

Annual Report 2012-2013

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Damien Ryan
President
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
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Dear President

In compliance with Clause 22.3 of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) constitution I submit the Annual Report ('the Report') and audited financial statements for the 2012-13 financial year.

As at 30 June 2013 LGANT achieved a sound financial position and performance. LGANT altered its loan arrangements by drawing down on its reserves for constitutional recognition payments which were held against the loan in a bid to achieve savings of interest. LGANT is repaying the loan in accordance with its obligations.

As in previous years the financial contributions of the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments to LGANT were gratefully received as they assist LGANT to coordinate activities amongst councils and to provide them with support largely in areas of improvement.

Throughout the year LGANT held many of its meetings at the City of Darwin and the Alice Springs Town Council meeting rooms without cost and this support was greatly appreciated in enabling LGANT to fulfil its functions with member councils.

LGANT acknowledges the work of firms and individuals that support it with its plans including Peter Anderson (local government index), Minter Ellison and Cridlands (legal services), the Western Australian Local Government Association (industrial relations and human resource services) Maree McLinden (internal finances), Sue Davey (human resources and training) Jane Munday (communications).

I also acknowledge the great support of LGANT staff in helping to achieve LGANT's goals.

Tony Tapsell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report is the 22nd Annual Report of LGANT and it is for the financial year 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 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 11 November 2013.

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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ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

Business Overview

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 16 local government councils in the Northern Territory. LGANT is established as an incorporated body under section 242 of the *Local Government Act 2008* of the Northern Territory.

LGANT has an eight 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's strategic plan each February and this report includes feedback on achievements against the plan for 2012/2013.

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 and the Australian Capital Territory government. ALGA is local government's voice at the national level with the Commonwealth government
- 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.

Mission

To provide leadership, support and influential representation for the local government sector on all issues pertaining to local government.

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 and performance of local government in the Northern Territory
- to effectively advocate for and represent member councils
- to promote communication between our members, stakeholders and the broader community
- to provide effective and efficient services to our members.

Membership

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 2012-2013 LGANT had two associate members. A list of members can be found on the following pages.

LGANT MEMBERSHIP 2012 - 2013

During 2012-2013, 16 local governments in the Northern Territory were members of LGANT including:

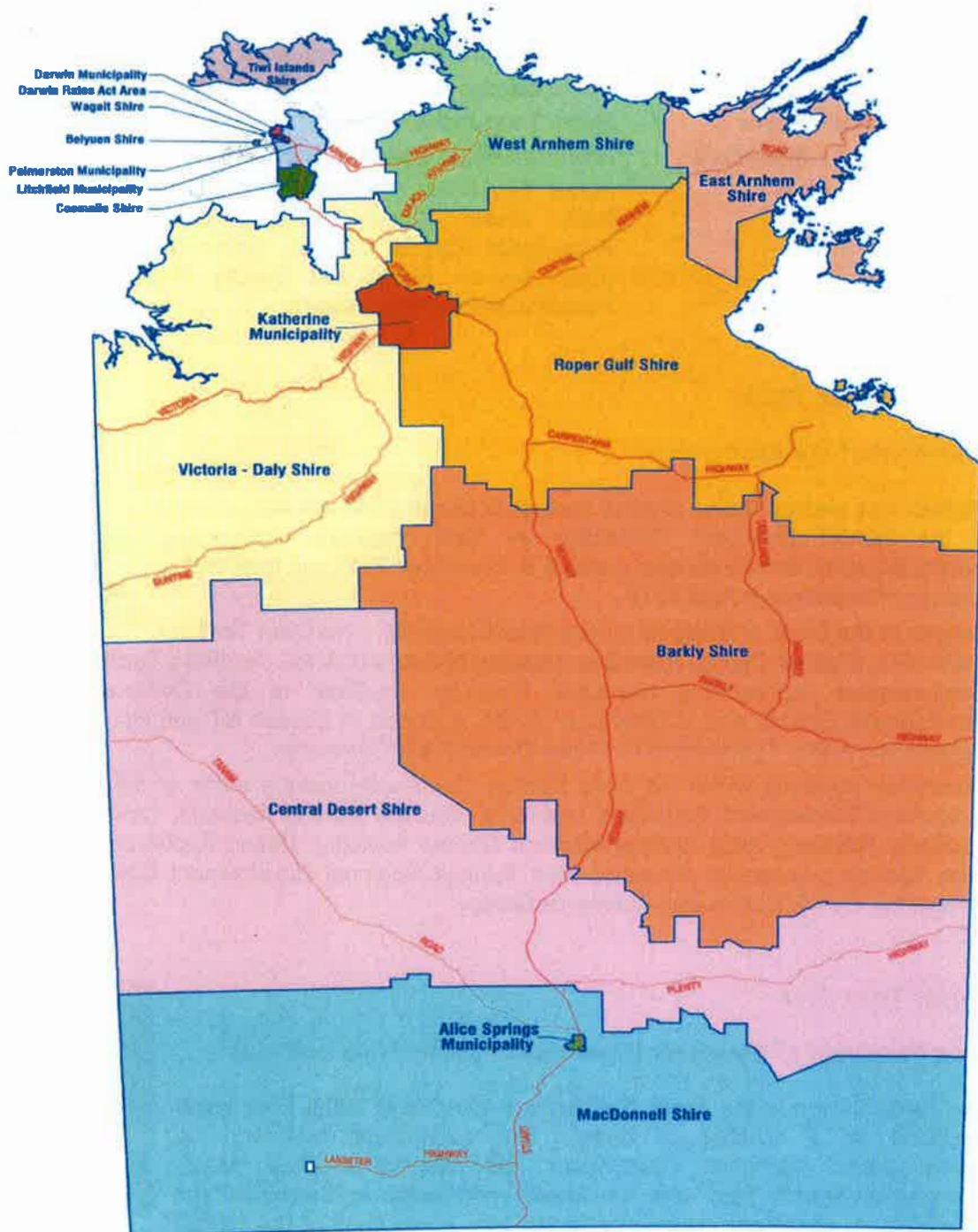
- 5 municipalities
- 11 shires

The Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Centre, based in Borroloola and the Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited continued as associate members through 2012-2013. Both organisations are involved in the delivery of local government-type services.

Member Organisations as at 30 June 2013

Alice Springs Town Council (Municipal Council)	Local Government
Barkly Shire Council	Local Government
Belyuen Shire Council	Local Government
Central Desert Shire Council	Local Government
City of Darwin (Municipal Council)	Local Government
City of Palmerston (Municipal Council)	Local Government
Coomalie Community Government Council	Local Government
East Arnhem Shire Council	Local Government
Katherine Town Council (Municipal Council)	Local Government
Litchfield Council (Municipal Council)	Local Government
Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Centre	Association
MacDonnell Shire Council	Local Government
Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited	Company
Roper Gulf Shire Council	Local Government
Tiwi Islands Shire Council	Local Government
Victoria Daly Shire Council	Local Government
Wagait Shire Council	Local Government
West Arnhem Shire Council	Local Government

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
AS AT 30 JUNE 2013



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2012-2013

Clause 14.4 of the constitution requires LGANT's Executive to be made up of eight (8) members. Member councils elect seven (7) members and one (1) is appointed by the City of Darwin all for two year terms. Of the eight (8) member Executive, four (4) members (three elected and one appointed), make up the representation from municipal councils and the other four (4) members are elected from shire councils. The next election for the Executive will be held at the Annual General meeting in Darwin on 11 November 2014.

As at 30 June 2013 the Executive consisted of the following members:

President	Mayor Damien Ryan (Alice Springs Town Council)
Vice President – Shires	Mayor Tony Jack (Roper Gulf Shire)
Vice President – Municipals	Alderman Helen Galton (City of Darwin)
Executive Members	Mayor Fay Miller (Katherine Town Council), President Barb Shaw (Barkly Shire), Alderman Jeanette Anictomatis (City of Darwin), Councillor Kaye Thurlow (East Arnhem Shire) and Deputy President Norbert Patrick (Central Desert Shire).

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 the Chair of Regional Development Australia – Northern Territory (RDA-NT), Chair of Central Australian Hospital Network (CAHN), Northern Territory Grants Commissioner representing municipal Councils, Co-Chair of the Outback Highway Development Council and, a Director of ALGA, a Patron of Squash NT and Holyoake Alice Springs and a Vice President of the Finke Desert Race Committee.

Committee positions within the Alice Springs Community include some of the following - Indigenous Employment Education Taskforce, Tourism Central Australia, Centralian Girls Academy Advisory, Alice Springs Master's Games Advisory, Desert Knowledge Australia Alice Springs Leadership Advisory, Alice Springs Regional Development Committee and Girls at the Centre Community Reference Group.

Mayor Tony Jack

Vice President of the Association representing Shire councils

Tony was elected to the Roper Gulf Shire in November 2008. Tony holds positions on a number of boards and committees including the Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation, the MacArthur River Mines Community Benefit Trust and the Mawa Association in Borroloola (an economic development organisation). He was a member of the former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Regional Council, Indigenous Housing Authority of the NT and played an active part as the chair of the Shire Transitional Committee from 2006-2008. He was elected to the LGANT Executive Committee at the March 2009 annual general meeting and was elected Vice President in April 2012.



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Tony runs a 300 head cattle station on his homeland 60kms from Robinson River (South West Gulf Ward). He has a strong understanding of business, employment opportunities for local people, housing issues and many other issues surrounding Roper Gulf Shire service delivery.

Alderman Helen Galton

Vice President of the Association representing Municipal councils

Helen commenced as the appointed City of Darwin representative on the LGANT Executive Committee in October 2004. Elected to the council in the Lyons Ward in 1988-1992 (did not seek re-election) and 2004, Helen holds positions on a number of council committees including Chairman of the Town Planning Committee, Chairman of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee, CBD Parking Advisory Committee and Council's representative on the Tourism Top End Executive Committee. Helen is also Secretary of the Australian Local Government Women's Association – NT Chapter and held the position of Deputy Lord Mayor at City of Darwin for 2005-2006. Helen is a former General Manager of Tourism Top End.



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. Fay holds positions on a number of Katherine Town council committees, is the Chairperson of the Katherine Regional Economic Development Committee and a board member of Savannah Way Ltd.



President Barb Shaw

Executive Member representing Shire councils

Barb has served as a Councillor on the Barkly Shire since amalgamations in 2008 and was elected by popular vote to the position of President at the 24 March 2012 local government elections. She was elected to a casual vacancy on the LGANT Executive in May 2012.

Barb was born and raised in Alice Springs and has spent the last twenty years living and working in the Barkly Region. With tertiary qualifications in management and health, Barb has vast experience with both the public and private sectors. Until recently she was CEO of the Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation based in Tennant Creek, before resigning to take on the Presidency of the Barkly Shire Council on a full time basis.



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Alderman Jeanette Anictomatis

Executive Member representing Municipal councils

Jeanette was elected to the City of Darwin Council in March 2012 and serves on various council committees. Jeanette was nominated by the City of Darwin as an alternate member for the Darwin Division of the Development Consent Authority and was subsequently appointed by the Minister for Lands and Planning NT to the position until June 2014.

Jeanette was elected to the LGANT Executive Committee representing municipals at the Annual General Meeting in May 2012 and represents the City of Darwin on the Local Government (Administration and Legislation) Advisory Committee as well as the Corporate and Economic Development Committee.

Jeanette became a member of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) in 2012 and looks forward to assisting in the promotion and support of Women in Local Government as a career choice for women of all ages. Jeanette is committed to supporting both Shire and Municipal councils where possible.



Councillor Kaye Thurlow

Executive Member representing Shire councils

Councillor Kaye Thurlow is currently serving her second term on East Arnhem Shire Council. Kaye relishes the opportunities and challenges of being a councillor representing the people of the Gumurr Marthakal Ward. Kaye was elected to the inaugural Council in 2008, and has served as Deputy President and an active member on a number of Stakeholder and Council Committees.

Kaye is a retired school Principal living at Galiwin'ku, on picturesque Elcho Island. Kaye has had extensive teaching experience across the NT, punctuated by a couple of short teaching stints interstate. Kaye's community interests of over 40 years, lie in supporting cross-cultural links between the people of Elcho Island and the broader East Arnhem Region with the wider Australian community. She is particularly focused on encouraging the Yolŋu in maintaining their self-respect and cultural integrity, while at the same time finding positive pathways to embrace living in the 21st century.



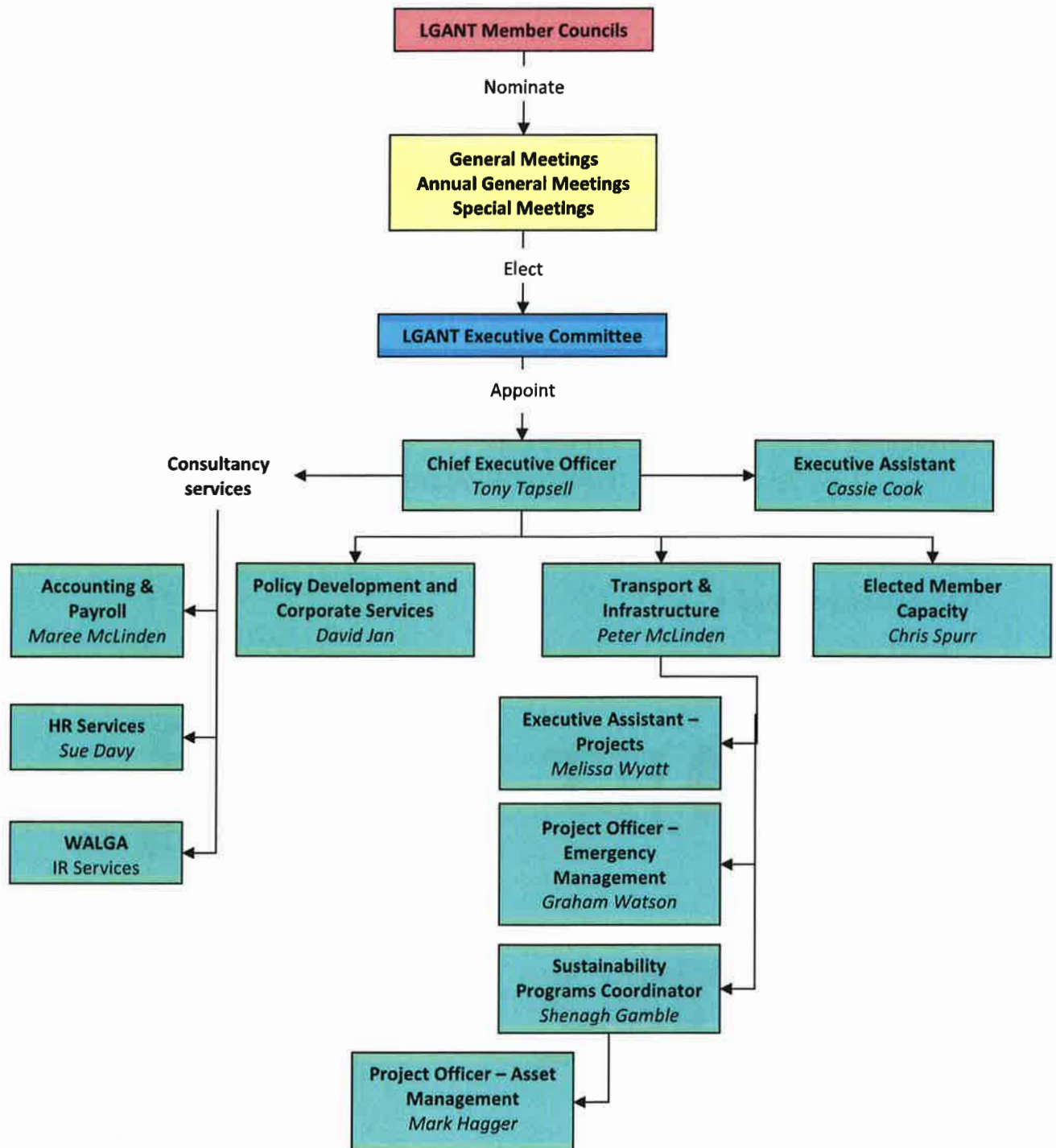
Deputy President Norbert Patrick

Executive Member representing Shire councils

Norbert resides in Lajamanu and was elected President for the Central Desert Shire council in September 2009 and Vice President in March 2012. He has been employed as a Community Liaison Officer and as a Sport/Recreation Officer for the Lajamanu Community Government Council and has undertaken training in education, office administration, community management, first aid and fire safety. Norbert's vision is to get people and organisations to work together to make their places better for everyone. He was elected to the Executive Committee in May 2010.



LGANT ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AS AT 30 JUNE 2013



SERVICE PROVIDERS AND SPONSORS TO LGANT

Auditor Kevin Blacker & Associates
PO Box 38170
WINNELLIE NT 0821

Bankers Westpac Bank
Smith Street
DARWIN NT 0800

Insurance Jardine Lloyd Thomson
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FORTITUDE VALLEY BC QLD 4006

Association Sponsors

LGANT offers thanks and acknowledges the assistance provided to it by sponsorships in the 2012-2013 year.

Platinum:



Gold:



Silver: Statewide Super, CAMMS, Moodie Outdoor Products, Christie Parksafe and Altiform Pty Ltd.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dear members,

2012/13 was a productive year for LGANT and one in which the support of members was both acknowledged and welcome.

Announcements during the Northern Territory and Federal elections provided LGANT with challenges. The two most important issues arising out of both elections were:

- Northern Territory local government reforms
- recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution.

Following the Northern Territory government election in August 2012 the then Minister for Local Government, the Hon Adam Giles MLA created the Regional Governance Working Group to address local government reforms. I was appointed as the Chair and joined by other local government representatives including Barkly Shire President Barb Shaw, Central Desert Shire Deputy President Norbert Patrick, West Arnhem Shire Councillor Mathew Ryan and Victoria Daly Shire Councillor Harold Wilson.

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon Alison Anderson MLA, released the Regional Governance Working Group report on 12 March 2013 indicating the government's intentions for reform. LGANT's recommendations for ensuring financial sustainability assessments would be undertaken for regional councils were welcomed in the report.

It was not until 9 May 2013 that LGANT learnt that the referendum for recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution was to proceed and this was after every procedural or legal step along the way just met its deadline. Throughout the year the ALGA Board and the LGANT Executive were never quite sure that the matter was going to proceed because of these happenings. However, what was pleasing was the Commonwealth's decision to approve funding for the referendum on 17 May 2013, which matched the funding that local governments throughout Australia had raised for a national campaign.

Councils are to be congratulated for their support for the referendum particularly since all 15 Northern Territory councils in office voted at their meetings during the year in favour of it being held. As at 30 June 2013 the national campaign had commenced along with the appointment of a National Campaign Director.

While the above two matters were significant issues for LGANT and its members during the year matters to do with funding, legislation, representation and coordination continued to be the focus of LGANT's ongoing work.

The Northern Territory government recognised LGANT's 2013/14 budget submission with funding for the following:

- local government reforms
- workforce planning
- increases in the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy.

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ALGA's 2013/14 budget submission to the Commonwealth government produced funding for municipal and essential services in remote Indigenous communities.


On the representative level LGANT held meetings with the Ministers for Local Government and other Northern Territory Ministers and reported outcomes. LGANT continued to put forward recommendations for local government representation on Northern Territory and Commonwealth committees.

LGANT officers and the Executive put a great deal of work into the organisation of meetings throughout the year with member councils as a means of coordinating work and activity for the sector. Coordination is important and is often difficult because it does require some commitment from councils in the face of their already demanding responsibilities. LGANT does this mostly for the purpose of:

- gaining sector wide endorsement on actions
- securing improvements in council operations

with some of the latter coming directly from decisions made by the Council of Australian Governments.

On behalf of the Executive I again thank all councils for their support during the financial year and I commend the Report to members.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Damien Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Damien Ryan
President

STRATEGIC PLAN ACHIEVEMENTS 2012-2013

Key achievements against outcomes for 2012-2013

- 1 To enhance the status and performance of local government in the Northern Territory
- 1.1 *Outcome: Professional development of elected members and council staff takes place*

Achievements:

LGANT:

- continued the partnership with Local Government NSW to deliver 15 local government specific training webinars to members
- supported East Arnhem Shire Council, Shire Services Manager, Richard Fitowski, complete a diploma in local government by providing him with resources
- negotiated an Memorandum of Understanding with a Registered Training Organisation, Municipal Training Pty Ltd, which:
 - is the only one registered in the Northern Territory to deliver the local government training package
 - gives LGANT the capacity to deliver accredited training to elected members
- **provided training in Alice Springs and Darwin between March and May 2013 for councils on topics related to emergency management:**
 - **organisational resilience** (City of Palmerston, Central Desert Shire and Barkly Shire)
 - **leadership in crisis** (MacDonnell Shire, Victoria Daly Shire, Litchfield Council, City of Palmerston)
 - **public safety awareness** (Victoria Daly Shire, Central Desert Shire, City of Palmerston)
- carried out CEO Performance reviews for:
 - Victoria Daly Shire in November 2012
 - Katherine Town Council in November 2012
- undertook recruitment for:
 - Victoria Daly Shire CEO in July 2012
 - Wagait Shire CEO in March 2013
 - Mungoorbada Finance manager in March 2013
 - Mungoorbada CEO in June 2013
 - Mungoorbada LLN Trainer in June 2013
- handled HR advice and dispute resolution for:
 - Barkly Shire – rewriting of senior staff performance review documents in September 2012
 - Victoria Daly Shire – Organisational Review Project in February to June 2013
 - three CEO contracts in October 2012, February 2013 and June 2013
- organised training for:
 - Roper Gulf Shire – CEO Performance Review for Elected Members in October 2012 to June 2013

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- Victoria Daly Shire - CEO Performance Review for Elected Members and performance reviews for staff in October 2012
- Train the Trainer Cert IV TAE Group 2 for employees and elected members which was completed in December 2012
- carried out curriculum writing for an Elected Member Roles and Responsibilities Project – conversion of VET Diploma level units to Cert II level
- facilitated a Roper Gulf Shire Youth Forum in June 2013
- **on request from councils completed the following training courses for councils:**

Council	Training undertaken	Training dates
Victoria Daly Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce planning – gap analysis • Long Term Financial Planning • Asset Management Planning 	17-18 October 2012 5-6 December 2012 30 May 2013
MacDonnell Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Infrastructure Financial Management Guidelines (AIFMG) 	21-22 August 2012
Alice Springs Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIFMG • Asset Management Planning 	21-22 August 2012 February 2013
Barkly Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIFMG • Long Term Financial Planning • Asset Management Planning 	21-22 August 2012 5-6 December 2012 4 September 2012
Katherine Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIFMG • Long Term Financial Planning • Asset Management Planning 	23-24 August 2012 5-6 December 2012 Ongoing over the year
City of Darwin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIFMG 	23-24 August 2012
Coomalie Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIFMG • Long Term Financial Planning 	23-24 August 2012 5-6 December 2012
City of Palmerston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIFMG • Long Term Financial Planning 	23-24 August 2012 5-6 December 2012
Litchfield Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIFMG • Long Term Financial Planning 	23-24 August 2012 5-6 December 2012

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Council	Training undertaken	Training dates
East Arnhem Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor roles and responsibilities • AIFMG • Long Term Financial Planning 	30 November 2012 23-24 August 2012 5-6 December 2012
Central Desert Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to local government • AIFMG • Sustainable Communities • Asset Management Planning 	5 December 2012 21-21 August 2012 6 February 2013 11-12 June 2013
Tiwi Islands Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation of powers • AIFMG • Workforce planning – gap analysis 	12 December 2012 23-24 August 2012 17-18 October 2012
West Arnhem Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to local government * • Councillor roles and responsibilities * • Introduction to local government (Warruwi local board) * • Long Term Financial Planning 	20 March 2013 21 March 2013 17 June 2013 5-6 December 2012
Roper Gulf Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to local government * • Code of conduct * • Separation of powers * • Communication * • Understanding finances * • Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment • AIFMG • Long Term Financial Planning 	10-15 June 2013 Commenced June 2013 23-24 August 2012 5-6 December 2012

**These training modules are mapped to the nationally accredited Elected Members skills set from the Local Government Training Package.*

1.2 Outcome: Policy formulation, implementation and review is undertaken
Achievements:

LGANT:

- updated call for motions template to ensure rigour in the submissions of motions to LGANT meetings and the subsequent policy formation
- updated LGANT policies in respect of workforce planning and development
- updated LGANT policy regarding employees as elected members
- developed policy on electronic voting and the counting of votes in council elections.

Key Achievement:

Bonya Access Road (Roads to Recovery Program)

In 2012 LGANT identified the Bonya Community access road 361km North East of Alice Springs as a priority project under the Roads to Recovery Program. This road services the Bonya Community and neighbouring pastoral properties.

The Bonya Access Road suffered significant damage following an intense rain event in 2011 and sections below the natural terrain were not allowing proper drainage of the road surface.

The project commenced in April 2013 with a local Tennant Creek contractor, Bennally Pty Ltd, appointed to complete the works.

The scope of works included the lift and compaction of sub grade and construction of floodways - 10km of road pavement sheeting at a cost of \$494,000.

Success factors of the project:

- local cattle station, Jervois Station, provided access to water
- Department of Transport provided access to gravel from the Plenty Highway gravel pit
- Bennally Pty Ltd employed two local community members to assist in the road construction with one showing interest in full time employment.

On completion of works in May 2013, the raised gravel pavement has improved the amenity and access for road users to the Bonya community.

Strategic Goals Contributed to:

To provide effective and efficient services to our members



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure and Transport



1.3 Outcome: A requirement for extensive plans to be in place prior to the transfer of barge landings, boat ramps and airports from the Territory Government to local government

Achievements:

LGANT:

- advocated for action to take place in the lead up to the August 2012 Northern Territory election.

The matter is to be pursued in 2014 once the processes that are developed under Outcome 1.5 are progressed and potentially can be used for this outcome.

1.4 Outcome: Local government revenues are boosted, costs are reduced and councils are assessed for their financial sustainability

Achievements:

LGANT:

- requested increased revenues be made available to councils as part of the **LGANT 2013/14 Northern Territory Government budget submission** with funding advised in the following areas:
 - advancing local government reforms
 - contributing to the financial sustainability of councils
 - local government workforce planning
- continued to supply councils with the full list of products and services available to them under national local government procurement arrangements
- made available to councils the **following new items through the Local Government National Purchasing Network:**
 - bulk fuels
 - advertising
- **was not successful in gaining funding for municipal councils for assessments** to be done on their financial sustainability
- continued to press in submissions (2012 NT Election Document and 2013/14 budget submission) for assessments to be done
- **completed a submission on 15 January 2013 to the Commonwealth Grants Commission** on its review on improving the impact of the financial assistance grants on local government financial sustainability.

1.5 Outcome: A requirement for extensive plans demonstrating an orderly, appropriately funded transfer to be in place prior to the transfer of local roads from the Territory government to local government

Achievements:

LGANT:

- advocated for this outcome in the lead up to the August 2012 Northern Territory election through the LGANT Election Document

Key Achievement:

Asset Management and Long Term Financial Planning

The Local Government Reform Fund is a Commonwealth Program with aims to:

- support the accelerated implementation of the Nationally Consistent Frameworks for local government asset and financial management, as agreed by the Local Government and Planning Ministers' Council in 2009
- encourage collaboration in the local government sector to build capacity and resilience
- improve the collection and analysis of nationally consistent data on local government assets and finances.

In the financial year 2012-2013 LGANT facilitated training across the Northern Territory in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin to elected members and officers of councils:

- 85% of Elected Members were introduced to the roles of elected officials in stewardship and sustainability of Councils' infrastructure assets;
- 90% of Councils had officers attending asset management and long term financial planning workshops.

This training will improve the collection and analysis of nationally consistent data on local government assets and finances.

Topics covered include:

- Sustainability and Stewardship practices;
- Integrated Asset Management; and
- Long Term Financial Planning

Strategic Goals Contributed to:

To enhance the status and performance of local government in the Northern Territory

To provide effective and efficient services to our members



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- noted the then- Minister for Local Government the Hon Adam Giles MLA announced at the LGANT general meeting on 8 November 2012 that the matter was to be put 'on hold'
- met with the Chief Executive, Claire Gardiner-Barnes and Executive Director Roads, Ernie Wanka of the Department of Infrastructure on 6 June 2013 to inform them of LGANT's strategic directions on the matter
- **forwarded a letter to the Chief Minister on 13 June 2013 requesting the establishment of a committee to progress the issue.**

1.6 Outcome: An asset and financial management framework for councils in the Northern Territory is implemented

Achievements:

LGANT:

- assisted the following councils with their long term asset and financial planning:
 - Central Desert Shire Council
 - Roper Gulf Shire Council
 - Katherine Town Council
 - Tiwi Islands Shire Council
 - Barkly Shire Council
- helped compile the plans for all the above councils which now only require endorsement at their respective council meetings
- established working groups in Katherine and Alice Springs for councils in those regions to collaborate on asset and financial management and planning issues.

1.7 Outcome: LGANT continues to service infrastructure and manage parts of the local road network in the Northern Territory on behalf of local government

Achievements:

LGANT is responsible for the maintenance of a 2,174km local road network on behalf of local government in the Northern Territory (12km sealed, 290km gravel, 501km formed and 137km flat bladed track) **in the Central Desert, Barkly, East Arnhem and Roper Gulf Shire areas.** During the 2012-2013 financial year LGANT carried out the following projects using local contractors and funds from the Roads to Recovery Program:

Council	Work undertaken	Project Cost
Roper Gulf Shire	Robinson River culvert airport road contracted to Mungoorabada Community	\$55,324
	Wada Waddalla Road re-sheet 2km gravel pavement	\$75,854

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Council	Work undertaken	Project Cost
East Arnhem Shire	Dhuruputji Road construction of floodway and culverts	\$86,040
	Mata Mata Access Road construction of culverts	\$88,130
Central Desert Shire	Bonya Access Road re-sheet 9km gravel pavement	\$494,680
Barkly Shire	Canteen Creek Road reformation and patch sheeting 13km – local contractor	\$80,400

- **completed maintenance grades on 2116km local roads** identified on the Northern Territory Grants Commission road audit
- **completed a road hierarchy on the total road network managed by LGANT** which details priorities for maintenance.

1.8 Outcome: Proposals are submitted in response to legislation enacted or proposed by the Territory and Australian governments

Achievements:

LGANT completed submissions to the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments on the following:

Legislation	Date
Commonwealth Inquiry into <i>Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012</i>	23 July 2012
NT <i>Personal Injuries (Liabilities and Damages) Act</i> in respect of statutory immunity for road authorities	20 September 2012 and 28 February 2013
NT Container Deposit Scheme	10 December 2012
NT review of the <i>Cemeteries Act</i>	28 February 2013
NT <i>Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act</i>	25 February 2013

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Legislation	Date
Commonwealth Inquiry into Land Rights and Other Legislation in respect of the township of Jabiru (on behalf of the West Arnhem Shire)	23 March 2013
NT Options for Regional Governance in the Northern Territory	9 June 2013

All of the above matters were outstanding at the date of this report with further information to be reported in the coming financial year.

1.9 Outcome: Sustaining environments including securing land tenure and influencing land use planning in local government areas is performed

Achievements:

LGANT:

- completed the commission with Minter Ellison which finalised the process for shires to negotiate and apply for leases with Land Councils using the template lease based on that negotiated by the Northern Territory Government for its leases on Aboriginal Land
- negotiated for shires to use Northern Territory government information on the valuation of properties and their respective rents as starting points for lease discussions
- through Minter Ellison made available to Land Councils records of all properties shires were seeking tenure over
- settled with shires their choices of seeking lease tenure over council buildings and license tenure over cemeteries, open spaces and parks and waste management facilities.
- met with the Chairman of the NT Planning Commission Gary Nairn on 27 November 2012 to discuss its operations, plan his attendance at a general meeting and local government's input to planning matters following the establishment of the Planning Commission. Also provided him with LGANT's 2012 submission to the draft Darwin Land Use Plan.

Key Achievement:

Development of Elected Member Training Modules

In 2011, LGANT received funding from FaHCSIA to support a range of governance and capacity development initiatives.

One of these initiatives was to develop governance training resources for Elected and Local Board Members. This training is aligned with the nationally accredited 'Elected Members Skills Set' taken from the nationally endorsed Local Government Training Package (LGA04).

A pilot delivery program of these resources is being delivered to Elected Members and staff of Roper Gulf Shire Council and Elected and Local Board Members of West Arnhem Shire Council. This ground testing is helping to ensure that the training delivered meets the requirements of our members in providing training of relevance whilst improving participants' governance capacity.

Other Shires that have expressed an interest in participating in the training program in the future are: Victoria Daly Shire Council, Tiwi Islands Shire Council and Barkly Shire Council.

Strategic Goals Contributed to:

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Australian Government

**Department of Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

2 To effectively advocate and represent member councils

2.1 Outcome: Member councils engage with LGANT on key issues to ensure collaboration and/or representation is achieved

Achievements:

LGANT completes a large portion of its **engagement and coordination work with its members by way of Executive, general, annual general and reference group meetings** that are held throughout the year. LGANT general meetings bring together Mayors and Presidents and their Deputies as well as councillors and CEOs.

The then Minister for Local Government, the Hon Adam Giles MLA, addressed members at LGANT's general meeting in November 2012 and the current Minister for Local Government, the Hon Alison Anderson MLA, addressed members at the general meeting in May 2013.

The President and CEO, and in some cases the Vice Presidents, attended council meetings throughout the year, including:

- East Arnhem Shire on 29 November 2012
- Katherine Town Council on 26 February 2013
- Roper Gulf Shire on 27 February 2013
- West Arnhem Shire on 13 March 2013
- Litchfield Council on 14 March 2013
- City of Darwin on 28 May 2013
- City of Palmerston on 29 May 2013

The following reference groups met:

- **CEO Forums** – meetings were held on 7 November 2012 in Alice Springs and on 6 March 2013 in Darwin and dealt with matters including:
 - parking infringement notices issued to interstate vehicle owners
 - leases on Aboriginal land
 - the Curtin University study on organisational change
 - the transfer of local roads, barge landings and airports to local government
 - the Indigenous Workforce Development Project
 - the progression of business and managed services opportunities in the NT
 - national contracts on media advertising
 - local government reform
 - reports from:
 - the Road and Transport Advisory Committee
 - the Governance Reference Group
 - the Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Reference Group
 - the Local Government Managers Association NT
 - a government rates workshop

all of which were suggested as possible activities for councils to pursue as best practice or as items for future consideration and planning and were included in the minutes sent to councils.

- **Mayors and Presidents** – meetings were held on 7 November 2012 in Alice Springs and on 6 March 2013 alongside LGANT's general meetings. The meetings are

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organised as a forum for Mayors and Presidents to canvass, amongst themselves, opinion and advice about their work including involvement with the media.

- **Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Reference Group (ETIRG)** – meetings were held on 6-7 September 2012 in Alice Springs and 27–28 March 2013 in Darwin. Presentations on issues of best practice or for future consideration or planning by councils included:
 - Department of Health
 - funding for a Central Australian Waste Management Coordinator to work with councils
 - Department of Transport
 - **road safety** – with presentations on the Commonwealth's Road Safety Black Spot Program
 - **traffic management** – presentation on initiatives that are available for funding through the Department
 - National Heavy Vehicle Regulations
 - Department of Construction and Infrastructure
 - asphalt bitumen specifications for roads and paths
 - NT Environment Protection Authority
 - strategic directions following restructure
 - Local Buy (National Procurement Network)
 - local government purchasing
 - Department of Regional Development and Indigenous Advancement
 - housing and municipal infrastructure in Indigenous towns and urban areas
 - outstations / homelands for Indigenous persons
 - Power and Water Authority
 - Essential Service Officer training to do with period contacts
 - Street lighting maintenance and ownership of assets.
 - NT Planning Commission
 - Operations and input
- Other results included:
 - Policy development and recommendations for legislative change to do with:
 - procurement
 - the transport of nuclear waste in the Northern Territory
 - long term asset and financial management;
 - asset management maturity assessment tools with LGANT to report annually on the aggregated local government sector results
 - the *Cemeteries Act*
 - local government sub divisional guidelines
 - guidelines for planning and development of industrial estates in local government areas;
 - Information distribution and advice on:
 - national heavy vehicle legislation
 - animal welfare
 - emergency recovery planning for local councils

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- heavy vehicle safety and productivity program
 - regional aviation
 - Northern Territory Grants Commission road methodology review.
 - rail crossing safety
- **Human Resource Reference Group** – one meeting was held on 10-11 April 2013 and outcomes from it were:
 - a recommendation to update LGANT workforce planning and development policy
 - workshopped and supplied members with templates to facilitate workforce planning and development
 - promoted professional development for HR professionals including notice of a local government national human resources conference
 - provided training on how to undertake workplace investigations
- **Governance Reference Group** – one meeting was held on 11 October 2012 in Darwin and outcomes from them were:
 - the issue of governance plan guidelines for councils to adopt
 - update on the governance support project run by LGANT
 - participation in a process of validation for elected member training resources under development
- **Finance Reference Group** – meetings were held on 19 July 2012 in Litchfield and 18-19 April 2013 in Darwin, the outcomes of which were:
 - a Shire Financial Sustainability Taskforce was created and held its first meeting on 23 July 2012 at which the ToR and its operations were discussed. (this group was subsequently disbanded by the new government after the NT elections held 25 August 2012)
 - remedial actions in the implementation timeline of the Financial Sustainability Report were discussed at length
 - the LGANT Election Document to all political parties was endorsed
 - suggestions for changes to the Accounting Regulations to allow local government access to Localbuy contracts within the National Procurement Network
 - input towards the development of the 2012 local government index
 - asset management and financial planning
 - continuation of work on management and administration fees applied to government grants
 - conditional rating applications
 - Standard Chart of Accounts to be introduced for grants administered by the NT Department of Health
 - Endorsement of the 2012/13 LGANT Budget Submission
 - election of a member to the Local Government Accounting Advisory Group
 - acknowledgement of specific issues relating to Division 81 of the *Goods and Services Act*
 - recommendations for drafting regulations to remove impediments to certain properties being rateable

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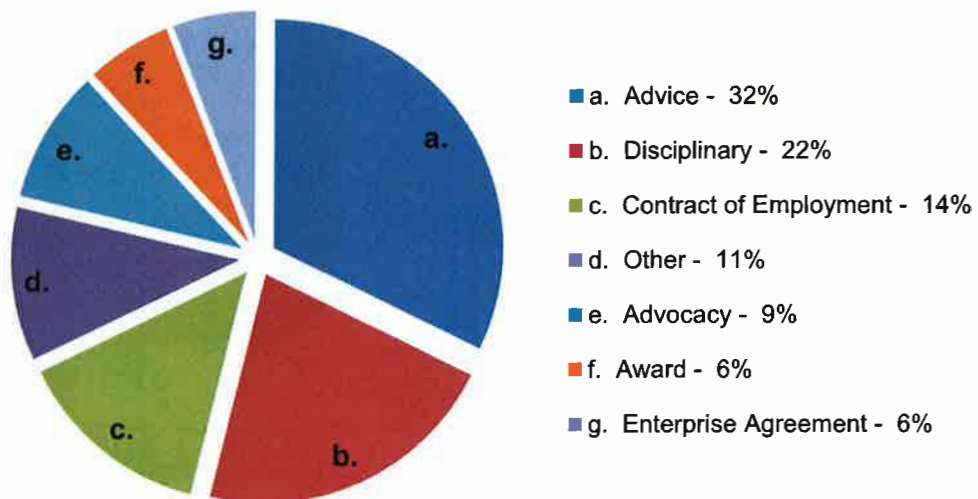
- distribution of papers on financial sustainability ratios
- support for the use of the National Assessment Framework Maturity Assessment Tool
- suggested amendments to the *Local Government Act* for making provisions to do with long service leave clearer and more transparent
- ensuring Technology One and Authority user groups become a standing item for this group
- alerting members to the potential impact of local government reforms
- endorsement of a draft borrowings policy
- a Finance Reference Group/Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee workshop was convened by Deloitte on 18 July 2012. Outcomes from this workshop were:
 - the commencement of work with the NT Department of Planning to gain members access to the NT Land Information System (NTLIS) and Google EC to ensure members have access to the best available land information when developing rating proposals.

Other areas LGANT collaborated on with its members included:

- participation in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services, **Regional Shires Forum** in July 2012 (this group was subsequently disbanded by the new government after the NT elections in August 2012)
- continued the relationship with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Workplace Solutions throughout the year. As part of this agreement Workplace Solutions provides a comprehensive human resource policy manual which was regularly updated and available online to LGANT members. Additionally Workplace Solutions represented LGANT at a National level in the review of the Local Government Industry Award.

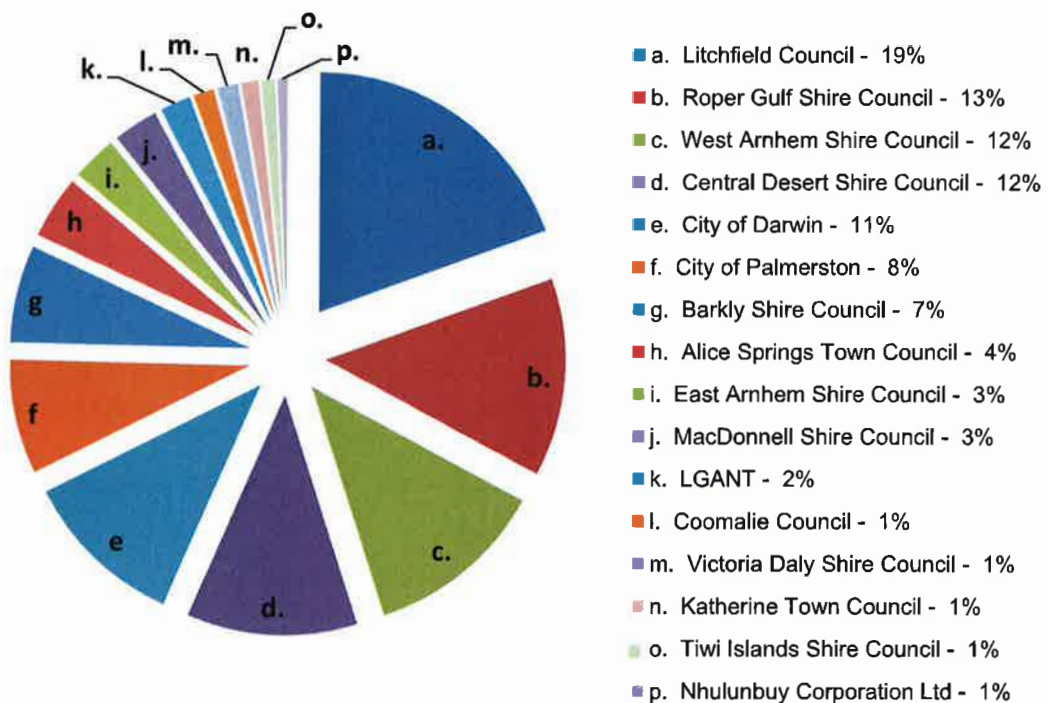
For the 2011/2012 financial year a total of 420 individual contacts were made with WALGA making use of the WALGA/LGANT contract at an average of 35 contacts per month. The charts below show the spread of topics addressed.

2012/13 Proportion of Council Contacts by Type



The Workplace Solutions service was used by the majority of members

2012/13 Proportion of Council Contacts



Key Achievement:

Emergency Management Workshops

Throughout 2012 -2013 LGANT continued to assist councils to incorporate Community Recovery Plans into Shire Recovery Plans.

Discussions have led to other local government entities Council Biz and Latitude 12 who provide services to local councils developing agreements and plans to complement work being undertaken by local councils.

LGANT had received funding from the Risk Priority Project Fund and following successful quotations, the Australian Emergency Management Institute (AEMI, Mt Macedon, Victoria) was granted the opportunity to provide the workshops with LGANT organising the publicity, registration of attendees, venues and refreshments.

The following workshops were delivered in in Darwin and Alice Springs:

- Organisational Resilience
- Leadership in Crisis
- Public Safety Awareness

These workshops were open to all local government councils and eventually other government departments and non-government organisations.

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Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

Australian Emergency
Management Institute



2.2 Outcome: Northern Territory local government representatives are appointed to relevant boards and committees

Achievements:

Throughout the year LGANT called for **nominations from councils to be representatives on Territory and Commonwealth government committees** including the:

- Neighbourhood Watch NT Committee
- Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
- Heritage Council
- Local Government Waste Advisory Board
- Remote Active Living Project Working Group
- NT Planning Commission

LGANT representatives on committees were required to present reports at the LGANT 2012 annual general meeting with the following received:

- Local Government (Administration and Legislation) Advisory Committee
- Public Library Advisory Committee
- NT Water Safety Advisory Council
- National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee
- NT Tobacco Control Advisory Committee
- NT Weeds Advisory Committee
- Northern Territory Grants Commission.

2.3 Outcome: Local government has partnership agreements with the NT and Commonwealth governments that bring maximum benefit to members and are honoured by all parties

LGANT:

- advocated for a partnership agreement with the Northern Territory government on the review of regional governance in its 2012 Election Document as well as in its submission.

2.4 Outcome: the interests of Northern Territory local government are promoted at the national level through the Australian Local Government Association

Achievements:

LGANT's CEO, President and Vice President Shires (or Alternate Directors) participated in the following **ALGA meetings**:

- the ALGA Post General Assembly Teleconference 26 July 2012
- the National Local Roads and Transport Congress 14-16 November 2012
- all general meetings and the annual general meeting
- ALGA strategic planning meeting 21-22 February 2013
- the National General Assembly of Local Government 17-19 June 2013

Outcomes from these meetings and the processes that flowed from them included:

- the adoption of the **ALGA strategic plan and annual budget** for 2012/13
- the endorsement of **resolutions from the June 2012 National General Assembly**
- the issuing of the **ALGA 2013/14 Federal Budget Submission**

Key Achievement:

Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

In 2012 significant progress was made toward a referendum to recognise local government in the Australian Constitution

Then Prime Minister Julia Gillard set the federal election date in January 2013 and announced in May that she was pursuing a constitutional referendum along with the election in September.

Legislation passed through Parliament in May 2013 with strong bipartisan support.

A National Campaign Director was announced at the ALGA National General Assembly in June and the national "yes" campaign rapidly took shape.

LGANT worked closely with member councils to gather information for the national campaign, with LGANT stepping in to complete tasks on behalf of a number of councils.

The leadership spill at the end of June resulted in new uncertainty around the date of the election and at the time of this report the election date had not been set.



2008

November 2008
Local Government
Constitutional Summit

2009
Pape Case in the High
Court

2012
Williams Case in the
High Court

December 2011
Report released by
Expert Panel in the
Constitutional
Recognition of LG

24 January 2013
Joint Select Committee
interim report

November 2012
Government establishes
Joint Select Committee

7 March 2013
Final Joint Select
Committee Report

30 January 2013
Former Prime Minister,
Julia Gillard, announces
14 September Election

9 May 2013
Local Government
Referendum announced
by Prime Minister

21 March 2013
Referendum campaign
funding legalisation
introduced to
Parliament

16 May 2013
Constitution Alteration
(Local Government) Bill
2013 exposure draft

15 May 2013
Referendum campaign
funding legalisation
passed by Parliament

24 June 2013
Constitution Alteration
(Local Government) Bill
2013 passed by
Parliament

29 May 2013
Constitution Alteration
(Local Government) Bill
2013 introduced to
Parliament

4 August 2013
Prime Minister
announces 7 September
election and no
referendum

26 June 2013
Leadership Spill - Prime
Minister Gillard
replaced by Prime
Minister Rudd

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- the production of **reports to the LGANT Executive and LGANT members** on ALGA general meeting issues and activity
- the resignation of the ACT government from the ALGA Board
- continued to progress steps for **supporting a referendum on the recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution**
- notification of **communiqués arising from Ministerial councils**
- **ALGA endorsing its key priority areas for action under its strategic plan and as part of its Federal Election document:**
 - constitutional change to support continued direct Commonwealth payments to local government
 - more sustainable funding to meet local community priorities, including Financial Assistance Grants
 - better and safer roads through a permanent Roads to Recovery program
 - agreement that funding should accompany new responsibilities and an end to cost shifting
 - support for community infrastructure
 - help to adapt to climate change
 - a coordinated approach to national biodiversity
 - better arrangements for natural disaster mitigation
 - investment to improve online business capacity
 - adequate funding to deliver municipal services to Indigenous communities
- **production of the State of the Assets Pilot Report on the local roads funding gap throughout Australia.**

LGANT has represented and promoted the interests of local government at the national level in such forums as:

- the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) - Local Government Indigenous Roundtable
- the Broadband for the Bush forum in Alice Springs
- the ACELG 6th Annual Workforce Development Forum
- the Government Skills Australia (GSA) – Local Government Generalist Diploma Technical Reference Group
- the GSA Industry Advisory Committee and had input into updates to the local government training package, access to national funding programs such as WELL and Workforce Development funding
- the GSA Foundation Skills Technical Reference Group to ensure NT input into materials promoting the Foundation Skills Training Package for Local Government Employees
- the Local Government Workforce Development Group:
 - participated in discussions regarding the updating of the local government industry award
- LGANT Staff provided input to a number of ACELG reports including:
 - Community Engagement in Rural-Remote and Indigenous Local Government in Australia (October 2012)

Key Achievement:

Central Australia Waste Management Coordinator

In 2012 LGANT secured funding from the NT Department of Health (Environmental Health) to deliver waste education to Central Australian Growth Towns.

LGANT disbursed funds to the Central Desert Shire so that the project could be more efficiently run within the region. A steering group was formed and a Waste Management Coordinator employed at Central Desert Shire Council to work with MacDonnell and Barkly Shires also.

The goals of the program were to:

1. Employ a Waste Management Coordinator
2. Create Waste Management Plans for Growth Towns
3. Assist implementation of Plans

With the Environmental Health priorities of:

- Remove burning barrels
- Make safe car bodies
- Stormwater control in landfill sites

So far five plans have been developed for three growth towns: Yuendumu (Central Desert); Hermannsburg (MacDonnell); Ali Curung (Barkly).

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- National Local Government Indigenous Employment Position Paper – Closing the Gap through Place-based Employment (December 2012)
- In Our Hands: Strengthening Local Government Revenue for the 21st Century (February 2013)
- Provided input into the 2011/1012 Local Government National Report on 7 August 2013
- provided input into the development of a Long Term Integrated Planning manual for local government developed by ACELG
- completed a submission to the Commonwealth Government on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory – Remote Engagement Teams on 13 May 2012
- commenced discussion with ABS regarding local government involvement in the 2016 census.

2.5 Outcome: The interests of local government are promoted at the Territory level

Achievements:

Through its representation on various committees LGANT promoted the interests of local government at the Territory level including those to do with:

- **Local Government (Administration and Legislation) Advisory Committee:**
 - rate capping and conditional rating (a submission was sent to the Minister for Local Government on 27 May 2013)
 - repealing the *Places of Public Entertainment Act* because local government no longer has responsibility under this Act
 - amending the *Local Government Act* to provide clarity with
 - the portability of long service leave for council employees
 - recognising rates as a tax
 - agreeing to seek funding to complete a manual to assist councils to make the best use of regulatory orders under the *Local Government Act*
 - local government elections in terms of eligibility of candidates and electronic and postal voting
 - the statutory immunity of road authorities
 - rateability of land
 - retention dates for documents on council websites.

all of which were either dealt with by the Committee, will continue to be researched or were recommended for change as advice provided to the Minister for Local Government.

- **Local Government (Accounting) Advisory Committee:**
 - Ministerial guidelines for audit committees
 - Council borrowing policies and guidelines
 - the standardisation of grant acquittal processes across government
 - the recognition of revenue

all of which were either dealt with by the Committee, will continue to be researched or were recommended for advice provided to the Minister for Local Government.

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Committees or events at which **LGANT staff provided local government representation** included:

- **Top End Education and Training Network (TEETN)** which allowed LGANT to keep a watching brief on local issues facing Registered Training Organisations in the Northern Territory and from which information about the Remote Jobs in Communities Program was disseminated to councils
- **Remote Service Delivery Board of Management including**
 - Governance and Leadership subcommittee
 - Every Child Every Day school attendance subcommittee
 - Healthy Homes working group and provided input to their reviews
 - contributing to the *Stronger Futures* initiatives of the Federal government, involving all spheres of government
 - considered special funding for remote service delivery towns and providing advice on local government's input to local implementation plans for them

LGANT further promoted the interests of local government through:

- **meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services** in July, August, October, November and December 2012 and January, February, March, April, May and June 2013 to discuss **the following local government issues:**
 - local government reform
 - unincorporated land
 - legislative change
 - local government operations and support
 - grant funding

all of which were progressed to the extent possible given their status in government decision making
- **meetings with the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs** which advanced the following issues:
 - local government engagement in the updating of Local Implementation Plans for Commonwealth remote services delivery towns
 - grant funding of \$170 000 to increase local board training and capacity building
 - elected member and local board member training
- **meetings with the then Ministers for Local Government, the Hon Adam Giles MLA on 8 November 2012 and the Hon Alison Anderson MLA on 29 May 2013 to advance local government issues with reports prepared for Executive and general meetings.**

3 To promote communication between our members, stakeholders and the broader community

3.1 Outcome: LGANT identifies and responds to the information and communication needs of member councils

Achievements:

LGANT receives many requests for information and advice from its members most of which are answered by telephone or email. Other information and advice LGANT provided included:

- **publishing a 2013 calendar** which was circulated to member councils in 2012. This calendar highlights dates of significance to local government and the Northern Territory and is a promotional tool for both member councils and external organisations
- **publishing 2013-2014 LGANT Directory** which is issued to all councils in the NT and not for profit organisations free of charge. Commercial organisations are charged a nominal fee to cover delivery costs
- **publishing a fortnightly newsletter, *This Week @ LGANT***, which is distributed on-line to 300 recipients. This newsletter has an average subscription rate of 2 per month. Average open rate is 23% and click rate of 2%. 55% of subscribers receive the newsletter on their iPhone
- **publishing media releases as needed** - media releases are distributed online to 173 recipients. This media release list has an average subscription rate of 3 per month and unsubscribe of 1 per month. Average open rate is 29%. 41% of subscribers receive the newsletter on their iPhone.
- **issuing a member satisfaction survey to councils** in August 2012 with results reported in November 2012 at the Association's general meeting. The results were also used as part of the review of LGANT's strategic plan for 2013
- **subscribing to the EasyGrants Newsletter** which is emailed to member councils
- **paying the annual Austroads subscription** so member councils have access to expertise and publications to assist them in managing their local road networks
- **subscribing, on behalf of its members, to the IPWEA Queensland Chapter** to bring engineering expertise to member councils
- **in February 2013 LGANT appointed a part time media and communications officer.**

3.2 Outcome: Organised opportunities are provided for networking amongst members and between members and stakeholder groups

Achievements:

LGANT organised the following opportunities for networking amongst members:

- **general meetings of members** were held on 8-9 November 2012 at the Alice Springs Town Council and on 7-8 March 2013 at the City of Darwin
- **Mayors and Presidents and CEO Forums** were held on 7 November 2012 and 7 March 2013

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- a local government rates workshop on 4-5 October 2012 in Darwin with plans adopted to allow councils to access land information from the Department of Planning to improve their processing of rate notices
- along with the other reference group meetings that are mentioned under Outcome 2.5.

4 To provide effective and efficient services to our members

4.1 Outcome: Plans, systems and processes, financial, human resources and asset management practices are in place and operating effectively

Achievements:

LGANT:

- held weekly/monthly **managers and staff meetings** held over the 2012/2013 period
- the Association's **Executive Committee reviewed LGANT's strategic plan** in February 2013. The plan and annual budget were adopted by member councils at the general meeting on 7 March 2013
- **completed financial reports** to each meeting of the Executive
- **completed performance appraisals** for staff members
- **processed body corporate issues** in terms of security alarms, parking, signage, cleaning, tenancy management and participation in an emergency fire drill
- **adopted operational policies for its:**
 - website maintenance procedure
 - media releases policy and procedure
 - member council access to procurement services
 - document management.
- continued with annual maintenance and upgrading of InfoXpert along with training for staff
- continued to review and revise the LGANT folder structure
- undertook training in Interplan to improve staff's use of the tool
- developed an operational policy with respect to members use of the National Procurement Network
- presented information to the Executive showing the decision path since the 2008 local government reforms for its voting rights and subscription methodology.

4.2 Outcome: LGANT promotes its activities to its members and key stakeholders

Achievements:

LGANT:

- contributed as a member of the judging panel for the National Local Government Awards – Youth Engagement
- presented at a National Skills week event highlighting workforce planning and development in the local government sector
- designed and developed a new logo and style guide

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- maintained the LGANT website:
 - the website underwent a major review during the year which incorporated the new LGANT logo and style guide. The structure of the site was overhauled to better reflect the operations of LGANT and improve the ease of navigation
 - the website had 10,252 unique visitors for a total of 14,656 visits visiting an average of 2.47 pages per visit
 - of the 14,656 visits 68% were new visits
 - 61% of visits came from internet searches, 16% from referrals and 23% from direct traffic (bookmarks)
 - reports were published on the LGANT web page
 - new pages added to website
 - Documents Download page
 - Emergency management
 - Local government training network
 - the top 10 pages visited were:
 1. LGANT Home page
 2. Current vacancies
 3. About LGANT
 4. Role of local government
 5. Working in remote NT
 6. People and development
 7. Contact us
 8. Advocacy and representation
 9. Infrastructure
 10. Members and associate members
- **issued media releases and the LGANT President and Vice President Shires engaged in radio and television interviews on local government issues**
- **published the annual report for the 2011/2012 financial year** which was endorsed at the annual general meeting on 9 November 2012
- **published a President's report in the *Local Government Focus* newspaper** in November 2012.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

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 2013 and of the results and cash flows of the Association for the year then ended.



July 2013

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 2013 and of the results and cash flows of the Association for the year then ended.



July 2013

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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**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 2013.

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 committee members' financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporations Act of the Northern Territory. 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 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

KR Blacker & Associates
Public Accountants

Kevin Robert Blacker
Partner CPA 113 7559



Dated in Darwin on 3rd September 2013

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

	Notes	2013 \$	2012 \$
ASSETS			
<i><u>Current Assets</u></i>			
Cash	(2)	5,463,804	5,577,641
Debtors	(3)	52,187	88,379
Prepayments		<u>14,776</u>	<u>14,289</u>
		<u>5,530,767</u>	<u>5,680,309</u>
<i><u>Non Current Assets</u></i>			
Motor Vehicles	(4)	48,270	61,364
Furniture and Fittings	(4)	37,016	58,595
Buildings	(4)	<u>3,131,675</u>	<u>3,134,702</u>
		<u>3,216,961</u>	<u>3,254,661</u>
Total Assets		<u>8,747,728</u>	<u>8,934,970</u>
LESS LIABILITIES			
<i><u>Current Liabilities</u></i>			
Creditors		18,676	141,087
Payments Received in Advance	(5)	631,569	611,682
Income Deferral	(5)	632,316	1,064,311
Accruals		17,208	13,382
Loans - Motor Vehicles	(6)	0	0
Loans - building	(6)	20,000	0
Provision - Annual Leave		130,335	132,810
Provision - Long Service Leave		<u>98,734</u>	<u>88,571</u>
		<u>1,548,838</u>	<u>2,051,843</u>
<i><u>Non-current Liabilities</u></i>			
Loans - Motor Vehicles	(6)	0	43,214
Loans - Building	(6)	1,700,000	1,620,000
Provision - Long Service Leave		51,772	35,362
Provision - Capital Equipment Purchases		11,076	13,000
Provision - Property, Mobile Equipment, other assets		269,000	269,000
Provision - Legal and Constitutional Activities		0	50,000
		<u>2,031,848</u>	<u>2,030,576</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,580,686</u>	<u>4,082,419</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>5,167,042</u>	<u>4,852,551</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance at the beginning of the year		4,852,551	4,556,063
(To)/From Reserves		50,000	200,000
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		<u>264,491</u>	<u>96,488</u>
Balance at the end of the year		<u>5,167,042</u>	<u>4,852,551</u>

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OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Notes	2013 \$	2012 \$
INCOME FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
User Charges and Fees	(7)	968,593	951,835
Interest		149,656	215,430
Other Revenues from ordinary activities		23,417	10,000
NT Govt Contributions for Operating Purposes	(8)	534,756	1,300,854
Federal Govt Contributions for Operating Purposes	(9)	<u>2,489,530</u>	<u>2,115,501</u>
Total Income from ordinary activities		4,165,952	4,593,620
Add Net Profit from sale of assets		<u>40</u>	<u>492</u>
Total Income		<u>4,165,992</u>	<u>4,594,112</u>
EXPENDITURE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Employee Costs		930,729	919,562
Materials and contracts		2,349,147	2,899,001
Depreciation		37,028	56,016
Other operating expenses	(10)	502,786	526,605
Interest Charges		<u>81,144</u>	<u>98,355</u>
Total Expenses from ordinary activities		3,900,834	4,499,539
Add Net Loss on disposal of assets		<u>667</u>	<u>423</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>3,901,501</u>	<u>4,499,962</u>
Total Income		4,165,992	4,594,112
Less Total Expenditure		<u>3,901,501</u>	<u>4,499,962</u>
Surplus (Deficit) for the year from ordinary activities		<u>264,491</u>	<u>94,150</u>
<i>Add Extraordinary item</i>			
Insurance Claim		<u>0</u>	<u>2,338</u>
NET SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>264,491</u>	<u>96,488</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Notes	2013 \$	2012 \$
Cash Flows from operating activities			
Payments to Suppliers	-2,470,143	-2,827,320	
Payments to Employees	-906,630	-875,211	
Payment of Interest	-81,144	-98,356	
Payment of other Expenses	-466,241	-483,855	
Borrowing Costs	-36,547	-42,750	
Receipts from members	723,953	583,729	
Interest received	49,750	60,631	
Interest received for other projects	99,907	154,796	
Northern Territory Government	534,756	1,300,854	
Commonwealth Government	2,489,530	2,115,501	
Other Charges and User Fees	275,159	278,416	
Other Contributions to Projects	0	46,382	
Sponsorship - Association	<u>29,091</u>	<u>22,090</u>	
Net cash flows used in operating activities	241,441	234,907	
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of fixed assets	0	-31,361	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	<u>45</u>	<u>68</u>	
Net cash flows used in investing activities	45	-31,293	
Cash flows from Financing Activities			
Loans - Redraw Facility	200,000	-200,000	
Loans - Parap Building		0	
Loans - Parap Building Principal Repayments	-100,000	-280,000	
Loans - Motor Vehicles		0	
Loans - Motor Vehicles Principal Repayments	-43,215	-26,397	
Advances Received	19,887	301,374	
Income Deferred	<u>-431,995</u>	<u>-241,360</u>	
Net cash flows used in financing activities	-355,323	-446,383	
Cash flows from Insurance Recoveries			
Insurance payment - repairs to building	<u>0</u>	<u>2,838</u>	
Net Cash flows from insurance recoveries	0	2,838	
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held	-113,837	-239,931	
Cash at the beginning of the year	5,577,641	5,817,572	
Cash at the end of the year		<u>5,463,804</u>	<u>5,577,641</u>

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**NOTES TO, AND FORMING PART OF, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30
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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 2013 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, with the following exceptions: AASB132: Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments.

(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 at the end of the estimated useful lives of the assets of the Association against revenue over those estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is calculated on the permanent fixtures of the premises. The premises itself is not depreciated. A sinking fund 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 2012/13 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 income deferred in the balance sheet.

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Subscriptions

Subscriptions are recorded on an accrual basis

User Charges

User charges are recorded on an accrual basis

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% for contributory Association employees and 9% for non-contributory Association employees.

i) Loans

Vehicles:

The Association has loans with the Westpac Bank for its vehicles. See note 6 for commitment details.

Office Building:

The Association has a Commercial Loan with the Westpac 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 2013 at Westpac Darwin comprised the following:

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
LGANT Reserve Term Deposit Account	576,786	359,403
Project Holding Account	2,032,661	3,426,025
Project Holding Term Deposit Account	1,516,459	0
Natural Resource Management Account	71,765	26,190
Swimming Pool Term Deposit - Commonwealth Funds	81,250	208,792
Community Infrastructure OIPC Term Deposit Account	142,548	163,127
Barky Tablelands - Stewardship for Oil Account	67,447	65,363
Payroll Account	89,426	17,262
Natural Disaster Resilience Account	74,509	86,235
Tied Project Holding Account	659,681	1,117,366
Operating Account	<u>150,772</u>	<u>107,378</u>
	5,463,304	5,577,141
Petty Cash	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>5,463,804</u>	<u>5,577,641</u>

3 DEBTORS

	2,013	2,012
	\$	\$
Debtors	52,187	88,379
Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>52,187</u>	<u>88,379</u>

4 FIXED ASSETS

	2,013	2,012
	\$	\$
Motor Vehicles	77,289	104,321
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>29,019</u>	<u>42,957</u>
Total Motor Vehicles	<u>48,270</u>	<u>61,364</u>
Furniture, fittings and equipment	138,458	208,204
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>101,442</u>	<u>149,609</u>
Total Furniture and Fittings	<u>37,016</u>	<u>58,595</u>
Building - Parap	3,236,721	3,236,722
Less accumulated Depreciation on fixtures	<u>105,046</u>	<u>102,020</u>
Total Building - Parap	<u>3,131,675</u>	<u>3,134,702</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,216,961</u>	<u>3,254,661</u>

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5 INCOME DEFERRED AND RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

	2,013	2,012
	\$	\$
Federal Assistance Grant - Local Roads Funding	631,569	611,682
Local Government Reform Fund Asset Management Program	0	175,826
Asset Management Program Regional Project Officers	240,000	0
Asset Management Program Professional Development	19,000	0
NT Natural Disaster Resilience Program	0	68,005
Governance Support Program	172,799	618,619
Governance Support Events Contributions	94,361	94,361
Central Australia Waste Management Program	<u>106,156</u>	<u>107,500</u>
	<u>1,263,885</u>	<u>1,675,993</u>

6 EXPENDITURE COMMITMENT

	2,013	2,012
	\$	\$
Bank Loan - vehicles		
not later than 1 year	0	45,495
later than 1 year but not later than 2 years	0	0
later than 2 years but not later than 5 years	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	45,495
less future interest charge	<u>0</u>	<u>2,281</u>
loan liability	<u>0</u>	<u>43,214</u>
The break-up of this loan liability is as follows:		
current liability	0	0
non-current liability	<u>0</u>	<u>43,214</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>43,214</u>

Parap Building Purchase

Commercial Loan:

This loan was renegotiated in November 2011 as two commercial bills to run over three years with \$1,500,000 having fixed interest and \$400,000 having variable interest with the variable portion also having a redraw facility of \$200,000. Interest payments are made on a quarterly basis with the interest being deducted in advance from the loan amount. Principal payments of \$100,000 were made against the variable component of the loan in the 2012/2013 financial year.

The status of this loan is as follows:

	2,013	2,012
	\$	\$
Current Liability - Variable Commercial Bill	20,000	0
Non current liability - Variable Commercial Bill	200,000	120,000
Fixed Commercial Bill	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
	1,720,000	1,620,000
Redraw Facility	0	<u>200,000</u>
	<u>1,720,000</u>	<u>1,820,000</u>

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7 USER CHARGES AND FEES

	\$
Subscriptions, Meeting Charges and Sponsorship	716,145
Rental Charges	164,872
Constitutional Recognition Levy	50,000
Project Management and Consultancy Fees	<u>37,576</u>
Total User Charges and Fees	<u>968,593</u>

8 NT GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

	\$
Transport and Infrastructure	0
Local Government Reform Fund	175,826
Natural Disaster Resilience Program	251,430
Corporate Governance	0
Environmental Program	<u>107,500</u>
Total NT Government Contributions	<u>534,756</u>

9 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

	\$
Local Roads Funding	1,189,001
Roads to Recovery - LGANT	854,709
Governance Support Program	<u>445,820</u>
Total Federal Government Contributions	<u>2,489,530</u>

10 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	\$
Internal Management, Advocacy, Representation and Information Services	376,398
Human Resource Support and Development	36,372
Engineering and Environment Project Management	<u>90,016</u>
Total Other Operating Expenses	<u>502,786</u>

11 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2,013	2,012
	\$	\$
a) Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash at Bank	5,463,305	5,577,141
Petty Cash Imprest	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>5,463,805</u>	<u>5,577,641</u>
b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Used in Operating Activities to Operating Result		
Operating result	264,491	96,488
Add/(Subtract) non cash items		
Depreciation	37,028	56,015
Profit/Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	626	<u>-68</u>
	302,145	152,435
Add/(Subtract) operating flows		
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Creditors, Accruals	-118,586	62,069
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	22,177	44,351
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	36,192	-31,221
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	<u>-487</u>	<u>7,273</u>
Net Cash used in operating activities	<u>241,441</u>	<u>234,907</u>

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12 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Local Government Association manages grants and other Government funded 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 at 30 June 2013, however it is a member of CounbilBiz and that membership may carry some exposure to future liability.

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**14 UNEXPENDED GRANT MONIES CARRIED FORWARD TO THE 2013/2014
FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Association has contingent liabilities to repay grants received but not fully expended at year end for projects of \$3,323,307. Included in this figure are unexpended grants totaling \$1,263,885 received in advance or income deferred until the 2013/2014 financial year.

	Opening Balance 1 July 2012	Movements		Closing Balance 30 June 2013
		Received/ Receivable	Expended	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Local Roads Funding	2,270,877	577,319	1,028,148	1,820,048
Local Roads Funding received in advance (refer note 5)	0	631,569	0	631,569
Swimming Pool Refurbishment - Commonwealth	114,866	3,458	37,382	80,942
Community Services Programme	45,314	0	0	45,314
Roads to Recovery - LGANT	-27,797	854,709	834,973	-8,061
Local Government Reform - Rates Impact Statements	24,872	0	8,000	16,872
Workforce Planning and Development	21,961	0	22,041	-80
Governance Resource Kit	133,412	0	0	133,412
Central Australian Waste Management Program	107,500	0	107,500	0
Local Government Reform Fund	175,826	0	175,826	0
NT Natural Disaster Resilience Programme	68,005	0	68,005	0
NT Natural Disaster Resilience Programme - Plan and Develop	0	164,475	193,500	-29,025
Grant income received in advance or deferred to 2013/14 financial year (refer note 5)				
Governance Support	618,619	0	445,820	172,799
Event Funds	94,361	0	0	94,361
Asset Management Regional Project Officers		240,000	0	240,000
Asset Management Professional Development		19,000	0	19,000
Central Australian Waste Management Program 13/14 FY		106,156	0	106,156
TOTAL UNEXPENDED GRANTS	3,847,816	2,596,886	2,921,195	3,323,307

	Opening Balance 1 July 2012	Movements		Closing Balance 30 June 2013
		Received/ Receivable	Expended	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Engineering Management Charges	855,766	88,719	54,962	889,523
Environmental Management Charges	157,384	9,218	35,021	131,581
Human Resource and Industrial Relations Charges	147,434	36,089	32,897	150,626
TOTAL OTHER COMMITTED FUNDS	1,160,584	134,026	122,880	1,171,730

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BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

INCOME				
	Original Budget	Actual Income to 30/6/13	Comparison of Actual to Original Budget over(under)	Actual Income to 30/6/12
DIRECTORATE				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office of the Chief Executive	1,119,000	1,198,495	79,495	907,225
People and Development	300,000	477,485	177,485	760,377
Technical and Environmental Services	2,390,000	2,690,376	300,376	2,928,845
TOTAL INCOME	3,809,000	4,366,356	557,356	4,596,447

EXPENDITURE				
	Original Budget	Actual Expenditure to 30/6/13	Comparison of Actual to Original Budget over(under)	Actual Expenditure to 30/6/12
DIRECTORATE				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office of the Chief Executive	991,000	924,558	-66,442	1,337,145
People and Development	445,000	593,602	148,602	851,077
Technical and Environmental Services	2,840,000	2,526,167	-313,833	2,285,430
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,276,000	4,044,327	-231,673	4,473,652

Total income and expenditure figures include capital income and expenditure and internal transfers during the 2012/2013 financial year. See notes 13 and 14 on funds carried forward to the 2013/2014 financial year

Notes to Budget Comparison Report:

People and Development

Income: Grant funding carried forward from the 2011/2012 financial year was more than anticipated.

Grant funding 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 has been transferred to liabilities as income deferred.

This income will be recognised in the 2013/2014 operational statement to match the expenditure.

Expenditure: Expenditure in line with project funding carried forward from the 2012/2013 financial year

Technical and Environmental Services

Income: Grant funding carried forward from the 2011/2012 financial year was more than anticipated.

Additional funding was received for specific projects identified during the 2012/13 financial year.

There was an increase in Local Roads Funding and RTR funding.

Grant funding 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 has been transferred to liabilities as income deferred

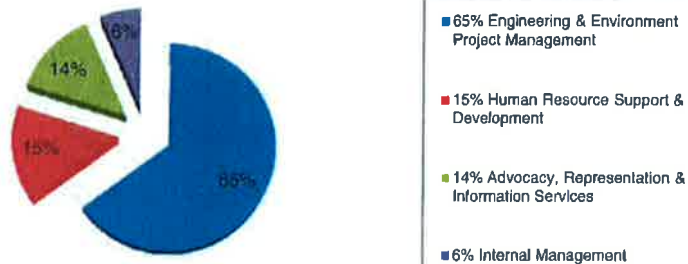
This income will be recognised in the 2013/2014 operational statement to match the expenditure.

Expenditure: Infrastructure projects budgeted for in the 2012/2013 financial year not completed as at 30 June 2013 were carried forward to the 2013/2014 financial year.

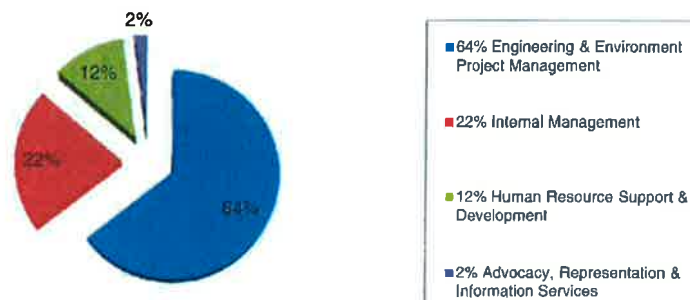
Environmental carbon capture project did not eventuate.

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**Breakup of Operational Expenditure for the
2012/13 financial year**



**Breakup of Operational Income including Prepaid and
Income Deferred to the 2012/13 financial year**



Source of Funding for the 2012/13 financial year

