

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



accountability
responsiveness

transparency
accessibility
innovation

honesty
flexibility

Maintains
2,121 km
of local roads



Representation
on **21** Northern
Territory and national
committees



100%
NT councils
are members



1,028
Twitter followers



12 Submissions
made to NT and Federal governments
on behalf of the sector



243 delegates
attended reference
group meetings and
workshops



On-site training
provided to **119**
Elected Members and
council staff



Training provided for
114
Elected Members



364
Newsletter
subscribers



146
Delegates attended
LGANT Conferences



\$570,000
group purchasing
through Local Buy



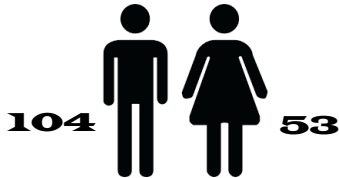
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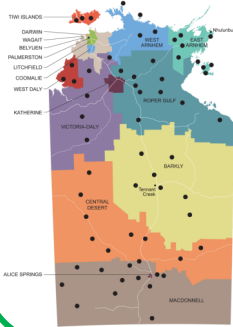
LOCAL GOVERNMENT in the NT

157

Democratically
Elected Members



17 councils



5 Municipal
9 Regional
3 Shire

89

Indigenous Elected
Members



Manages assets
and infrastructure
valued at over

**\$2.2
billion**



Receives and expends
\$466 million
in the Northern Territory
annually



Employs

3,000

Territorians



Provides
169 programs &
157 services
in NT
communities

Largest employer of Indigenous people in
regional and remote areas

1570

Indigenous employees in regional councils



Services an area of
**1,320,000
km²**



**64
Local
Authorities**

(committees) across 9
local government areas



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Chief Executive Officer's Report

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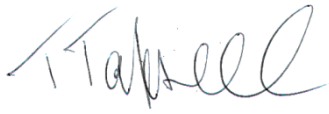
Dear President

Section 22.2 of the LGANT constitution requires me to present you with this annual report which includes the audited annual financial statements for the 2017-18 financial year.

The financial position and performance of LGANT was sound as at 30 June 2018 in that it:

- had a manageable cash flow
- could pay its debts as they fell due
- met its obligations in respect of one of its largest liabilities (bank loan) for its office premises
- had no major irregularities to report
- was a going concern largely due to financial support from:
 - **member councils** for:
 - member subscriptions
 - payment of service charges
 - the provision of venues by the Alice Springs Town Council, City of Darwin, Central Desert Regional Council, MacDonnell Regional Council, Litchfield Council and Katherine Town Council for LGANT's general and reference group meetings
 - **the Northern Territory government** in respect of grants for:
 - local government training
 - waste management
 - **the Commonwealth government** in respect of grants for:
 - local roads – financial assistance grant
 - roads to recovery
 - **sponsors** contributing to the cost of LGANT meetings:
 - Jardine Lloyd Thompson
 - Statewide Financial Management Services
 - Territory Insurance Office
 - MinterEllison
 - JLL Infrastructure Advisory

I thank the LGANT staff for their wonderful contributions throughout the year as well as the consultants and service providers that have assisted LGANT meet its objectives.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tapsell', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tony Tapsell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

President's Report on Behalf of the Executive

Dear Members,

The 2017-18 financial year included some consistency and perseverance from LGANT, attributes I am informed are the mainstay of advocacy work. There is much about that work in this report including local government representation on NT Government committees, submissions completed and the outputs from meetings.

Street lighting

On 1 January 2018, after a long drawn out process with the Northern Territory Government, lawyers and consultants, most councils commenced ownership of street lighting assets in their local government areas after earlier entering into deeds of agreement with the Power and Water Corporation. The occasion concluded a significant body of work which LGANT was proud to be part of. Local government associations interstate applauded LGANT for the move given the difficulties many of them are having because they do not own them. The settlement provides certainty for councils particularly in respect of control over asset replacement and enhancement as well as operations and maintenance costs.

Local government insurance scheme

This scheme finally came to fruition after almost four years of toil involving legal, risk and insurance research both for and from the sector. It will deliver savings benefits to councils in the long run as such arrangements have delivered in all other States of Australia with local government associations and insurance bodies being the architects of their creations. The scheme will be fully operational during 2018-19 and the LGANT Executive looks forward to receiving briefs on its progress.

Belyuen Community Government Council

Local democracy returned to the Belyuen Community Government Council following its election on 26 August 2017 after an absence of 12 years.

City of Palmerston

Local democracy was also returned to the City of Palmerston following its general election on 24 March 2018 and I, along with the LGANT CEO was pleased to attend the council's first meeting which was chaired by the newly elected Mayor, Athena Pascoe-Bell.

Local government training

It was very pleasing for LGANT to continue playing its part in organising elected member and staff training throughout the year. Financial support from the Department of Housing and Community Development was very much appreciated and hopefully will continue.

The delivery of training by consultants, the Australian Institute of Company Directors and LGANT staff meant that there was a wide range of effort delivered, which there needs to be, given elected members alone number 157 persons in the Northern Territory. A short course once a year is never going to be enough if learning and behaviour is to be reinforced, skill gaps recognised and filled and to cover the breadth of issues elected members have to deal with in their representative roles. Ongoing training is a prerequisite for all elected members.

Elected member service awards

It is appropriate for the sector to hold long service awards for elected members and to have such recognition acknowledged at the annual general meeting on 3 November 2017 was

most gratifying. This year for the first time the awards presented were medallions in place of certificates and some previous recipients of certificates were granted these as well (Mayor Judy MacFarlane of Roper Gulf Regional Council, President Clee of Wagait Shire, Mayor Adrian Dixon of the Central Desert Regional Council and former Alderman at the City of Darwin, Joanne Sangster were all presented with medallions).

Three members (City of Darwin former Alderman, John Bailey and Central Desert Regional Councillors, James Glenn and Norbert Patrick) all received awards for 10 years of service while City of Darwin former Alderman, Garry Lambert, was awarded for 15 years of service.

The award ceremony is an important feature on the LGANT November meeting calendar and it is fitting that the Minister for Housing and Community Development, the Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA once again agreed to present them.

Australian Local Government Association

Both LGANT Vice President representing regional and shire councils, Matthew Ryan and I represented LGANT on the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Board during the year where we are pleased to report the Board has supported (as it has done now for many years) Federal budget bids for Indigenous housing and investment in infrastructure to support growing towns in Aboriginal communities along with the many other areas of support for local government.

Most advocacy work done at the national level has application across Australia and the range of initiatives the Board approved at its March 2018 meeting for the 2018-19 Federal budget fell broadly into three main areas:

- **tax sharing** (restoring financial assistance grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth tax revenue)
- **community resilience, prosperity and inclusion** (health and well-being preventative measures and programs, Indigenous housing, digital transformation, connectivity, smart communities and innovation)
- **assets and infrastructure** (transport assets, knowledge and planning, Roads to Recovery and Bridges Renewal Programs, betterment programs and certainty around Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery funding, climate change asset adaptation and mitigation, community infrastructure investment).

The Federal Government adopted its budget during May 2018 and outcomes for local government were reported at the June 2018 Executive meeting.

Local Government Elections

Some of the outcomes following the local government elections held on 26 August 2017 and for the 24 March 2018 City of Palmerston election included:

- six new principal members (Mayors and Presidents)
- of the 157 elected members, 81 are new members
- voter turnout averaged 60% throughout the Northern Territory
- there are two councils, Belyuen and Central Desert, have members who are all Indigenous.

LGANT meetings

The main meetings LGANT organised, prepared papers for, arranged presentations and circulated minutes and followed up on actions arising from them during the year included:



The above meetings constitute a very large part of LGANT's work and are annual priorities in LGANT's strategic plan as well as being the subject of previous LGANT general meeting resolutions.

Damien Ryan
President

About This Report

This report is the 27th Annual Report of LGANT and it is for the financial year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and is prepared for members of LGANT and other parties.

This report has been prepared in compliance with clause 22.3 of the LGANT constitution which requires it to be tabled for the members of LGANT at an Annual General meeting. This meeting will take place on 8-9 November 2018 at the City of Darwin function room.

The report details the financial position and performance of LGANT for the financial year, as well as background material on local government in the Northern Territory, LGANT's membership, directions and achievements during the year.

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Regional Cooperation and Development Forum 2018, Canberra

About The Association

The office of LGANT is located at the Parap Business Centre, 21 Parap Road, Parap, Northern Territory.

LGANT has been in existence since 1992 and is the single peak body representing and servicing the needs of its 17 local government councils in the Northern Territory. LGANT is established as an incorporated body under section 242 of the *Local Government Act*.

LGANT has a nine member Executive Committee which has overall carriage of the Association's affairs as detailed in the Association's constitution and governance charter. LGANT's policy statements are regularly updated and reflect the local government sector response to particular issues.

The Executive and staff review the LGANT strategic plan each February and this report includes feedback on achievements against the plan for 2017/2018.

LGANT:

- **exists as a provider of support services, a coordinator of collective effort and as an advocate for its members and forms part of the system of local government in Australia** which includes:
 1. Councils
 2. State and Territory Local Government Associations
 3. the Australian Local Government Association
- **undertakes advocacy work for councils in the Northern Territory by being a 'voice' for member councils or representing their collective views to other spheres of government and the public.** This helps increase their understanding of the views and positions of local government in the Northern Territory
- **obtains views from its members through various communication channels,** most importantly at meetings where it calls for resolutions on a range of policies and actions. Progress reports are circulated regularly to members through minutes of meetings and reports
- **is a member of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA),** along with other State local government associations. ALGA is local government's voice at the national level with the Commonwealth government and LGANT has two members of its Executive (President and one Vice President) on the ALGA Board which meets six times per year.
- **has a strong interest in the development of local government.**

High Level Elements of LGANT's Strategic Plan

Vision

For LGANT to lead, represent and be influential for the benefit of local government in the Northern Territory.

Our Business

To provide leadership, support and influential representation for the local government sector on all issues in the Northern Territory.

Core Values

To achieve the mission and vision identified, the guiding principle of LGANT is to be responsive and supportive to the needs of its members. Our values are:

- transparency
- honesty
- accountability
- responsiveness
- accessibility
- flexibility
- innovation.

Strategic Goals

LGANT's goals as stated in the strategic plan are:

- *to enhance the status of local government (Local Government Understanding)*
- *to enhance the performance of local government (Local Government Capacity)*
- *to effectively advocate for and represent member councils (Local Government Influence)*
- *to maintain an effective and efficient service (Maintaining and Improving LGANT Capacity).*



Regional Forum, Darwin – April 2018

Membership 2017-2018

Membership of LGANT is voluntary and open to all local governments in the Northern Territory and it is also able to admit associate members under Clause 6.4 of its constitution.

During 2017-2018, 17 local governments in the Northern Territory were members of LGANT and were made up of (see **Table 1**):

- 5 municipalities
- 9 regional councils
- 3 shires

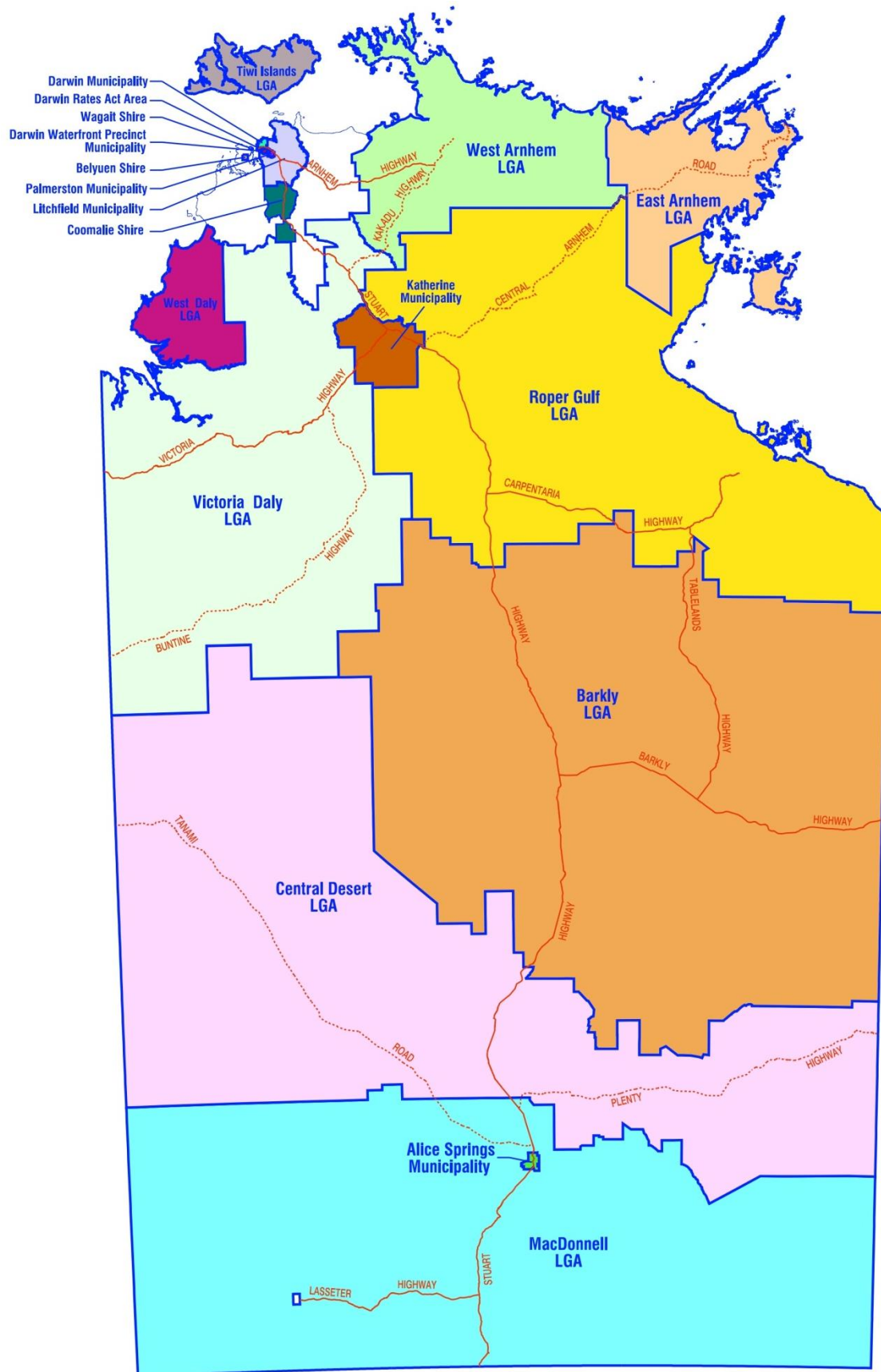
The Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited continued as an associate member during 2017-2018 because of its role as an organisation involved in the delivery of local government-type services.

The 17 LGANT Member and Associate Member Organisations as at 30 June 2018 were as follows:

Table 1
LGANT Members

Member	Type
Alice Springs Town Council	Municipal
Barkly Regional Council	Regional
Belyuen Community Government Council	Shire
Central Desert Regional Council	Regional
City of Darwin	Municipal
City of Palmerston	Municipal
Coomalie Community Government Council	Shire
East Arnhem Regional Council	Regional
Katherine Town Council	Municipal
Litchfield Council	Municipal
MacDonnell Regional Council	Regional
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Regional
Tiwi Islands Regional Council	Regional
Victoria Daly Regional Council	Regional
Wagait Shire Council	Shire
West Arnhem Regional Council	Regional
West Daly Regional Council	Regional
Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited (associate member)	Corporation

Local Government Areas in the Northern Territory as at 30 June 2018



Executive Committee Members 2017-2018

Clause 14.4 of the constitution requires LGANT's Executive to be made up of nine (9) members listed in **Table 2**. Member councils elect eight (8) members and there is also one (1) member appointed by the City of Darwin, all for two year terms. Of the nine member Executive, four (4) members (three elected and one appointed), make up the representation from municipal councils and the other four (4) members were elected from regional and shire councils and one (1) from all councils. The next general election for the Executive will be held at the Darwin Annual General Meeting on 9 November 2018. **Table 3** lists attendances at LGANT Executive meetings.

Table 2
LGANT Executive Committee as at 30 June 2018

Executive Position	Executive Member
President	Mayor Damien Ryan (Alice Springs Town Council)
Vice President – Regional and Shires	Mayor Matthew Ryan (West Arnhem Regional Council)
Vice President – Municipals	Alderman Gary Haslett (City of Darwin)
Executive Members	Mayor Fay Miller (Katherine Town Council) Mayor Steven Edgington (Barkly Regional Council) Alderman Sheree Cullen (City of Darwin) Mayor Lynette De Santis (Tiwi Islands Regional Council) President Peter Clee (Wagait Shire Council) Mayor Maree Bredhauer (Litchfield Council)

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**Table 3
Executive Member Attendance Report**

Meeting Date	Present	Apologies
25 July 2017	Mayor Damien Ryan Alderman Bob Elix Councillor Steven Hennessy Mayor Fay Miller Alderman Gary Haslett Mayor Lynette De Santis	President Barb Shaw Mayor Tony Jack
29 November 2017	Mayor Damien Ryan Alderman Gary Haslett Mayor Fay Miller Mayor Steven Edgington President Peter Clee Councillor Lynette De Santis	Mayor Maree Bredhauer Mayor Matthew Ryan
13 December 2017	Mayor Damien Ryan Alderman Gary Haslett Mayor Maree Bredhauer Mayor Steven Edgington President Peter Clee	Councillor Lynette De Santis Mayor Fay Miller Mayor Matthew Ryan
7 February 2018	Mayor Damien Ryan Alderman Gary Haslett Mayor Matthew Ryan Mayor Fay Miller Mayor Maree Bredhauer Councillor Lynette De Santis Mayor Steven Edgington President Peter Clee	
27 March 2018	Mayor Damien Ryan Alderman Gary Haslett Mayor Fay Miller Mayor Maree Bredhauer Councillor Lynette De Santis President Peter Clee	Mayor Steven Edgington Alderman Sherry Cullen Mayor Matthew Ryan
18 April 2018	Mayor Damien Ryan Alderman Gary Haslett Mayor Fay Miller Mayor Maree Bredhauer President Peter Clee Alderman Sherry Cullen	Mayor Matthew Ryan Mayor Steven Edgington Councillor Lynette De Santis
16 May 2018	Mayor Damien Ryan Alderman Gary Haslett Mayor Matthew Ryan Mayor Fay Miller Mayor Maree Bredhauer President Peter Clee	Mayor Steven Edgington Councillor Lynette De Santis

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Meeting Date	Present	Apologies
	Alderman Sherry Cullen	
12 June 2018	Mayor Damien Ryan Alderman Gary Haslett Mayor Matthew Ryan Mayor Fay Miller Mayor Maree Bredhauer President Peter Cleo Alderman Sherry Cullen	Mayor Matthew Ryan Councillor Lynette De Santis



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Mayors, Presidents, Deputies and CEOs Symposium – October 2017

Executive Member Biography

Mayor Damien Ryan

President of the Association

Damien was elected Mayor of Alice Springs in March 2008. He was elected to the LGANT Executive Committee as Vice President representing municipals at the Annual General Meeting in November 2010 and took on the position of President in April 2012.

Damien is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a Justice of the Peace.

Damien is Vice President of the Australian Local Government Association, Northern Territory Grants Commissioner, Co-Deputy Chair of the Outback Highway Development Council and Chair of Alice Springs Alcohol Management Group.

Other positions Damien holds include; Local Government Representative on the Northern Territory Heritage Council, Centralian Girls Academy Advisory Committee, Araluen Cultural Precinct Community Reference Group and Patron of Holyoake Alice Springs.



Mayor Matthew Ryan

Vice President representing Regional and Shire councils

A community leader in Maningrida for more than a decade, Mayor Matthew Ryan believes in promoting Indigenous rights.

Matthew was born in Royal Darwin Hospital and raised in Maningrida, where he lives with his wife Charlene Bonson and their four children.

After receiving his Primary and secondary education at Maningrida School, Matthew joined Northern Territory Police, giving many years of service to his community as an Aboriginal Community Police Officer.

Matthew has held the position of Councillor for Maningrida Ward since West Arnhem Regional Council was established, as West Arnhem Shire Council, in 2008. Prior to the Shire days, Matthew was a Councillor with the Maningrida Council. He has also served as a Councillor with Northern Land Council since 2004 and is currently a Liaison Officer with Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation.

Outside of work Matthew is a keen hunter and fisherman.



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Mayor Matthew Ryan is the Jongi for Benenbenbi (Stone Country), which is his mother's and grandfather's country.

Alderman Gary Haslett

Vice President representing Municipal councils

When Gary first came to Darwin in 1966 as a baby, his mother was adamant she was only staying for 3 years – they all still live here today. This is a very common story.



Alderman Haslett attended Rapid Creek Primary, Nightcliff Primary and after Cyclone Tracy NiMiRa Primary (for one year Nightcliff, Millner and Rapid Creek schools were combined). Later Alderman Haslett attended Nightcliff High School and Northern Territory University (now Charles Darwin University).

In 1982 Gary started his working life at Channel Eight (now Channel 9). In the 1990s he worked for ABC TV here in Darwin. His roles included directing local ABC news, 7.30 Report, Stateline NT and Australia Television News (ATV) – broadcast both nationally and internationally nightly. Gary received a silver medal at the prestigious New York Festival for his efforts directing ATV News.

Mayor Fay Miller

Executive Member representing Municipal councils

Fay was first elected as Alderman to Katherine Town Council in 2001. She was then elected as the Member for Katherine to the NT Legislative Assembly in 2003 (a by-election) and again at a general election in 2004. She held the position of Deputy Leader of the Opposition and seven Shadow portfolios in addition to five Select Committees until her retirement in 2008 following serious injury in a vehicle accident.



Fay was elected as Mayor of Katherine in the March 2012 local government elections and was elected to the LGANT Executive in May 2012. Positions held within the Katherine community have included Chairman of the Katherine Region Tourist Association, Chairman Katherine Hospital Board, Director Bendigo Bank and committee member of Neighbourhood Watch, committee member of the Katherine Flood Mitigation Committee.

Fay holds positions on a number of Katherine Town Council committees, is the Chairperson of the Big Rivers Regional Economic Development Committee, a board member of Savannah Way Ltd, a member of the Ministerial Advisory Group for Senior Territorians and the NT Seniors Advisory Council, Development consent Authority, Katherine Cancer Working Group, Katherine Accommodation Action Group, Katherine Alcohol Action Group, Katherine Local Tourism

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Advisory Committee, Katherine Emergency Committee and board member of Nitmiluk Tours. Fay was recently appointed to the Onshore Petroleum Community Business Reference Group and GISERA NT Regional Research Advisory Committee.

Councillor Lynette De Santis

Executive Member representing Regional and Shire councils



Born and raised in Darwin, Lynette moved to the Tiwi Islands in 1985 where she became involved in community issues. She was elected Mayor of Tiwi Islands Regional Council in 2008.

Formerly a member of the NT Statehood Committee and a director of the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board, Lynette is currently President of the Milikapiti Community Indigenous Corporation.

Lynette was first elected to the LGANT Executive in November 2014 and then re-elected in December 2016.

Lynette is passionate about her community and in particular in mentoring its young people.

President Peter Clee

Executive member representing regional and shire councils



President Peter Clee moved to the NT in 1989 and studied business at the local university. He has resided at Wagait Beach since 1994 and was soon thereafter elected to council. He has been on council for 20 years.

Since moving to the NT he has held board positions including the NT Emergency Services, NT Hepatitis Council, The Australian Institute of Conveyancers, NT Family Planning Association, and the Wagait Shire Emergency Recovery Committee. Peter has also been a director of several private and public companies including the Wireless Institute of Australia,

Peter was first elected to local government in 1998 when he stood as a candidate for the then Cox Peninsula Community Government Council. This council changed its name as a result of the local government reforms in 2008 to Wagait Shire Council. He took an active role in amalgamation discussions and was the chair of the Top End Shire Steering Committee.

Peter was awarded the Citizen of the Year at the Wagait Shire Australia Day awards ceremony in January 2017.

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Mayor Steven Edgington

Executive member representing regional and shire councils



Mr Edgington is a former member of the Tennant Creek Local Authority, former committee member of the Battery Hill Mining Centre and the Tennant Creek Foundation. He has also been instrumental in establishing the Tennant Creek Community Safety Committee and is currently a member of the Tennant Creek Regional Economic Development Committee.

Before being elected as Mayor of the Barkly Regional Council, Steve completed over 29 years continuous service with the Northern Territory Police Force, the South Australian Government, the Commonwealth Government and the Northern Territory Government.

Steve has a number of tertiary qualifications including a Master of Public Policy & Administration, Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, a Graduate Certificate in Applied Management, Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business & Commerce, Bachelor of Policing (Investigations) and a Bachelor of Arts. Steve was admitted to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory as a Legal Practitioner on 9 May 2017. He is an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Managers and Leaders, a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and an Associate Member of the Law Society NT.

He has also been actively involved with the community of Tennant Creek and the Barkly. One of the most challenging roles was President of the Barkly Australian Football League for a period of two years from 2014-2015.

Mayor Maree Bredhauer

Executive member representing all councils



Maree was elected as Mayor of Litchfield Council in November 2015 and re-elected again in 2017.

As Mayor of Litchfield Council, Maree meets regularly with Federal and Territory elected members, departmental representatives, residents and business and community groups. Maree is an executive member of LGANT in the position of Executive all Councils and executive member of the Australian Local Government Women's Association of the Northern Territory (ALGWA NT).

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Prior to being elected as Mayor, Maree held a number of senior corporate leadership roles within the NT Department of Education. She is a Board Member of Early Childhood Australia and the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Assurance (ACECQA), is a member of the NT Government Early Childhood Expert Reference Panel and NT Government Key Stakeholder Advisory Group for Early Childhood Education and Care.

Along with Education degrees, Maree has a Masters in International Management and Leadership qualifications.

Alderman Sherry Cullen

Executive member representing municipal councils



Hailing originally from the Riverina farming country in NSW, Sherry now calls the NT home. Beginning her career as a Town Planner on the Gold Coast, Sherry worked in the private sector where she had exposure and contribution to a range of master planned communities and hotel developments with projects based in Queensland and New South Wales. Currently Sherry is working as a Development Manager with Hutchinson Builders. Other roles included working for three years with the NT Government and the NT EPA developing policy and delivering housing in remote communities.

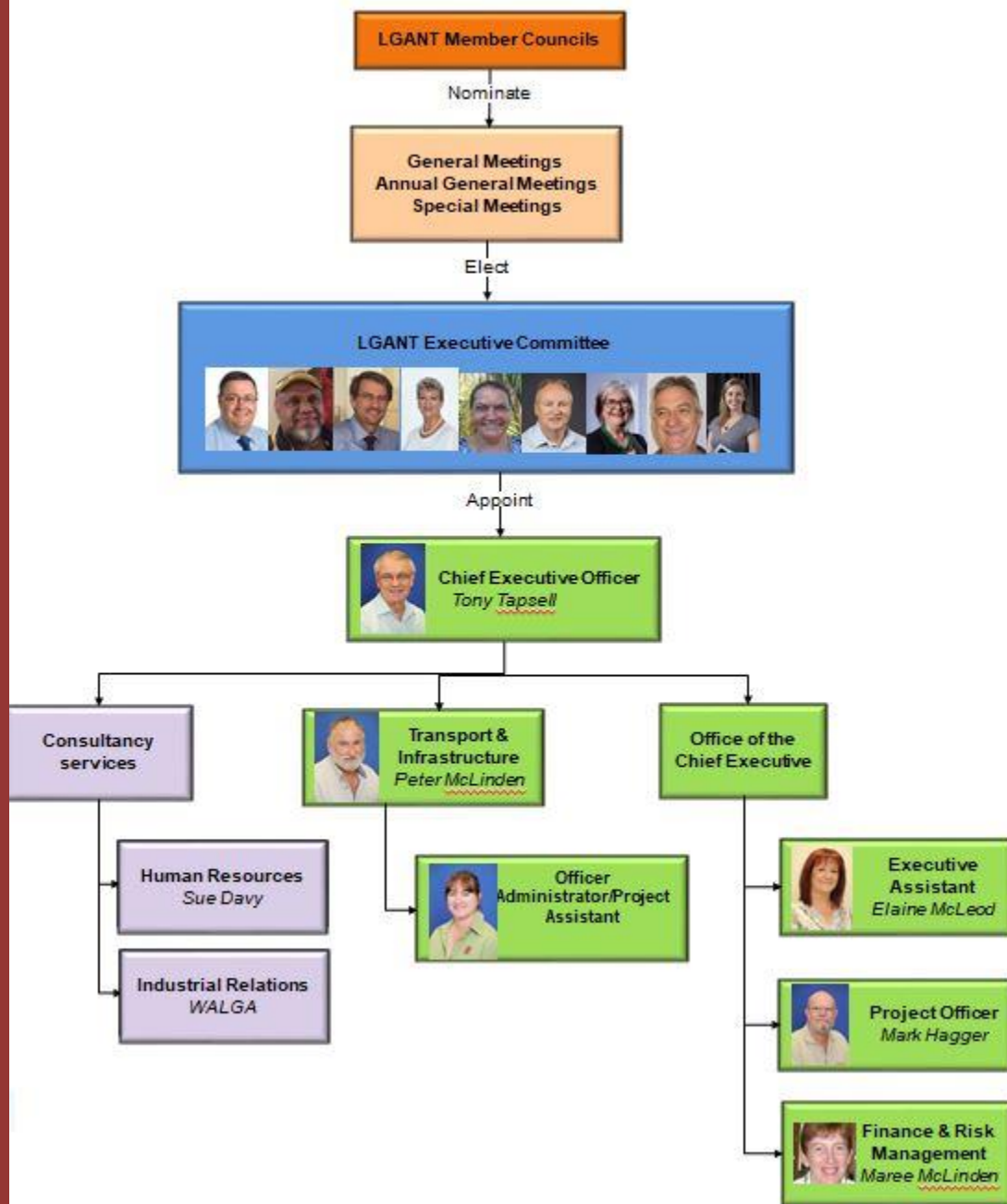
Sherry has been an elected member on the City of Darwin council since September 2017. She is Chair of the City Futures Committee, a member of the Development Consent Authority. Over the years Sherry has held other voluntary positions in community organisations, sporting clubs and professional networks such as the Planning Institute of Australia.

Sherry has a balanced commitment to community, commercial and environmental outcomes. She is a strong advocate for positive planning and development outcomes within her industry. She has an affinity to learning and a clear understanding of the role of the different levels of government and private sector and how they can work together and share risks in order to achieve success for local communities.

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LGANT Organisational Structure as at 30 June 2018



Service Providers and Sponsors

Auditor

Kevin Blacker & Associates
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WINNELLIE NT 0821

Bankers

National Australia Bank
Smith Street
DARWIN NT 0800

Insurance

Jardine Lloyd Thompson
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FORTITUDE VALLEY BC QLD 4006

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Gold:



Territory Insurance Office

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Silver:

JLL Infrastructure Advisory

Annual Priority Achievements 2017-2018

The **2017-2018** financial year is the **fourth** of LGANT's updated five year Strategic Plan ('the Plan') goals, outcomes, annual priorities and performance measures. These priorities are reviewed and updated each year to ensure they meet member expectations and the capacity of LGANT officers to deliver.

The Strategic Plan is available on the LGANT website: www.lgant.asn.au

Goal 1 – To enhance the status of local government

Local Government Understanding

LGANT shall pursue the improved standing of local government in the Northern Territory. LGANT will do this on behalf of, and in conjunction with its members, through fostering effective communication and activities between LGANT, member councils and all local government stakeholders. We will use available resources to disseminate information which assists all parties to better understand matters relating to local government including those that recognise its achievements and increase involvement in its activities.

1.1 Prepare and disseminate information products to member councils.

Substantial material provided to councils during the course of this financial year included:

- monthly Executive agendas and minutes
- biannual general meetings agendas and minutes
- reference group agendas and minutes
- LGANT and ALGA News
- social media (Twitter, LGANT Website)
- Federal and Northern Territory government media releases
- EasyGrants newsletter
- 2018 LGANT Directory
- 2018 LGANT Calendar
- 2018-19 Northern Territory and Federal government budget summaries
- developed and distributed link on *Why Council? Stand Up For Your Community* as a candidate information session video
- councillor induction guide was forwarded to all councils in September 2017 along with an induction video for newly elected members
- mining lease data it receives from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources
- Section 19 leases on Aboriginal land
- annual model financial statements
- annual local government cost index
- consolidated income and expenditure statement for Northern Territory local government councils.

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1.2 Pursue the reinstatement of the office of the Minister for Local Government.

The Minister is aware of LGANT's position on this matter and the issue certainly been raised with the government. No change to the administrative arrangements order of the Northern Territory Government was made during the year to create an office for the Minister for Local Government.



Goal 2 – To enhance the performance of local government

Local Government Capacity

LGANT shall pursue the continued improvement of local government performance in the Northern Territory. LGANT will do this on behalf of, and in conjunction with, its members and will coordinate and run activities which focus on members councils' performance issues and assist with professional development.

2.1 Provide councils with specialist human resources and industrial relations services

LGANT is required under its constitution to provide industrial relations services to its members. LGANT contracted the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Workplace Solutions to do much of this work which included amongst other things:

- human resource and industrial relations advice
- issue of policy materials
- representing councils in the Fair Work Commission.

Individual contacts from councils totalling 558 were made throughout the year at an average of almost 47 contacts per month.

WALGA attended the Governance and HR reference group on 26-27 July 2017 and 1-2 February 2018.

WALGA represented LGANT on the National Workforce Development Group which was looking at skills development in local government and workforce data metrics.

Tables 5 and 6 show the spread of topics addressed and proportional usage by member councils.

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Table 5
2017/18 Proportion of council contacts with WALGA Workplace Solutions by type

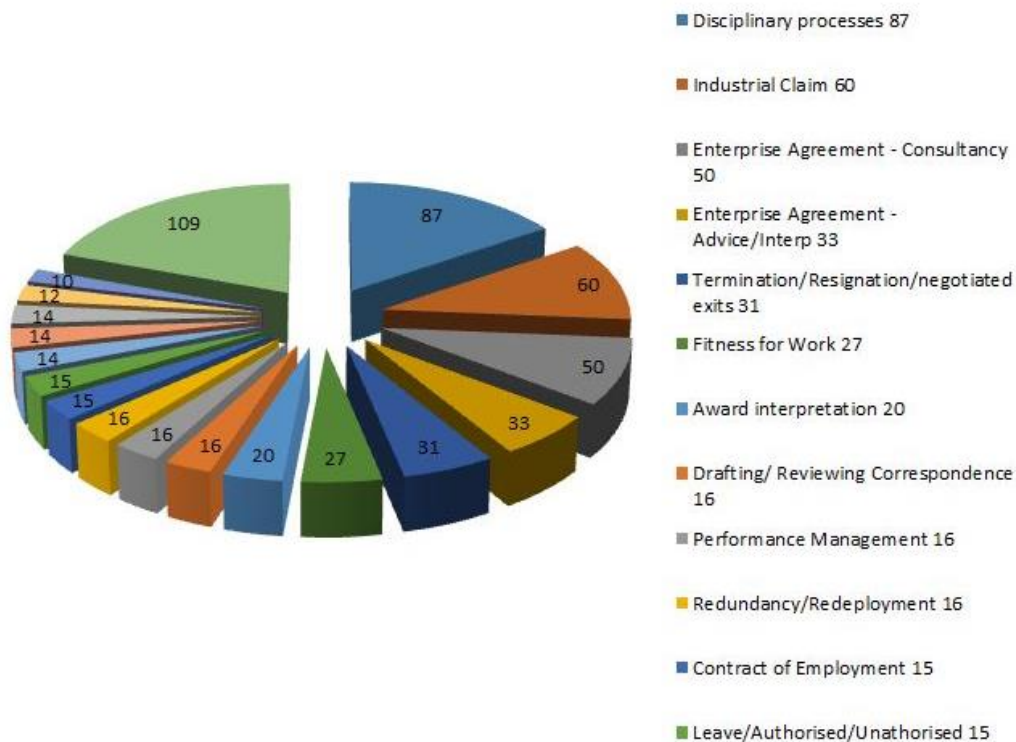
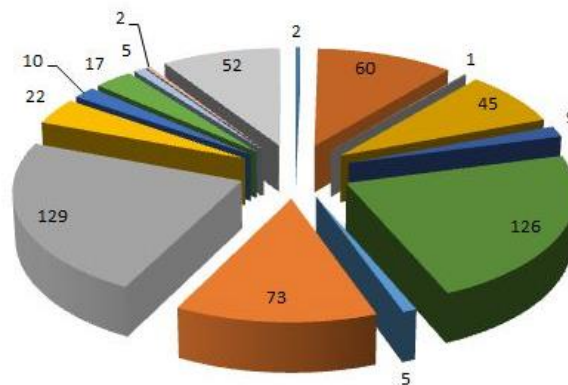


Table 6
2017/18 Proportion of council contacts with WALGA Workplace Solutions

- Alice Springs Regional Council 2
- Barkly Regional Council 60
- Belyuen Community Government Council 1
- Central Desert Regional Council 45
- Coomalie Community Government Council 9
- City of Darwin 126
- Katherine Town Council 5
- Litchfield Council 73
- MacDonnell Regional Council 129
- City of Palmerston 22
- Roper Gulf Regional Council 10
- Tiwi Islands Regional Council 17
- Wagait Shire Council 5
- West Arnhem Regional Council 2
- West Daly Regional Council 52



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- LGANT also undertook some performance appraisals for Council CEOs and gave specific human resources advice to individual council personnel including where to obtain more information.

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2.2 Facilitate training and professional development activities for elected and local authority members and staff including:

- waste management symposium
- procurement forum
- Independent Commission Against Corruption briefing
- rates workshop
- Australian Institute of Company Directors course.



Australian Institute of Company Directors course, Darwin, February 2018

LGANT in response to the above carried out the following activities listed in Table 7 below:

Table 7
List of activities undertaken in support of the professional development of elected members and council staff

Council	Audience and Training	Location	Date
Various councils – Governance and Human Resources Reference Group	<i>Meeting Procedures</i> delivered by Allan McGill 20 council staff	Rydges Palmerston Hotel	26-27 July 2017
East Arnhem Regional Council	<i>Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct</i> delivered by Tony Tapsell	Nhulunbuy	14 September 2017

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Council	Audience and Training	Location	Date
	12 elected members		
All councils (excepting Belyuen and Coomalie)	<i>Mayors and Presidents Symposium</i> 21 elected members and 13 CEOs	Palmerston Rydges Hotel	5-6 October 2017
Victoria Daly Regional Council	<i>Meeting Procedures and Roles and Responsibilities-Induction</i> delivered by Allan McGill 5 elected members and CEO	Katherine	16 October 2017
West Arnhem Regional Council	<i>Meeting Procedures Training</i> delivered by Allan McGill 10 elected members and 3 staff	Jabiru	7-8 November 2017
East Arnhem Regional Council	<i>Code of Conduct</i> delivered by Angela Pattison 10 elected members, 1 council staff and 2 departmental staff	Nhulunbuy	20 November 2017
Roper Gulf Regional Council	<i>Meeting Procedures and Minute Taking</i> delivered by Angela Pattison 11 senior administration support staff	Katherine	29 November 2017
City of Palmerston	<i>Prospective Candidate Session</i> delivered by Damien Ryan and Tony Tapsell 6 prospective candidates	Palmerston	31 January 2018
Various councils	<i>Governance Essentials for Local Government and Finances for Directors</i> course Delivered by Australian Institute of Company Directors 50 elected members	Darwin	20-21 February 2018 30-31 May 2018
West Daly Regional Council	<i>Elected Members Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct</i> Delivered by Tony Tapsell 6 elected members	Darwin	18 May 2018
Various Councils	<i>Procurement for Local Government and Contract Management Essentials</i> delivered by Michael Robinson (ArcBlue Consulting) Day 1 - 21 participants representing	Darwin	5-7 June 2018

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Council	Audience and Training	Location	Date
	<p>11 councils</p> <p>Day 2 - 23 participants representing 12 councils</p> <p>Day 3 - 20 participants representing 11 councils</p>		
Barkly Regional Council	Delivered by Allan McGill	Tennant Creek	



Procurement Workshop, Darwin – June 2018

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2.3 Review LGANT policies, research and develop new policies for submission to the Executive and General meetings for approval.

Throughout the year the following LGANT Policy Statement was approved as an addition by the Executive:

**Table 8
Changes to the LGANT Policy Statements**

Section	Policy Statements
2.12 (f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of early childhood education in the acquisition of language, literacy and numeracy skills and the need for bilingual programs (<i>new policy</i>)
Governance Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple changes were made throughout the Charter largely to update the document

2.4 Assist member councils with policy development.

LGANT mainly addresses policy development issues through reference groups and the Executive and CEO Forum meetings. Some of the policies council were encouraged to develop included those to do with:

- Council road hierarchies
- MOU's to do with rail and road interfaces
- asset management
- subdivision guidelines
- crowded places and mass gatherings
- alcohol .

Most councils do their own research on policy development due to the large amount of material available on the internet including the policies of councils throughout Australia

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2.5 Assist councils to implement policies and procedures that facilitate financial sustainability.

LGANT:

- produced the 2016-17 local government cost index for use by councils as part of their deliberations in determining appropriate rates and charges for the 2017-18 financial year
- continued the MOU with Local Buy Pty Ltd which enables councils to access specialist procurement services and thereby potentially save on costs
- continued to support the reporting of financial sustainability ratios in the annual financial statements of councils largely through the work of the Finance Reference Group
- established a trust arrangement that will see the pooling of council insurance premiums in order to save on costs and bring more rigour to risk management practices
- supported councils in waste management resource sharing and collaboration to save on costs and to provide efficient service delivery
- provided monthly reports on mining tenements for levying rates on conditionally rateable properties
- facilitated the bulk purchase of parking disability permits for councils to save on procurement costs.

2.6 Work towards the full incorporation of the Northern Territory under the *Local Government Act (2013)* with the exception of special purpose areas.

LGANT:

- lodged in November 2017 a budget submission to the Northern Territory Government requesting funding for local governments in the event further land masses are incorporated into local government boundary areas
- held discussions with council officers and representatives about possible boundary changes involving unincorporated land.

2.7 Work with councils to gather relevant data which can be included in a national Australian Local Government Association 'State of the Local Government Sector' report.

Data analytics was discussed at meetings of local government associations throughout the year with some progress being achieved on the subject of human resources metrics data. The Local Government Association of Queensland launched its LG Sherlock, data storage and analysis service for its councils' data which will have potential in future years to contribute to the State of the Local Government Sector Report.

As in previous years the issue for most local government associations is collecting consistent data from councils and obtaining consensus on the data that should be collected with the latter again proving to be a challenge.

LGANT analysed the annual reports of each member council to contribute to ALGA's *State of the Local Government Sector* report as well as the Federal Government's *National Report on Local Government*.

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2.8 Convene appropriate LGANT meetings with member councils to facilitate collaboration, sector policy development and bring about local government reforms and provide networking opportunities:

- **Executive meetings**
- **General and Annual General meetings**
- **Mayors and Presidents Forum**
- **CEO Forum**
- **Regional Forum**
- **Reference groups:**
 - **Community Services**
 - **Environment, Transport and Infrastructure**
 - **Finance**
 - **Governance and Human Resources.**

The above meetings are the primary mechanism LGANT uses to both engage with councils and coordinate work with them.

At any one time LGANT deals with numerous agenda items at its meetings.

Some agenda items are not referenced in the following tables however a portion of them are reported in other sections of this Annual Report.

**Table 10
LGANT Executive Meetings**

Date	Key Actions Arising from Executive Meetings
25 July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• endorsed a submission to the NT Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review• endorsed a submission to the Inquiry into the National Freight and Supply Chain Priorities• approved a submission being prepared to the NT EPA on recommended land use separation distances• adopted a LGANT policy on sponsorship of LGANT events and activities from external organisations• endorsed the LGANT submission on the draft legislation on the Independent Commission Against Corruption Bill

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Date	Key Actions Arising from Executive Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to local government elections LGANT was unable to hold meetings of the Executive until it first filled its casual vacancies so that it had a quorum.
13 December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed the 2018-19 LGANT budget submission to the Northern Territory Government • adopted the revised 2017-18 LGANT budget • adopted an internal LGANT policy on risk management • approved changes to the LGANT Governance Charter Policy • adopted a model resolution to be used by councils confirming agreement in becoming members of the Joint Insurance Discretionary Trust • endorsed nominations to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs, National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee, Neighbourhood Watch NT, NT Water Safety Advisory Council, Place Names Committee and NT Settlement Planning and Outcomes Committee • approved an application to the Building Better Regions Fund Community Investments Stream for the Local Road Mapping and Hierarchy Project • endorsed proposed changes to the CouncilBIZ Constitution
7 February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussed a review of the Members' Satisfaction Survey • adopted the LGANT Risk Management Plan • requested LGANT write to the Minister seeking a commitment to fund governance training for elected members following the February 2018 Australian Institute of Company Directors course • endorsed the 2018-19 annual priorities as presented with the 2014-2019 LGANT Strategic Plan • endorsed the annual budget for 2018-19 and membership subscriptions • approved the LGANT Local Roads Asset Management Plan • approved the LGANT submission on the inquiry into the operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities • endorsed a nomination to the EASA Board

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Date	Key Actions Arising from Executive Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed nominations to the NT Grants Commission • approved the LGANT submission on remote employment and participation • approved the LGANT submission on the Discussion Draft: Planning for a Vibrant Future • approved the LGANT submission to the Northern Territory Revenue Discussion Paper
27 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed nominees to a list of persons eligible to be a member of a local government disciplinary committee • endorsed a LGANT representative to the Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee • resolved that LGANT become a member of the NT Local Government Insurance Discretionary Trust • noted the report on the ASIO NT Security Intelligence briefing
18 April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed the LGANT submission to the Inquiry into Regional Inequality in Australia • endorsed the LGANT submission to the 2016-17 Local Government National Report • requested a letter be sent to the Minister on the outcomes from the LGANT general meeting • noted the ALGA Board report for March 2018 • requested that elected members be invited to do presentations at the LGANT Conference
16 May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved the use of the LGANT Common Seal on the funding agreement for the employment of the Local Government Environment Project Officer • requested LGANT write to the Minister about the town camps review • supported councils making preparations for entering into new agreements with NT Library • adopted the internal LGANT information and telecommunications technology network policy

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Date	Key Actions Arising from Executive Meetings
12 June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved the LGANT policy statement on language, literacy and numeracy • approved the LGANT submission to the NT Government discussion paper – Territory Wide Logistics Master Plan • accepted the recommendations and actions of the Community Services Reference Group • endorsed a nomination to the NT Tobacco Control Action Committee

**Table 11
General and Annual General Meetings**

Date	Key Actions Arising from General and the Annual General Meetings
2 November 2017 General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognised the inequity of the Black Spot Road Funding in the NT and supported a needs-based allocation of Black Spot Funding for local government • agreed to seek support from the government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to have land allocated to the City of Darwin for the establishment of an emergency waste management facility for the Top End ○ to factor in additional waste management costs for regional councils from the investment in remote housing • approved the 2018-19 LGANT budget submission • committed to provide input into the LGANT 2018-2019 annual priorities • endorsed LGANT continuing its efforts to seek changes in the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements conditions • approved renewal of the LGANT office loan • discussed improving voting and voter turnout at council elections • endorsed sending a letter to the Minister for Health regarding the operation of morgues • endorsed the appointment of WALGA as the workplace relations and advocacy service provider to LGANT members

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Date	Key Actions Arising from General and the Annual General Meetings
3 November 2017 Annual General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed the 2016/2017 LGANT Annual Report • conducted elections for the Executive casual vacancies with the support of the NT Electoral Commission • accepted reports from LGANT representatives on eight external boards and committees • the Minister for Housing and Community Development, the Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA and the LGANT President presented local government long service awards to four councilors having more than ten years' service in local government
13 April 2018 General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adopted the 2014-19 LGANT Strategic Plan including the 2018-19 annual priorities • endorsed the LGANT 2018-19 annual budget including membership subscriptions • supported all recommendations contained in the Riley Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report • supported the Point of Sale Interventions program applying equally to all people across the Northern Territory and being retained indefinitely • requested LGANT write to the Minister on behalf of members reiterating the issues raised during his address at the LGANT Conference

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Video address by The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP at the LGANT Conference in Darwin, April 2018

**Table 12
CEO Forum**

Date	Key Actions Arising from CEO Forum Meetings
1 November 2017	<p>LGANT convened the following CEO forums which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed the actions and recommendations arising from subordinate reference group meetings • endorsed the LGAQ workforce data collection tool and the establishment of a working group to refine to suit NT local government • reviewed the LGANT general and annual general meeting agendas and conference program • discussed recent key initiatives and events occurring in NT local government areas
12 April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed the actions and recommendations arising from subordinate reference group meetings • reviewed the LGANT general meeting agenda and conference program • recommended amendments to LGANT's draft policy on protective security

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Date	Key Actions Arising from CEO Forum Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussed the development of subdivision guidelines approved the Local Government Records Management project

Table 13

Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Reference Group (ETIRG)

Date	Key Actions Arising from Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Reference Group Meetings
19-20 October 2017	<p>LGANT convened meetings of this group which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agreed to acknowledge government funding in council publications and annual reports supported providing information and priorities to LGANT for inclusion in the 2018/19 LGANT budget submission agreed to promote and support ALGA's National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in Albany in November 2017 supported the convening of the Asset Management Expo in August 2018 discussed opportunities for collaboration with the private sector and government agencies to access additional funding for infrastructure to support housing in the NT as articulated in LGANT's 2018-19 budget submission agreed that a working group be formed to assist in the development of policies dealing with Natural Disaster Relief Recovery Arrangements submissions and associated reporting and acquittal processes supported LGANT sourcing funding to develop a Strategic Local Road Hierarchy agreed to assist councils and CEOs in the review of policies, procedures and plans in readiness for the commencement of the Independent Commission Against Corruption legislation
3-4 May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> supported and agreed to participate in the Local Road Mapping and Hierarchy Project provided input to the LGANT submission to the Australian Energy Regulator discussed the development of subdivision guidelines requested councils pursue MOUs with rail operators where roads and rail crossings interface within a local government area

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Date	Key Actions Arising from Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Reference Group Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussed crowded places and mass gathering policies and planning agreed to a forum to discuss the reporting and acquittal responsibilities of local councils under the new Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements guidelines

**Table 14
Finance Reference Group (FRG)**

Date	Key Actions Arising from Finance Reference Group Meetings
24 October 2017	<p>LGANT convened meetings of this group which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agreed that council policies, procedures and plans be reviewed in readiness for the introduction of the Independent Commission Against Corruption legislation in the Northern Territory discussed what councils need to do to recognise S19 leases on Aboriginal Land in their accounts agreed to provide input to the 2016/17 Local Government National Report endorsed the LGANT submission to the 2018/19 NT Budget agreed to acknowledge Financial Assistance Grants in writing to Members of Parliament as well as in council publications including annual reports endorsed LGANT convening an Asset Management Expo in August 2018 discussed the progress of collaboration on insurance practices endorsed LGANT continuing its efforts to seek changes in the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements
15 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> considered subscribing to the RDANT Community and Economic Profiles tools to help with the preparation of funding applications and submissions accepted the calculated Northern Territory Local Government Cost Index for 2016-17 of 1.42% discussed procedural steps for councils to borrow monies agreed to recognise the financial support provided by the Federal and Northern Territory governments through the Financial Assistance Grants and NT operational subsidies

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Date	Key Actions Arising from Finance Reference Group Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recommended that LGANT continues to provide the Model Financial Statements for all councils to be consistent in financial reporting endorsed the recommended actions arising from the Rates Officers' Workshop held on 14 March 2018 discussed fines recovery and requested LGANT seek a meeting with the Fines Recovery Unit to discuss local government issues



Finance Reference Group, Katherine – October 2017

Table 15

Community Services Reference Group

Date	Key Actions Arising from Community Services Reference Group Meetings
7 September 2017	<p>LGANT convened meetings of this group which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agreed to have alcohol and licensing policies in place prior to the new legislation and regulations being implemented endorsed the development of an information package and information sessions particular to local government supported councils' attendance at the Mayors, Presidents, Deputies and CEOs Symposium

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Date	Key Actions Arising from Community Services Reference Group Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provided input to the LGANT policy on public libraries agreed to participate in the development of policies on drugs and alcohol in the workplace
23-24 May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussed the Digital Seniors Initiative – ‘Be Connected’ with each council to determine its approach considered using the Money Smart website as a tool to assist with financial management agreed to review existing policies on the release of the Northern Territory Tobacco Action Plan 2017-2020 supported LGANT policies on language, literacy and numeracy supported LGANT securing a fee-for-service agreement to assist the Australian Electoral Commission in improving the electoral roll and participation

Table 16

Governance and Human Resources Reference Group

Date	Key Actions Arising from Governance and Human Resources Reference Group Meetings
26-27 July 2017	<p>LGANT convened meetings of this group which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussed the 2017 National Local Government Human Resources Conference recommended the recruitment of a records management specialist to assist councils to implement the Records Disposal and Retention Schedule agreed to the development of policies on drugs and alcohol in the workplace agreed on compliance with legislative requirements and timeframes leading up to the August 2017 local government elections endorsed the LGANT submission on the Independent Commission Against Corruption draft legislation supported attendance by council representatives at the Mayors, Presidents and CEOs Symposium supported LGANT’s proposed business plan for a fee for

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Date	Key Actions Arising from Governance and Human Resources Reference Group Meetings
	service in the provision of elected members and local authorities training and professional development
1-2 February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> agreed to provide names of elected members to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors course resolved that LGANT adopt draft policies on language, literacy and numeracy and that a sub group be formed to look at ways to implement policies appointed representatives to the Local Government Workforce Metric working group formed a Local Government Records Disposal and Retention Schedule sub group to work on implementing business classification systems for councils agreed to promote and assist councils in preparation for participation in the Joint Insurance Scheme and Discretionary Trust committed to making the most of the WALGA industrial relations and human resource service

Table 17
Rates Officers Workshop

Date	Key Actions Arising from Rates Officers' Workshop
14 March 2018	<p>LGANT convened a meeting of this group which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussed the interpretation of Tenement titles acronyms identified how to determine if a mining lease is rateable reviewed the <i>Rating Guidelines Manual</i> and made recommendations to the Department Housing and Community Services representative for proposed changes

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2.9 Work with regional councils to finalise arrangements with cemeteries on Aboriginal land.

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- attended three meetings with NLC lawyers on 31 July 2018, 10 November 2017 and 22 June 2018 to discuss the terms and conditions of licenses for council cemeteries in the Northern Land Council area.
- In between meetings legal advice was sought and obtained with agreement expected in the first half of next financial year.



Mayors, Presidents, Deputies and CEOs Symposium – October 2017

Goal 3 – To effectively advocate for and represent member councils

Local Government Influence

LGANT shall represent the interests of local government in the Northern Territory as a sector and in doing so we will act as the conduit to other spheres of government, non-government organisations, media, industry groups and other relevant individuals and organisations through our activities and those of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

3.1 Work with councils to secure tenure on land for council assets.

LGANT:

- continued to:
 - update the list of Section 19 leases councils hold on Aboriginal land
 - encourage councils to take out leases on Aboriginal land.

3.2 Submit proposals in response to legislation, policy or programs which are enacted or proposed by the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments including:

- **the *Local Government Act***
- **the *Remuneration Act***
- **the *Planning Act***
- **the *Cemeteries Act***
- **the *Environment Protection Act*.**

LGANT completed the following submissions:

Table 16
LGANT 2017-18 Submissions

Date Submitted	Submission Topic
14 July 2017	Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review
25 July 2017	Inquiry into Freight and Supply Chain Priorities
25 July 2017	Independent Commission Against Corruption – Draft Legislation
10 August 2017	Recommended Land Use Separation Distances
29 September 2017	Independent Commission Against Corruption Bill
13 December 2017	LGANT Budget Submission to the Northern Territory Government

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Date Submitted	Submission Topic
5 February 2018	Inquiry into the Operation, Regulation and Funding of Air Route Service Delivery to Rural, Regional and Remote Communities
8 February 2018	Planning for a Vibrant Future
8 February 2018	Review, Reframe, Renew (planning legislation)
8 February 2018	Remote Employment and Participation
24 April 2018	Inquiry into the indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia
3 May 2018	Local Government National Report 2016-17
16 May 2018	PWC's 2019-2024 Proposal for Electricity Network Distribution Pricing
31 May 2018	Territory Wide Logistics Master Plan Discussion Paper

As of 30 June 2018 the submissions for which outcomes were known were:

- Inquiry into Freight and Supply Chain Priorities
- LGANT Budget Submission to the Northern Territory Government
- Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review
- Recommended Land Use Separation Distances

All other submissions remain outstanding in terms of LGANT knowing what government intends to do with them. Where outcomes are known they are reported at LGANT Executive meetings.

3.3 Facilitate appropriate local government representation on up to 20 relevant boards and committees.

LGANT was represented on the following committees during the year:

- Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
- Coastal and Marine Management Strategy Partnership Group
- CouncilBIZ
- Employment Assistance Service NT (EASA)
- Heritage Council
- Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee
- Local Government Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee
- Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs
- Minister's Advisory Council on Senior Territorians
- National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee

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- NT Grants Commission
- NT Library Community Reference Group
- NT Neighbourhood Watch Board
- NT Place Names Committee
- NT Planning Commission
- NT Settlement Planning and Outcomes Committee
- NT Tobacco Control Action Committee
- NT Water Safety Advisory Council
- NT Weeds Advisory Committee
- Regional Development Australia NT
- Road Safety Black Spots Committee.

Throughout the year LGANT managed processes which required calling for nominations from councils to be representatives on Territory and Commonwealth government committees as detailed in **Table 17**.

Table 17
Nominations submitted and approved during 2017-18

Nominee	Committee	Date of Executive Meeting
Alderman Justine Glover (City of Darwin)	Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	16 October 2017
Mayor Damien Ryan (Alice Springs Town Council)	Heritage Council	13 December 2017
Councillor Marius Puruntatameri (Tiwi Islands Regional Council)	Ministerial Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs	13 December 2017
Alderman Robin Knox (City of Darwin) Officer Jan Peters (City of Palmerston)	NT Settlement Planning and Outcomes Committee	13 December 2017
Mayor Steven Edgington (Barkly Regional Council)	National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee	13 December 2017
Councillor Ronald Plummer (Barkly Regional Council)	NT Place Names Committee	13 December 2017
Alderman Gary Haslett (City of Darwin)	NT Neighbourhood Watch Board	13 December 2017
Alderman Robin Knox	NT Water Safety Advisory Council	13 December 2017

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Nominee	Committee	Date of Executive Meeting
(City of Darwin) Councillor Jeffrey McLaughlin (Barkly Regional Council)		
Officer David Jan Litchfield Council	EASA	7 February 2018
Mayor Damien Ryan (Alice Springs Town Council) Mayor Fay Miller (Katherine Town Council)	NT Grants Commission	7 February 2018
Officer Ramesh Pudasaini CouncilBIZ	Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee	18 April 2018
Councillor Kris Civitarese Barkly Regional Council	NT Tobacco Control Action Committee	12 June 2018

LGANT officers represented local government on the following committees and provided reports at Executive meetings:

- the Top End Regional Organisation of Councils held meetings which were attended by the LGANT CEO (and when available, the President) at which updates on LGANT activities were provided to members
- the ALGA National Local Government Cultural Forum
- the Local Government Workforce Development Group – National group of policy officers
- the CouncilBIZ Board
- the ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee
- the ALGA Local Government Indigenous Reference Group

3.4 Provide information and support to ALGA and other State local government associations.

In addition to attending to standard governance matters at ALGA Board meetings, the LGANT CEO, President and the Vice President Regional and Shires (for some meetings) participated in the following ALGA meetings:

- the ALGA Post General Assembly Teleconference
- the National Local Roads and Transport Congress
- all ALGA general meetings and the annual general meeting
- the ALGA strategic planning meeting
- the National General Assembly of Local Government.

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Some of the issues dealt with at ALGA Board meetings included those listed in **Table 18** below about which reports were provided at Executive meetings:

Table 18
Significant issues deliberated at the ALGA Board meetings

Date	Highlights
19 July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processing of the resolutions of National General Assembly of Local Government (teleconference)
21 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Assistance Grants review Review of access to Australian Standards Housing and homelessness Future of the Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Tool funding ALGA political advocacy strategy in the lead-up to the Federal Election National security issues and engagement Australian Rural Leadership Foundation sponsorship
6 November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018/19 ALGA Federal budget submission ALGA Federal election priorities Regional Airport Infrastructure Advocacy Request from Australian Airports Association Australian Building Codes Board representation Possible ALGA representation on the Tourism Minister's meeting Per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
15 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALGA Strategic Plan 2017-2020 Commonwealth funding to local government Infrastructure funding Community Infrastructure Register Waste and recycling National Volunteering Strategy
16 June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal funding of local government 2018/19 ALGA Budget Rate capping and possible Parliamentary inquiry ALGA Federal Election document and advocacy strategy Road-rail interface agreements Smart Cities and City Deals

LGANT also provided email advice to ALGA policy officers on the following subjects:

- Regional transport plans and national transport reform

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- Indigenous priorities for the ALGA budget and election document
- Housing and homelessness
- Number of Indigenous councillors
- ALGA Federal Budget submission
- Effectiveness of compliance and enforcement systems for the building and construction industry
- Number of Indigenous employees in local government
- Local government financial data
- Community Infrastructure Ideas Register
- Weighted voting for motions considered at the National General Assembly
- By-laws relating to the operation of drones

3.5 Facilitate engagement and collaboration between local and Northern Territory governments through meetings and correspondence with Ministers of the government and senior officers.

The LGANT President and CEO met with the Minister, the Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA on two occasions during year on 25 August 2017 and 31 January 2018 with reports given at Executive meetings.

The Minister also attended LGANT's two general meetings on 2 November 2017 in Alice Springs and 12 April 2018 in Darwin.

The LGANT CEO attended 11 meetings with Department of Housing and Community Development staff during the year which does not include those related to committees mentioned above.

3.6 Contribute to ALGA's Federal election document.

LGANT:

- Board members participated in ALGA Board meeting of 16 June 2018 which agreed to the priorities for the ALGA Federal election document as well as the communications strategy that will flow on from it with most activities to be performed next financial year.

Goal 4 Maintain an effective and efficient service

Maintaining and improving LGANT capacity

LGANT shall ensure quality management services including human, financial and physical resources to achieve successful outcomes.

4.1 Maintain the servicing of the LGANT local road network as identified by the Northern Territory Grants Commission.

LGANT is responsible for the maintenance of a 2,123 km local road network on behalf of local government in the Northern Territory in the Central Desert, MacDonnell, Barkly, East Arnhem, Victoria Daly and Roper Gulf Regional Council areas.

The LGANT road network consists of the following road length by type as recorded in **Table 19** below:

Table 19
LGANT's Road Types and Road Lengths

Road Type	Road Length
Sealed	11 km
Gravel	402 km
Formed	467 km
Flat Bladed Track	1,243 km



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LGANT allocated funds and performed road maintenance work in the following local government areas:

Table 20
Allocation of Expenditure in Regional Council Areas

Council	Road Length	Allocation
Central Desert Regional Council	156 km	\$20 000
MacDonnell Regional Council	279 km	\$44 889
East Arnhem Regional Council	442 km	\$345 232
Roper Gulf Regional Council	123 km	\$111 271
Barkly Regional Council	1085 km	\$419 401

The projects completed during 2017-18 under the Roads to Recovery Program were as listed in **Table 21**:

Table 21
Roads to Recovery Projects
completed during 2017/18 financial year

Road	Council Area	Amount	Project
Mata Mata Road (Complete August 2018)	East Arnhem	\$76,560	Realignment of 'jump up' and gravel sheeting
Robinson River Road	Roper Gulf	\$446,812	Improve access at the Hobblestrap Creek Causeway.
Robinson River Road	Roper Gulf	\$473,500	Realignment and re-sheet 10km of gravel pavement.

2018-19 is the final year of the existing program with the allocation for LGANT being \$625,955.

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The identified local road grant, through the Federal Assistance Grants (FAGs) paid to LGANT in 2017-18 was \$1,519,305. This includes the advance payment received in June 2017 of \$748,156 followed by quarterly payments (\$192,913).

The works were carried out in consultation with road users based on an agreed level of service, a routine maintenance regime and priorities in accordance with LGANT's road hierarchy, asset management plan and annual budget.

LGANT continued a program of erecting road signs in 2017-18 following the completion of road safety audits in 2014-15. Local contractors installed the signs using *'The Central Australian Remote Community Traffic Management Manual'* that was developed in collaboration with Central Desert, MacDonnell and Barkly Regional councils and with technical assistance from the Australian Road Research Board.

LGANT continued to work collaboratively with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics regional officers in planning its maintenance programs and using the Department's appointed contractors.



Construction of causeway at Hobbestrup Creek, Robinson River Road

4.2 Review and refine LGANT's internal systems and processes.

Reviews are often an important activity for improving operations and throughout the year LGANT adopted internal policies on:

- information and communications technology
- risk management
- LGANT sponsorship

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Staff also completed training from the following courses:

- webinars on taxation, payroll and superannuation
- procurement and contract management
- fire extinguisher/warden training
- adult literacy and numeracy
- Australian Institute of Company Directors – Governance Essentials for Local Government

4.3 Adopt a long term asset and financial management plan and ensure processes are in place for integration with annual budget and financial reporting.

The LGANT controlled roads asset management plan was adopted by the LGANT Executive on 7 February 2018.

LGANT procured a new vehicle during the year and purchased three new laptop computers. LGANT also continued to upgrade its information technology and security systems through its period contractors.

4.4 Manage the leasing and maintenance requirements for Units 1 - 5, and contribute to the effective management of 21 Parap Road through the body corporate.

LGANT has one major building asset being its office premises at 21 Parap Rd, Parap NT.

LGANT went out to tender for the installation of new blinds and has appointed new cleaners. Management of the loan and insurances for the premises were in accordance with the approved budget.

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LGANT Office, 21 Parap Road, Parap

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2018

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I, Damien Ryan, President of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, state that in my opinion, the financial statements (as set out) are properly drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2018 and of the results and cash flows of the Association for the year then ended.

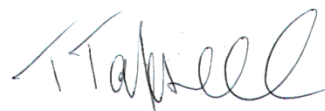
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10 October 2018

PRESIDENT

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Tony Tapsell, being the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the financial statements (as set out) present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2018 and of the results and cash flows of the Association for the year then ended.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T Tapsell".

10 October 2018

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Scope

The financial report and committee members' responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the executive committee's declaration for **Local Government Association of the Northern Territory** for the period ended 30th June 2018.

The executive committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the executive committee members' financial reporting requirements under the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory's constitution. We disclaim any assumptions of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the association. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatements. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report; and

assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the committee.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence


In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of **Local Government Association of the Northern Territory** as at 30th June 2018 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

KR Blacker & Associates
Public Accountants

Kevin Robert Blacker
Public Practice Certificate 16542



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Dated in Darwin on 3rd September 2018

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
<i><u>Current Assets</u></i>			
Cash	(2)	10,807,021	6,736,738
Debtors	(3)	110,754	33,649
Prepayments		<u>10,310</u>	<u>9,769</u>
		<u>10,928,085</u>	<u>6,780,156</u>
<i><u>Non Current Assets</u></i>			
Motor Vehicles	(4)	58,175	43,130
Furniture and Fittings	(4)	34,910	26,732
Building	(4)	<u>2,986,822</u>	<u>2,990,737</u>
		<u>3,079,907</u>	<u>3,060,599</u>
Total Assets		<u>14,007,992</u>	<u>9,840,755</u>
LESS LIABILITIES			
<i><u>Current Liabilities</u></i>			
Creditors		914,249	25,578
Payments Received in Advance	(5)	797,538	748,156
Income Deferral	(5)	3,865,086	386,444
Accruals		28,432	14,139
Loans - Motor Vehicles	(6)	0	0
Loans - Building	(6)	0	0
Provision - Annual Leave		156,186	133,730
Provision - Long Service Leave		<u>110,945</u>	<u>139,977</u>
		<u>5,872,436</u>	<u>1,448,024</u>
<i><u>Non-current Liabilities</u></i>			
Loans - Motor Vehicles	(6)	39,142	0
Loans - Building	(6)	630,000	1,300,000
Provision - Long Service Leave		17,776	18,951
Provision - Capital Equipment Purchases		0	7,785
Provision - Property, Mobile Equipment, other assets		302,580	298,562
Provision - Bond Units 3 & 4		<u>11,294</u>	<u>22,944</u>
		<u>1,000,793</u>	<u>1,648,242</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>6,873,229</u>	<u>3,096,266</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>7,134,763</u>	<u>6,744,489</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance at the beginning of the year		6,744,489	5,792,103
(To)/From Reserves		(4,018)	(9,562)
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		<u>394,291</u>	<u>961,948</u>
Balance at the end of the year		<u>7,134,762</u>	<u>6,744,489</u>

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OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
INCOME FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
User Charges and Fees	(7)	958,794	953,264
Interest		121,560	107,878
Other Revenues from ordinary activities		13,194	14,025
NT Government Contributions for Operating Purposes	(8)	444,175	1,421,159
Federal Government Contributions for Operating Purposes	(9)	<u>2,551,903</u>	<u>1,985,125</u>
Total income from ordinary activities		4,089,626	4,481,451
		<u>0</u>	<u>245</u>
Total Income		<u>4,089,626</u>	<u>4,481,697</u>
EXPENDITURE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Employee Costs		712,244	781,151
Materials and contracts		2,680,663	2,374,593
Depreciation		24,210	22,364
Other operating expenses	(10)	231,452	279,489
Interest Charges		<u>46,062</u>	<u>62,153</u>
Total expenses from ordinary activities		3,694,631	3,519,748
Add Net Loss on disposal of assets		<u>704</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>3,695,335</u>	<u>3,519,748</u>
Total Income		4,089,626	4,481,697
Less Total Expenditure		<u>3,695,335</u>	<u>3,519,748</u>
Surplus (Deficit) for the year from ordinary activities		<u>394,291</u>	<u>961,948</u>
<i>Add Extraordinary item</i>			
Insurance Claim		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>394,291</u>	<u>961,948</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Payments to Suppliers	(1,782,008)	(2,608,472)	
Payments to Employees	(719,993)	(804,951)	
Payment of Interest	(46,062)	(62,153)	
Payment of other expenses	(230,096)	(278,692)	
Borrowing Costs	(1,356)	(796)	
Receipts from members	665,494	687,067	
Interest received	16,832	21,624	
Interest received for other projects	104,728	86,254	
Northern Territory Government	444,175	1,421,159	
Commonwealth Government	2,551,903	1,985,125	
Other Charges and User Fees	199,162	289,733	
Other Contributions to Projects	0	0	
Sponsorship - Association	<u>30,227</u>	<u>19,272</u>	
Net cash flows used in operating activities	1,233,006	755,170	
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of fixed assets	(43,518)	(17,252)	
Revaluation of asset	0	0	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	(704)	245	
Bonds held for units 3 and 4	<u>(11,650)</u>	<u>0</u>	
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(55,872)	(17,007)	
Cash flows from Financing Activities			
Loans - Redraw Facility	(266,666)	66,668	
Loans - Parap Building	0	0	
Loans - Parap Building Principal Repayments	(403,334)	(66,668)	
Loans - Motor Vehicles	46,481	0	
Loans - Motor Vehicle Principal Repayments	(7,339)	(20,709)	
Transfers to Reserves	(4,018)	(9,562)	
Income Deferred	<u>3,528,025</u>	<u>359,255</u>	
Net cash flows used in financing activities	2,893,149	328,984	
Cash flows from Insurance Recoveries			
Insurance payment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Net Cash flows from insurance recoveries	0	0	
 Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held	 4,070,283	 1,067,147	
Cash at the beginning of the year	6,736,738	5,669,591	
Cash at the end of the year	<u>10,807,021</u>	<u>6,736,738</u>	

**NOTES TO, AND FORMING PART OF, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2018**

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

This special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report are consistent with the previous year and are described below.

- (i) The accounts have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting including the historical cost convention and the going concern assumption.
- (ii) The requirements of Australian Accounting Standards promulgated by the accounting profession do not have mandatory applicability to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory in relation to the year ended 30 June 2018 because the entity is not a "reporting entity" as defined therein. The Association has, however prepared the financial statements in accordance with all Australian Accounting Standards.

(b) Economic Dependency

The Association is reliant upon the receipt of government grants and members' subscriptions to operate as a going concern.

(c) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are carried at cost.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis on all fixed assets recorded in the balance sheet at rates calculated to allocate the cost less estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is calculated on the permanent fixtures in the office building. The building is not depreciated. A sinking fund, to which LGANT contributes, has been established by the body corporate for future maintenance and asset renewals of common areas.

(d) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

- . **Grants**
All grants are brought to account as revenue in the statement of income and expenditure when received and the unexpended portion is taken up as a liability in the Balance Sheet. Unexpended grants received during the 2017/18 financial year being grants recognised as revenues which were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged at year end are taken up as deferred in the Balance Sheet.
- . **Subscriptions**
Subscriptions are recorded on an accrual basis
- . **User Charges**
User charges are recorded on an accrual basis

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e) Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Association considers cash to include cash on hand and in banks.

f) Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for employee entitlement benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering service up to the reporting date. The benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave.

g) Taxation

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory is an exempt body under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

h) Superannuation

The contribution made to the Statewide Superannuation Fund was at the rate of 11.50% for contributory Association employees and 9.50% for non-contributory Association employees.

i) Loans

Vehicles:

The Association has a loan with the National Australia Bank for a new vehicle purchased in the 2017/18 financial year.
See note 6 for commitment details.

Office Building:

The Association has a Commercial Loan with the National Australia Bank for the purchase of this asset.
See note 6 for commitment details.

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2 CASH

Cash at bank at 30 June 2018 at National Australia Bank Darwin comprised the following:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
LGANT Reserve Term Deposit Account	391,406	678,126
Infrastructure Holding Account	1,839,547	1,418,287
Infrastructure Holding Term Deposit Account	4,010,914	3,913,193
Tied Project Holding Account	897,735	323,183
Local Government Excellence Account	24,235	243,488
Health, Safety & Security Initiatives Account	3,500,000	0
Operating Account	<u>142,684</u>	<u>159,961</u>
	10,806,521	6,736,238
Petty Cash	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>10,807,021</u>	<u>6,736,738</u>

3 DEBTORS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Debtors (includes GST asset awaiting clearance as at 30 June 2018)	110,754	33,649
Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>110,754</u>	<u>33,649</u>

4 FIXED ASSETS

	2018	2017
Motor Vehicles	94,859	96,739
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>36,684</u>	<u>53,609</u>
Total Motor Vehicles	<u>58,175</u>	<u>43,130</u>
Furniture, fittings and equipment	148,195	132,046
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>113,285</u>	<u>105,314</u>
Total Furniture and Fittings	<u>34,910</u>	<u>26,732</u>
Office Building - Parap	3,104,288	3,104,288
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>117,466</u>	<u>113,551</u>
Total Office Building - Parap	<u>2,986,822</u>	<u>2,990,737</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,079,907</u>	<u>3,060,599</u>

5 INCOME DEFERRED AND RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Regional Economic Infrastructure Development Program	20,227	20,227
Big Rivers Waste Management Program	13,501	39,894
Big Rivers Mentoring Program	24,600	32,478
Local Government Environment Project Officer	116,440	0
Roads to Recovery	190,318	0
Health, Safety & Security Initiative	3,500,000	0
Local Government Excellence Programme	0	293,845
Debtors Payments (received in advance)	9,352	0
Local Roads Funding (received in advance)	<u>788,186</u>	<u>748,156</u>
	<u>4,662,624</u>	<u>1,134,600</u>

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6 EXPENDITURE COMMITMENT

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Bank Loan - vehicles		
not later than 1 year	0	0
later than 1 year but not later than 2 years	16,537	0
later than 2 years but not later than 5 years	<u>24,806</u>	<u>0</u>
	41,343	0
less future interest charge	<u>2,201</u>	<u>0</u>
loan liability	<u>39,142</u>	<u>0</u>
The break-up of this loan liability is as follows:		
current liability	0	0
non-current liability	<u>39,142</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>39,142</u>	<u>0</u>

Parap Building Purchase

Commercial Loan:

This loan was renegotiated in November 2017 with the National Australia Bank, as a Flexible Rate Loan to run over three years with \$ 630,000 being principal and fixed interest and \$300,000 being variable interest. The variable portion has a redraw facility of \$300,000 attached to it. Interest payments are made on a quarterly basis. Principal payments of \$370,000 were made against the loan in the 2017/2018 financial year:

The status of this loan is as follows:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current Liability - Fixed & Variable Components Flexible Rate Loan	0	0
Non current liability - Fixed & Variable Components Flexible Rate Loan	<u>630,000</u>	<u>1,300,000</u>
	<u>630,000</u>	<u>1,300,000</u>
Redraw Facility (this is a non cash flow item)	<u>300,000</u>	<u>33,330</u>
Loan Facility Limit	<u>930,000</u>	<u>1,333,330</u>

7 USER CHARGES AND FEES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Subscriptions, Meeting Charges and Sponsorship	727,102	703,144
Rental Charges	198,873	177,228
Project Management, Consultancy and Training Charges	<u>32,819</u>	<u>72,892</u>
Total User Charges and Fees	<u>958,794</u>	<u>953,264</u>

8 NT GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Local Government Excellence Programme	406,345	648,433
Regional Infrastructure Development Fund	0	626,513
Waste Management Programmes	34,271	141,438
Local Government Environment Officer	3,559	
Department of Business - Adult Learners Week	<u>0</u>	<u>4,775</u>
Total NT Government Contributions	<u>444,175</u>	<u>1,421,159</u>

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9 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Local Roads Federal Assistance Grants	1,519,809	1,446,831
AusLink Roads to Recovery - LGANT	<u>1,032,094</u>	<u>538,294</u>
Total Federal Government Contributions	<u>2,551,903</u>	<u>1,985,125</u>

10 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Internal Management, Advocacy, Representation and Information Services	167,801	194,856
Human Resource Support and Development	4,565	1,587
Engineering and Environment Project Management	43,797	40,389
Local Government Excellence Programme	<u>15,289</u>	<u>42,657</u>
Total Other Operating Expenses	<u>231,452</u>	<u>279,489</u>

11 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2,018	2017
	\$	\$
a) Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash at Bank	10,806,521	6,736,238
Petty Cash Imprest	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>10,807,021</u>	<u>6,736,738</u>
b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Used in Operating Activities to Operating Result		
Operating result	394,291	961,948
<i>Add/(Subtract) non cash items</i>		
Depreciation	24,210	22,363
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Fixed Assets	<u>704</u>	<u>(245)</u>
	<u>419,204</u>	<u>984,066</u>
<i>Add/(Subtract) operating flows</i>		
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Creditors, Accruals	902,965	(239,089)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(15,536)	(27,091)
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	(77,105)	28,783
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	(540)	(1,061)
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves	<u>4,018</u>	<u>9,562</u>
Net Cash used in operating activities	<u>1,233,006</u>	<u>755,170</u>

12 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Local Government Association manages some government grants and monies on behalf of councils in the Northern Territory. The Association operates in Darwin, Australia.

13 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Local Government Association is not aware of any contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2018.

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**14 UNEXPENDED GRANT MONIES CARRIED FORWARD TO THE 2018/2019
FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Association has contingent liabilities to repay grants received but not fully expended at year end for projects of \$7,944,903. Included in this figure are unexpended grants totaling \$4,653,273 being income received in advance or income deferred until the 2018/2019 financial year.

	Opening Balance 1 July 2017	Movements		Closing Balance 30 June 2018
		Received/ Receivable	Expended	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Local Roads Funding	3,729,353	771,653	1,209,376	3,291,630
Local Roads Funding received in advance (refer note 5)	0	788,186	0	788,186
Grant income deferred to 2018/19 financial year (refer note 5)				
Big Rivers Mentoring Program	32,478	0	7,878	24,600
Big Rivers Waste Management Project	39,894	0	26,393	13,501
Regional Economic Infrastructure Development Fund	20,227	0	0	20,227
Local Government Environment Officer	0	120,000	3,560	116,440
Local Government Excellence Programme	293,845	113,520	407,365	0
Health, Safety & Security Initiative	0	3,500,000	0	3,500,000
Roads To Recovery	0	1,222,413	1,032,094	190,319
TOTAL UNEXPENDED GRANTS	4,115,797	6,515,772	2,686,666	7,944,903

	Opening Balance 1 July 2017	Movements		Closing Balance 30 June 2018
		Received/ Receivable	Expended	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Engineering Management	1,059,811	123,928	359,799	823,940
Environmental Management	99,387	0	0	99,387
Human Resource and Industrial Relations	304,441	1,117	18,746	286,812
TOTAL OTHER COMMITTED FUNDS	1,463,639	125,045	378,545	1,210,139

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**NOTES TO, AND FORMING PART OF, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
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15 BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

INCOME				
	Revised Authorised Budget	Actual Income to 30/6/18	Comparison of Actual to Original Budget over(under)	Actual Income to 30/6/17
DIRECTORATE				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office of the Chief Executive	1,088,000	1,129,445	41,445	1,283,394
People and Development	233,000	233,000	0	346,343
Technical and Environmental Services	2,177,000	2,773,671	596,671	2,851,959
TOTAL INCOME	3,498,000	4,136,116	638,116	4,481,696

EXPENDITURE				
	Revised Authorised Budget	Actual Expenditure to 30/6/18	Comparison of Actual to Original Budget over(under)	Actual Expenditure to 30/6/17
DIRECTORATE				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office of the Chief Executive	1,619,800	1,550,774	(69,026)	1,234,710
People and Development	337,000	341,789	4,789	305,817
Technical and Environmental Services	2,177,000	2,544,334	367,334	2,083,828
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,133,800	4,436,897	303,097	3,624,355

Total income and expenditure figures include capital income and expenditure and internal transfers during the 2017/2018 financial year. See notes 13 and 14 on funds carried forward to the 2018/2019 financial year

Notes to Budget Comparison Report:

Office of the Chief Executive

Income: A portion of this figure represents the contribution from councils towards the setting up of the Insurance Discretionary Fund and are committed to the completion of stage 2 of the implementation in the 2018/19 financial year

Expenditure: There was a reduction in the anticipated capital expenditure relating to the purchase of a new vehicle and principal payments on the building loan which was renegotiated in November 2017

Technical and Environmental Services

Income: The increased income relates to additional funding received from the Commonwealth Government for the Roads to Recovery Programme.

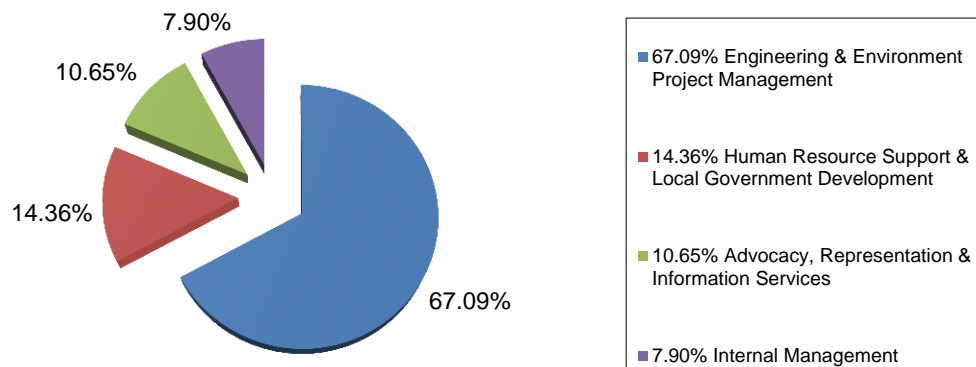
Local Government Roads grant funding received in advance for the 2018/2019 financial year has been transferred to liabilities as "Amounts Received in Advance". This income will be recognised in the 2018/2019 operating statement to match the expenditure planned against it.

Unexpended tied grant funding received in the 2017/2018 financial year for the programmes listed below has been transferred to liabilities as "Income Deferral". This income will be recognised in the 2018/2019 operating statement to match the expenditure planned against it:

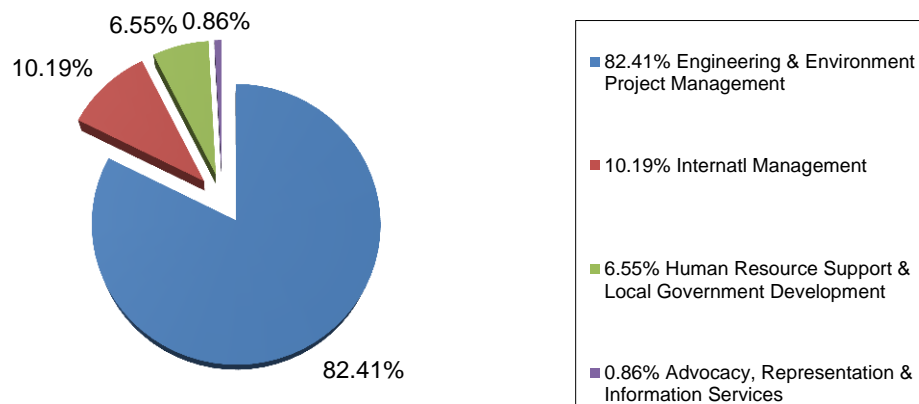
Health Safety & Security Initiatives	\$3,500,000
Local Government Environment Project Officer	\$116,440
Roads to Recovery Programme	\$190,318

Expenditure: The increased expenditure relates to additional funding received from the Commonwealth Government for the Roads to Recovery Programme

Breakup of Operational Expenditure for the 2017/18 financial year



Breakup of Operational Income including Prepaid and Income Deferred to the 2017/18 financial year



Source of funding for the 2017/18 financial year

