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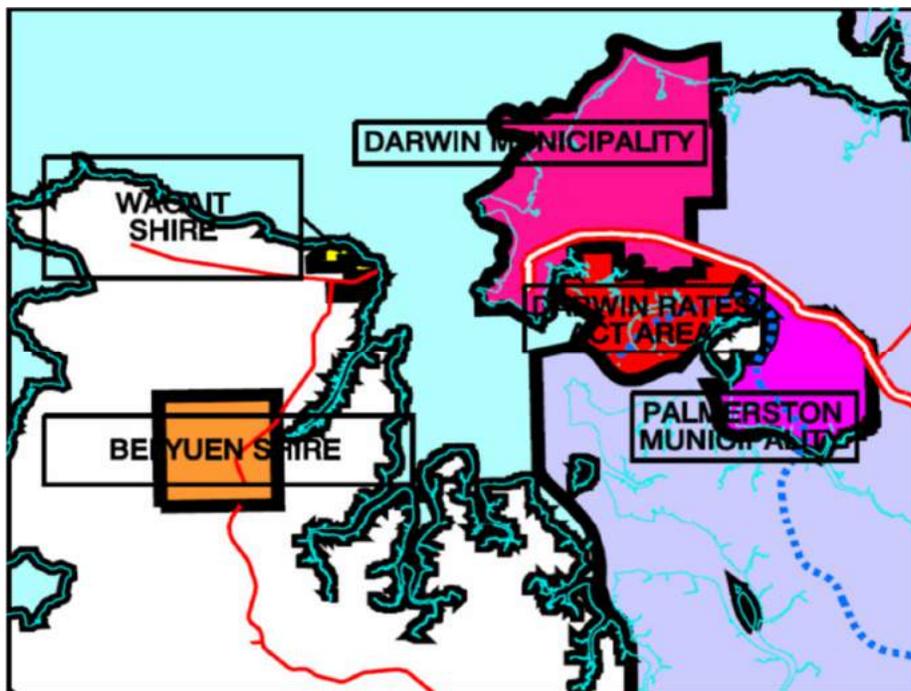
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- (1) The council must, on or before 15 November in each year, report to the Minister on its work during the financial year ending on the proceeding 30 June.*
- (2) The report must include a copy of the council's audited financial statement for the relevant financial year.*
- (3) The report must also contain an assessment of the council's performance against objectives stated in the relevant municipal, regional or shire plan (applying indicators of performance set in the plan), and, in the case of a regional council, of the activities of any local authority within the council's area.*
- (4) As soon as practical after the report has been delivered to the Minister, the council must:*
 - (a) Publish the report on the council's website; and*
 - (b) Publish a notice in a newspaper circulating generally in the area informing the public that copies of the report may be downloaded from the council's website or obtained from the council's public office.*

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Introduction from the Chief Executive Officer

'Every day is a little challenge and a little surprise' that is my response to people when they ask me how I keep doing what I do every day. 2016-2017 was no different with lots of challenges and lots of surprises.

Over the last few years the biggest challenge has been making every dollar go as far as possible so that the best level of services can be provided to the people of Belyuen. Unfortunately there is no place in Local Government for good debt or bad debt. In fact Local Government Authorities are the only tier of Government that are not allowed to produce a set of forward estimates showing a deficit.

It is ten years since I started going to meetings to what became known for a short time as the Top End Shire. A Shire where Litchfield, Coomalie, Belyuen, Wagait and some unincorporated areas would come under one umbrella as a Regional Authority. 'Unsustainable' was the key word at the time with the three smaller Councils being the big culprits. Unfortunately the concept of the Top End Shire was unsustainable as personal agendas and political scare tactics high jacked the processes and it was soon put to rest. Councils like Belyuen found themselves alone again and for the next ten years trying to identify a path to help give the community a base to grow and give the people of Belyuen a future.

Coomalie and Belyuen have themselves maintained a relationship since the Top End Shire days with both Councils being aware that some sort of joining with other Councils and bringing in unincorporated areas was in their best interests in the long term. Belyuen was not growing in population but had a sound administration and service delivery base and was interested in being able to build on this through joining together with Councils such as Coomalie who also had a vision for growth and change.

The challenge for 2017-18 is to keep building on that relationship by formalising what it will look like and preparing a timetable. I personally believe that the old saying of 'having all the ducks lined up' will happen in 2018 and by the end of the year Belyuen and Coomalie will exist as a new local government authority with a whole new name.

And what of the surprise? The surprise of all times goes to the 15 Belyuen men who were employed by Morrow Builders full time on proper wages for 4 months and who turned up at work most days, much to everyone's surprise. The reason for the surprise being that this group of men were pretty hard core drinkers in the community. What was the secret to their success? Four things basically 1. They were working in their community 2. They were getting paid proper money 3. They were doing tasks they liked and 4. They had a really good supervisor who worked well with them and there was a two way respect. Not only did they surprise everyone by sticking with the work but every household was given a really lovely solid wood bench setting that the men made out of the beams that had been pulled out of the houses that the contractors demolished.

Once again Belyuen staff has made Council proud through the hard work and commitment they have to their job and the community. Without that commitment from the staff my job as the CEO would be much harder. I thank all staff for their work.

Finally a mention of Bill Stuchbery who was Council's Manager until he resigned on 30 April. Thank you for this commitment and faith in the staff and the community that they have a future. Thank you also to Hugh King who took the reins for a couple of weeks after Bill resigned as Manager.



CEO Cathy Winsley

Manager's Reports

Bill Stuchbery – July 1 2016 to 30 April 2017

My initial appointment was in November 2009 for three months. Unfortunately, following completion of my terms of reference, successive Ministers failed to respond to my report in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*. There have been eight Ministers since my appointment.

In the meantime, Belyuen has done all it could to provide Government with credible options for amalgamations. It is quite obvious that Belyuen cannot continue as a local government entity in its own right due to the small population and revenue base. Successive reports over the past seven years has made this abundantly clear, but Government has failed to act.

My resignation effective from close of business 30 April 2017 will trigger new elections at Belyuen and while this will resolve long standing criticism from the Northern Territory Grants Commission about Belyuen being under management for so long, it will not resolve the sustainability issue.

There is a pressing need to form a new Regional Council to encompass the existing small councils of Coomalie, Wagait, Belyuen and the surrounding unincorporated lands resulting from the failure of the Top End Shire to be formed in 2008.

I remain in hope that this new Regional Council will be realised well before the next local government elections in 2021.



Bill Stuchbery
Manager Belyuen CGC
6/11/2009 - 30/4/2017

Hugh King - 1 May 2017 to 31 July 2017

As the manager for the final three months of Belyuen Community Government Council's period of official management, I witnessed a period of transition for the council. From management to reinstatement of the suspended members; and then onto general elections. During my brief tenure, it became apparent that rates, charges and fees would need to be increased for Council to continue providing the services it does. Faced with this situation, I did not hesitate to authorise modest increases, otherwise the people of Belyuen would miss out on important services. It looks as though the Council is in good hands with its newly elected members, aided by a very experienced CEO. It was a privilege to be a part of the Council and I wish its members and employees all the best for the future.



Hugh King
Manager Belyuen Community Government Council

Belyuen Staff 2016-17

Council Administration

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| Cathy Winsley | CEO |
| Natasha Lewis | Centrelink Agent |

Imabulk Aged Care

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Kelly Murphy | Manager Part Time |
| Linda Yarrowin | Aged Care Worker |
| Regina Bigfoot | Aged Care Worker |
| Trudy Walla | Aged Care Worker |
| Rita Moreen | Aged Care Worker Casual |

Belyuen Store

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Kelly Murphy | Manager Part Time |
| Noeleen Jenkins | Retail Assistant |
| Karen East | Casual Retail Assistant |
| Simone Moreen | Casual Retail Assistant |
| Samuel Cowdy | Casual Retail Assistant |

School Nutrition

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|----------------|--|
| Brendan Singh | SNP Coordinator/ Assistant Store Manager |
| Linda Yarrowin | SNP Assistant Part Time |

Civil Works

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| Mark Perejuan | Manager |
| Peter Winsley | Assistant Manager |
| Kyle Perejuan | Mechanic |
| Rex Sing | ESO Trainee |
| Anthony Richards | Parks and Gardens Casual |

Belyuen Council Culture Programme

Lisa Buchanan Culture Programme Coordinator

Employs Community people on a casual basis and depending what the activity is.

People who have had casual employment:

Lorraine Lane, Patsy Jorroch, Mona Singh, Rowena Mardi, Lorraine Williams, Bronwyn Bianamu, Angelina Owen, Anne Moreen, Angela Bigfoot, Colin Ferguson, David Gordon, Gwen Rankin, Teresa Timber, Sharon Lane, Andrea Mardi, Sheree Bianamu, Regina Bigfoot, Maria Lippo, Lenny BurBur, Anthony Moreen, Henry Moreen, Demetrius Mardi, Leanne Lippo, Jacinta Jorroch, Jason Jimaran, Wayne BilBil, Melinda Seccin, Lillian Singh, Jocelyn Gordon, Louise Loman,



Photo of one of the ceramic designs that the children and adults have worked together on in the Culture Programme. This design comes from the Belyuen Waterhole which is very sacred to Belyuen people.

Belyuen Local Advisory Group 2016-2017

In July 2016 a Belyuen Local Advisory Group was set up by the CEO.

The group met 8 times over the period and 6 community members were involved in the meetings. The members were paid an allowance of \$50 per member per meeting. The allowance was paid at the end of each meeting.

The Advisory Group discussed local issues with the CEO ranging from sport and recreation to alcohol issues to community safety such as street lighting. The CEO discussed funding applications that had been submitted to assist the community and with the guidance of the group a 12month Sport and Recreation Plan was prepared as requested by the Office of Sport and Recreation. The Plan was forwarded to the Office but was never acknowledged despite the CEO's continual requests as to what was the status of the securing funding for 2017-2018.

The last meeting of the Advisory Group was in July 2017 as the 'old' Council had been reinstated by the Minister and resumed on 1stAugust 2017.

A special thanks to Brendan Bigfoot, Gwen Rankin and Regina Bigfoot for their commitment to the Advisory Group.

About Belyuen

The Belyuen community is located on the eastern side of Cox Peninsula, approximately 20km south of Mandorah. It is 128km by road from Darwin. Alternatively a Ferry trip from Darwin to Mandorah takes approximately 14 minutes with a further 15 minutes road travel.

There are seven language groups: Emmi, Wadigin, Kiuk, MalakMalak, Mendtha, Marriamu and Maranunggu.

During 2016-17 the population varied between 150-170 people. Belyuen has always had a transient population as families move between Belyuen and Bagot/One Mile Dam/ Minmirama and 15 Mile. A lot of the movement is around young adults going into relationships with partners from Darwin or if there has been some family unrest people will go and stay with family for a while to give that space for the conflict to settle down. People who do move into Darwin will always be considered Belyuen people because of where they have grown up.

One of the challenges for Belyuen and the Council is to create employment and housing for these families so they can come back to Belyuen as many of them are living with family at the town camps and do not have their own accommodation.

Belyuen Community Government Council strives to:

- Improve the lifestyle and quality of life of the residents of Belyuen and;
- Involve the community in decisions that affect their lives.

The Administrator, on advice from the Minister for Local Government, suspended all members of Belyuen Community Government Council in May 2007 following a period of significant community unrest. The Northern Territory Government subsequently appointed a Manager under the former *Local Government Act*. These arrangements continued under the current *Local Government Act* and remained in place until 31st July 2017 when the previous Council was reinstated on the 1st August 2017.

Belyuen Long-term Strategies

With support from the Federal and Northern Territory Governments, continue to upgrade community infrastructure to remove health risks and danger.

During 2016-2017 Council was able to secure funding to replace street lighting with solar lighting. Council has enough funds to replace all the lights. This is a big win for the community as it will make the community much safer in the evenings when people are walking around and motorists are on the road. Snakes and broken glass bottles on the road also make it dangerous when people are walking around with pensioners and children being most at risk. The solar lights will be more reliable and with their design they are much harder to be damaged through vandalism (shanghais in particular).

Through Roads to Recovery Council did a joint project with the Department of Education. The Project involved erecting signage, installing road humps and bollards along the school road to slow down motorists and make it safe for children. The project has achieved what it was designed to and the road is now much safer for the children coming in and out of the school.

The large play equipment in the middle of the community was removed as parts had been damaged and it was unsafe for children to play on.

Council will continue to pursue funds to fence the dump and put some dump management into place. The dump is still being used by Belyuen people for rubbish that will not go into a wheelie bin.

The dump continues to be used by non Belyuen people and they continue to dump anywhere creating a big mess for Council to have to clean up.

IT Infrastructure continues to be a problem in the community with no NBN available to households. Council spends a lot of money each year maintaining the five independent satellite services on the Council buildings. Council has raised this issue with both NT and Federal MPs without any success.

The usual repairs and maintenance on buildings was done as required and within Council's budget.

Belyuen people will have a say in the future of local government and how that will continue to deliver services and support the residents

During 2016-2017 Belyuen Council continued under Management with Bill Stuchbery as the Manager until 30 April 2017 when he resigned. The Division of Local Government then appointed Hugh King (A/Director Legislation and Policy Local Government and Community Development) to fulfil the role until such time as the Minister made a decision in relation to the reinstatement of the 'old' Council as a lead up to the August Local Government Elections.

A Belyuen Local Advisory Group had been set up in July 2016 to work with the CEO advising on community issues.

Council continued to employ community members across all programmes whenever possible and the staff play an important role in providing feedback to community members and to Council management. Being a small community this feedback happens within a short time frame and depending on the issue can be addressed equally as quickly.

Discussions with Coomalie and Wagait Shires continued but on a much smaller scale and with little 3 way common forward direction. Both Coomalie and Wagait had a change of CEOs during the year and this did stall communications to an extent. From Belyuen's perspective the main obstacle seemed to be Wagait not knowing if they wanted 'in' or 'out' and if 'in' what part of 'in' do they want. By the end of 2016-17 three way communications seemed to have come to a standstill however Belyuen continued to maintain communications with Coomalie. The CEO was keen to follow on with these discussions once the new Council was on board in August.

Council will help support and create local jobs

A high priority for Council is employment and training of local people. All Council workplaces and programs have a majority of local people employed. All staff have access to training both accredited and non-accredited. Council endeavours to have the training within the community to encourage other community members to attend and to make it easier on staff in terms of not having to leave family.

The women in the Aged Care and Home and Community Care Program are amongst the best qualified Indigenous Aged Care Workers in the Northern Territory. Due to the continued support and funding from the Federal Department of Health and Ageing Indigenous Workforce Program, this program has grown from strength to strength. Added to this is the high quality of training (on site) that H & K Training provide. Council would welcome an increase in staff for this programme so that more services could be offered for longer periods in the day. Currently staff are employed part time due to funding levels. Council has been fortunate to have two more community people on Host Agreement Placements in Aged Care. This has been done through Ironbark the employment provider. These participants also do the training with the view to being given a paid position when one becomes available or when staff are on leave and they move into a casual position.

Council's Civil Works Programme continues to provide opportunities for employment and training. Council also has Host Place Agreements with Ironbark in the Civil Works Programme and like Aged Care these participants get offered paid casual work when extra staff are required for a project or task such as helping with slashing of large communal areas, airstrip, oval and road maintenance. The workshop is well situated to expand services with the lead up to the Cox Peninsula Land Development and the possibility of expansion of boundaries into one large Shire. Council has already started to ensure that staff are fully qualified and are hoping to continue to expand the Workshop's workforce and contract work.

Council and Ironbark Employment worked together to keep the Women's Centre operating after funding for the Centre was no longer supported by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Ironbark were able to use the Centre as a base for Belyuen women to do their participation activities. Skills development has always played a major role at the Centre and fortunately this was able to continue under Ironbark Employment Services. The Centre provides activities for a broad age group of women from 18 to 70 years.

The Centre is also the base for the Council/School Culture Programme which is funded by PM&C. The Programme is in its 4th year of operating. The Programme has played a big role in the community with adults becoming the teachers at the school and delivering a highly organised interactive culture programme to the students. Because the programme has been operating for four years it has developed to the

stage where resources are being produced in both language (mostly Emmi, Batjama and Mendtha) and English. Resources include short stories of olden days in Belyuen; activity books which include crosswords and word finds in language and dot to dots with bush animals; seasonal calendars matching bush tucker with the seasons; short 'how to videos' for example how to make a fish wire or how to cook kangaroo tails. These resources will be produced and made available to the school to include in the student's learning resources. A language room is being set up in the school as a follow on from this programme.

Belyuen Store is another Council workplace that employs community people. Retail brings different challenges than areas such as administration or the culture programme. The biggest challenge is having reliable staff ie staff who turn up every day on time. Without the staff on the tills or cooking takeaway orders it is very difficult to open the doors in the mornings and it puts a lot of extra work on the couple of staff who are at work every day. Council is hoping that Host Place Agreements can also be set up at the Store in 17/18. This will give people the opportunity of getting into the routine of coming to work everyday and learning retail skills. Like Aged Care and Civil Works it is these opportunities that can lead into casual employment and possible permanent employment.

Council will continue to strive to offer opportunities for staff and community members to be involved in training and skills development. In regard to Host Place Agreements the biggest stumbling block seems to be the red tape from PM&C to Ironbark which then flows onto Council and to the participants. It is not hard to identify jobs within workplaces. It is very hard to get through the red tape however.

The community experienced the possibilities of what full time employment can bring to people. In May this year Morrows Builders won the tender to demolish old houses and construct new ones in the community. Morrows employed 15 men from the Ironbark programme and gave them full time work for 4 months. The participation rate of those men was a credit to themselves and to the Morrows Supervisor who worked with them. These men exceeded everyone's expectations in terms of their commitment and attendance. It was a good example of giving people an opportunity in their own community, having them engaged in tasks that they like doing and having the right Supervisor to work them. Those three factors together were the key to each person's employment success. The downside to it was seeing the men having to go back on to Centrelink Newstart benefits with the strict participation requirements after four months of earning good money and having job satisfaction.

Belyuen Council have opened up a room in the Council Office for the Ironbark participation team to work out of 2 days a week. This has been a great success for Ironbark, Council and the participants as people can have their Employment Participation requirements and their Centrelink requirements all addressed in the one office.

Local activities that encourage residents of all ages and genders to be involved in strengthening their culture.

As mentioned earlier the Culture Programme continues to be a major cultural activity in the community. The Programme operates two afternoons a week at the local school. Over 30 adults have been involved in delivering different aspects of the programme since it commenced. Both males and females are involved and will be gender specific if the activity requires that it be.

Council continues to support families during Sorry Business and funeral times to help take some of the stress off family members and to support the family in the way in which they want the funeral to happen. In 2016-2017 there were sadly 6 funerals. This puts a big strain on the whole community not just emotionally but also financially as families struggle with funeral costs and feeding other family members who come into the community in readiness for the funeral. Family can sometimes stay for a couple of months. Council continues to provide a free transport service from Mandorah wharf to Belyuen for family coming over on the ferry. Council will take them back to the ferry after the funeral. Council also ensures that the Community Hall is available if the family wants to use it to hold a Service.



Local activities that encourage residents of all ages and genders to be involved in recreational and sporting activities that build a healthy lifestyle and create a community that residents enjoy

Belyuen Council ran a small sport and recreation programme during 16-17 with surplus funds from 15-16. Basketball, volleyball, football, soccer and discos were the primary activities. There was no support and very little communication/consultation from the office of Sport and recreation throughout the whole year. The discos are well attended and these are run by Council staff on a voluntary basis.

Council will continue to try and get funding to run sport and recreation activities in the community. The present focus of the Office of Sports and Recreation appears to be largely having teams in competitions with flow on to regional/territory/national focus. There is nothing wrong with that however for small communities it just does not work as there are not enough people in particular age groups and genders to make up the teams. It is also costly moving people around. Council needs to pay for bus running costs and a bus driver. If this is done a couple of times a week easily then there is not much else left in the budget to pay wages and salary costs for sport and recreation officers plus some operational.

The Office of Sport and Recreation used to have Officers that were allocated to different communities and would go out and spend time in the community and help organise resources etc. That does not happen anymore so Councils like Belyuen just end up managing the best they can. At the same time however get told by Sport and Recreation departmental staff that they do not have the capacity to run sport and recreation programmes and therefore have their funding cut off. This is what has happened to Belyuen for 2017-2018.

The NT Government need to be fair to small communities and let them manage their programmes without having big expectations that teams will be playing everywhere in regional competitions etc. Many people in the community just want to have fun games as something to do and a bit of exercise. This is what Belyuen was providing without any support from departmental staff however end up losing the funding.

Working with funding agencies to create commercial opportunities that give the residents jobs and bring money back into the community to support all other activities that the community would like

The Belyuen Store

The Store continues to be one of the obvious commercial opportunities for the community. Any motorist driving around to the Peninsula has to drive past the community and the challenge is to draw these motorists into the Store. The Community does have signage on the Cox Peninsula road now as far around as Berry Springs and Council has placed signage on the road between Wagait and Belyuen advertising fuel sales and prices which are the cheapest on the Peninsula road.

The Store has had a big change of menu with fresh food being cooked daily and after 10am made to order and a variety of fresh salads and sandwiches. The Store is slowly building up a clientele of customers who come from outside the community just to buy a specific item because they have enjoyed their first experience.

Thanks to the staff the store has a good reputation for the quality and presentation of catered food.

The Ironbark participants have done a lot of work around the Store by clearing up the garden areas, placing flower planter boxes and seating in the park areas. The boxes and seating have been made by the participants.

Council remains focussed on setting up the store for future revenue growth. New fridges, freezers and upgrading the electrical system are needed because of the ongoing breakdown costs. Council staff have also explored the idea of going solar at the store – the store roof is high and has a large expanse that would be really suitable for solar panels. This would help reduce the power bill and operating costs. The other big need is to replace the fuel bowser system with an outdoor terminal so that people can purchase fuel any time of the day. This would mean that Belyuen has the only fuel available on the Cox Peninsula 24/7. Apart from income generated it would be a great marketing tool.

The Workshop

Belyuen workshop is the only workshop on this side of the Peninsula. Council employs three qualified mechanics. Apart from looking after Council vehicles and equipment they have built up a large clientele of customers from Wagait, Dundee, Berry Springs and Litchfield.

There are a number of opportunities that would financially benefit Council and the Workshop. These are:

Setting up a mobile mechanic service and a towing service. There are a number of different ways that can be set up eg as its own separate or as an AANT Agent.

Offering weekend servicing or vehicle inspections for people outside the community who can not access the workshop during Monday to Friday working hours. Workshop staff already provide a service of picking up vehicles from Wagait and bringing them to Belyuen for services or registration checks whilst people are working in Darwin that day.

Tender for other work with Power and Water for example metre readings and tendering for other government work such as verge maintenance along the Cox Peninsula Road.

Aged Care

Council and Aged Care staff are aware of a huge potential for business opportunities in aged care and disability services. In the immediate future Council is moving to become the Aged Care Provider for community care and home support services and that will commence in October 2017. Services which have in the past been brokered through Calvary and ARRCs will be delivered directly by Belyuen. This potentially will create more employment opportunities in the community and increase the revenue coming into the Council. In the long term a new residential centre covering residential care and respite, providing hostel type accommodation for family visitors and expanding the client base has the potential to provide a large number and range of jobs for community people.

Hall

The Hall venue has the potential to provide a number of social activities all of which can be money making which could help fund events and equipment for the community.

Social activities include movie nights, discos, basketball competitions, bingo, special alcohol licence for specific activities and sale of food which can be catered through the store.

The above are just a few small business and employment opportunities that can be developed along with others such as an art and culture centre and tourism.

If as is currently being discussed within Government and the two Shires, Belyuen and Coomalie join together then the marketing base automatically enlarges which creates revenue growth and increase employment and sustainability for the new Shire and its members.

Clean and beautify the community to ensure the country is cared for and the community looks good, creating proud residents.

Council organises community clean ups before and after the wet season and one in the middle of the year.

During 16/17 Council has been very fortunate to have the Ironbark Supervisor who works with the men working closely with Council to help keep the community free of rubbish. Ironbark also offers a gardening/removing rubbish service from yards to the dump.

Visitors to the community often comment on how clean the community is.

Council's weekly rubbish collection service is outsourced and rubbish taken to Shoal Bay. Council still maintains the dump as best as possible given that it is not fenced and there is a large amount of 'non Belyuen' waste dumped there.

Workshop staff and the Ironbark Supervisor assist community people with the removal of old vehicles from in and outside their yards. Old vehicles lying around can become missiles in the cyclone season, they become a 'home' for snakes, 'items' for people to smash up or set light to when they are bored and they give the community a very 'unkept' appearance.

The Yilli Housing Officer is also very proactive in encouraging people to keep their yards tidy and to remove rubbish.

Good second hand wheelie bins can be purchased from the Belyuen Store at half the price of a new bin. The bins can be purchased through income management and basics card.

Council is also trying to access spare parts for the bins as in a lot of cases it might be the wheels or lid that have broken and the tub still in good condition.

Young children, teenagers, women, men and elders are safe, healthy and cared for.

Council strives to help maintain a safe and healthy community for everyone. Council within their financial and personnel capacity works closely with the school and clinic staff to address needs.

Council works with the Police and Yilli housing to help keep the community safe. The battle with hooning and drunk driving is a continual struggle which unfortunately puts a lot of people's lives at risk and in some instances has fatal outcomes. In 16-17 Council and the local school did a joint safety project on the road running along the front of the school. Speed humps, signage and bollards have been placed along the road to help keep the children safe and to slow down people from speeding. This project has made a big difference to the way motorists drive passed the school making the area much safer. Out of the project the Belyuen students made a safety song and along with a video clip backing they made it was entered in the 2017 Barunga Safety Song competition. The Belyuen students won the competition.

Council provides a school nutrition program for Belyuen students and this gives them breakfast and lunch including protein based milk drinks and fruit. For some students this is the main food they eat daily and come school holidays these students often go hungry.

Service Providers such as Save the Children and Fun Bus have been regularly visiting Belyuen to provide activities for the 0-4 year olds. Save the Children staff work well with the community and Council.

Quarterly Vet visits help keep down the dog population and with tick and worm medication it helps to keep the dogs a bit healthier. Each visit there are always a number of dogs desexed and the impact of that is finally showing in the community with fewer puppies being born. The days of leatherback dogs in the community are now in the past and it is only very rarely that a badly malnourished dog is seen. The Police now take the role of dealing with vicious dogs that need to be removed from the community.

Saying No to Domestic Violence has been an ongoing campaign through the women at the Women's Centre.

Aged and Disabled members of the community continue to be cared for through the Imabulk (Aged Care) Programme. There are currently 21 clients receiving services of which 3 are in wheelchairs, two are totally vision impaired and 4 are dependent on a walking frame for their mobility.

This programme has changed from primarily aged and a few disabled to primarily disabled and a few aged. Council predicts that this pattern will just keep increasing as the health effects such as strokes, amputations of people's drug and alcohol usage is on the rise and the age group facing these effects is getting younger.

Council was fortunate to obtain funding to install solar street lighting in the community. By the end of 2017-2018 all the street lights will be solar powered. This will help with safety issues in the community for people walking around at night time. Council has struggled with maintaining street lighting due to damage by youth with shanghais. The solar lights will not be able to be smashed with shanghais.

Other services which come into the community and provide information to help keep people safe include NAAJA, Top End Women's Legal Service, Ombudsman, NT Legal Aid, Team Health and NAAFLS. All of these services are building up relationships with community members because of their consistent visits.

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| Core Services | 2016-17 Activity | Performance Objective | Assessment |
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| Maintenance and upgrade of parks, reserves and open spaces Parks, reserves and other open spaces on council lands, including ovals, are developed and maintained for the use and benefit of recreational activities of the community. Excludes road reserves and the maintenance and upgrade of buildings, facilities and fixed assets | Ongoing mowing and removal of foliage, weeds and debris from community spaces | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Belyuen community is consistently visually tidy and long grass and weeds are kept to a minimum at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Civil Works mowing and slashing was done on a regular basis with an increase in activity during wet season and early dry season to ensure a fire safe community. • Ironbark participants worked with Council to keep the communal areas slashed and safe. • There were no WHS issues. |
| | Community oval | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council continue to seek funding opportunities to maintain oval | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has not been able to secure funding to top soil and level the oval. Council will continue to pursue funding for this important aspect of our Sport and Recreation Program. • Council has not been successful in getting funds to erect some solar lighting at one end of the oval. Council will continue seeking funds. • Ironbark participants assisted Council with slashing of the oval and repairing the oval fence. • Current use by Care Flight landing of large helicopter on the oval creates a lot of problems with removal of topsoil from the force of the helicopter blades. |

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| Core Services | 2016-17 Activity | Performance Objective | Assessment |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no WHS issues. |
| | Playground equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground equipment in parks to be maintained to a safe standard There are no WHS incidents or consumer complaints. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The large playground in the central part of the community was demolished because it had become unsafe due to damage that had been done. Ironbark men assisted with the removal of the playground to prevent possible accidents due to the structural damage that had been done. There were no WHS issues. |
| | Tree Removal for safety of the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council continues to have unsafe trees removed from Council areas in the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council was unsuccessful in obtaining SPG's for the removal of other trees identified as unsafe. Council did remove some smaller trees that were blocking satellite access. This Was done with assistance from the Ironbark men. |

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| <p>Maintenance and upgrade of buildings, facilities and fixed assets</p> <p>Council controlled buildings (eg public toilets, council offices & depots, recreation and sport buildings) are managed and maintained in a usable and reasonable condition fit for use</p> <p>Maintenance and upgrade of buildings, facilities and fixed assets CONTD</p> | <p>Council Office and Training Centre are maintained to provide a clean and safe working environment</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clean and safe work environment is maintained and matters raised are addressed • Training Centre charged out non Council service providers to support building maintenance costs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clean and safe working environment was maintained and repair and maintenance issues immediately addressed. • Female toilet room in the main office was repainted and the leaking/mouldy roof repaired. • Council Office cleaned daily and major clean ups undertaken as needed for visitors for meetings. • Large room in the Council office is being used by Ironbark participation Team who visit the community twice a week. The Participation Team maintain the room and contribute to amenities in the general office. • Training Centre was charged out to service Providers as needed. • Training Centre was kept clean. • Fire equipment to both buildings was checked and maintained quarterly. • There were no WHS issues. |
| | <p>Community Store</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store meets all public health and legislative requirements • There are no WHS issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No WHS issues this year. • Store Manager continues to ensure that there is no out of date stock on the shelves or in the back storage area. • The store is kept clean with no environmental health issues in |

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| | | | <p>the main part of the store, nor the kitchen/food preparation area; or the storage area at the back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest control was undertaken annually. • Staff continue to organise the work areas to make them functional. • Video cameras have been installed but are shown to be not very helpful. Council to look at better equipment when they can afford it. • Council will pursue funding to upgrade the electrics of the store, provide a more efficient fridge/freezer system and look at solar power to help reduce store operating costs. • Fire equipment is checked and maintained quarterly. |
| | Recreation hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hall is maintained in a safe manner. • The Hall is managed by Council so that it is available for Service Providers and Council use. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major renovations have been completed. • There has been no damages to the building itself. • Council will be charging Service Providers for use of the Hall so that costs such as power, water, cleaning toilets etc can be recovered as Council does not get funding to operate the Hall. • Hall Use Policy has been prepared and is available on |

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| | | | council's website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire equipment is checked and maintained quarterly. • No WHS issues. |
| | Maintain safe and operable Aged Care Centre and Women's Centre. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All centres are clean and safe for staff and clients • No WHS incidents or consumer complaints are reported | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no WHS issues or consumer complaints at either Centre • Aged Care Centre maintained to a high level of cleanliness. Workspaces and client rooms cleaned daily. • Compliance regulations met for Aged Care centre in regard to electrical tagging, pest control, fire equipment and the fire alarm system. • Council will continue to seek funds to upgrade the Centre – paint inside and outside, replace flyscreens and retile the ablutions. • All rooms continue to be occupied and maintained. • The Women's Centre is currently used by Ironbark to carry out Women's participation activities. Ironbark and Council have an agreement over the use of the Centre. • There were no WHS issues. • The participants took responsibility for the cleaning |

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| | | | of the Centre and the maintenance of the outside area. A garden area has been established with large raised garden beds made by the male Ironbark participants. |
| | Maintain a safe and operable workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil WHS incidents are reported • Safe work environment maintained and staff are satisfied with facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no WHS reports • Workshop was kept organised and cleaned regularly. • Workshop Office is proving to be too small. Staff to look at how the office can be expanded and a better filing system set up. With 3 mechanics needing access to phones/internet there needs to be a better layout of the office to make work more efficient. |
| Maintenance of the community cemetery Cemeteries are managed and maintained in a clean and orderly condition and in a manner appropriate to provide a caring setting for the remembrance of the deceased. All burials other than those in Aboriginal land under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 must abide by the Cemeteries Act. | Maintain cemetery and surrounding area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community is satisfied with maintaining culture and environment at the cemetery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community is very engaged in care for the cemetery which is kept clean and well maintained. • Council and Ironbark participants worked together to maintain the cemetery. • Ironbark participants were building a shade structure through a construction training programme however there were some issues with the RTO and the shelter is still not completed. • Ironbark female participants |

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| | | | continue to make headstones for graves. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no WHS issues. |
| Lighting for public safety, including street lighting Assist Power and Water Corporation to provide adequate and functioning street lighting for public safety | Ongoing operation of local lighting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All street lighting is operable • Urgent repairs addressed in a timely fashion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Works staff undertook ongoing monitoring of public lighting. • Street Lighting has created problems for Council as Council does not get funding to maintain the lights and they are continuously going out due to a number of factors such as minor power surges. Many of the lights do not work because kids/youth have broken them with shanghais. There are continual complaints going to Council about the lack of street lighting and how unsafe it is in the community at night time when people are walking around. • Street lighting is maintained within Council's financial capability and Council will continue to keep repairing when finances are available until all street lighting is fully operable. • Council has been successful in obtaining funds through two grants to now replace all street lights with solar lights. This is a |

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| | | | big job however will be managed through Civil Works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no WHS issues. |
| Local road upgrading and construction Upgrading the standard of existing roads and construction of road infrastructure. This does not include maintenance of roads | Entrance to community fully upgraded | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete entrance upgrade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entrance to the community was completed and Council has gone on to making changes to the road that runs in front of the school. Speed Humps, Road Signage and bollards have been put along the road and have made an obvious difference with traffic management along the road. • Council has purchased materials needed to upgrade the road that goes along the front of the hall and to place speed humps and signage along this road. |
| Local roads maintenance Maintenance includes potholing, shouldering, grading, resealing, line marking and rehabilitation | Potholes and local road damage repaired as required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs completed in a timely manner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal roads are maintained within Council's financial capacity. • Potholes are filled in. There are no potholes in the main roads in the community. |
| Traffic management To regulate, warn and guide road users including street signs and traffic signs | Traffic management issues identified and addressed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic issues addressed in a timely manner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent large increase in the number of private vehicles and an increase in the number of trucks entering the community require a traffic management plan including speed bumps, |

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| | | | <p>signs, kerbing and blocking of short cuts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New accommodation being built in the community has highlighted the need for better traffic management in areas where no proper roads are defined. Having houses built with no defined roads makes it hard for Council especially when there was no consultation prior to work commencing. This is not the contractors responsibility road access should have been in the house plans. Council has had to block off areas to stop short cutting to these new houses. During the dry season there was a continual dust problem coming from trucks and vehicles driving on open areas. • This dust went right through the community. • Council will continue with further traffic management programmes through the next round of Roads to Recovery funds. • There were no WHS issues. |
| Waste management Plan for a deliver waste management services to reduce the risk of harm to the community, are environmentally sustainable and include waste | Regular collection of household waste, maintenance of landfill and quarterly community clean up days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two per fortnight bin pick ups • Minimise windborne litter • Good participation in community clean up. • Seek funds to fence the dump | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fin Bins pick up weekly in the community. Bins are now collect late morning giving time for people to put the bins out and not having the |

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| management strategies for was reduction, reuse and recycling | | area to help control dumping of rubbish. | <p>problem of dogs knocking them over when they were having to be put out the night before for a 6am pick up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Works staff continue to maintain the dump area despite the fact that the dump is out of control largely by outside users. The site needs to be fenced as people outside of the community use it and are dumping everything anywhere. The problem has been exacerbated since the closing of the Mandorah dump. • Council has still not secured funds to fence the dump. • Ironbark participants have assisted Council with clean ups and also provide a rubbish removal service at a small fee to Belyuen residents. This service greatly helps to reduce the amount of rubbish in the community especially rubbish that will not fit into a wheelie bin. • Council had a successful annual Cyclone Season Clean Up. • Council offers a fee for service to remove broken down motor vehicles from inside and outside people's yards. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no WHS issues. |
| <p>Weed control and fire hazard reduction in and around community areas</p> <p>Control of vegetation and weeds around community areas managed by agreement with community, and around Council controlled roads and facilities</p> | <p>Regular slashing and weed spraying around Council perimeter</p> <p>Weed control around all Council fences</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no serious community space fire outbreaks • Vegetation and weeds under control around all Council assets and boundary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Works staff performed regular mowing and slashing as required with increased frequency during wet season and start of dry to minimise fire risk. • Ironbark participants assisted with the slashing of communal areas. • Civil Work’s staff undertook weed spraying as needed. • Council obtained the services form the Cox Peninsula Bush Fire to do burn offs in areas within the community that could be very dangerous if a match was chucked amongst the grass. Council was very appreciative of the work that they did. • There were no major fire outbreaks this year. • There were no WHS issues. |
| <p>Dog control</p> <p>Implement programs for dog control to protect the health, safety, amenity and environment. Provision of service that promotes responsible animal care</p> | <p>Vet clinic engaged quarterly to look after health of community dogs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ark Vet visit quarterly • Pets are healthy • There is a decrease in the number of pets in the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ark Vets continue to visit the community resulting in an increase in the number of dogs desexed. In turn, this has resulted in a notable decrease of puppies in the community. • There has been no more bad |

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| | | | <p>outbreaks of parvo which would be helped by the increase in the number of female dogs being desexed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARK Vets continue to play an important role in helping to maintain healthy dogs as they give advice to dog owners on their visits. • The Vet has also started immunising puppies on request which is covered by the Programme. This also helps to decrease the mortality rate and spread of diseases such as Parvo. • There is a noticeable decrease in the number of dogs in the community and very rarely will a malnourished dog be seen. • This programme is coming up to 20 years old and it is now obvious that the old problems of too many dogs, ticks hanging off them, malnourished with some being leather back and vicious dogs due to fighting over food that all these things the community has now moved on from. • There were no WHS issues. |

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| Civic community events To provide support for the development of community events and increase community participation in events and activities | A calendar of community events is coordinated by Council with the support of stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council supports regular local activities for all age groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During 2016-2017 there were not many community events run. Council staff were busy with their own workloads and the Service Providers that were visiting did not offer to organise anything. • Council worked with the school to give the kids, the under school age and the pensioners all a party with presents and a community lunch. • There were no WHS issues. |
| Local Emergency Services Assist the lead agency in the management of the delivery of emergency services and advocate for the provision of appropriate services to remote communities | Emergency plan in place and available on website Plan is updated at the beginning of each wet season | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency plan updated and available on website • Emergency plan followed during emergency • Committee formed in case of emergency to implement cyclone procedures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the time of preparing the Plan the 10th edition of the Plan has not been put on the website. This will be done by 30 November 2017. There will not be any changes to personnel and procedures. • Fortunately there were no incidences that needed the Emergency Plan to be activated. • HAZMAT information has been included in the Plan. |
| Library and Cultural heritage services Support the provision of library and information services which promote and support the recreational and lifelong learning needs of the community and increase community participation in cultural heritage services | Council provides internet access points in community Library training on the internet provided to community members | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community internet access points functional 95% of the year • Training programs provided | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access available to the community at the Women's Centre and Council Office. • Wi-fi access is now available in some areas outside the Council office. This is largely due to Ironbark installing wireless service on the roof of the training room. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council continues to express interest to Ironbark about a joint project to set up a community Facebook which could be updated daily advertising what positive events are happening in the community. The project could be run by Ironbark participants particularly youth. |
| Administration of local By-laws Development, monitoring and enforcement of by-laws for a safe and healthy community | Not applicable to Belyuen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council does not have any By Laws. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will support a regional approach to by-law development. |
| Public and corporate relations Provision of communication and information between Council and communities | Council will continue to hold community workshops and community meetings to engage the community in decision making | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops and meetings will be recorded and outcomes of decisions made will be placed on Council notice board and distributed around community service providers and workplaces • Council continues to support community awareness opportunities on issues which assist the community in taking control of life choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council continues information sharing through a variety of ways – workplaces, community venues, flyers distributed to all households, plus notice boards at the Council Office, Store, Clinic, Ironbark Office and the local School. • Council publicises events and workshops via flyers and good attendance at activities demonstrates the success of the promotion strategy. There have been a number of information sessions at the Hall and also with Service Providers setting up stalls outside the Store or visiting work places. Spreading of |

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| | | | <p>information is considered very important so everyone can have access to information which helps them to understand what is going on and also to make better choices.</p> |
| <p>Customer relationship management including complaints and responses</p> | <p>Council staff are present within the community at all times to resolve complaints</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints are dealt with through regular engagement with service providers and community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has community people in each workplace so any complaints are usually raised within the workplace and either dealt with there or taken to the CEO • Complaints are acted upon as 'an emergency' so that they do not get out of control and become bigger. • Many complaints are a result of misunderstanding rather than something wrong. |
| <p>Training and employment of local people in Council operations Support the employment of local people in Council operations with provision for ongoing skill development and training</p> | <p>Council will provide staff with access to training to develop their skills in the workplace</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff have access to training in their workplace • Council provides real jobs for community people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and employment of local people is a high priority for Council • All local staff have access to training • Staff participate in training on full wages. |
| <p>Governance including administration of Council meetings, elected member support Activities regarding election of Council representatives, electoral boundaries, the administration of Council, the terms and conditions of Councillors and elected member support</p> | <p>Council operate a sound and legal administration in accordance with the Local Government Act and other legislation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil breaches of legislation • Council meetings held in accordance with the Act | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings were held when the Manager was available. Meetings are generally by phone using emails to send required information. • In April the Manager resigned and a new Manager replaced |

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| | | | <p>him. The new Manager worked in Darwin so meetings went back to taking place in Belyuen on a monthly basis until the 'old Council' was reinstated and took over the Manager's role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a Local Advisory Group set up by the CEO and 8 meetings too place during 2016-2017. • Manager attended meetings at Belyuen before end of the financial year to do Budgets, Rates and Shire Plan. • All minutes and agendas on Council website |
| <p>Advocacy and representation on local and regional issues Development of proactive partnerships with government agencies, non-government sector, the private sector and the development of partnerships with key stakeholders</p> | <p>Council continues to participate in TOPROC and explore shared service options with Darwin and Wagait Councils Council liaises regularly with Land Councils, NGO's and the private sector Council has support partnership with Rotary.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council continues to explore options for shared services or a regional governance model including discussions with Coomalie Council and Local Government staff. • Council has not attended TOPROC meetings due to staff shortages. |
| <p>Administration of local Boards, Advisory Boards and Management Committees Provision of secretariat or other support to local boards and management committees and effective governance at region ward and community levels</p> | <p>Not applicable</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable |

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| Aged Care | Council manages an Aged Care Centre for Belyuen residents in line with the funding agreement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The service is provided under an agreement with the relevant funding agencies which have specific Council acquittal and reporting requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has 21 clients needing different levels of care and service provision. Council works with the Federal Government and Service Providers ARRCS and Calvary to provide services that are specific to each client Council has met all reporting requirements for Government and Service Providers. Council has negotiated new funding agreements with the Federal Government for 3 year funding under the Government's new Input/Output directed Programme guidelines. Council has negotiated new client service provisions with ARRCS and Calvary under the new CACP guidelines. Council is working towards becoming a Service Provider and delivering the services themselves instead of going through Brokers. Staff have spent a lot of time getting information and systems ready for this. It was originally planned that this would commence end of July 2017 but was put forward to 1st October. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no WHS issues. |
| Sport and Recreation | Council to deliver regular sport and recreation program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of activities are available to men and women on a regular basis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council struggled through 16-17 to deliver Sport and recreation programmes because there was no Service Plan provided by The Office of Sport and Recreation. • Council had a surplus from 15-16 and used those funds to employ local people to organise basketball activities largely at the hall. |
| Power and Water services | Council to oversee bores and chlorination, maintain water storage compound, maintain sewerage ponds and maintain sewer pump station | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power and Water contractual requirements are met | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All contractual agreements have been met and there have been no WHS issues. • Council continues to do work outside the contract and this is good additional income. • Council is still keen on obtaining other power water contacts such as metre readings within Belyuen and within neighbouring communities. This will bring in additional revenue and also has the possibility of providing some casual work within the community. |
| Airstrip | Maintain airstrip under contract and oversee landings and takeoffs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractual requirements are met and private companies using the airstrip are paying landing fees • Council to pursue increase in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has two qualified Airstrip Reporting Officers and conducts ongoing activities in line with airstrip maintenance contract including slashing and weeding, |

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| | | funding to cover real costs of maintaining airstrip | checking lights. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council continues to undertake annual airstrip inspections and monitoring to CASA standards • The Department of Infrastructure has a new invoicing system which has worked very well during the year and it has made the whole invoicing process more streamlined. The Department also has a new monitoring/reporting system which is more hands on between Departmental staff and Council staff. This gives an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns. • There were no WHS issues. |
| Centrelink | Provide Centrelink Agency Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractual arrangements are met | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centrelink services are as per contract and reporting arrangements. • Council employs a community person to be the Centrelink Agent • This person works with the CEO who as an agent assists when needed. • More community people have registered for online reporting and this is generally quicker than through the phone. However the Centrelink computer can be extremely slow on many occasions and people give up and go back to phone contact. • Centrelink do have plans to have |

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| | | | <p>their own internet service at the office and it is hoped that it will make things quicker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The computer and printer are still not linked so people can not print out their reports. People need this service as it shows them that the reporting has been accepted. • Centrelink also installed a second phone which meant that people do not have to wait so long to talk to someone. The phones now have the added advantage of being able to put them on speaker so that a person does not have to sit there holding it. Lines like the Centrelink Participation line can take well over an hour for a person to access. So these phone benefits become very helpful. • With changes to Employment requirements with Centrelink there has been an increase in Agency work and the detail of the work required. • People can access Centrelink phones or computer for as long as the office is open which many days can be until 6 or 7pm. This gives people a lot of opportunity to keep their Centrelink requirements up to date. • There were no WHS issues. |

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| Women's Centre | Manage the Women's Centre and support local women's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program delivered in line with contractual arrangements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's arrangements with Ironbark for use of the Centre as part of the women's participation requirements has continued and there has not been any issues between all parties. This gives the women a base to work from. • The Centre is the key focal point for Belyuen women and plays a major role in cultural activities. • The Centre plays a very important role at funeral times designing and making coffin covers, wreaths, organising red skirts and t-shirts for the women and girls. • Women's Health workshops, Women's Legal information services, Team health were all regular service providers at the centre during 16-17 • There were no WHS issues. |
| School nutrition program | Council's Store is contracted to provide a school meals service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program delivered in line with contractual arrangements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program continues to be an important part of children's daily nutritional intake. The students have a nutritional milk drink and muesli bar on arrival, weetbix at recess and a hot meal, fruit and a fruit drink at lunch time. • There are some issues with lunches not being paid for but this is by far the minority of parents. • Council has had to take a strong stand and inform the parents/carer that the child can |

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| | | | no longer have school lunches if they are not being paid for. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no WHS issues |
| Emergency Relief Program | Provide emergency assistance to families in need | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance by way of food, power tickets, clothing and emergency transport is provided on an as needed basis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has a new agreement with the Dept. of Social Services to fund the programme for three years. • Council continues to focus on pensioners both aged and disabled plus families with young children. • No money is given –VOUCHERS ONLY • No take away food, drinks, confectionery etc is allowed to be purchased with E/R funds. This has been a long standing policy. |

Commercial Services

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| Belyuen Store | Operate a profitable store that offers healthy, well priced, and appropriate goods to the community and passing local trade and provide real jobs for local people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settle outstanding store financial issues • Position store for revenue growth in future • Promotion of store to passing local trade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store financial issues still need to be settled. • Council needs to continue to get financial assistance for new outdoor point of sale terminals for the fuel bowsers. • Council needs to continue to monitor the store monthly. • Council needs to continue to encourage service providers to access store fuel and other items needed daily. • More signage has been placed on the Cox peninsula Road advertising fuel etc. • Council continues to encourage young community members to work in the Store • Council is pursuing ways of making the Store less costly to operate. The fridges and freezers need to be replaced as they have no value as assets any longer but continue to cost Council a lot of money to repair them to keep them operating. The electrical switch board is really out of date along with fittings such as fans and lighting. The whole system needs replacing and updating to LED. There is a big problem in the store in terms of how hot the temperature is and what affect |

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| | | | <p>that is having on staff and goods whether tinned or packaged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council would like to put solar panels on the store roof which is a very large roof and would be ideal for a lot of panels which can produce power to help run the store. • Staff are continuously looking at ways to keep overheads down to help turn its viability around. |
| Workshop | Generate revenue from workshop operations (inspections, vehicle repairs and plant hire) to lead to future job creation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position workshop for revenue growth into the future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop staff continue to expand customer numbers with the majority coming from Wagait and others from Berry Springs and a few from Dundee. • Council now employs three qualified mechanics. • Council is exploring ways to expand services to include towing and Saturday morning MVR checks. • Workshop mechanics have built up a good reputation on the Peninsula. • No WHS issues |
| Power and Water services | Council to oversee bores and chlorination, maintain water storage compound, maintain sewerage ponds and maintain sewer pump station | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power and Water contractual requirements are met. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has a good working relationship with Power and Water staff. • Council has met all their contractual agreements. • Council employs two qualified Essential Services Officers and a Trainee Officer. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There have been no WHS issues. |

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General Purpose Financial Report
For the year ended 30 June 2017

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Belyuen Community Government Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial report of Belyuen Community Government Council ("the Council"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of working capital, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, of the consolidated entity comprising the Council and entities it controlled during the year.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Belyuen Community Government Council as of 30 June 2017, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local Government Act and Regulations 2008*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practical to establish an efficient system of controls over the following revenue lines prior to entry into its financial records:

Store Sales - \$651,709
Repairs to Vehicle and equipment - \$127,857

Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding this source of revenue was limited, our audit procedures with respect to these sources had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to confirm that the store sales and repairs to vehicle and equipment revenues recorded by the Council are complete.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

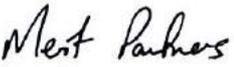
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that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

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

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

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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


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Matthew Kennon
Director

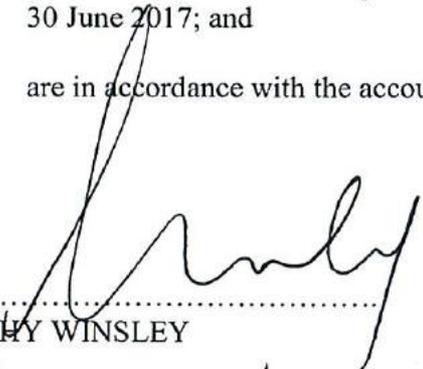
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BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

CEO'S CERTIFICATE

I, Cathy Winsley, the CEO of Belyuen Community Government Council certify that the annual financial statements:

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


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CATHY WINSLEY
CEO

DATE: 9/11/17

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

| | Notes | 2017 \$ | 2016 \$ |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| OPERATING REVENUES | | | |
| Interest | 3(b) | 55 | 60 |
| Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes | 3(a) | 658,727 | 641,157 |
| Other Operating Revenue | 3(c) | 1,349,472 | 1,523,152 |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES | | 2,008,254 | 2,164,369 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | |
| Employee Costs | 4(a) | (832,420) | (769,475) |
| Depreciation | 4(b) | (192,247) | (190,476) |
| Other Operating Expenses | 4(c) | (1,139,945) | (1,317,215) |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | | (2,164,612) | (2,277,166) |
| OPERATING LOSS BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS | | (156,358) | (112,797) |
| Profit / (Loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment | | (75,383) | 8,090 |
| CURRENT YEAR LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX | | (231,741) | (104,707) |
| Income Tax | | 0 | 0 |
| NET CURRENT YEAR LOSS AFTER INCOME TAX | | (231,741) | (104,707) |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME | | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEAR | | (231,741) | (104,707) |

The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2017**

| | Notes | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5 | 490,170 | 434,756 |
| Trade and other receivables | 6 | 81,575 | 109,932 |
| Other current assets | 7 | 85,467 | 83,363 |
| Inventory | 8 | 69,410 | 61,844 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>726,622</u> | <u>689,895</u> |
| NON CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 9 | 1,329,663 | 1,556,024 |
| TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>1,329,663</u> | <u>1,556,024</u> |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 10 | 221,159 | 211,320 |
| Employee provisions | 11 | 275,772 | 248,365 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>496,931</u> | <u>459,685</u> |
| NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Employee provisions | 11 | 14,276 | 9,415 |
| TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>14,276</u> | <u>9,415</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>1,545,078</u> | <u>1,776,819</u> |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | | 1,545,078 | 1,776,819 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | <u>1,545,078</u> | <u>1,776,819</u> |

The statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at the beginning of the year | 1,776,819 | 1,881,526 |
| Comprehensive income: | | |
| Loss for the year attributable to members of the entity | (231,741) | (104,707) |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | 0 | 0 |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity | <u>(231,741)</u> | <u>(104,707)</u> |
| Balance at the end of the year | <u>1,545,078</u> | <u>1,776,819</u> |

The statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

| | Notes | 2017 \$ | 2016 \$ |
|--|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u> | | | |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | |
| Interest | | 55 | 60 |
| Grant Income | | 658,727 | 641,157 |
| Other revenue | | 1,357,512 | 1,519,150 |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | |
| Employee costs | | (800,152) | (740,928) |
| Other expenses | | (1,119,459) | (1,374,849) |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities | 12(b) | <u>96,683</u> | <u>44,590</u> |
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u> | | | |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | |
| Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment | | 0 | 12,727 |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and Equipment | | (41,269) | (103,652) |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities | | <u>(41,269)</u> | <u>(90,925)</u> |
| NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD | | 55,414 | (46,335) |
| CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | 12(a) | <u>434,756</u> | <u>481,091</u> |
| CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | 12(a) | <u>490,170</u> | <u>434,756</u> |

The statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements and notes represent those of Belyuen Community Government Council ('the Council') and the community store by which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions. A summary of contributions to the operating result and net assets by function is provided at Note 2(a).

The financial statements were authorised for issue on the same date by which CEO signed the CEO's Certificate by the Council's Appointed Manager.

Basis of Preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act (NT)*, *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations (NT)* and the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The Council is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement of fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar and are presented in Australian dollars.

Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The following new and revised accounting standards and interpretations were effective for the first time in 2016-17:

- **AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures**

This standard applies to not-for-profit sector for the first time in 2016-17. The accounting standard requires disclosures about the remuneration of key management personnel, transactions with related parties, and relationships between parent and controlled entities. For any such transactions, disclosures will include the nature of the related party relationship, as well as information about those transactions' terms/conditions and amounts, any guarantees given/received, outstanding receivables/payables, commitments, and any receivables where collection has been assessed as being doubtful. As a result Council has disclosed more information about related parties and transactions with those related parties. This information is presented in Note 23.

The Council has also adopted other new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to their operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. The adoption of these new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not materially impacted the financial report.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Basis of Preparation (Cont'd)

New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The following new standards, amendments to standards or interpretations have been issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board but are effective for future reporting periods. The financial statements impact of these pronouncements once effective is not yet determine by the Council's financial statements. None of these pronouncements stated below have been adopted prior to the application date.

Future Australian Accounting Standard Requirements

The following new standards/revised standards/Interpretations/amending standards were issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board prior to the sign-off date are as follows:

| | Effective on or after | Financial year expected to be applied |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| AASB 9 'Financial Instruments, and relevant amending standards' | 1 January 2018 | 30 June 2019 |
| AASB 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers, and relevant amending standards' | 1 January 2018 | 30 June 2019 |
| AASB 16 'Leases' | 1 January 2019 | 30 June 2020 |

Accounting Policies

Revenue

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the community government council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Grants received relating to a future financial year are recorded as grants in advance at year end.

Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon receipt or upon prior notification that a grant has been secured.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Revenue (Cont'd)

Contributions not received over which the community government council has control are recognised as receivables. In respect of uncollected rent, amounts where collection is considered doubtful have not been brought to account.

Where contributions recognised as revenues 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, conditions are disclosed in Note 14.

Interest Income

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Other Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting period and where outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably. Stage of completion is determined with reference to the services performed to date as a percentage of total anticipated services to be performed. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent that related expenditure is recoverable.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Council is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Good and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Cash

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Inventory

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Property Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in profit or loss, or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to *Impairment of Assets*).

Subsequent costs are included in an asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss in the financial period in which they are incurred.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Property, Plant and Equipment (Cont'd)

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all non-current assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is available for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

| | Useful Life | | Depreciation Rate | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Years | | % | |
| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
| Buildings & Infrastructure | 20 | 20 | 5 | 5 |
| Motor Vehicles | 5 | 5 | 20 | 20 |
| Office Furniture & Fittings | 5 | 5 | 20 | 20 |

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Council reviews the carrying amount of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Council during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Council has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Employee Provisions

Short-term employee provisions

Provision is made for the Council's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including salaries and wages. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the undiscounted amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

Long-term employee provisions

Provision is made for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to the employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wages and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the re-measurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in the profit or loss as a part of employee benefits expense.

The Council's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current employee provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

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

Financial instruments of the Council are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

Classification and subsequent measurement

All financial assets of the Council are designated as loans and receivables.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or liability is measured at initial recognition less principal payments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life cycle (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of an income or expense item in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Council assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets will be deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of the occurrence of one or more events (a 'loss event'), which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of financial assets.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors, or a group of debtors, are experiencing significant financial difficulty, indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation, and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having undertaken all possible measures of recovery, if management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the written off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance accounts.

When the terms of the financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired would have renegotiated, the Council recognises the impairment for such financial assets taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

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

Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Economic Dependence

The Council is funded predominantly by funding provided by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to meet operational and capital expenditure needs.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in the expectation that such funding and support from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments will continue to be provided in future financial years.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The financial statements do not contain any significant accounting estimates or judgments that may result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the subsequent financial year.

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

NOTE 2(a): FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

The objectives and nature of the various functions of the Council reported on in note 2(b) are as follows:

Housing and Community Amenities

Community services, housing repair and maintenance, capital infrastructure, and emergency repairs to buildings.

General Public Services

Administration, trust account, and work for the dole programs.

Environmental Protection

Animal control program and associated veterinarian services.

Recreation, Culture and Religion

Sports and recreation facilities associated with a youth services program.

Social Protection

Aged care, FACS, after school care, vacation care, women's centre, and emergency relief.

Economic Benefit

General economic, roads, streets and footpaths, and services, underground drains, promotional and tourism affairs.

**BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 2(b): COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Revenues, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions/activities. Details of those functions/activities are provided.

| | General Public Service | | Environmental Protection | | Housing and Community Amenities | | Recreation, Culture and Religion | | Social Protection | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | Actual 2017 | Budget 2017 | Actual 2017 | Budget 2017 | Actual 2017 | Budget 2017 | Actual 2017 | Budget 2017 | Actual 2017 | Budget 2017 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Operating Revenues | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other operating revenue | 218,815 | 257,854 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124,050 | 154,250 |
| Grants - NT | 73,386 | 69,500 | 0 | 0 | 330,491 | 355,681 | 0 | 0 | 144,860 | 146,136 |
| Grants - NT/CWTH - Specific | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36,000 | 36,000 | 0 | 0 | 7,000 | 0 |
| Grants - C'wealth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 197,044 | 49,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,000 |
| Total Revenue | 292,537 | 327,354 | 0 | 0 | 563,535 | 440,681 | 126,000 | 283,903 | 275,910 | 307,386 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 197,823 | 203,267 | 0 | 0 | 262,920 | 269,601 | 43,593 | 68,580 | 128,970 | 106,753 |
| Depreciation | 187,583 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 197,416 | 124,087 | 0 | 0 | 234,848 | 157,895 | 69,758 | 89,420 | 137,348 | 200,623 |
| Total Expenses | 582,822 | 327,354 | 0 | 0 | 497,768 | 427,496 | 113,351 | 158,000 | 266,318 | 307,376 |
| Net Change in Assets | -290,285 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65,767 | 13,185 | 12,649 | 125,903 | 9,592 | 10 |
| Total Assets | 1,789,258 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57,859 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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NOTE 2(b): COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Revenues, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions/activities. Details of those functions/activities are

| | Economic Benefit | | TOTAL | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Actual 2017 \$ | Budget 2017 \$ | Actual 2017 \$ | Budget 2017 \$ |
| Operating Revenues | | | | |
| Interest | 19 | 50 | 55 | 50.00 |
| Other operating revenue | 676,117 | 798,954 | 1,349,473 | 1,694,642.00 |
| Grants - NT | 0 | 0 | 254,246 | 251,636.00 |
| Grants - NT / CWTH Specific | 0 | 0 | 7,300 | 30,000.00 |
| Grants - C'wealth | 74,137 | 74,137 | 397,181 | 256,137.00 |
| Total Revenue | 750,273 | 873,141 | 2,008,255 | 2,232,465 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 199,112 | 235,771 | 832,418 | 883,972 |
| Depreciation | 4,664 | 0 | 192,247 | 0 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 575,961 | 637,370 | 1,215,331 | 1,209,395 |
| Total Expenses | 779,737 | 873,141 | 2,239,996 | 2,093,367 |
| Net Change in Assets | -29,464 | 0 | -231,741 | 139,098 |
| Total Assets | 164,344 | 0 | 2,011,461 | 0 |

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| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 3(a) GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED FOR OPERATING PURPOSES | | |
| General Purpose Grants – Northern Territory | | |
| Dept. of Housing and Community Development (“DHCD”) | 73,386 | 121,951 |
| DOH – Indigenous Staff | 68,718 | 67,500 |
| DOH – Aged Care HACC | 76,142 | 50,011 |
| DHCD – Matching Fund IEP | 36,000 | 36,000 |
| Total General Purpose Grants – Northern Territory | <u>254,246</u> | <u>275,462</u> |
| General Purpose Grants – Commonwealth | | |
| Local Government – Roads | 48,110 | 32,150 |
| Dept. of Prime Minister & Cabinet Roads to Recovery | 200,137 | 202,137 |
| Local Government – FAA | 30,000 | 32,357 |
| Solar Street Lights | 38,763 | 23,796 |
| | 80,171 | 0 |
| Total General Purpose Grants – Commonwealth | <u>397,181</u> | <u>290,440</u> |
| Special Purpose Grants – Northern Territory | | |
| Dept. of Sports & Recreation | 0 | 30,000 |
| NT Carers | 300 | 0 |
| Office of Youth Affairs | 0 | 1,250 |
| Total Specific Purpose Grants – Northern Territory | <u>300</u> | <u>31,250</u> |
| Specific Purpose Grants – Commonwealth | | |
| Dept. of Social Services | 7,000 | 44,005 |
| Total Specific Purpose Grants – Commonwealth | <u>7,000</u> | <u>44,005</u> |
| Total Grants and Contributions Provided for Operating Purposes | <u><u>658,727</u></u> | <u><u>641,157</u></u> |

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| | 2017 | 2016 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 3(b): INTEREST INCOME | | |
| Interest on bank accounts | 55 | 60 |
| Total Interest Income | 55 | 60 |

NOTE 3(c): OTHER OPERATING REVENUE

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Administration Fee | 41,732 | 33,623 |
| ATM Commission | 345 | 616 |
| Corrugated Iron Contribution | 0 | 3,233 |
| Centrelink Contract | 58,459 | 57,979 |
| Office Rental | 19,563 | 19,213 |
| Rental | 0 | 93,600 |
| Residential Fees | 31,680 | 33,542 |
| Donation | 0 | 1,550 |
| Environment | 5,986 | 5,926 |
| Hire of Plant & Equipment | 47,513 | 48,121 |
| Ground Maintenance | 0 | 7,007 |
| Airstrip Maintenance | 50,949 | 45,175 |
| Frontier Brokerage | 38,434 | 39,828 |
| Meals on Wheels | 25,131 | 36,573 |
| Period Contract – PAWA | 58,268 | 75,445 |
| Waste Management Charge | 43,745 | 43,199 |
| Rates | 37,786 | 36,666 |
| Repairs to Vehicle/Equipment | 127,857 | 106,539 |
| Store sales | 664,836 | 737,470 |
| Silver Circle Brokerage | 20,554 | 48,270 |
| Sports Vacation Program | 0 | 3,000 |
| Support Service Fees | 0 | 10,595 |
| Supervisor Charges | 12,329 | 0 |
| Postal Service Fees | 10,186 | 10,180 |
| Wage /Super Reimbursement | 52,743 | 24,801 |
| Sundry | 1,376 | 1,001 |
| Total Other Operating Revenue | 1,349,472 | 1,523,152 |

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| | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 4(a): EMPLOYEE COSTS | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 740,995 | 685,933 |
| Superannuation | 70,806 | 67,940 |
| Workers Compensation | 20,619 | 15,602 |
| Total Employee Costs | 832,420 | 769,475 |
| NOTE 4(b): DEPRECIATION EXPENSE | | |
| Buildings | 62,270 | 62,276 |
| Office Equipment – Store | 2,887 | 466 |
| Infrastructure | 69,023 | 72,189 |
| Furniture & Fittings | 1,624 | 2,662 |
| Plant & Equipment | 56,443 | 52,883 |
| Total Depreciation Expense | 192,247 | 190,476 |
| NOTE 4(c): OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES | | |
| Accounting fees | 93,291 | 93,072 |
| Audit | 23,558 | 22,145 |
| Advertising | 188 | 1,170 |
| Administration Charges | 43,529 | 17,959 |
| Animal Control | 5,176 | 1,670 |
| Bank Charges | 3,822 | 4,440 |
| Bad Debts | 3,135 | 6,042 |
| Christmas Party | 315 | 383 |
| Cleaning Supplies | 5,573 | 4,634 |
| Consultants | 9,120 | 12,060 |
| Clearance check | 412 | 0 |
| Conference / Presentation | 736 | 0 |
| Cost of goods sold | 426,899 | 491,672 |
| Doubtful debts | 23,533 | 0 |
| Environment | 352 | 342 |
| Equipment <\$1,000 | 11,698 | 16,367 |
| Electricity | 35,283 | 36,382 |
| Entertainment | 0 | 1,630 |
| Food Purchases | 34,200 | 39,564 |
| Fees | 1,264 | 1,712 |
| Freight | 1,642 | 370 |
| Funeral Costs | 174 | 500 |
| Funds Returned | 0 | 3,113 |
| Gas Supplies | 2,120 | 1,863 |
| SUBTOTAL CARRIED FORWARD | 726,020 | 788,213 |

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NOTE 4(c): OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (Cont'd)

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| SUBTOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD | 726,020 | 788,213 |
| Garbage / Waste Charges | 29,898 | 29,253 |
| Gardening, ground maintenance | 0 | 1,870 |
| Hire of Plant and Equipment | 2,520 | 1,400 |
| Hire Bus / Driver / Vehicle | 704 | 0 |
| Holiday Program – School | 0 | 250 |
| Insurance | 75,663 | 75,070 |
| Internet Fees | 3,812 | 2,549 |
| Insurance – Airstrip | 1,926 | 1,926 |
| Meetings | 1,857 | 539 |
| Marine cargo | 467 | 461 |
| Membership Fees | 3,268 | 4,376 |
| Network Maintenance | 9,527 | 9,561 |
| Postage | 73 | 198 |
| Printing & Stationery | 9,666 | 8,989 |
| Pest control | 5,999 | 1,790 |
| Rent | 5,200 | 93,600 |
| R&M – Buildings | 1,200 | 150 |
| R&M – Machinery & Other | 12,743 | 17,501 |
| R&M – Electrical | 4,295 | 4,647 |
| R&M – Plumbing | 1,270 | 8,240 |
| R&M – Fire Equipment | 7,658 | 20,334 |
| Road Works Upgrade | 18,383 | 51,860 |
| Safety Equipment/Clothing | 3,298 | 3,724 |
| Service Charges | 200 | 5,043 |
| Sewerage | 3,631 | 2,623 |
| Stores, Materials & Loose Tools | 16,178 | 13,772 |
| Staff Amenities | 1,703 | 1,646 |
| Training | 162 | 1,697 |
| Telephone / Fax | 20,449 | 21,031 |
| Travel and Accommodation | 621 | 704 |
| Uniforms | 126 | 906 |
| Store Waste | 6,184 | 2,824 |
| Supervisor charges | 6,207 | 0 |
| Store Use | 18,670 | 16,839 |
| Vehicle - Fuel & Oil | 21,796 | 22,893 |
| Vehicle – Insurance | 7,558 | 7,461 |
| Vehicle – Rego | 3,779 | 4,454 |
| Vehicle - R&M | 6,458 | 8,329 |
| Vehicle equip / parts | 89,010 | 73,948 |
| Water | 11,766 | 37,667 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,139,945 | 1,317,215 |

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| | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | |
| General account | 179,834 | 195,172 |
| Trust account | 238,587 | 172,501 |
| Store Operating Account | 47,627 | 42,192 |
| Income Management Account | 8,901 | 11,077 |
| ATM – Float | 12,340 | 10,000 |
| Store – Float | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Store – Cash on hand | 881 | 1,814 |
| Total Cash and Cash Equivalents | 490,170 | 434,756 |

Restricted cash balances are as follows:

External restrictions

| | | |
|---|---------|--------|
| Income Management Funds in Trust included in Trade and other payables (refer Note 10) | 8,901 | 11,077 |
| Unexpended grants recognised in grant revenue (refer Note 14) | 235,627 | 88,189 |

Internal restrictions

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Employee provisions (refer Note 12) | 290,048 | 257,780 |
| Total restricted cash | 534,576 | 357,046 |
| Total unrestricted cash | (44,406) | 77,710 |

NOTE 6: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

CURRENT

| | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Accounts Receivable – Council | 94,124 | 103,068 |
| Accounts Receivable – Store | 11,191 | 6,864 |
| Less: Allowance for doubtful debts | (23,740) | (0) |
| Total Accounts and Other Receivables | 81,575 | 109,932 |

Credit Risk

The Council has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties. The main source of credit risk to the Council is considered to relate to the class of assets described as “Trade and Other Receivables”.

The following table details the Council’s trade and other receivables exposed to credit risk with ageing analysis. Amounts are considered “past due” when the debt has not been settled within the terms and conditions agreed between the Council and the counterparty, which is greater than 30 days. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining solvency of the debtors and are provided for when specific circumstances indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the Council.

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NOTE 6: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Cont'd)

The balances of receivables that remain within 30 days are considered to be of high credit quality.

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Receivables are aged as follows: | | |
| Current | | |
| 1 – 30 days | 60,458 | 53,517 |
| 31 – 60 days | 3,434 | 17,620 |
| 61 – 90 days | 4,067 | 247 |
| Over 90 days | 37,356 | 38,548 |
| | <u>105,315</u> | <u>109,932</u> |
| The provision for doubtful debts is age as follows: | | |
| Over 90 days | <u>23,740</u> | <u>0</u> |

NOTE 7: OTHER ASSETS

CURRENT

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Prepayments | 85,467 | 83,363 |
| Total Other Assets | <u>85,467</u> | <u>83,363</u> |

NOTE 8: INVENTORY

CURRENT

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Store Inventory | 69,410 | 61,844 |
| Total Inventory | <u>69,410</u> | <u>61,844</u> |

All inventories are expected to be sold within 12 months.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017****NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Buildings | | |
| At cost | 1,964,187 | 1,964,187 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (1,255,555) | (1,193,285) |
| Written down value | <u>708,632</u> | <u>770,902</u> |
| Plant and Equipment | | |
| At cost | 875,153 | 943,925 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (748,918) | (797,011) |
| Written down value | <u>126,235</u> | <u>146,914</u> |
| Infrastructure Works | | |
| At cost | 1,340,229 | 1,440,719 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (861,296) | (820,305) |
| Written down value | <u>478,933</u> | <u>620,414</u> |
| Furniture & Fittings – Store | | |
| At cost | 84,359 | 81,625 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (80,229) | (78,605) |
| Written down value | <u>4,130</u> | <u>3,020</u> |
| Improvements – Store | | |
| At cost | 3,065 | 3,065 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (2,341) | (2,188) |
| Written down value | <u>724</u> | <u>877</u> |
| Office Equipment – Store | | |
| At cost | 15,118 | 15,118 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (4,109) | (1,221) |
| Written down value | <u>11,009</u> | <u>13,897</u> |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment | <u><u>1,329,663</u></u> | <u><u>1,556,024</u></u> |

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NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (Cont'd)

Movements in carrying amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

| | Buildings | Plant and Equipment | Infrastructure Works | Work In Progress |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Balance at 30 June 2015 | 833,178 | 112,854 | 697,087 | 0 |
| Additions | 0 | 86,943 | 0 | 0 |
| Disposals - Costs | 0 | 0 | (4,637) | 0 |
| Transfer from/to WIP | 0 | 0 | 0 | (0) |
| Depreciation/Write-back | (62,276) | (52,883) | (72,036) | 0 |
| Balance at 30 June 2016 | 770,902 | 146,914 | 620,414 | 0 |
| Additions | 0 | 38,536 | 0 | 0 |
| Disposals - Cost | 0 | (107,308) | (100,490) | 0 |
| Disposals – Acc Depreciation | 0 | 104,536 | 27,879 | 0 |
| Depreciation | (62,270) | (56,443) | (68,870) | 0 |
| Balance at 30 June 2017 | 708,632 | 126,235 | 478,933 | 0 |

| Store | Furniture & Fittings | Office Equipment | Improvements | Totals |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Balance at 30 June 2015 | 2,182 | 1,153 | 1,031 | 1,647,485 |
| Additions | 3,500 | 13,209 | 0 | 103,652 |
| Disposals | 0 | 0 | 0 | (4,637) |
| Transfer from/to WIP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depreciation/Write-back | (2,662) | (465) | (154) | (190,476) |
| Balance at 30 June 2016 | 3,020 | 13,897 | 877 | 1,556,024 |
| Additions | 2,734 | 0 | 0 | 41,270 |
| Disposals - Cost | 0 | 0 | 0 | (207,798) |
| Disposals – Acc Depreciation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132,415 |
| Depreciation | (1,624) | (2,888) | (153) | (192,248) |
| Balance at 30 June 2017 | 4,130 | 11,009 | 724 | 1,329,663 |

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| | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 10: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Accounts Payables | 123,743 | 121,675 |
| Accrued Expenses | 70,605 | 63,535 |
| PAYG | 11,358 | 9,398 |
| GST Payable | (2,076) | (5,499) |
| Employee deductions | 8,628 | 11,134 |
| Income Management Funds held in Trust | 8,901 | 11,077 |
| | <u>221,159</u> | <u>211,320</u> |

All payables are expected to be settled in 12 months. Due to the short term nature of these payables, their carrying value approximates their fair value.

NOTE 11: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current | | |
| Annual Leave | 193,023 | 174,150 |
| Long Service Leave | 82,749 | 74,215 |
| | <u>275,772</u> | <u>248,365</u> |
| Non-Current | | |
| Long Service Leave | 14,276 | 9,415 |
| | <u>14,276</u> | <u>9,415</u> |
| Total Employee Provisions | <u>290,048</u> | <u>257,780</u> |

Employee Provisions – Annual Leave Entitlements

Based on past experience, the Council does not expect the full amount of annual leave to be settled wholly within the next 12 months. However, the amount must be classified as a current liability because the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of the amount in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlements.

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NOTE 12: STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash on hand at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 490,170 | 434,756 |
| Balances as per Statement of Cash Flows | 490,170 | 434,756 |

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

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the period | (231,741) | (104,707) |
| Items not involving cash: | | |
| - Depreciation | 192,247 | 190,476 |
| - (Profit) / loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 75,383 | (8,090) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| - (Increase)/decrease in inventory | (7,566) | (1,537) |
| - (Increase)/decrease in accounts and other receivables | 28,357 | 17,990 |
| - (Increase)/decrease in other assets | (2,104) | 5,678 |
| - Increase/(decrease) in accounts and other payables | 9,839 | (98,024) |
| - Increase/(decrease) in provisions | 32,268 | 42,804 |
| Net cash flows from Operating Activities | 96,683 | 44,590 |

NOTE 13: CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

On 9 February 2016, the Council received a letter from the Northern Land Council (“NLC”) in relation to section 19(5) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1997* in relation to aboriginal land occupied by the Council. NLC advised the Council that they were seeking to charge lease payments to the Council for the lease of land upon which Council’s buildings and infrastructure reside. NLC are seeking to back date these lease payments to August 2012. The Council disputes some of the land included by NLC. The Council has asked the Minister for Local Government and Community Services to negotiate with NLC in relation the matter, the outcome of which is not yet known.

As at 30 June 2017, the amount of any potential obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, and has not been recognised in the accounts.

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NOTE 14: CONDITIONS OVER GRANTS

Grants that were obtained on the condition that they are expended on specified purposes or in a future period but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period | 88,189 | 26,613 |
| <i>Less:</i> | | |
| Expended during the current reporting period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods | (88,189) | (26,613) |
| <i>Plus:</i> | | |
| Amounts recognised as revenues in current reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions | 235,627 | 88,189 |
| Amounts recognised in liabilities | 0 | 0 |
| Unexpended at the close of the current reporting period and held as restricted assets | <u>235,627</u> | <u>88,189</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in restricted assets in the current reporting period | <u>147,438</u> | <u>61,576</u> |

Unexpended Grants

| | | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| DLGH(SPG) – Closing the Gap Grant (C40) | 0 | 553 |
| DLG & Comm Serv – Manager Services Fees (C39) | 0 | 6,300 |
| Dept of Infrastructure and Regional (C59) | 16,131 | 6,332 |
| Dept of Sport & Recreation (R22) | 0 | 17,476 |
| Dept of Prime Minister & Cabinet - (R29) | 90,341 | 57,518 |
| Minister for Housing & Community Dev. – Solar Lights (C41) | 80,171 | 0 |
| Dept. of Social Service (S98) | 527 | 10 |
| DLG – Solar Lights – Basketball Court (R26) | 48,457 | 0 |
| | <u>235,627</u> | <u>88,189</u> |

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NOTE 15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Council's principal financial instruments comprise accounts and other receivables, accounts and other payables and cash and cash equivalents.

The Council manages its exposure to financial risks, in accordance with its policies. Its objectives of the policies are to maximise the income to the Council whilst minimising the downside risk.

The Council's activities expose it to normal commercial financial risk. The main risks the Council is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. Risks are considered to be low. There have been no substantive changes in the types of risks the Council is exposed to, how these risks arise, or the Council's objectives, policies and procedures for managing or measuring the risks from the previous period.

Primary responsibility for the identification and control of financial risks rests with the Appointed Manager and the CEO under the authority of the Appointed Manager.

(b) Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance of counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the Council.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures (such as utilisation of systems for approval, granting and removal of credit limits, regular monitoring of exposure against such limits and monitoring of financial stability of significant counterparties) ensuring to the extent possible that counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness.

Risk is also minimised through investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain a high credit rating.

Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is the equivalent to the carrying amount and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the statement of financial position.

There is no collateral held by the Council securing accounts and other receivables.

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NOTE 15: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Council might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flows through the use of cash flow forecasts and monitoring the ageing of receivables and payables.

The table below reflects an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for non-derivative financial instruments. The Council does not hold directly any derivative financial liabilities. Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect the Council's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates.

| | Within 1 Year | | Total | |
|--|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Financial liabilities due for payment | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 211,877 | 207,421 | 211,877 | 207,421 |
| Total contractual outflows | 211,877 | 207,421 | 211,877 | 207,421 |
| Total expected outflows | 211,877 | 207,421 | 211,877 | 207,421 |

| | Within 1 Year | | Total | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Financial assets – cash flows realisable | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 490,170 | 434,756 | 490,170 | 434,756 |
| Trade and other receivables | 81,575 | 109,932 | 81,575 | 109,932 |
| Total expected outflows | 571,745 | 544,688 | 571,745 | 544,688 |
| Net (outflow)/inflow on financial instruments | 359,868 | 337,267 | 359,868 | 337,267 |

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NOTE 15: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

(d) Net fair value of financial assets and liabilities

The net fair value of financial assets and liabilities approximate their carrying value.

The carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in the statement of financial position and in the notes forming part of the financial statements.

(e) Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and liabilities recognised at the end of the financial reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments. The Council is exposed to earnings volatility on floating rate instruments. The financial instruments that expose the Council to interest rate risk is limited to cash and cash equivalents.

Sensitivity analysis

The following table illustrates sensitivities to the Council's exposure to changes in interest rates. The table indicates the impact on how surplus and equity reported at the end of the reporting period would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk variable that management considers to be reasonably possible.

These sensitivities assume that the movement in a particular variable is independent of other variables.

| | Surplus \$ | Equity \$ |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Year ended 30 June 2017 | | |
| +/- 1% in interest rates | +/- 4,900 | +/- 4,900 |
| Year ended 30 June 2016 | | |
| +/- 1% in interest rates | +/- 4,400 | +/-4,400 |
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| | \$ | \$ |

NOTE 16: AUDITOR'S FEES

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Audit of the financial report | 23,557 | 18,500 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|

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NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The related parties of the Council include:

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

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel of the Council are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Council. This include the CEO and certain prescribed officers, if any, under section 112 of the *Local Government Act 2008*.

(i) Remuneration of KMP

Total remuneration and allowances paid to KMP during the year amounted to:

| Details | \$'000 |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Base Salary | 92,340 |
| Superannuation | 11,081 |
| Other short-term benefits | 18,794 |
| Total | <u>122,215</u> |

(ii) Retirement Benefits

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

(iii) Loans to Responsible Persons

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

(iv) Other Transactions

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

During the year, one of KMP's close family member is employed by the Council under normal employment terms and conditions. The amount paid to KMP's close family member amounted to \$56,498.

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NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

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

(v) Outstanding Amounts

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