areas	Frequency	Quarterly	Ongoing	
Over all weed density	Trend	Decreasing	Decrease achieved	

The effective separation of waste streams, i.e. green waste, metals and tyres has resulted in many tonnes of matter being separated prior to and post dumping. Most of this material has been prepared for direct recycling or transportation interstate for recycling in 2019/20.

FIRE CONTROL				
Infringements issued to Council regarding fire controls	#	0	0	
Promote responsible land management practices through:	#	Social media posts Council Website	1 x July 2018 (educational)	
		Share at least one (1) relevant Bushfire NT social media post prior to commencement of the dry season.	1 x May 2019 (educational)	
		Website content reviewed annually.	Complete	

Council have shared posted messaging from NT Bushfires during active fire events.



CEMETERY

During 2018/2019 delays were experienced with the resurveying of the facility due to contractor unavailability. The surveying delay has impacted on a number of other dependent projects including:

- Annual headwall program – The headwall installation are required to be installed in the yet unsurveyed area of the cemetery;
- Supply of new cemetery plans; and
- Installation of signage

Staff shortages had a major impact in the non-completion of Cemetery policies, permits and brochure designs. Council staff are also awaiting the revision of the NT Cemeteries Act by the Government to access the impact these changes may have on cemetery compliance.

PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS, GARDENS & RESERVES

Katherine Town Council has been able to achieve a responsiveness rate of 75% in relation to playgrounds, parks, gardens and reserves service requests.

As part of the Outdoor teams daily duties, visual inspections of all playgrounds are conducted on a daily and issues reported and rectified as and when they occur.

The annual playground equipment audit was unable to be completed however Katherine Town Council is currently reviewing opportunities to upskill staff in conducting these annual inspections with further improvements in this area for 2019/2020.

RECREATIONAL & LEISURE FACILITIES

Katherine Town Council has been able to achieve a responsiveness rate of 75% in relation to recreational and leisure facilities service requests. This encompasses activities undertaken at the Katherine Sportsgrounds, Showgrounds and Aquatic Centre.

The sportsgrounds, showgrounds and aquatic centres are major assets of the Council with over 500,000 visitations annually to these facilities.

ROADS, FOOTPATHS & CYCLEWAYS

During 2018/2019 Katherine Town Council was able to complete the following capital projects:

Zimin Drive shoulder rehabilitation which involved the ripping, recompacting and sealing of the shoulders over approximately 1.6km of road to repair extensive breaking of the seal.

Florina Road culvert guardrail upgrade, including the removal and reinstatement of existing guardrail and footings to current compliance standards and re-guarding of verge batters.

Shoulder widening and resealing project including 900m (7,200m² sealed surface) of Florina Road and 3.2km of Gorge Road

Lindsay Street Roundabout Pavement remediation involving the removal of existing and replacement of seal in the Lindsay Street Roundabout, sections of First Street through to the culvert, totalling 950m² were included.

Katherine Town Council Outdoor staff also undertook maintenance grading across a number of locations including Collins Road, Lockheed Road, Emungalan Road.

The Urban Road Resealing project experienced delays during 2018/2019 however these works are to be carried through for completion in 2019/2020. This delay has also affected the finalisation of the linemarking renewal program which will also carry through to 2019/2020. Katherine Town Council was able to achieve a responsiveness rate of 95% in relation to pothole make safe and repair service requests.

Katherine Town Council was able to achieve a responsiveness rate of 95% in relation to trip hazard make safe and repair service requests.

STORMWATER DRAINAGE

During the 2018/2019 Katherine Town Council was able to implement the annual stormwater and culvert inspections and clearing as required. Works were undertaken in various locations across the municipality.

As part of the Outdoor Teams daily duties, visual inspections of all kerbing, side entry pits and grates were completed on a daily basis, and issues reported and rectified as and when they occur. The Kerbing Renewal Program will be carried through to 2019/2020.



500,000+

Visitors annually to the Sportsgrounds, Showgrounds & Aquatic Centre



95%

Responsiveness rate in relation to Potholes & Trip Hazards

KATHERINE HOT SPRINGS

In addition to the Hot Springs Revitalisation Project, Katherine Town Council's outdoor staff continue to undertake park maintenance as well as daily inspections of the springs and surrounding areas.

To support the Revitalisation Project and allow for alternative access during construction, Outdoor staff undertook improvement works to the disability vehicle access road via the installation of safety bollards, seating, bin receptacles, improved turnaround access and upgrade of temporary parking areas.

Katherine Town Council has been able to achieve a responsiveness rate of 75% in relation to Hot Springs service requests.

STREETLIGHTING

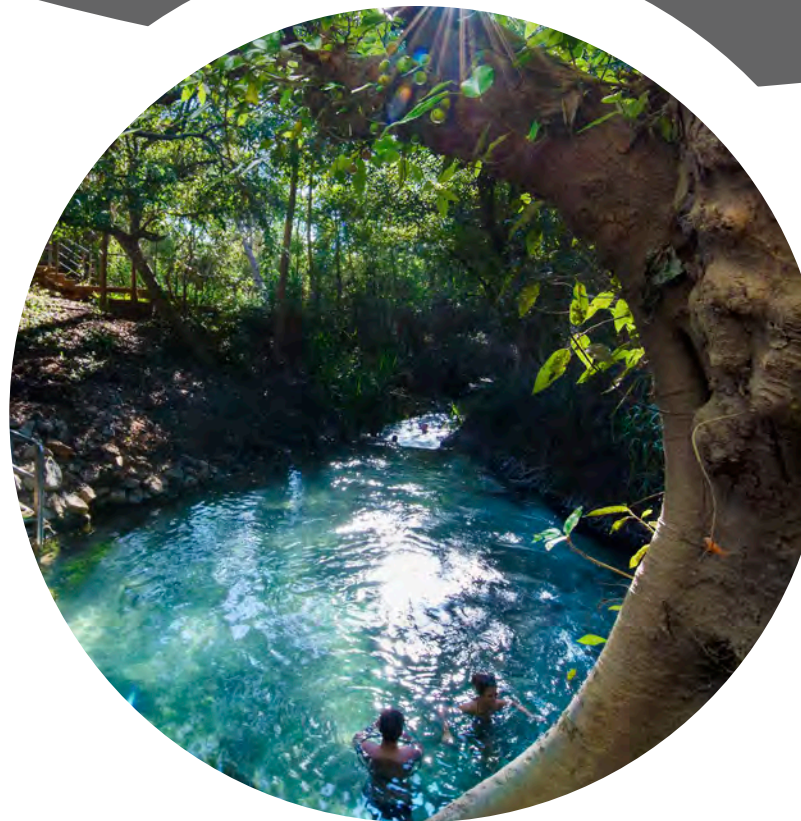
Katherine Town Council achieved a responsiveness rate of approximately 60% in relation to streetlight service requests. Although this is much lower than the desired target it is proposed to review the responsiveness rates of streetlight repairs based on risk ratings due to the high financial cost of conducting one-off streetlight repairs. It is proposed to action repairs once a minimum number of faults are reported whilst also maintaining high response rates for high risk situations/areas such as high numbers of outages in one location, outages at road intersections and arterial roads.

800+

Streetlights
managed by
Council

60%

Responsiveness
rate for
Streetlights



RANGERS

In conjunction with NT Police and NT Housing Safety Officers, Council Rangers actively participated in Operation Walker. The mission of this community focussed operation was to enhance community safety, prevent crime and build community resilience through engagement, awareness and enforcement activities. During the six (6) hour operation, Rangers attended various locations, speaking with residents on matters regarding animal management and parking. Some Notices to Comply were issued for breaches of By Laws and several dogs and cats were impounded during the operation.

During the year, Rangers engaged with residents on Dog Noise Strategies, discussing ways to manage barking dogs. Resolving complaints with education rather than enforcement was the main focus.

Rangers issued over 150 Notices to Comply for suspected breaches of Council By Laws and Parking offences.

Rangers delivered three (3) animal health days at Binjari Community, where 63 animals were given health checks and 36 animals were de-sexed. These services were provided as part of the funding given to Binjari. We thank local vets from Katherine Vet Care for their support with these important education days.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Working in partnership with NT Weeds, Council staff have engaged in further training on weed identification and treatment. The identification and greater monitoring of areas of high risk was also undertaken.

With the assistance of NT Weeds, the Katherine Weed Management Plan was updated and now includes all high risk areas that were identified, as well as current weed alerts.

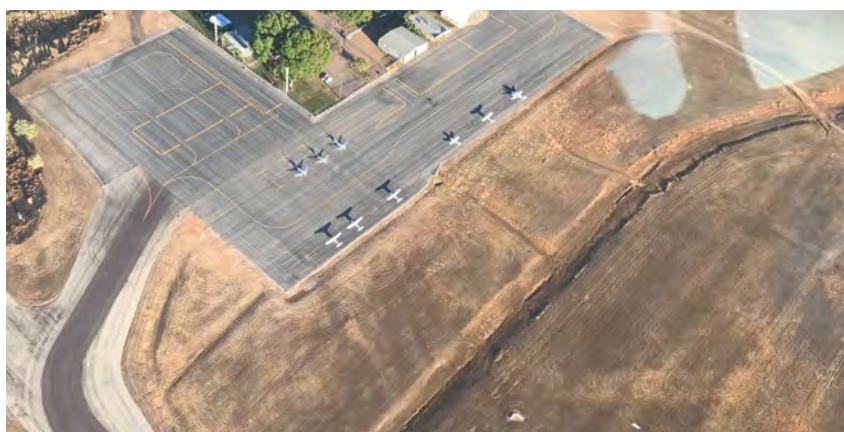
Council have also begun utilising social media for the sharing of information on current weed alerts.



AIRPORT

There were 3931 landings recorded at YPTN Tindal Aerodrome. This equates to an increase of 236 landings from the 2017/18 period.

Note; this does not indicate that the aircraft were civilian or that they used Council's facilities. During 2019/20 Council will undertake training and investigate other ways of collecting data via Avdata to improve our reporting.



SUB-LEASE KATHERINE AIRPORT

As at 30 June, procedures for using the Katherine Civil Airport were revised and rules prepared for all users (General User Conditions) and for eleven tenants (Tenancy Schedule), covering a range of aviation related services, as well as transport hire and long term storage. Negotiations were initiated and will be completed during 2019/2020

TRANSPORT SECURITY PROGRAM

The Department of Home Affairs is reviewing the Airport Categorisation Model, including introducing a new airport categorisation model and a new definition of a "screened air service" (the threshold above which aircraft must be screened).

The Department is progressing legislative changes to enable the introduction of Secretary-issued ('model') Transport Security Programs (TSPs) for aviation industry participants (IPs) with lower risk operations. The Department will take into account airport characteristics such as location, proximity to iconic or critical infrastructure, regular passenger numbers and aircraft size. As such, the Transport Security Program for Katherine has not been finalised.

Planned works completed in late June 2018 at YPTN Tindal were the Regular Public Transport (RPT), General Aviation (GA) apron reseal and line marking.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

During 2018/19 we separated and commenced stockpiling green waste, concrete, pallets, mattresses, scrap metals, electrical goods, electronic waste and lead acid batteries.

- Lead acid batteries removed from the WMF by a third party were sent for recycling. This third party will continue to work with Council to recycle lead batteries handed in at the WMF.
- 4,650 kg of electronic waste was collected by Tech Collect stewardship during the year. Council intend to continue with this stewardship program and are actively assisting other Councils in the recycling of electronic waste.

In 2019/20 Council contractors will commence processing the separated waste streams for recycling and repurposing as described below:

- Green waste will be mulched and used on Council gardens and for erosion control at the WMF. Shredded pallets will also be used for erosion control.
- Shredded concrete will create rubble fill that Council will then use on maintenance projects.
- Separated steel springs from the material sections of mattresses will go to the scrap metal heap for recycling. The stuffing and material covers will be returned to the WMF.
- Scrap metal will be compressed into bails in preparation for its removal from WMF by SIMS Metals.

4650kg
of electronic
waste was
collected

33.9t
scrap metal
diverted from
landfill

Other waste diverted from land fill during the 2018-19 period included:

ITEM	VOLUME
OIL COMMERCIAL	2.06 t (not land fill)
SCRAP METAL	33.90 t
TYRES 4WD/LT	20 units
TYRES BULK SHREDDED	104.66 t
TYRES BULK WHOLE	101.22 t
TYRES PASSENGER	42 units
TYRES TRUCK	17 units
WHITEGOODS DEGASSED	4 units
WHITEGOODS WITH GAS	139 units

When all the above activities are combined, the savings to Council are marked. Not only do we generate a useful recycled materials stream for Council, the lifespan of the WMF has increased, which has lessened some of the time pressures in finding a new WMF site for Katherine.



HOOK LIFT TRUCK

In June 2019, Council purchased the new Isuzu FVY 24300 Hooklift Truck, as scheduled in Council’s asset renewal program. The new truck is a more capable, compliant vehicle than its predecessor and is expected to be in use at the WMF until at least 2029.



GOVERNANCE

Governance oversees the long-term strategic direction of Council particularly in regard to long-term financial planning, long-term financial asset management, human resources workforce planning and sustainability.

The most significant contribution to Council's financial governance is the continuous improvement in key financial performance indicators of: current ratio; operating surplus ratio; asset sustainability ratio; asset consumption ratio; and the asset renewal funding ratio.

The Council's long-term financial plan and asset financial renewal plan were revised and incorporated into the Municipal Plan. A review of Council's Risk Management Framework has continued during the year and all operational risk assessments. Council has continued to deliver on its legislative and government responsibilities during the year. The draft budget and Municipal Plan for 2019/20 were endorsed in May 2019 to enable community consultation. Consultation was open for not less than 21 days. The final budget and Municipal Plan were adopted by Council at a Special Meeting of Council in July.

GOVERNANCE

INDICATOR	UNIT	TARGET	2018/19 ACTUAL	RESULT
GOVERNANCE				
Governance Framework		Completed	Ongoing	
Legislative Compliance	%	100	100	
Financial and Risk Management Policy Review	%	100	Ongoing	

RISK MANAGEMENT				
Risk Management Framework		Completed	Ongoing	
Emergency Management Plan yearly update		Completed	Complete	
Implement Audit program		Completed	Schedule established	*

* A schedule for the Audit Program is in place, however, the documentation has not yet been completed.

LEGISLATIVE & ORGANISATION COMPLIANCE				
Long Term Financial Plan		Completed	Complete	
Improve Financial KPI's in accordance with LTFP		Achieved	Complete	

ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Negotiations to establish a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) are ongoing. Council and staff are working together to establish a fair and reasonable agreement, in good faith, with the purpose of establishing terms for all salary levels, possible increments, leave entitlements and other standards above the Local Government Industry Award.

WORKFORCE PLANNING

As part of gaining strategic objectives and direction for the future of the workforce, Council have been communicating with and seeking information from the Industry Skills Advisory Council NT (ISACNT) to identify shortages and/or surpluses in Council's skills and occupations. ISACNT provide advice on training and development options available to Council and also use the information gathered from Council, to assist the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation with Government funding decisions, programs and initiatives to support and grow the Territory's workforce.

Council has not yet completed all the necessary research required to better understand its workforce demographics, geographic distribution, changes to academic focus and various financial constraints, but expects to do so in the 2019/20 period.

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Council successfully continued the partnership with the Department of Education by providing work placement opportunities for young students looking to enter the workforce. Council hosts students participating in VET programs at the Civic Centre, Library and Visitor Information Centre.

Council is currently in discussion with St Joseph's College to establish an Indigenous Mentorship program, where young indigenous high school students will participate in Council work activities throughout the school year. This program will aim to provide opportunities for students to experience the wide array of duties they could expect to undertake at work and will provide the necessary skills and experience to align themselves with potential future employers.



2018/2019 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL



Katherine Town Council
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th June 2019

Katherine Town Council
General Purpose Financial Report
for the year ended 30 June 2019

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KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2019

OFFICER'S STATEMENT

I, Allan McGill, the Chief Executive Officer of the Katherine Town Council, certify that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- (a) the General Purpose Financial Report has been properly drawn up in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Local Government Act 2008, and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2008 (with the exception of those where compliance with the Standards, the Act and the Regulations have been qualified) so as to present fairly the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2019 and the results for the year then ended; and
- (b) the General Purpose Financial Report is in accordance with the accounting and other records of the Council.



Allan McGill

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Katherine, 8 November 2019

Katherine Town Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	8,177,150	7,578,046
Statutory charges	2	33,854	40,684
User charges	2	1,583,826	1,435,898
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	2,329,373	2,352,951
Investment income	2	723,475	388,343
Reimbursements	2	170,398	173,233
Other income	2	87,327	82,972
Total Income		13,105,403	12,052,127
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	4,790,377	4,561,602
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	5,145,499	4,857,269
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	285,330	164,278
Total Expenses		10,221,206	9,583,149
OPERATING SURPLUS		2,884,197	2,468,978
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(838,840)	(200,625)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	1,448,685	2,343,627
NET SURPLUS		3,494,043	4,611,980
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	13,150,969	-
Capital Depreciation Renewal Reserve	9	(2,650,457)	(2,660,900)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		13,994,553	1,951,080

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

Katherine Town Council
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	30,172,916	29,399,635
Trade & other receivables	5	1,052,623	1,010,565
Inventories	5	14,797	19,539
Total Current Assets		31,240,336	30,429,739
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	80,630,265	66,904,929
Capital Works-in Progress	6	2,426,621	1,673,330
Total Non-current Assets		83,056,886	68,578,259
Total Assets		114,297,221	99,007,999
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	14,142,933	15,577,243
Provisions	8	637,210	558,690
Total Current Liabilities		14,780,143	16,135,933
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	8	-	-
Total Non-current Liabilities		-	-
Total Liabilities		14,780,143	16,135,933
NET ASSETS		99,517,078	82,872,066
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		15,914,901	15,071,315
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	75,549,402	62,398,433
Other Reserves	9	8,052,775	5,402,318
TOTAL EQUITY		99,517,078	82,872,066

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

Katherine Town Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2019

2019	Notes	Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	Total Council Equity	TOTAL EQUITY
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		15,071,316	62,398,433	5,402,318	82,872,067	82,872,066
Net Surplus for Year		3,494,042	-	-	3,494,042	3,494,042
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	-	13,150,969	-	13,150,969	13,150,969
Transfers between reserves	9	(2,650,457)	-	2,650,457	-	-
Balance at end of period		15,914,901	75,549,402	8,052,775	99,517,078	99,517,078
Balance at end of previous reporting period		13,120,236	62,398,433	2,741,418	78,260,087	78,260,087
Net Surplus for Year		4,611,980	-	-	4,611,980	4,611,979
Transfers between reserves	9	(2,660,900)	-	2,660,900	-	-
Balance at end of period		15,071,316	62,398,433	5,402,318	82,872,067	82,872,066

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

Katherine Town Council
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Rates - general & other		7,989,866	7,311,251
Fees & other charges		1,663,825	1,783,959
Investment receipts		822,562	258,297
Grants utilised for operating purposes		2,329,373	2,352,951
Other revenues		257,724	256,205
<i>Payments:</i>			
Employee costs		(4,859,692)	(4,212,326)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(6,211,101)	(4,311,438)
Other operating payments		(160,161)	(157,337)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		1,832,396	3,281,562
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,392,714	13,961,541
Sale of replaced assets		24,545	58,096
<i>Payments:</i>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,476,372)	(2,531,507)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(1,059,113)	11,488,130
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		-	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		773,284	14,769,692
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		29,399,635	14,629,943
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	5	30,172,919	29,399,635

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

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019
Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under clause 16 of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations dated 8 November 2019.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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 this Note.

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Katherine Town Council is incorporated under the NT Local Government Act and has its principal place of business at Lot 1865, Stuart Highway, Katherine, NT. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports.

3 Income recognition

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

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

In recent years the payment of untied financial assistance grants has varied slightly from the annual allocation.

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

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019
Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (con't)

3.1 Essential Services

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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

AASB 7 Financial Instruments - Disclosures and AASB 9 Financial Instruments commenced from 1 July 2018 and have the effect that non-contractual receivables (e.g. rates & charges) are now treated as financial instruments. Although the disclosures made in Note 13 Financial Instruments have changed, there are no changes to the amounts disclosed.

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

5 Inventories

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

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Land under roads

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

6.2 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. 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.

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as other non-current assets and transferred to *infrastructure, property, plant & equipment* when completed ready for use.

6.3 Materiality

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

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019
Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (con't)

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset.

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives 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. 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.

6.6 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets carried at fair value 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 assessed for impairment.

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 outflows or value in use).

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

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Employee Benefits

8.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (con't)

Under the Katherine Town Council Enterprise Agreement 2016, an employee who, at the date of this agreement, may on termination, be paid 50% of their accrued sick leave (maximum entitlement of 59 days)

Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods.

9 Leases

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

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

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

10 GST Implications

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

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

11 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2019 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 7	Financial Instruments – Disclosures
AASB 9	Financial Instruments
AASB 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers
AASB 16	Leases
AASB 1058	Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

Standards containing consequential amendments to other Standards and Interpretations arising from the above - AASB 2010-7, AASB 2014-1, AASB 2014-3, AASB 2014-4, AASB 2014-5, AASB 2014-6, AASB 2014-7, AASB 2014-8, AASB 2014-9, AASB 2014-10, AASB 2015-1, AASB 2015-2, AASB 2015-3, AASB 2015-4, AASB 2015-5, AASB 2015-6 and AASB 2015-7.

(Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list.)

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Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (con't)

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities, which will commence from 1 July 2019, affect the timing with which revenues, particularly special purpose grants, are recognised. Amounts received in relation to contracts with sufficiently specific performance obligations will in future only be recognised as these obligations are fulfilled.

AASB 16 Leases, which will commence from 1 July 2019, requires that the right of use conveyed by leasing contracts - except leases with a maximum term of 12 months and leases for non-material amounts - be recognised as a form of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment, and that the lease liability be disclosed as a liability.

At 30 June 2019, Council has no leases to which this treatment will need to be applied.

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 2 - INCOME

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
RATES REVENUES		
<u>General Rates</u>		
Residential	6,956,223	6,393,903
	<u>6,956,223</u>	<u>6,393,903</u>
<u>Annual Charges</u>		
Waste Management Service	1,221,165	1,138,562
Other	(238)	45,580
	<u>1,220,927</u>	<u>1,184,142</u>
	<u>8,177,150</u>	<u>7,578,044</u>
STATUTORY CHARGES		
Animal registration fees & fines	30,680	35,425
Parking fines / expiation fees	3,174	5,259
	<u>33,853</u>	<u>40,684</u>
USER CHARGES		
Cemetery fees	34,324	62,942
Airport fees	312,732	315,937
Commission	115,328	123,649
Facility & equipment hire	58,697	42,449
Weighbridge fees	848,444	654,497
Sales - general	73,797	90,303
Rental income	134,200	139,032
Sundry	6,304	7,089
	<u>1,583,827</u>	<u>1,435,898</u>

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019
Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest on investments:		
Banks & other	723,475	388,343
	<u>723,475</u>	<u>388,343</u>
REIMBURSEMENTS		
- other	170,398	173,233
	<u>170,398</u>	<u>173,233</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Insurance refunds	6,447	2,972
Management fees	80,880	80,000
	<u>87,327</u>	<u>82,972</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	1,448,685	2,343,627
Other grants, subsidies and contributions	2,329,373	2,352,951
	<u>3,778,058</u>	<u>4,696,578</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>		
Sources of grants		
Commonwealth government	568,641	497,030
NT government	3,166,728	3,426,600
Other	42,689	772,948
	<u>3,778,058</u>	<u>4,696,578</u>

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019
Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Conditions over grants & contributions		
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>		
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	357,500	144,225
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues</i>		
<i>Roads to Recovery</i>	(357,500)	(126,725)
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<i>Subtotal</i>	-	17,500
 <i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>	-	340,000
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<i>Subtotal</i>	-	340,000
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<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>	-	357,500
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Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019
Note 3 - EXPENSE

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Salaries and Wages	3,707,578	3,337,841
Employee leave expense	520,659	678,666
Superannuation	422,513	386,700
Workers' Compensation Insurance	-	42,485
Other	139,627	115,910
Total Operating Employee Costs	4,790,377	4,561,602
 Total Number of Employees	 57	 58
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>		
 MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES		
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>		
Auditor's Remuneration		
- Auditing the financial reports	18,895	17,454
Elected members' expenses	233,809	282,536
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	252,704	299,990
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>		
Contractors	2,697,050	2,692,545
Electricity, water and sewerage	462,784	562,666
Insurance	328,849	241,466
Fuel and registration	97,680	103,419
Telephone	90,572	72,053
Legal expenses	31,340	29,661
Parts, accessories and consumables	486,104	342,405
Printing and stationery	27,243	16,781
Professional services	319,200	194,677
Advertising	129,709	86,068
Postage	11,272	18,578
Bank Charges	21,968	21,074
Community Grants	141,779	97,455
Subscriptions & Registrations	28,864	18,548
Sundry	18,381	59,883
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	4,892,795	4,557,279
	5,145,499	4,857,269

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019
Note 3 - EXPENSE con't

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT		
Depreciation		
Improvements	28,227	9,881
Buildings & Other Structures	17,047	14,090
Infrastructure	80,897	68,368
Plant & Equipment	138,543	54,940
Furniture, Fixture & Equipment	12,778	9,447
Other Infrastructure	7,838	7,552
	<u>285,330</u>	<u>164,278</u>

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	24,545	58,096
Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>(863,385)</u>	<u>(258,721)</u>
(Loss) on disposal	<u>(838,840)</u>	<u>(200,625)</u>
 NET (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS	 <u>(838,840)</u>	 <u>(200,625)</u>

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019
Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	122,020	530,650
Deposits at Call	<u>30,050,896</u>	<u>28,868,985</u>
	<u>30,172,916</u>	<u>29,399,635</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Rates - General & Other	728,452	541,168
Accrued Revenues	181,330	243,875
Debtors - general	145,315	229,418
Prepayments	-	1,104
Sundry	<u>37,526</u>	<u>39,217</u>
Total	1,092,623	1,054,780
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(44,215)</u>
	<u>1,052,623</u>	<u>1,010,565</u>
 INVENTORIES		
Trading Stock	<u>14,797</u>	<u>19,539</u>
	<u>14,797</u>	<u>19,539</u>

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Capital Works-in-Progress	<u>2,426,621</u>	<u>1,673,330</u>
	<u>2,426,621</u>	<u>1,673,330</u>

Katherine Town Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Fair Value Level	2018				2019			
		Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land	2	6,636,200			6,636,200	6,999,200	-	-	6,999,200
Improvements	3	3,122,919	1,350,943	(14,291)	4,459,571	3,885,915	-	-	3,885,915
Buildings & Other Structures	2	15,124,050	386,306	(21,657)	15,488,699	13,647,900	-	-	13,647,900
Infrastructure	3	35,280,770	2,178,953	(108,642)	37,351,081	52,855,580	-	-	52,855,580
Plant & Equipment	2	592,465	1,026,551	(78,416)	1,540,600	1,610,810	-	-	1,610,810
Furniture, Fixture & Equipment	3	314,541	117,614	(11,300)	420,855	213,640	-	-	213,640
Other Infrastructure	3	826,130	192,875	(11,082)	1,007,923	1,417,220	-	-	1,417,220
Total IPP&E		61,897,075	5,253,242	(245,388)	66,904,929	80,630,265	-	-	80,630,265

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

	2018 \$	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$								2019 \$
	Carrying Amount	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers		Net Revaluation	Carrying Amount
		New / Upgrade	Renewals				In	Out		
Land	6,636,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	363,000	6,999,200
Improvements	4,459,571	32,465	13,647	(80,153)	(28,227)	-	-	-	(511,389)	3,885,915
Buildings & Other Structures	15,488,699	4,010	3,428	(2,190)	(17,047)	-	-	-	(1,829,000)	13,647,900
Infrastructure	37,351,081	1,103,533	18,200	-	(7,838)	-	-	-	14,390,604	52,855,580
Plant & Equipment	1,540,600	-	462,831	(57,799)	(138,543)	-	-	-	(196,279)	1,610,810
Furniture, Fixture & Equipment	420,855	39,612	-	(200,243)	(12,778)	-	-	-	(33,807)	213,640
Other Infrastructure	1,007,923	45,355	-	(523,000)	(80,897)	-	-	-	967,840	1,417,220
Total IPP&E	66,904,930	1,224,975	498,106	(863,384)	(285,330)	-	-	-	13,150,969	80,630,265

Assets were independently valued by Greg Mason of OPTeon on 30th June 2019.

These values were adopted by Council.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	2019		2018	
	\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services	2,192	-	649,743	-
Payments received in advance	13,610,053	-	13,666,024	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements	-	-	147,834	-
Accrued expenses - other	245,630	-	877,268	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	285,058	-	236,374	-
	<u>14,142,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,577,243</u>	<u>-</u>

Amounts include trade & other payables that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date.

PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	637,210	-	558,691	-
	<u>637,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>558,691</u>	<u>-</u>

Amounts include provisions that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date.

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2018	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	6,636,200	363,000	-	6,999,200
Improvements	3,283,646	(511,389)	-	2,772,257
Buildings & Other Structures	15,152,750	(1,829,000)	-	13,323,750
Infrastructure			-	
- Roads, bridges, footpaths	36,169,201	15,358,444	-	51,527,645
Plant and equipment	811,345	(196,279)	-	615,066
Furniture, fittings and equipment	345,291	(33,807)	-	311,484
	62,398,433	13,150,969	-	75,549,402

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2018	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2019
Capital Depreciation Renewal	5,402,318	2,650,457	-	8,052,775
	5,402,318	2,650,457	-	8,052,775

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

Other Reserves

Other reserve are used to fund future capital renewals. Council's strategic plan for the future includes taking into account the economic useful life of the current waste transfer station and the cost required to cover the rehabilitation of the facility when it eventually closes for public service which is estimated at this stage to be in around seven years from now

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Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

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

	2019 \$	2018 \$
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Unexpended grants from:		
Deferred revenue	1,500,000	13,179,852
Non-reciprocal agreements	12,110,053	486,172
Binjari Funds	189,000	281,060
	<u>13,799,053</u>	<u>13,947,084</u>
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	<u>13,799,053</u>	<u>13,947,084</u>

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

<i>Provisions</i>	<u>637,210</u>	<u>558,691</u>
	<u>637,210</u>	<u>558,691</u>

Deferred revenue of \$1.5M (2018 : \$13.1M) is restricted by funding agreement with the Northern Territory Government

Non - reciprocal agreements of \$12.1M (2018:\$0.5M) are restricted with the Northern Territory Government

Binjari funds are restricted with the Northern Territory Government

Provisions are comprised of employee long service leave, annual leave and sick leave entitlements.

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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	30,172,916	29,399,635
Short-term borrowings	-	-
Balances per Cash Flow Statement	<u>30,172,916</u>	<u>29,399,635</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus	4,309,932	4,611,979
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	285,330	164,278
Net increase in unpaid employee benefits	78,519	231,372
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(1,392,714)	(13,961,541)
Net (Loss) on Disposals	22,950	200,625
	<u>3,304,016</u>	<u>(8,753,287)</u>
Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(42,056)	(89,464)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	4,746	(1,714)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(1,434,310)	12,126,027
Net Cash provided by operations	<u>1,832,398</u>	<u>3,281,562</u>

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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT (cont.)

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
(c) Financing Arrangements		
Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:		
Bank Overdrafts	100,000	100,000
Corporate Credit Cards	10,750	10,750

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

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Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL				
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Administration	8,233,358	7,558,760	3,212,297	2,863,182	5,021,061	4,695,578	610,605	642,882	20,912,975	20,171,757
Public Order & Safety	44,821	48,645	241,984	293,937	(197,163)	(245,292)	-	11,309	57,526	69,767
Housing & Community Services	177,539	349,202	534,757	548,774	(357,218)	(199,572)	137,876	288,295	1,661,601	1,906,520
Sport Recreation & Culture	676,710	531,577	1,986,454	2,036,679	(1,309,744)	(1,505,102)	717,270	1,103,104	24,656,145	25,672,371
Economic Affairs	1,736,015	1,584,492	2,891,987	2,631,364	(1,155,972)	(1,046,872)	2,144,539	2,464,594	65,762,676	49,994,600
Other Purposes (Environmental Protection)	2,236,960	1,979,450	1,353,727	1,209,213	883,233	770,237	167,768	186,394	1,246,298	1,192,985
TOTALS	13,105,403	12,052,126	10,221,207	9,583,149	2,884,197	2,468,977	3,778,058	4,696,578	114,297,221	99,008,000

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 1.20% and 1.30% (2018: 1.00% and 1.40%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 150 days and an average interest rates of 1.80% (2018: 180 days, 2.87%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legal & penalties for late payment)	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 9.00% (2018: 9.00%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>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.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Liquidity Analysis

2019	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	30,172,916	-	-	30,172,916	30,172,916
Receivables	1,052,623	-	-	1,052,623	1,052,623
Total	31,225,539	-	-	31,225,539	31,225,539
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	14,142,933	-	-	14,142,933	14,142,933
Total	14,142,933	-	-	14,142,933	14,142,933

2018	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	29,399,635	-	-	29,399,635	29,399,635
Receivables	1,010,569	-	-	1,010,567	1,010,567
Total	30,410,204	-	-	30,410,202	30,410,202
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Trade and Other Payables	15,577,243	-	-	15,577,243	15,577,243
Total	15,577,243	-	-	15,577,243	15,577,243

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures:

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts.

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

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

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

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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Capital Expenditure	2,319,749	933,224
	<u>2,319,749</u>	<u>933,224</u>
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other non-capital expenditure commitments		
Commitments under finance leases at the reporting date are as follows:		
Not later than one year	-	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
Minimum lease payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Less: Future finance charges	-	-
Net Lease Liability	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Representing lease liabilities:		
Current	-	-
Non-Current	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There are no capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date not recognise at the financial statement as liabilities:

Other Expenditures Commitments

There are no capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date not recognise at the financial statement as liabilities:

Finance Lease Commitments

Council leases no plant and equipment under finance leases.

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2019	2018
Current Ratio		
<u>Current Assets - Externally Restricted Assets</u>	2.11	1.89
Current Liabilities		
Debt Service Ratio		
<u>Net Debt Service Cost</u>	0.00%	0.00%
Operating Revenue*		
* as defined		
Rate Coverage Percentage		
<u>Rate Revenues</u>	62.40%	62.88%
Total Revenues		
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage		
<u>Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding</u>	66.67%	51.31%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible		

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Note 16 – SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Statewide Super (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme).

Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with the superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2018/19; 9.50% in 2017/18). Council contributes an additional 4% for those employees who make voluntary superannuation contributions. No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

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

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Note 17 - OPERATING LEASES

Leases providing revenue to the Council

Council owns various buildings, plant and other facilities that are available for hire or lease (on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable) in accordance with the published revenue policy. Rentals received from such leases are disclosed as rent and hire of non-investment property in Note 2.

Investment Property:

Rentals received, and outgoings reimbursed, in relation to Investment Property are also disclosed in Note 2. These lease agreements, all of which are classified as operating leases, are made on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable.

Lessees commitments under all non-cancellable lease agreements, including those relating to Investment Property, are as follows:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	-	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Lease payment commitments of Council

Council has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for various items of computer and other plant and equipment.

Contingent rental payments exist in relation to the lease of one grader if utilisation exceeds 250 hours during any month. No contingent rentals were paid during the current or previous reporting periods.

No lease imposes any additional restrictions on Council in relation to additional debt or further leasing.

Leases in relation to computer and office equipment permit Council, at expiry of the lease, to elect to re-lease, return or acquire the equipment leased.

No lease contains any escalation clause.

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases that have not been recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	-	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Katherine Town Council
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**Note 18 - CONTINGENCIES, ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

There are no assets that do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position

BANK GUARANTEES

Council has no guaranteed loans and other banking facilities advanced to others.

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Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 14 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	1,290,136	1,100,486
Post-employment benefits	-	-
Long term benefits	-	-
Termination benefits	38,347	58,599
TOTAL	1,328,483	1,159,085

Other than amounts paid as ratepayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.), Council received no other benefits.

PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Katherine Town Council Key Management Personnel including prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act declared the following:

One (1) prescribed officer and three (3) elected members have close family members who are employed by suppliers to Katherine Town Council. However, the relevant officer and elected members are excluded from procurement process with the relevant suppliers.

Katherine Town Council
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Note 20 - EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

Council is not aware of any material or significant "non adjusting events" that should be disclosed.

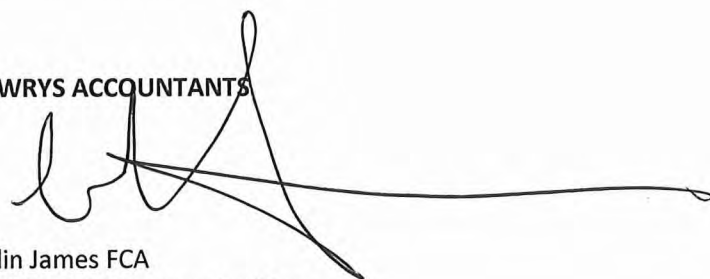
To the Mayor and the elected Council Members
Katherine Town Council
Lot 1865 Stuart Highway
Katherine NT 0850

Auditors' Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2019 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the requirements of the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* made under that Act, in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

LOWRYS ACCOUNTANTS



Colin James FCA
Registered Company Auditor

Darwin

Date: 8 November 2019

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**TO THE MAYOR AND THE ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS
OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL****Report on the Audit of the Financial Report****Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Katherine Town Council (the Council) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, the notes to the financial report including the summary of significant accounting policies and the council certificate which has been signed by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Council.

In our opinion, the financial report of the Council is in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations.

Emphasis on Matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the following matters:

Dependency on Government Funding

The Council relies on funding from the government. The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis on the expectation that government funding will continue. Without such sources of revenue there is significant uncertainty whether the Council will be able to continue as a going concern and therefore whether it will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the financial report.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which describe the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Council to meet the reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MAYOR AND THE ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report (continued)

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer of the Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations and for such internal control as the Chief Executive Officer determines are necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the council members either intend to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Chief Executive Officer is also responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

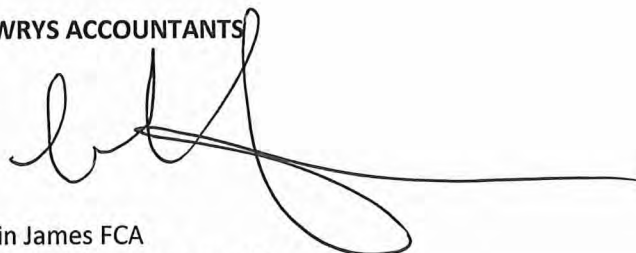
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this 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 (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our audit report.

LOWRYS ACCOUNTANTS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Colin James", written over a horizontal line.

Colin James FCA
Registered Company Auditor

Darwin

Date: 8 November 2019



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