



Annual Report 2024 – 2025

Coomalie
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ABOUT US



The Coomalie Community Government Council serves the Coomalie Region Local Government Area, located in Australia's Northern Territory. Situated approximately 100 kilometres south of Darwin, the Coomalie region encompasses an area of about 2,000 square kilometres. The Council's jurisdiction includes the townships of Batchelor and Adelaide River, as well as several smaller communities and rural areas. Batchelor, which serves as the administrative centre for the Council, is known for its proximity to Litchfield National Park and its historical significance as a former wartime airbase.

Coomalie Community Government Council is committed to providing essential services and fostering community development in this unique part of the Northern Territory. The Council operates under the *Local Government Act 2019* and is responsible for a range of local government functions, including:

- Infrastructure maintenance and development
- Waste management
- Animal control
- Community services and facilities
- Local economic development initiatives

The Council holds its Ordinary General Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, typically at the Council Chambers in Batchelor. These meetings are open to the public, demonstrating the Council's commitment to transparency and community engagement.

Through its annual report, the Coomalie Community Government Council aims to provide a comprehensive overview of its activities, achievements, and financial performance to residents, stakeholders, and the wider community. This report serves as a vital tool for accountability and communication, reflecting the Council's dedication to responsible governance and community service in the Coomalie region.

Acknowledgement of Country...

Council acknowledges the land on which it meets and works, and pays respect to the Kungarakan and Warai people, their Elders, past, present and emerging.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICIAL MANAGER

I began my term as the Official Manager in July 2024 following the suspension of Councillors by the Minister for Local Government.

As the Official Manager it was my responsibility to perform the functions, powers and duties of Council as required under the *Local Government Act 2019* and to represent the interests of the Coomalie communities

I have endeavoured to deliver on a commitment of good governance and strategic leadership and bring a level of stability and certainty which has allowed the organisation to get on with delivering important projects and services for the community

One of the key achievements has been to address a number of irregularities and compliance issues, including updating all Council policies ensuring they align with current contemporary management practices and legislative requirements. This will prudently serve the incoming Council well in future years.

The development of a comprehensive asset management planning framework coupled with the establishment of financial reserves, will assist the incoming Council in prioritising future capital works programs and unexpected challenges. An unqualified financial audit for 2024/25 demonstrates sound financial management and oversight for the financial year.

Coomalie Community Government Council would like to acknowledge the financial support provided by the Australian Government and the NT Government during the financial year. The major projects delivered in 2024 – 2025 included:

- Resealing roads in the Adelaide River township;
- Fencing the Adelaide River oval and new goal posts to provide open access for all;
- Upgrading the access to the Batchelor Waste Management Facility by sealing Sargeant Road
- Commencing the Myrtle Fawcett Park Ablution Facility.
- Replace Miles Road culvert; and
- Electrical works Adelaide River Cemetery

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the Chief Executive Officer and all of the staff at the Council for their unwavering support and commitment to serving the Coomalie community. Your dedication has been instrumental in navigating these challenging times and setting a positive course for the future.

I am excited about Coomalie Community Government Council's future as the community prepares to return to elected Council representation in September 2025.

I wish you all the very best in the next financial year.



Mark Blackburn

Official Manager



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This past year has been a time of significant challenge and transition for the Coomalie Community Government Council. The period of administration brought with it a great deal of uncertainty and required us all to adapt quickly to new governance structures. The increased administrative load and the stress that came with these changes have tested the resolve and resilience of our organisation.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Minister for Local Government for the appointment of a steady and capable Official Manager, Mark Blackburn. Mark's calm leadership, expert advice, and strong guidance provided Council with stability during uncertain times and ensured business continuity for our community.

During the year the operation was able to complete and commence much of its capital works program as mentioned throughout this report. Council's capital works programs would be very limited without the generous support of the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government recurrent grant provisions such as Community Places for People, Waste and Resource Recovery Management, Roads to Recovery, Black Spot and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Programs. Council participated in the pre-election campaigns for both levels of government to maintain or increase these grant opportunities so that the Coomalie Region can address the management of its aging assets.

To assist in prioritising competing projects foundational work has also progressed with the development of an Asset Management Policy, a new Assets Strategic Plan, and Asset Category Plans. These documents are an essential step toward the creation of a 10-year Asset Management Plan, which will underpin Council's long-term financial strategy and guide the careful stewardship, renewal, and development of our assets.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff for their professionalism and commitment, to Official Manager Mark Blackburn for his exceptional stewardship, and to our Coomalie community for your resilience and continued support of Council. Your dedication to our unique region and your ongoing engagement ensures that we remain focused on delivering services and outcomes that matter to you.

Thank you for staying the course and for your unwavering commitment to the future of Coomalie Shire.



Sharon Hillen

Chief Executive Officer



ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION

The 9th Council of the Coomalie Community Government Council consists of six (6) elected members, representing their communities of interest in the three (3) council Wards:

President of Council	Sharon Beswick	Adelaide River Ward
Councillor	Stephen Noble	
Councillor	Richard Luxton	Batchelor Township Ward
Councillor	Casual Vacancy	
Councillor	Cherrian Luxton	Coomalie Rural Ward
Councillor	Colin Freeman	

Council Representational Structure

The Coomalie Local Government Area (LGA) is divided into three wards:

1. Adelaide River Ward
2. Batchelor Town Ward
3. Coomalie Rural Ward

The wards are represented by two elected members, each serving a four-year term. The next Local Government Election was held in August 2025.

Cherrian Luxton was appointed by Council to fill the Casual Vacancy on the 28th of May 2024.

Council Administration

As of 22nd July 2024, the Coomalie Community Government Council was placed under official management, as directed by the then Minister for Local Government, Chansey Paech, through Government Gazette No. S69. This action was taken under section 318(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*. The following appointments were made by the Minister for Local Government:

- Mark Blackburn was appointed to manage the affairs of the Council.
- Cathryn Hutton was appointed to investigate and report to the Minister by 14 March 2025 on the conduct of the suspended members, as well as the overall affairs and financial position of the Council.

Council was dismissed by the Minister for Local Government, Steve Edgington, having considered the final investigation report and by Gazettal Notice S32 on the 22nd May 2025.

ELECTED MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE

Elected Member	Attendance		
	In Person	Electronic	
President Sharon Beswick	2	0	The 9 th Council attended one Ordinary General Meeting, and one Special Meeting held in July 2024, before the elected members were suspended.
Councillor Stephen Noble	2	0	
Councillor Richard Luxton	2	0	
Councillor Colin Freeman	2	0	
Councillor Cherrian Luxton	2	0	
Mark Blackburn (Official Manager)	18	0	

Pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the Council must set its schedule of meetings for its term at the first Ordinary Meeting after a general election. The Council resolved to meet the third Tuesday of each month at 3.00pm, establishing at least twelve meetings for the year.

The Council also held eight (8) Special Meetings and three (3) Workshops to focus on Policy Review, Strategic Planning, Shire Plan and annual financial planning. The Council is also the Cemetery Board and met during the reporting period to resolve policy and operational matters.

Special Meetings	Topic
8 th July 2024	Casual Vacancy Policy; Coomalie Community Bus; Recruitment to CEO Position
27 th August 2024	Procurement – Myrtle Fawcett Park Toilet Block
2 nd October 2024	EOI Member of RMAC Committee Procurement
30 th October 2024	Asset Management Planner; Project Manager
5 th March 2025	Use of the Common Seal – OSC Discharge
24 th April 2025	Use of the Common Seal – OSC Discharge
6 th May 2025	Draft Rates Declaration; Fees and Charges; Budget and Shire Plan 2025-2026
26 th June 2025	Draft Rates Declaration; Fees and Charges; Budget and Shire Plan 2025-2026
Workshops	Topic
December 2024	Asset Management Plan
June 2025	Coomalie Cemetery Management Plan
June 2025	Workforce Development Plan



ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES 2024 – 25

The Council resolved to adopt Councillor fees and allowances that the Remuneration Tribunal set for the Financial Year 2024- 25.

The Minister for Local Government determined the rate of pay for the Official Manager during the period Council was under administration. The Official Manager submitted a monthly invoice to Council detailing all Council based activities, mileage and out of pocket expenses.

Allowance	President	Councillor
Annual Base	\$7,175	\$7,175 per Councillor
President Additional	\$23,000	
Professional Development	\$4,000	\$4,000 per Councillor
Extra Meeting		\$10,000 per Councillor
Travel/Accommodation	\$1,200	
Totals	\$35, 375	\$105,875

Total Actual expenditure on Elected Member Allowances is detailed below:

	Total Actuals	Total Budget
Elected Member Allowances	\$144,936	\$140,050
Total	\$144,936	\$140,050

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Council's Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) meet four times a year and has an independent Chair, Mr Ian Swan. Mark Blackburn, Official Manager took up the role of Council on Committee. Ms Gillian Thornton was the Independent Committee Member until the 3rd of October 2024.

The Independent Chair is paid a sitting fee of \$800, and the Independent Member is entitled to \$400 per meeting. Ms Gillian Thornton , the Independent Committee Member, chose not to accept remuneration for her services on the Committee. Council advertised the vacancy on the RMAC via the NT News on the 25th October 2024 and resolved on the 17th December 2024 to appoint Ms Maxie Smith as the Independent Committee Member. Ms Smith agreed to a \$400 sitting fee. The Chief Executive Officer and Corporate Services Manager report to the committee and are in attendance.

Committee Member	Attendance	
	In Person	Electronic
Mr Ian Swan (Chair)	1	3
Mr Mark Blackburn (Official Manager)	4	0
Ms Gillian Thornton	2	0
Ms Maxie Smith	2	0

Date	Highlights
27/08/2024	• WHS Report • Asset Management Plan – Progress Report • Interim Audit Report
07/10/2024	• Meeting schedule • WHS Report • Financial Report for period ending 31st August 2024 • Draft Risk Management Policy and Framework • Draft Annual Report and Draft Audited Financial Statements 2023-24
07/04/2025	• Meeting Schedule 2025 • WHS Incidents and Claims Report • Financial Report ending 28th February 2025 • Risk Management Policy (Endorsed) • Strategic Asset Management Plan • Asset Management Plan – Buildings and Facilities • Asset Management Plan: Fleet • Asset Management Plan: Transport • Council Administration Update • Draft Shire Plan and Budget 2025-2026 • Appointment of External Auditor for 3 Years
10/06/2025	• Meeting and Work Schedule Update • WHS – Incident and Claims Report • Financial Report for the period ending 31st April 2025 • External Audit Program and schedule • Draft Shire Plan and Budget 2025 -2026 • Council Administration Updates • Paper Roads

COOMALIE BUSH CEMETERY BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Coomalie Bush Cemetery Board meets twice a year to discuss all matters pertaining to the Coomalie Bush Cemetery and more recently the progress in the compliance requirements of the new *Burial and Cremations Act 2022*.

The Board of Management met twice, with the Official Manager, Mark Blackburn presiding. The CEO is the Cemetery Manager. The CEO, Corporate Services Manager and Council and Community Services Manager report to the Board.

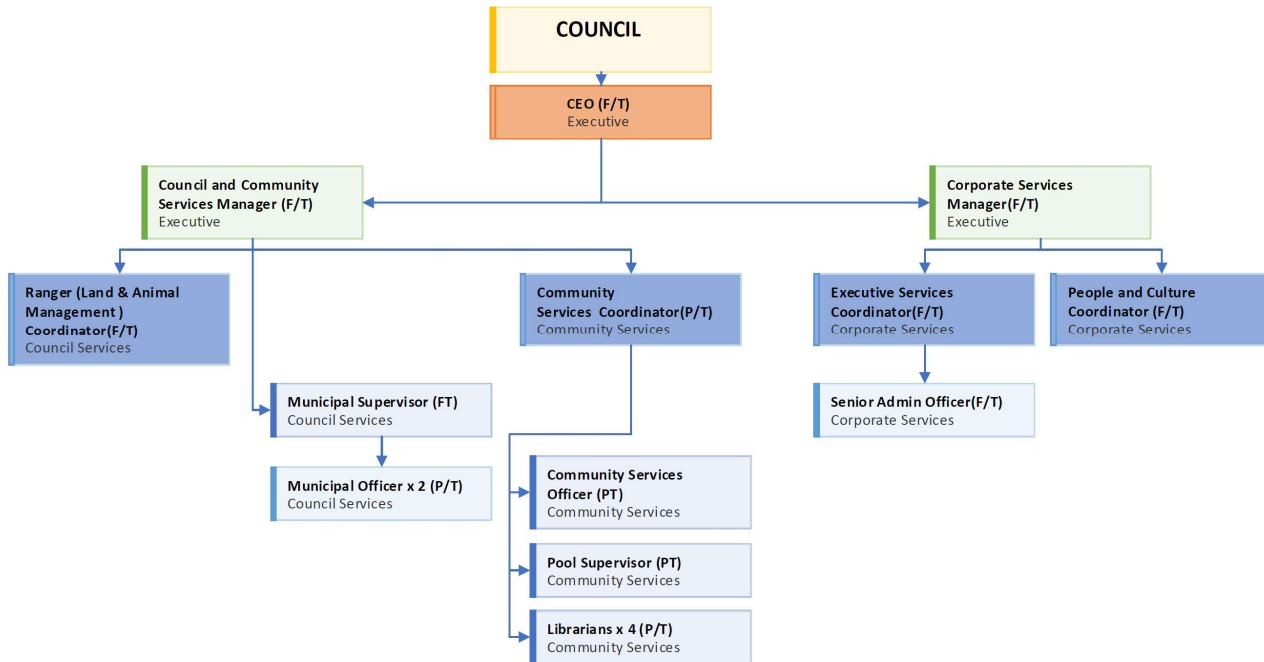
Date	Highlights
15/10/2024	• Compliance Review – <i>Burial and Cremations Act 2022</i> • Operational Report
10/06/2025	• Cemetery Managers (CEO) • Draft Coomalie Bush Cemetery Plan 2025 • Draft Coomalie Bush Cemetery Policy Report • Coomalie Precinct Project Update • Coomalie Bush Cemetery Finance Report

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Council's organisation structure remained relatively unchanged in the 2024-2025 Financial Year.

Council identified a significant lack of resources in the land and asset management space and regulatory services fields and created a Land and Animal Ranger position. This position is designed to leverage off the Asset Management Plan and legislative frameworks to build a pipeline of work for delivery across the region.

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL - 2025 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Opportunities	Impact
Increase own source revenue	Minimal increases were achieved in securing grants. Largely due to a backlog of existing grants and projects which needed execution.
Improved terms and conditions for agency services	Council's five-year term from the NTG funded programs such as Libraries and Sport and Recreation allow for better program planning and program development.
Replacing aged fleet plant and equipment	Council replaced the Backhoe.
New NT Government	Council produced a significant amount of correspondence to the new government and a frequent meeting schedule to discuss its high priority projects with the Ministers and Advisors.
A Change in Governance	The Administration of Council provided a period of calm reflection with all Council's Governance, Financial and Human Resource Management Policies reviewed and updated to a contemporary standard.

Challenges	Impact
Effective Governance	The Official Manager attended many community events to ensure community had the opportunity to raise their concerns with Council.
Long Term Sustainability	Through TOPROC and other Local Government platforms the Official Manager ensured that those shaping government policy understood the challenge of future viability of the smaller community government Councils.
Waste Management	Managing resident expectations and compliance is always a challenge with this high-risk function of Council. Thankfully the WaRM Grants of the NTG have been in place at a reasonable level of funding to incrementally address the safety and management of our region's waste. A significant challenge was to get the approval of the government to construct the weighbridge on Crown Land.
Gamba Grass and Fire Management	These natural resource management issues continue to be a challenge for Council. Council increased its roadside slashing and spraying contracts; however, more is needed from Council to lead locally to address the spread of Gamba and the risk of associated fire. There has been improvement, and many landholders are complying with the various changes to the Gamba Grass Plan and greater coordination amongst the agencies in preparation, communication and coordination around fire.
Retaining and Attracting Staff	Council's operation relies on its local staff to deliver a high standard of work. The levels of output are directly impacted by staffing vacancies. An incredible amount of recruitment occurred this year due to staff movements, many of which are beyond Council's control. These staff movements also impact on the development of foundation planning and strategies which can improve the situation over time and unfortunately were unable to be achieved in this financial year.

ASSESSMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

The Council is engaged in several working groups to ensure compliance with the various regulatory frameworks associated with key legislation in the Northern Territory.

The Council also receives regular briefings from insurance provider Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) regarding risks and protections relating to insurance and risk management.

Legislation	Progress
<i>Local Government Act 2019</i>	- The Council has undergone a long journey to reach compliance standards under the Act. - Council participated in the public submissions for the three tranches of proposed amendments to the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. - All Council Governance and Administration, Finances and Employee Policies were reviewed and edited to meet contemporary practice and compliance to the Act.
<i>Burials and Cremations Act 2022</i>	- The Council endorsed a draft Coomalie Bush Cemetery Plan and Policy. - Council applied for a NTG Grant to assist with the development of fences and vehicle barriers to better manage the Coomalie Bush Cemetery and Burial Site at Rum Jungle Lake.
Council By-laws	Council was informed in writing by the Parliamentary Secretary that they would not pursue the drafting of the Coomalie Council By-laws until after the new Council was formed in 2025.

FUNDING AND IN-KIND ASSISTANCE PARTNERS

The many programs and activities, infrastructure improvements and day to day operational deliverables, could not be achieved without the financial and in-kind assistance and support of the following non-government organisations (NGO's) and community group partners.

NGO'S BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUP PARTNERS

Partner Agency	Points of Interest
Adelaide River School	Annual Sports Festival; co-located Community Library; School Safety Zone.
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	Training Opportunities; co-located Community Library; Lego Foundation Project.
Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation	Council hosts the Coomalie Regional Operation for the delivery of the Commonwealth's Community Development Program (CDP).
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory	Provide technical advice and assistance; Participate in the biannual conference and Annual General Meeting
Council of the Ageing NT	Senior's support and advice.
National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC)	Council participated in the Rum Jungle Rehab Project NAIDOC Week event.
Adelaide River Community Craft Markets	Council provides sponsorship and attendance for the Rosella Festival.
Batchelor Town and Country Markets	Council provides use of the Council Park facilities and has an occasional stall for community engagement. BTCM was a sponsor at the Council's Seniors Christmas Lunch.

Litchfield Tourism Inc	Working with Tourist Businesses in the development of the Roadside Signage Bays being developed by DLI; representing Coomalie Council on the Destination Development Forum.
Adelaide River Show Society	Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast; Committed to assisting the ARSS with next year's show and reviving the Adelaide River Rural Race Meet.
Bowls NT & Rum Jungle Bowls Club	Activating and caring for the Batchelor lawn bowls green; received a Places and Spaces grant to upgrade the lighting and associated electrical wiring.
Australia Post	Contract to deliver the Batchelor Community Postal Agency services.

COMMONWEALTH AGENCIES

Agency	Event/Program Partnership
Department of Veterans Affairs	Working in partnership with the Office of Australian War Graves and the delivery of two major annual events; co-contribution to the Power, Pathways and Parking at the Cemetery precinct.
Australia Day Council	Australia Day Community Grants and attendance to the annual Conference.
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	- Roads to Recovery Program - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Working with CDP Service Provider

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Agency	Event/Program Partnership
Northern Territory Grants Commission	NT Operational Subsidy and Federal Assistance Grants.
Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	- Support and development of Regional Precincts and Partnership Program Application - Immediate Priority Grant Program - WaRM Grants - Community Places for People Grant - Technical advice and support
Northern Territory Electoral Commission	Providing ongoing information and support in the lead up to the Local Government Election 2025.
Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority	Council is working with the EPA to acquire an EPA Licence for both Waste Management facilities. Approvals for Weighbridge development.
Police, Fire & Emergency Services	Working in partnership with the Local Emergency Management Committee; Local Emergency Management Plans and day to day intelligence and support in the region; Supporting community with 2 x CPTED Audits and Juvenile Diversion; Seeking funding and support for the Adelaide River Helipad.

Power Water Corporation	Working with the PWC on the Darwin Water Supply Infrastructure Program with regard to future water supply of Adelaide River and Batchelor.
Department of Environment, Parks & Water Security	- Represented on the Community Reference Group for the Darwin Water Supply Infrastructure Program coordinated by the department. - Parks and Wildlife partners in Weed and Fire management preparation.
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure	- Quarterly meetings with Minister for Infrastructure. - Represented on the design team for the Batchelor and Rum Jungle Roads Signage Bay Projects. - Observe and report fault on NTG Road Network. - Annual Black Spot Program – grant applications.
Department of Tourism and Hospitality	Destination Development Working Group.
Department of Lands, Planning and Environment	- Development Assessment Forums. - Feral Animal advice.
Library & Archives NT	Grant Funding for 5 years to employ 4 Librarians part-time and additional resource funding.
Department of Children and Families	- Annual funding for the Active Regional & Remote Communities Program contributing to the employment of a Community Services Coordinator and Officer; engaging with NTG Schools and the broader community. - Youth Vibe Holiday Grant Program. - Youth Week.
Department of Health	Seeking funding and support for the Adelaide River Helipad.

OTHERS

Partner	Event/Program
NT Land Corporation	Working with NTLC regarding property access including the Northern Railway Line and Goyder Roads
Member for Daly, Mr Dheran Young MLA	Provided sponsorship support to many community events; letters of support for various projects
Member for Lingiari, Ms Marion Scrymgour	Letters of support for various projects

PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Each function of the Council is reported on, detailing highlights, challenges and successes from the 2024-2025 financial year. Highlights of each quarter are reported to Council in quarterly reports by service unit. The following is a summary of the highlights for each service function listed in the Shire Plan 2024-2025 - Service Delivery Plan.

The annual budget and operational plans are configured to the key functions of the organisation which are:

- Administration and Governance
- Cemeteries
- Community Functions
- Community Libraries
- Community Recreation and Development
- Parks and Gardens
- Public Conveniences
- Regulatory Services
- Roads
- Sport and Recreation Facilities
- Strategic Economic Development
- Streetlights
- Waste Management
- Weed Management



ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

The Administrative and Governance Function crosses both the Executive and Corporate Services units of the Council and includes support and administration, its meetings and committees, and the Office of the CEO.

Council's administration provides support services to the entire operation including:

- Financial management.
- Grants management and acquittal.
- Human resource management.
- Coordination of Work Health and Safety.
- Policy management and review.
- Planning and reporting frameworks.
- Reception and customer service.
- Emergency Management.

Financial Management

Coomalie Council operates under a number of key compliance requirements in relation to financial management. These processes ensure continuous monitoring and review of the Council's budget performance through:

- Monthly financial reports presented to the Ordinary General Meeting.
- Quarterly reports provided to the Risk Management and Audit Committee; and
- Two formal budget reviews undertaken each financial year.

Together, these measures provide regular and structured assessments of Council's progress against both its approved budget and the objectives outlined in the Council's Strategic and Shire Plan.

At the commencement of each financial year, Council prioritises the finalisation and reporting of the previous year's finances. This includes the preparation of the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements, which involve a detailed budget analysis and an independent audit. The audit process requires an accredited external auditor to review a random sample of records, including payroll, accounts payable, procurement processes and the implementation of council policies.

For the 2023–24 financial year, the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements were completed and presented at the Ordinary General Meeting on 15 October 2024. In line with legislative requirements, these were submitted to the Minister for Local Government, the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, and all other relevant stakeholders by 15 November 2024.

The contract term for Council's former external auditor concluded in 2024. Following a public expression of interest process advertised through the NT News, Council appointed Nexia as its external auditor for a three-year term. Nexia commenced its duties in May 2025 with the independent audit sampling for the 2024–25 financial year.

The financial tables below are the Ministerial Prescribed tables detailing Council's financial position for the 2024-2025 financial year, with comments regarding material variations to the most recently adopted Council budget.

Table 1.1 Income and Expenditure Statement

	Financial Year Original Budget	Financial Year Final Budget	Actual Performance	Variation Between Final Budget and Actuals
	\$	\$	\$	\$
OPERATING INCOME				
Rates	1,200,193	1,200,193	1,187,393	(12,800)
Charges	494,055	494,055	493,710	(345)
Fees and Charges	140,400	140,400	46,481	(93,919)
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,550,487	1,510,487	1,642,365	131,878
Interest / Investment Income	125,000	160,000	231,632	71,632
Commercial and Other Income	40,705	75,705	101,271	25,566
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	3,550,840	3,580,840	3,702,852	122,012
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
Employee Expenses	1,498,126	1,448,126	1,496,464	48,338
Materials and Contracts	1,270,588	1,321,088	2,468,764	1,147,676
Elected Member Allowances	140,050	140,050	144,936	4,886
Elected Member Expenses	1,200	1,200	1,283	83
Council Committee & LA Allowances	5,000	0	4,138	4,138
Council Committee & LA Expenses	0	0	874	874
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	640,488	1,742,155	1,672,501	(69,654)
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	23,000	128,000	155,590	27,590
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	3,578,452	4,780,619	5,944,550	1,163,931

Statement of Material Variations between Final Budget and Actual Performance

Rates levied in 2024/25 were impacted by several properties becoming non-rateable in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, therefore reducing the total rateable properties and income from rates.

Council budgeted increased fees and charges in anticipation of commencing commercial waste management fees, however was not fully implemented in the 2024/25 financial year due to delays in installation of the weighbridge at the Batchelor waste facility.

Employee expenses were overspent as a result of incorrectly reducing the budget line in the second budget review.

Materials and contracts include all road maintenance works that were initially captured as capital expenditure before projects and works were approved and allocated. For example, Roads to Recovery was allocated to capital, but some projects were only maintenance based and therefore the cost is recognised in the operational budget.

Depreciation expense was less than budgeted due to disposal of four assets throughout the year with no intention to replace the second tractor disposed. All other assets have been replaced and accounted for in the depreciation amount.

Other expenses include the previous Council's mediation expenses from May - June 2024 that were invoiced in August 2024 and were not budgeted for.

Statement 1.2 Annual Operating Position

	Financial Year Original Budget	Financial Year Final Budget	Actual Result	Variation Between Final Budget and Actuals
	\$	\$	\$	\$
OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(27,612)	(1,199,779)	(2,241,698)	0
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS				
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	640,488	1,742,155	1,672,501	(69,654)
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	640,488	1,742,155	1,672,501	(69,654)
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	2,223,903	2,994,619	714,930	(2,279,689)
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Reserves	0	0	0	0
Other Outflows	0	0	22,264	22,264
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(2,223,903)	(2,994,619)	(737,194)	2,257,425
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Capital Grants Income	216,000	899,216	100,499	(798,717)
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	1,305,913	1,305,913	1,069,160	(236,753)
Other Inflow of Funds	0	0	0	0
Transfers from Reserves	89,114	220,120	0	(220,120)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	1,611,027	2,425,249	1,169,659	(1,255,590)
NET OPERATING POSITION	0	(26,994)	(136,732)	932,181

Statement of Material Variations between Final Budget and Actual Performance

Capital expenditure was significantly reduced due to delays in completion of multiple major projects. Final expenditure will be in the 2025/26 financial year.

Other outflows is a result of the net loss on sale of assets throughout the 2024/25 financial year.

Capital grants income and prior year carry forwards are both less than budgeted after grant liabilities for unexpended grants were recognised.

No transfers to or from reserves as Council did not have any formally recognised reserves in 2024/25.

Table 3.1 Total Expenditure for Each Council Committee and Local Authority

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025	Council Committee & LA Allowances \$	Council Committee & LA Expenses \$	Total \$
Risk Management and Audit Committee	4,138	874	5,012
TOTAL	4,138	874	5,012

Annual Community Grants

The Council conducts its own small grants process annually targeting Coomalie region residents and not-for-profit organisations seeking a grant, sponsorship or a donation. One round of Annual Community Grants was conducted in 2024-25 and three applicants were successful:

Applicant	Project Description	Grant Amount
Skydive Territory	Equipment for student training room	\$1,500
St Francis Anglican Church	Extension of the “Meet and Greet” area	\$1,500
Future Initiatives Aboriginal Corporation	Cultural Wellbeing and Family Fun Day – *Event <i>Cancelled and funds returned</i>	\$1,500*



Sky Dive Territory used Councils Annual Community Grant funding to upgrade their training room in Batchelor, installing shelving, white board, TV, printer and training posters for the Sky Dive Training Courses.





The future of Coomalie.

Governance

Policy Reviews

Council and the Executive Leadership Team undertook an update of all Council policies in 2024-25:

Governance and Administration	Human Resources
Caretaker Policy	Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy
CEO Code of Conduct and Complaints Policy	Authorised Officer Compliance and Enforcement Policy
CEO Recruitment, Remuneration and Performance Policy	Employee Allowances and Benefits Policy
Common Seal Policy	Employee Code of Conduct Policy
Confidential Information Policy	Grievance Resolution Policy
Council Communications Policy	Human Resource Management Policy
Council Meetings Policy	Recruitment, Selection and Onboarding Policy
Customer Complaints Policy	Smoke Free Workplace Policy
Elected Members Casual Vacancies Policy	Whistleblowing Policy
Elected Members Code of Conduct and Complaints Policy	Finance
Elected Members Gifts and Benefits Policy	Accountable Forms Policy
Elected Members Professional Development Policy	Asset Management Policy
Privacy Policy	Borrowings Policy
Risk Management Policy	Annual Community Grants Policy
Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference	Credit Cards Policy
Shared Services Policy	Delegations Policy
Other	Fraud and Corruption Protection Policy
Community Bus Policy	Investments Policy
Footpath Policy	Procurement Policy
	Rates Concession Policy
	Rating Policy
	Reserves Policy

Planning And Reporting Frameworks

Council's planning and reporting arrangements are guided by the Shire Plan. While the reporting framework is in place, further refinement is required to strengthen implementation and ensure quarterly reporting consistently provides the data necessary for Council to effectively monitor operational performance.

During 2024–25, Council received quarterly reports from the three Service Units – Council Services, Community Services, and Corporate Services. The majority of content reflected in this Annual Report is drawn from these reports. As is common in smaller organisations, there is ongoing work to improve processes, and Council is progressing the development of a more robust planning and performance framework to better support the achievement of its strategic goals of organisational stability and long-term sustainability.

In addition, the Chief Executive Officer provided regular updates on the implementation of resource documentation identified in the 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, as well as reporting on the progress of deliverables outlined in the 2024–25 Shire Plan.

Plan	Status
- Annual Shire Plan	COMPLETED
- Long Term Financial Plan	COMPLETED
- Asset Management Plan	COMPLETED
- Risk Management Plan	COMPLETED
- Operational Plan	COMMENCED
- Workforce Development Plan	COMMENCED

Administration

Rates

- 2024-25 Rates and Charges were levied in August 2024. Council maintained the practice of four scheduled instalments to assist ratepayers in reducing the burden of payments:
 - 27 September 2024
 - 29 November 2024
 - 31 January 2025
 - 28 March 2025
- Ten (10) Discharge of Overriding Statutory Charge applications were completed after overdue rates were paid in full.
- One (1) Overriding Statutory Charges were registered with the Land Titles Office for properties that were in arrears of more than 6 months.

Council Meetings

In 2024-25, Council staff provided coordination and administrative support to the following Council meetings:

- Council Meetings – 12
- Council Special Meetings – 8
- Risk Management and Audit Committee Meetings – 4
- Cemetery Board Meetings – 2

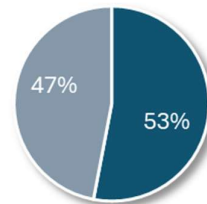
People and Culture

Employee Performance and Development

- Action plans stemming from the Performance and Development Reviews for all staff conducted in January - February 2025 included workshops focused on service delivery and reference to Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and Shire Plan and Budget 2024-25.
- The reviews included identifying individual action plans and training needs.
- A CEO performance review was also undertaken which was assisted from an independent external reviewer and 360-degree survey.
- The Executive Leadership Team completed the first DRAFT for Comment by Council of the Coomalie Council Workforce Development Plan

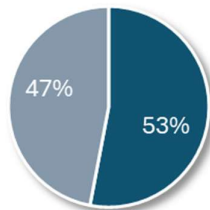
As at June 2025, Council employed 22 staff and a full-time equivalent (FTE) of 13.5.

Employment Type Distribution



■ Full time ■ Part time

Total Employees by Gender



■ Female ■ Male



Staff Training

Training was conducted for individual staff members in 2024-25 in the following areas:

Work Health and Safety	Backhoe Operator
Incident and Hazard Reporting	White Card
Workplace Inspection	Certificate IV in Local Government (Regulatory)
First Aid (all staff)	Xero – End User Upskilling
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (all staff)	Council Wise – tutorials for End Users
Pool Lifeguard	Digital Timesheets
Webpage Updates	

Emergency Management

Council plays a key role in the Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMC) of Batchelor and Adelaide River. Several Committee meetings were held in the Council Chambers to support the NT Police Fire and Emergency Services facilitate the meetings via Microsoft Teams.

The LEMC reviewed the Local Emergency Management Plans for the Adelaide River and Batchelor Area.

Council staff were first responders to several road accidents, trees and debris on roads and wet season road closures as well as assisting with several local wildfires.

Commercial Services

In June 2025, following the closure of the Batchelor Store, Council acted promptly to ensure continuity of essential postal services for the Batchelor community. Council entered into an agreement with Australia Post to establish a temporary Community Postal Agency service, operating from the Batchelor Information Centre. Minor fit-out works were completed to support the service, and after an initial settling-in period, operations are now running effectively. The service is available on a part-time basis, five days per week, and has also provided additional employment hours for a local staff member. While Council is pleased to deliver this important interim service, it remains hopeful that the Batchelor Store will reopen in the near future and once again offer the community a comprehensive range of postal and agency services.



Reporting Against Town Priority Projects

Project Management is a whole of organisational responsibility however the reporting, acquittal and financial management sits with Corporate Services. Council highlighted in the 2024-25 Shire Plan the high priority projects – The Super Seven (7). These projects were intrinsically linked to the Territory Government Plan and Pipelines and Top End Regional Growth Plans. With the incoming government, the previous government plans were shelved and so too were the priorities listed in the Super 7 List of projects.

All Super Seven Projects have progressed and are in various stages of completion:

Project	Actions to date	Status
1. Industry Roads	- Investigation commenced - Interim Solution – stabilise Haynes and Stricklands Roads – Period Contractor commenced	In Progress
2. Coomalie WMF	- WaRM Grant approved for the Batchelor WMF Weighbridge and replacement of the Bulk Bins - Sealing of Sargent and Batchelor WMF Apron aligned to Weighbridge Project funded and partially complete - Adelaide River Transfer Station assessed by NT EPA License	In Progress
3. Batchelor Hub	- Regional Precincts and Partnership Program Application submitted 08/10/24; remains in assessment mode.	In Progress
4. Coomalie Aged care	- Focusing on Seniors accommodation as part of the RPPP Batchelor Hub Project - COTA NT – Project Partners	In Progress
5. Rum Jungle Lake	- 3rd Barra Release - ATRIA Borrow Pit Report tabled with Council and released for public comment; Department and Council signed off on Final Report	In Progress
6. Adelaide River Service Road	- Activating Myrtle Fawcett Park commenced - Byrne Report completed informing Council of location of new toilet block	In Progress
7. Coomalie Cemetery Precinct	- Dept Vet Affairs funding received - Community Place for People Grant successful - Council co-contribution approved - Electrical works completed - Pathways and carparks tender pending	In Progress

The Official Manager and CEO spent considerable time meeting and writing to the new Northern Territory Government Ministers focusing on only a few of the 7 major projects:

- Adelaide River Service Road
- Goyder Roads
- Batchelor Pool renewal
- Adelaide River Helipad
- Batchelor Feral Horses.

To date there has been no progress on the matters listed, however the Ministers have committed to frequent meetings going forward.

The following table outlines the progress made on the Other Town Priorities listed in the Shire Plan:

PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS
ADELAIDE RIVER		
Cemetery Precinct Upgrade	Electricity connected to three (3) cemeteries	COMPLETED
	Concrete Paths and Headboard	COMMENCED
	Carpark survey and design to inform Tender 25/26	COMMENCED
	Install Memorial Garden in Coomalie Bush Cemetery.	COMPLETED
Activating Myrtle Fawcett Park	Replace toilet block.	COMMENCED
	Install potable water.	NOT COMMENCED
	Develop northern end of Adelaide River Service Road – Advocacy with NTG.	CONCEPT DESIGN DEVELOPED
Adelaide River Waste Transfer station	Finalise land title – NT EPA Engaged in development of a Waster Transfer Station License.	COMMENCED
	Equip site to act as a transfer station.	COMPLETED
	Rehabilitate old land fill.	COMMENCED
Upgrade Industry Roads - Haynes and Strickland Roads.	Supply of Stabilisation Compound secured via LRCIP.	COMPLETED
	Carry out resheeting and Stabilisation works through Roads to Recovery.	COMMENCED
Access to Helicopter pad for Health Clinic at Oval.	Compounded to replacement of the Helipad due to the realignment of the oval; funding application submitted	NOT COMMENCED
Crime Prevention through environmental designs.	CPTED Audit .	COMPLETED
	Lighting up the dark spots.	ONGOING
Reduce urban decay.	CPTED Audit identified several issues	ONGOING
Community Centre for general use and emergency management coordination centre.	Incorporated into the Concept Designs for the northern end of the Adelaide River service road; Continue to advocate for funding	ONGOING
BATCHELOR		
Batchelor Township Resilience and Adaptation Master Plan - Sport and Recreation Precinct.	Regional Partnership & Precincts Project (rPPP) funding submission submitted.	PENDING ASSESSMENT
	Batchelor community resource centre – part of rPPP.	
Batchelor Waste Management Facility	Enhance ability to separate and recycle waste and reduce landfill.	ONGOING
Enhance fishing and recreational opportunities at Rum Jungle Lake.	3 rd Barra Release; continue to advocate and seek funding.	ONGOING
Administer the installation of signs in DIPL signage bays.	Continue to engage in project planning and design with DLI.	ONGOING

Crime Prevention through environmental designs	Lighting up the dark solar lights fixed; lighting added to pool compound; Bowls Club lighting fixed.	COMPLETED
	Reduce urban decay – increased vegetation management around oval; refurbished and painted park furniture.	ONGOING
LAKE BENNETT		
Upgrade floodway at Chinner Road.	2 Floodways Quoted and included in 25/26 work program.	ONGOING
Upgrade School Bus Stop on Chinner Road.	Included in AROWS Project Scope.	ONGOING
Heather Lagoon and Owen Lagoon Roads – Floodways.	Scoping of works continues.	ONGOING
RURAL		
Upgrade flood ways in rural areas.	Upgrade Miles Road Culvert.	COMPLETED
	Black Spot Project at Niks Crossing.	SCHEDULED for 25/26
Advocate for industry support for roads to be upgraded to sealed roads.	Advocacy and funding submissions.	COMMENCED
Fire and Gamba Risk Mitigation Project at Chin Estate	Working with NT Land Corp and NTG to reduce the risk of wildfire and improve emergency access.	COMPLETED
Batchelor to Darwin River Arterial Road	Work with NTG (DIPL) to upgrade to sealed roads, Lithgow Road and Mt Burton Road access.	NOT COMMENCED - CHANGE OF NTG PRIORITY
Improve directional signage and water over road indicators.	New signs installed at all crossings	COMPLETED
Gamba Grass Action	Commenced negotiations with Weeds Branch – Litchfield Neighbours Program; Grant for Coomalie Weed Management Plan; Gamba Action Plan – distribute glyphosate	ONGOING
Investigate undeveloped roads addressing the primary access to rural sub-divisions.	Meetings and letter written to Ministers	CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE
REGIONAL		
Provide formal access from Health Clinics to Batchelor and Adelaide River ovals.	LRCIP funding for design and install received	ONGOING
Undertake Tree Audit on council properties.	Funding through IPG received	COMPLETED AUDIT TREE TRIMMING ONGOING
Aged Care Accommodation and Services.	Continue to advocate	ONGOING
Youth Services Development Program.	Active Regional Remote Communities Program will enable additional resources; Youth Week funding continues	ONGOING

CEMETERIES

The cemetery management function of Council is a core service and includes the day-to-day management and maintenance of the Coomalie Bush Cemetery and the Memorial Gardens in Adelaide River and Batchelor. Council completed its compliance requirements to the new Burial and Cremation Act 2022.



Corporate Services Unit provide administration and the following support services:

- Assistance and advice with bookings and logistics for proposed burials and management of ashes interment.
- Council has sought advice from the Agency to ensure compliance with the new Act in the drafting of the Cemetery Policies and Coomalie Bush Cemetery Plan of Management.
- Council installed the first stage of the Batchelor Memorial Garden at the Bush Cemetery which is now in use with the first memorial plaque installed this year.

Council Services Unit provide the following operational services:

- Ongoing maintenance and management of the Coomalie Bush Cemetery including the Memorial Gardens at both Adelaide River and Batchelor.
- Work in partnership with the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Office of Australian War Graves with regard to the shared services, annual events and precinct developments.
- Prepare the grounds for burials and funeral services.
- Manage and maintain the Columbarium and Rosella Wall for ashes interment.

- Successful in receiving Burial and Cremations funding from the NTG for the fencing of the unused section of Coomalie Bush Cemetery and the active Burial Ground at Rum Jungle Lake. Work will commence in the 2025-2026 financial year.

Community Services Unit provides:

- The administration and coordination of two annual events: Bombing of Darwin and ANZAC Day.

Council continues to work in partnership with the Commonwealth's Department of Veteran Affairs as they contribute to the cleaning of the precinct toilets; manage and maintain the Civilian Cemetery and have also provided a considerable cash contribution to the Cemetery Precinct Power, Pathways and Parking Project. The power aspect of the project has commenced and is expected to be completed at the end of August 2025.



COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

Community Functions encompass the Coomalie Community initiatives and include Council coordinated recurrent events and programs.

The Community Services Unit coordinates the following annual events:

- Australia Day.
- ANZAC Day Dawn Service.
- Art Show.
- Ecumenical Bombing of Darwin Commemoration.
- International Women's Day morning.
- International Nurses Day.
- Seniors Month activities and event.
- Seniors Christmas Party.
- Territory Day.
- School Holiday Programs
- Clean Up Australia Day.

Council Services Unit coordinated the annual Vet visits to both Adelaide River and Batchelor.

Community functions are a core service of Council with many events committed to on the annual calendar. Council is a generous contributor to these community events and provides significant funding to enable these treasured activities to continue. Council is guided by its Annual Community Grants Policy which is currently under review. Over 4,500 people attended events in 2024-25.

Council would like to thank its funding partners and generous sponsors in the region including the Member for Daly, the Council of The Ageing, the business community, and the NT Government.

The Community Markets in Batchelor and Adelaide River along with the Rosella Festival continue to excel with local stalls and visitation increasing.

Council provided an information stall at both the Adelaide River and Batchelor Markets particularly during the public submission period for the 2024-25 Shire Plan.



COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Community Libraries is an NTG funded program with Council working in partnership with the Batchelor Indigenous Institute Tertiary Education (BIITE) and the Adelaide River School where Council's public library function is co-located.



The Community Services Unit coordinates the following activities that are held within the libraries:

- Standard borrowing and access to written and online resources.
- Arts & Crafts activities
- Music sessions
- Movie afternoons
- “An Evening With” through Borrow Box

Council recognises Library Services as a core service and operates a part time workforce of four library officers, who are located at the Adelaide River School and the Batchelor Institute Library. The partnership is complex; however the nature of the service delivery makes it a good fit and provides the general community with this essential access.

Besides the helpful staff, Council receives funding for additional resources. With the increase in e-resources it made sense that several iPads and associated applications were provided for users at each library. The use of these iPads continues to grow as does the challenges in managing a digital landscape where all kinds of information is readily available.

Council was successful in negotiating a long-term agreement with the NT Library Service with a five-year program it allows for long term planning and strategic use of the scant funds offered for the service.

Attendances by Library	Adult	Child	Total
Adelaide River	174	297	471
Batchelor	314	784	1,098
Total	488	1,081	1,569

COMMUNITY RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Community Recreation and Development is an agency funded service and incorporates operational staff providing School Holiday Programs, After School sport and coordinating visiting peak sport and recreation organisations and special events.

The Community Services Unit provides the following programs:

- Active Regional & Remote Sports Program
- School Holiday Program
- After School Sports.
- Special Sport and Recreation Events.

The community recreation and development function is an agency service and partially funded by the Northern Territory Government.

Council entered into a new 5-year funding agreement commencing from the 2024-25 year to provide Active Sport & Recreation to the whole Coomalie community. The program partially funds a full time Coordinator and part time Officer positions and provides Peak Sporting Body services to the local schools and after school programs.

The 21-seat community bus is used to provide a monthly Seniors Mystery Tour, school holiday program activities and is also used by local schools, outdoor education centre and COTA from time to time.

Australia Day

Australia Day celebrations were once again held on the 26th January 2025. This year the event was moved back several hours to be a brunch function. This appeared to give a bit of extra life to the event with approx. 30-40 extra guests coming along to enjoy the food that was provided. Australia Day 2025 Award winners were:

- Australian of the Year – Mary Ashley
- Senior Citizen – Prue King
- Young Australian of the Year – Blake Harris-Jacobs
- Community Event of the Year – Adelaide River Rosella Festival
- 15 acknowledgement awards were given to volunteers for recognition of service



Bombing of Darwin Commemoration

The Bombing of Darwin remains a key event on Council's civic calendar. The event continues to be held in the civilian section of the Adelaide River War Cemetery. The Council received RSVPs from 40 guests with approximately 120 people attending the service. Positive feedback was received from all that attended the event.



The International Women's Day

The International Women's Day event was hosted on the 7th March at the Litchfield Outback Resort, with a morning tea for the 20 guests that attended. CEO Sharon Hillen hosted a "from the couch" style panel. Panel members were made up from local Emergency Services personnel and included Police Officer Brittany Stuart, Remote Nurse Prue Cowley and BART Volunteer Joanna Atkins. The ladies discussed their successes and challenges regarding their roles within the community.



Clean Up Australia Day

Council held Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday the 4th March at Batchelor and Adelaide River. Council assisted 17 volunteers to clean up the towns with approximately 20kg of rubbish collected.

Council also conducts an annual pre-cyclone cleanup up in Batchelor and Adelaide River to ensure household items don't become hazards during storms and cyclones.

Youth Week – April 2025

Council planned two (2) activities for the youth of Coomalie during Youth Week 2025. The first activity was meant to be a Cultural Day with a local Kungarakana group; however this did not eventuate at the last minute.

The second activity was an Art evening assisted by a local artist. Here the participants learnt how to setup, frame and paint an iconic Australian bird, the Emu!

School Holiday Program

The Program saw significant attendance over the 6 weeks of holidays in January and July. A variety of activities within the Shire and the greater Darwin region were planned. The activities with the highest attendances were:

- Lego & Science Works
- Movie Day
- Laser Tag & Ten Pin Bowling
- Ice Skating
- Litchfield Park Hikes
- Local & Darwin history tours



Seniors Christmas Lunch

The Seniors Christmas Lunch was held on Friday 6th December at the Litchfield Outback Resort with approximately 80 people attending. These attendees were treated to a 2-course lunch with entertainment provided by Batchelor Area School students singing Christmas Carols and the Grey Panthers performing several dances they had learnt over the preceding weeks.

The festive activities were coordinated by Community Services staff with generous donations from the community allowing numerous prizes for the raffle.



Seniors Monthly Activities

Council is committed to supporting the wellbeing and social inclusion of seniors within the Adelaide River and Batchelor communities. When driver availability and the Community Bus schedule permit, Council endeavours to provide a monthly Mystery Bus Tour for local seniors.

The tours are coordinated by Community Services Coordinator, Mr Andrew Roberts, who carefully plans engaging and unexpected destinations across the Top End. These excursions are designed to foster connection, create memorable experiences, and encourage community participation, while providing seniors with the opportunity to explore and enjoy a range of local and regional attractions.

Council acknowledges the positive social impact of these outings and thanks all participants and staff who contribute to their ongoing success.

During the year, the Mystery Bus Tours visited the following destinations:

Month	Destination	Attendance
Jul-24	Vintage Cars, Pine Creek	19
Aug-24	Mini Golf, The Gardens Darwin	15
Sep-24	Holocaust Museum, East Point	20
Oct-24	NATSIAA Awards, MAGT	11
Nov-24	RFDS & Bombing of Darwin Museum, Darwin	13
Dec-24	Cyclone Tracy Photographic Exhibition, Darwin	25
Feb-25	Cyclone Travey Memorial - Frangipani's, East Point	16
Mar-25	Mini Golf, Palmerston	13
Apr-25	Cinematography Exhibition, MAGNT	12
Jun-25	Monsoon Boardwalk, East Point	8
Total		152



International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day Celebration – May 2025

Council was pleased to utilise unexpended funds from the Annual Community Grant budget to support the International Nurses Day luncheon and presentation held at both the Adelaide River and Batchelor Clinics in May 2025.

International Nurses Day is observed globally on 12 May in honour of Florence Nightingale's birthday and serves as an opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of nurses to community health and wellbeing.

The events were well attended at both clinics and provided a meaningful opportunity to recognise and express gratitude to the frontline workers of our regional health services. Attendees enjoyed reflections by former nurses, Ms Elva Pearce and Ms Pat Simmonds who shared insights into their early days in the nursing profession and highlighted how the industry has evolved over time. Council sincerely thanks all who contributed to and participated in these celebrations, which paid fitting tribute to the dedication, resilience, and compassion of our nursing staff.



Stop Press, Social Media and Community Communications

The Community Services Team is dedicated to keeping the Coomalie community well-informed about activities, services, and events across the region.

The Stop Press newsletter is published monthly and distributed to over 500 recipients in both electronic and hard-copy formats. In addition, Council maintains an active social media presence, with over 900 followers, ensuring timely updates and engagement with residents.

To further support local businesses, community groups, and service agencies, Council continues to update and maintain the Coomalie Community Directory, which reaches over 200 businesses and organisations in the region. This directory provides a valuable resource for both residents and visitors seeking local services.

Council also utilises a range of digital platforms, including the official Council website and the Snap Send Solve app, which facilitate regular communication and provide residents with an accessible way to submit reports,

complaints, and compliments. These channels generate a consistent flow of feedback and observations each month, allowing Council to respond promptly to community needs.

Council acknowledges and greatly appreciates the vigilance and contributions of residents who assist by observing and reporting matters of concern. Given the broad geographic area of the Coomalie region and the limited resources available, community input plays an invaluable role in helping Council deliver effective services.

Website Data

Period	Visits	Page Views	Emails Sent	Call Clicks	Form Submissions
1 st July 2024 – 30 th June 2025	58,789	76,906	107	406	103

Stop Press Audience

Audience	Opens	Link Clicks
496	38.3%	2.4%

Social Media Audience

Followers	Views	Visits	Facebook Reach	Content Interactions	Link Clicks
1,017	14,701	13,965	15,066	2,395	496

PARKS AND GARDENS

Parks and Gardens is a core service delivering open spaces landscape management and social infrastructure facilities management and maintenance.

Parks and Gardens is a core Council service that delivers landscape management of open spaces, as well as the maintenance of social infrastructure and community facilities.

Council manages and maintains 14 Parks and Reserves through the combined efforts of Council staff and period contractors. While the urban parks within Adelaide River and Batchelor are generally well serviced, Council continues to face increasing challenges associated with the extensive areas of public land under its care in rural locations. This includes the Rum Jungle Reserve and the River Reserves at Adelaide River and Snake Creek.

The implementation of Council's Asset Management Plans will initiate a structured body of work to develop tailored management strategies for these significant landholdings. These plans will ensure Council's compliance with natural resource management obligations, including firebreak maintenance, weed and feral animal management, and adherence to relevant legislative requirements. In addition, Council will seek funding opportunities to improve public access, upgrade ageing infrastructure and signage, and respond to future community needs in these areas.

Council has also developed a Cemetery Management Plan for the Coomalie Bush Cemetery, which will guide ongoing maintenance and management of this important site. Building on this approach, Council intends to develop similar management plans for its larger parks and gardens. These plans will provide a clear framework to inform Council's Asset Management Plan and support future decision-making, ensuring the effective prioritisation of developments, upgrades, and asset renewal across the region.

Although the Coomalie Bush Cemetery operates as a distinct core function, it continues to be managed and maintained by the Municipal Team. Staff take great pride in ensuring the cemetery grounds are carefully manicured, upholding the dignity and respect of this sacred place. However, resourcing limitations present challenges in maintaining a standard comparable to the adjoining War Graves site, which benefits from the services of a dedicated full-time gardener and curator.



Tree Audit and Management Program

In 2024–25, Council undertook a significant tree safety audit project, funded through the Northern Territory Government’s Immediate Priority Grant Program. Council engaged a qualified contractor to deliver a comprehensive audit of trees across both the Adelaide River and Batchelor townships. This important project has provided Council with, for the first time, a complete database of the condition and health of the region’s trees.

As part of the project, tree management works were undertaken at both the Adelaide River and Batchelor ovals. A number of moderate-risk trees were identified and subsequently removed or pruned to improve safety and reduce future hazards. In addition, Council staff undertook complementary works including the removal of neem and mahogany saplings, as well as tree lifting to enhance visibility and safety within public parks. These initiatives form part of Council’s ongoing works program, which includes regular visual canopy inspections in high-use areas.

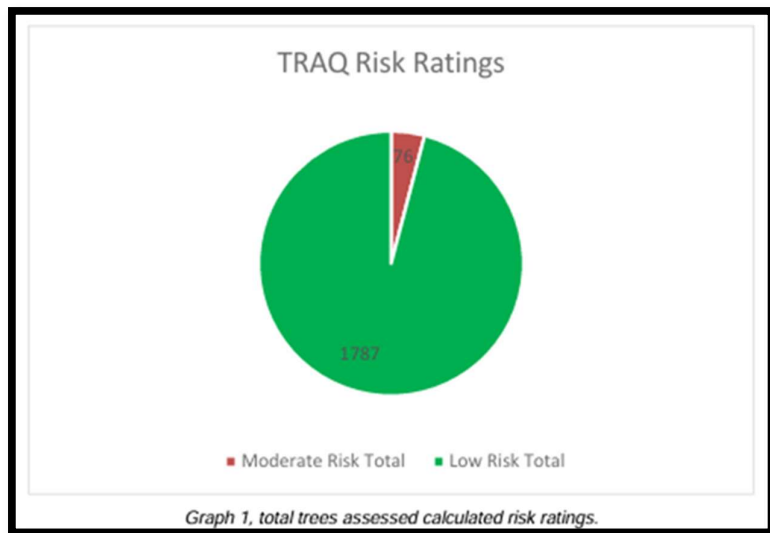
Beyond safety outcomes, this initiative has significantly increased Council’s long-term management capacity. The data gathered through the audit and the associated online resources called ‘Treeplotter’ will guide the development of proactive tree management strategies, ensuring healthier and more sustainable public open spaces. Council has also committed to co-contributing resources for continued canopy and root zone management, building upon the strong foundation provided by this project.

Council’s Parks and Gardens team continues to support the community by preparing and maintaining public grounds for a wide range of events, including school sports days, Territory Day celebrations, memorial services, and community markets. The improved tree management framework now in place will ensure these important community events can take place in safer, more accessible, and welcoming environments.

Batchelor

1,863 trees were assessed within the agreed areas in the Batchelor township. 76 of the trees were assessed at a 'Moderate' risk, with the remainder of the trees assessed at a 'Low' risk.

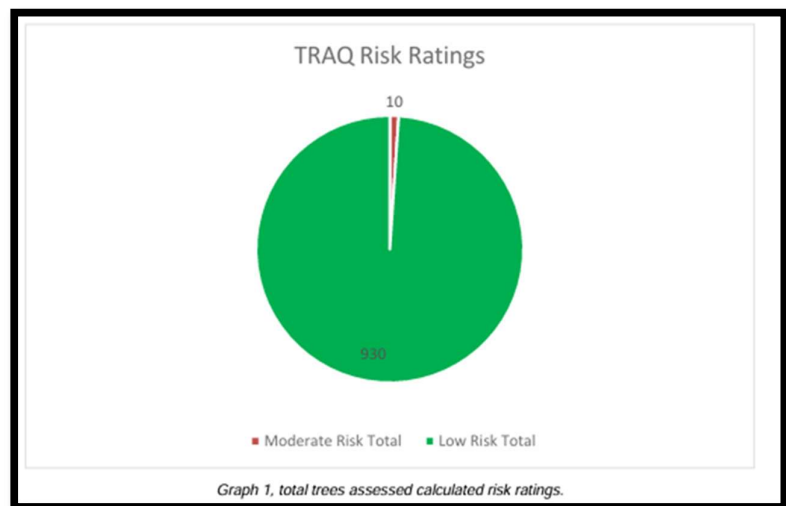
Given the majority of trees assessed were within parklands and roadside verges, generally not over infrastructure and that the population and foot traffic through Batchelor is relatively low, no 'High risk' trees were identified. This is common and expected when performing tree risk assessments within similar areas.



Adelaide River

940 trees were assessed within the agreed areas in the Adelaide River township. 10 of the trees were assessed at a 'Moderate' risk, with the remainder of the trees assessed at a 'Low' risk.

Given the majority of trees assessed were within parklands and roadside verges, generally not over infrastructure and that the population and foot traffic through Adelaide River Township is relatively low, no 'high risk' trees were identified. This is common and expected when performing tree risk assessments within similar areas.





Support for Community Organisations

In addition to road services, Council's Municipal Team provides around 30 hours annually of labour and machine support to assist local community volunteer organisations. This year, Council supported the community by:

- Mowing and vegetation removal at the Batchelor Museum.
- Slashing gamba grass at the Adelaide River Railway Museum.
- Maintaining the Anglican Church parcel through mowing services.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Public conveniences are core services and maintained by a period contract in both Adelaide River and Batchelor.



Although often taken for granted, the provision of clean, safe and accessible public conveniences is one of Council's most important services for both residents and visitors. The Council Services Unit manages a network of public facilities across the Coomalie region, ensuring that community members, tourists, and event-goers can enjoy reliable amenities that contribute to the comfort, health and overall image of our towns.

While the work may often be unseen, the impact is significant. Accessible, clean facilities make towns welcoming, encourage longer visitor stays, and improve the quality of life for residents. Council's ongoing investment in public conveniences and dump points demonstrates its commitment to both community wellbeing and the development of regional tourism.

A key component of this service is the maintenance of public dump points in Adelaide River and Batchelor, which play a vital role in supporting the Top End's strong drive tourism sector. These facilities, located at the Stuart Highway Service Road in Adelaide River and Nurndina Street in Batchelor, provide essential waste disposal points for caravanners and RV travellers, helping to uphold environmental standards while reinforcing Council's commitment to being an RV Friendly Town.

In addition, Council ensures the cleaning and regular upkeep of public conveniences across several high-use community spaces and visitor destinations. These include:

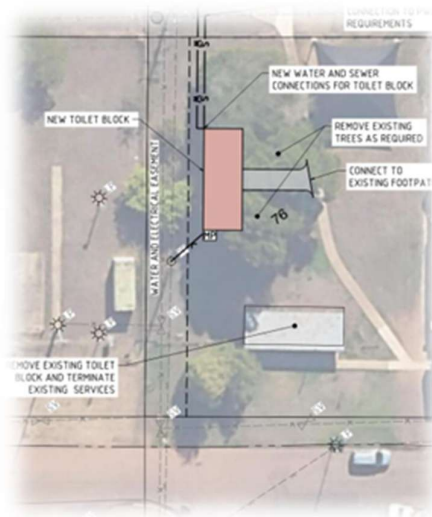
- Adelaide River Oval (Swannel Street)
- Coomalie Bush Cemetery (Memorial Terrace)
- Myrtle Fawcett Park (Stuart Highway Service Road, Adelaide River)
- Batchelor Oval (Pinaroo Crescent, Batchelor)
- Rum Jungle Lake (Poett Road, Rum Jungle)

Each of these locations is more than just a stop along the way – they are gathering places for sports, commemorations, tourism, and community connection. Council staff and contractors take pride in ensuring facilities are maintained to a high standard, reflecting the hospitality and respect of the Coomalie region.

Activating Myrtle Fawcett Park Project

Council is committed to enhancing community spaces and visitor amenities, with Myrtle Fawcett Park in Adelaide River being a key focus during 2024–25. The Activating Myrtle Fawcett Park Project was funded through the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet’s Community Places for People Program, with the primary objective of replacing the existing public toilet block with a new, fully compliant Australian Standards facility to better service both the local community and the visiting public.

The commencement of the project was delayed due to significant concerns regarding road safety and the suitability of the existing toilet block’s location. Before progressing, Council sought to ensure that the new facility would be positioned appropriately to meet both current and future needs. This comprehensive review highlighted broader issues around land use at the northern end of the Adelaide River Service Road.



At the same time, Tourism NT emphasised the importance of supporting the emerging drive tourism market through its Great Darwin Destination Development Plan. The Byne Consulting Report informed Councils decision about the location of the new ablution block at Myrtle Fawcett Park.

Byrne Consulting provided Council with a suite of concept designs and planning options, which informed joint decision-making between Council and the Northern Territory Government. The report ultimately gave Council confidence that the selected location for the new facility met both community safety standards and future tourism development objectives.



Construction of the new toilet block commenced in 2025, with completion expected in the first half of the 2025-26 financial year. Once fully commissioned, the upgraded facility will significantly improve the amenity of Myrtle Fawcett Park, strengthen Adelaide River’s appeal as a stopover destination, and support Council’s strategy of creating welcoming and accessible public spaces for both residents and visitors.

REGULATORY SERVICES

Regulatory services are a core service of Council and provide animal, vegetation and waste management outcomes for the Coomalie Region.



Council manages a structured complaints and feedback process and undertakes numerous investigations each year. To support this work, Council co-funds a dedicated regulatory services position, which focuses on education, enforcement, and achieving compliance under Council's existing regulatory framework. Current enforcement responsibilities are guided by:

- Coomalie (Dog Management) By-Laws 2002
- Coomalie Community Government By-Laws 1998

Recognising that these By-Laws are now outdated, Council has been actively working with the NT Parliamentary Counsel to develop new, contemporary By-Laws. Work on the new By-laws was halted whilst the Council was in administration.

Council provides advice, compliance notices, and enforcement action in relation to a range of public area management concerns, including untidy allotments, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, fire hazards, and vermin management. These efforts are critical for maintaining community safety, protecting the environment, and preserving local amenity.

In addition, Council delivers a proactive Animal Management Program. This includes:

- Funding annual veterinary visits to both Adelaide River and Batchelor to promote desexing and responsible pet ownership. In recognition of community demand, these visits have now been increased to two per year.
- Operating a feral cat trapping program to assist in controlling feral populations and reducing impacts on native wildlife.
- Monitoring Council's waste management facilities for biosecurity risks posed by pigs, wild dogs, mosquitoes, and other disease vectors.
- Council continues to strengthen its regulatory services through increased unscheduled dog patrols and proactive engagement with the community, which has led to a noticeable reduction in complaints. This demonstrates the effectiveness of education, early intervention, and consistent officer presence in encouraging responsible behaviour and fostering shared responsibility for community standards.
- Council Rangers work closely with the NTG, Animal Welfare Unit to ensure all animals within the Coomalie Shire are cared for in a safe environment.
- Coomalie Council have rehomed 38 animals within 2024-2025 to Save a Paw NT.
- In partnership with Save a Paw NT, Council ensures that animals are not returned to the Coomalie region, desexing is mandatory and all animals are vaccinated, treated for ticks, worms and parasites and any other issues they may face such as behavioural issues and other underlying health conditions.



ROADS

Roads management and maintenance is a core service managed by the Council Services Unit. Council engages a local period contractor to undertake road and drainage maintenance of the local road network within the Shire. Council works closely with the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure to report on government road network in the region.



Council is responsible for the management and maintenance of an extensive local road network, which is critical for community connectivity, safety, and access throughout the Coomalie region. Each year, Council submits its roads return to the Northern Territory Grants Commission, detailing the length and type of roads and footpaths maintained:

Road Type	Length
Sealed Roads	90km
Gravel	75km
Formed	35km
Flat bladed track	10km
Cycle paths	3km

Maintenance of this network is undertaken through a combination of period contractors, seasonal contractors, and Council's Municipal Team. Regular grading and road repairs are provided, with seasonal contractors engaged to carry out weed spraying and slashing of road reserves during the wet season. In response to increased community expectations, Council increased its budget allocation for weed management this year.

Additional Road and Infrastructure Works

During 2024–25, Council staff, contractors, and specialist providers undertook a range of significant works, including:

- Maintenance and gravel re-sheeting of Old Coach Road to improve usability.
- Strengthening of firebreaks at Rum Jungle Lake.
- Culvert and drainage work along Miles Road.
- Road Safety Audits across priority sites.
- Resealing works on Sargent Road.

Ongoing Road Maintenance

Council's Municipal Team and period contractors continue to deliver regular and emergency road works, including:

- Watering, grading, and rolling of unsealed roads.
- Emergency wet-season repairs.
- Clearing trees fallen across roads.
- Firebreak maintenance
- Pothole repairs.
- Removal of overhanging foliage along road reserves.
- Issuing and assessing weight restriction permits.
- Line marking.
- Drainage improvements.



Road Safety

Council received several long awaited Black Spot funding approvals which were back logged within government agencies due to a hangover from COVID as well as the Commonwealths increased attention interstate with major flood and cyclone disasters. Council was approved the following Black Spot Projects which will be delivered in the 2025-26 financial year:

- Improve sight lines at the approach to Nik's Crossing
- Improve sight Lines at the Miles Road and Solomon Road Intersection
- Improve Haynes Road and Wildhorse Plain Track intersection

SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Sport and Recreation facilities represent a significant number of public assets. The management and maintenance of the facilities are a core business of Council and utilise the greatest share of the budget.



Council has numerous sport and recreation facilities in Adelaide River and Batchelor, each offering multiple facilities at each ground:

Adelaide River

Oval
Toilets
Playground
Access Shed
Single multi-purpose court
Day use tables and chairs
Fenced playing field

Batchelor

Oval
Bowling Green
Bruce Jones Community Centre
Skate Park
Toilets
Play equipment
Day use tables and chairs
Double multi-purpose Court
Swimming Pool Complex

Facility Upgrades and Power Restoration

The Northern Territory Government's Quick Response Grant enabled prompt replacement of damaged underground power at the Bowls Club and the Bruce Jones Community Centre. This investment has allowed these key facilities to safely operate after dark, greatly benefiting volunteers at the Rum Jungle Bowls Club, who continue their enthusiastic efforts to grow participation in the sport. The extended hours have helped foster increased interest and engagement in bowls across the community.

Projects Delivered Through Commonwealth Programs

Several substantial projects reached completion, courtesy of the Commonwealth's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program:

- The Adelaide River Oval received a new fence and a revitalised playing surface, ensuring the venue's long-term usability and safety for sports events.
- Solar lighting installation at Batchelor has improved visibility and accessibility, supporting safe evening use for local residents and sports groups.
- A comprehensive Tree Safety Audit was conducted in both Adelaide River and Batchelor townships to identify and address potential hazards, thereby enhancing the overall safety of council-managed outdoor spaces.

Community Impact

These initiatives collectively promote active lifestyles, improve the safety and accessibility of public facilities, and reinforce Coomalie Council's commitment to responsive service delivery. By leveraging grant funding and planning, the Council has enhanced infrastructure that supports both organised sport and informal recreation for all residents.



STREETLIGHTING

Since obtaining deed of ownership of the Power Water Corporation (PWC) streetlight infrastructure in 2018, Coomalie Council has managed a network of 111 streetlights, delivering the service through three main functions: repairs and maintenance, electricity tariff payment, and monitoring and reporting. Fundamentally, these efforts support safer road conditions and improved pedestrian security.

Coomalie Council's stewardship of streetlighting assets in Adelaide River and Batchelor reflects its commitment to safety, service reliability, and community well-being.

Operations and Achievements

During the 2024-25 financial year

- 30 streetlights were successfully repaired, including several solar-powered units, which benefitted from targeted grant funding.
- Four comprehensive streetlight audits were executed, specifically scheduled prior to school holiday periods to maximise community safety, with two subsequent repair and replacement rounds undertaken.
- Nighttime visibility and the illumination of "dark spots" remained a priority, as per the Council's Shire Plan and community safety initiatives.

Challenges and Asset Management

Council continues to address the challenges posed by aging infrastructure inherited during Local Government Reforms. Older assets demand significant ongoing investment to sustain operational reliability and road safety. Outages are most prevalent during the wet season, often due to blown fuses and the sensitivity of aged equipment.

Strategic Initiatives

By proactively maintaining and regularly auditing streetlights, including a series of solar lighting projects, Council is committed to ensuring the safety of both roads and pedestrian pathways for all residents. The ongoing enhancement of streetlighting is clearly identified as a priority project in the Council's Shire Plan, directly aligned with community feedback and Council's long-term vision for safer, more connected townships.

SWIMMING POOL

Council manages one pool complex in Batchelor comprising of a kid’s wading pool and 25 metre pool, both are under shade. This facility is essential to Council contribution to water safety and awareness, as well as contributing to the liveability and attraction of the Coomalie region.

Coomalie Council has faced significant challenges in maintaining the Batchelor Swimming Pool, an essential asset for community wellbeing, throughout the past year.

Asset Condition and Upgrades

Following a comprehensive asset evaluation, the Batchelor Pool was classified as ‘at end of life’, highlighting the urgent need for upgrades to prolong its capacity to serve as a recreational and educational hub for Coomalie residents. Although the pump, chlorination, and filter systems are relatively new, critical infrastructure, such as both pools, the lifeguard room and toilet block—require substantial renewal. Raising the necessary funds for these upgrades is a Council priority.

Community Access and Education

Recognising the pool’s vital social role, Coomalie Council continues to provide free public access, fostering inclusivity and facilitating local “learn-to-swim” classes for residents of all ages. The pool is central to school “learn-to-swim” programs and routinely serves students from the Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre, helping teach this life-saving skill to countless children across the region.

Staffing and Safety

To ensure continuous pool operation, Council developed a lifeguard succession plan that guarantees adequate qualified lifeguard coverage at all times. This proactive approach to staffing further underscores Council’s commitment to community safety and sustained facility use.



The Pool’s Role in Coomalie

As a recreational destination for families, the Batchelor Swimming Pool remains an indispensable pillar of Coomalie’s social infrastructure, promoting health, learning, and quality of life for all community members.

Attendances are comparable to the prior year’s levels due to the free entry and lap swimming programs.

	Lap Swims	Adult	Children	Conc	Schools	Swim Lessons	Total	Last Year
TOTALS	450	1,734	2,53	238	1,403	140	6,118	6,174

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management is a core service and essential to all constituents. It is a vital aspect in striving towards a more sustainable future and Council has a key role in its delivery.

Coomalie Council continued to deliver reliable Waste Management Services at both the Batchelor and Adelaide River facilities, maintaining stable hours of operation throughout the reporting period.

Transfer Station Development and Compliance

The Adelaide River site successfully completed its first year of operation as a transfer station, marking a significant step in modernising local waste solutions. Work is ongoing with the NT EPA to achieve full compliance licensing for transfer station operations—supporting regional environmental management and best practice standards.

Facility Improvements and Grant Funding

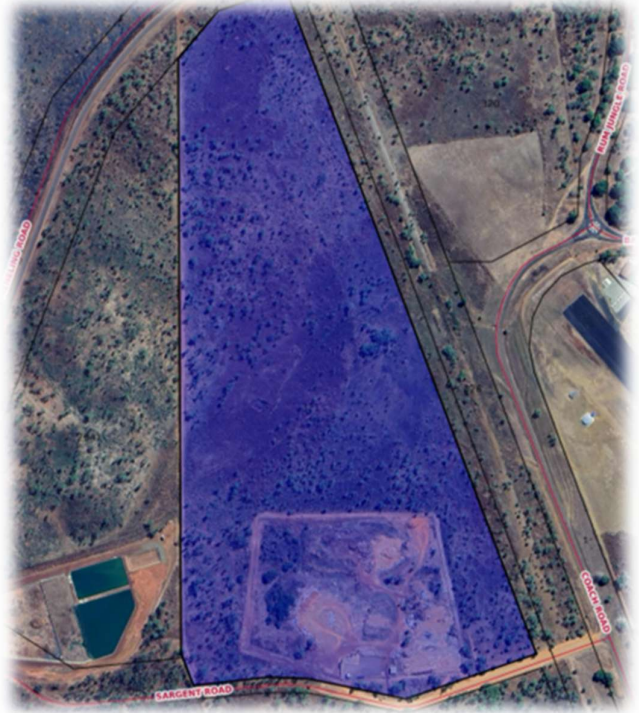
The 2024-25 WaRM Grant will enable Council to replace all bulk bins with new lidded bins, enhancing environmental outcomes and site safety. Additionally, the near-completion of a 30-tonne weighbridge and the sealing of Sargent Road signify substantial infrastructure upgrades, representing a new era in waste management for the region and opening opportunities to subsidise and continually improve service delivery. The project is expected to be completed in the first half of the 2025-26 financial year.

Recycling and Resource Recovery

Council actively supports the NT Government's Container Deposit Scheme, facilitating recycling of plastics, glass, and aluminium cans. Steel and white goods are also recycled, though transportation to metal merchants in Darwin remains a financial challenge for Council. Waste stream reduction is furthered by material shredding, minimising landfill volumes and providing free woodchip for domestic use to all local residents.

Kerbside Services and Community Support

Town residents and businesses in Adelaide River, Batchelor and Adelaide River continue to benefit from weekly kerbside waste collection, with Council adapting services where possible to manage costs while delivering dependable outcomes. Coomalie Council remains steadfast in its mission to protect community health, improve resource recovery, and meet both immediate and long-term waste management needs.



WEED MANAGEMENT

As a land owner, Council is responsible for the control of weeds on Council owned land, including the local road network. Gamba Grass and Mimosa are significant weeds in the region, closely followed by Neem and African Mahogany Trees.

Coomalie Council's Weed Management Service continues to play a critical role in protecting community health, safety, and the environment across Adelaide River, Batchelor, and surrounding areas.

Vegetation and Weed Control

Council implements a multifaceted vegetation management program combining herbicide application, mechanical slashing, and strategic spraying. These efforts address invasive and declared weeds such as Gamba Grass, Mimosa, Bellyache Bush, Snake Weed, Neem, and Mahogany trees within Council-managed parks, reserves, roadways, and other public land, focusing on fire risk reduction and vermin control.

Regulatory Services and Compliance

Council actively undertakes regulatory responsibilities by monitoring and managing unkept properties in townships. Through community engagement and enforcement where necessary, Council ensures landowners address overgrown vegetation and fire hazards, contributing to overall community safety and compliance with local regulations.

Partnership and Community Engagement

Collaboration is key to Council's weed management success. The Council works closely with the Weeds Division of the Northern Territory Government, regularly disseminating education and awareness information via the Stop Press newsletter and social media channels to inform and empower residents. Acting as a local agent in the NT Government's Gamba Action Program, Council distributes glyphosate to landholders, enabling community-wide efforts to control this significant weed threat. Notably, Council has observed a commendable level of engagement and effort by landholders in managing Gamba Grass infestations.

Seasonal Enhancement and Increased Investment

During the wet season, Council supplements its resources by engaging seasonal contractors to intensify slashing and spraying programs targeting Gamba and other declared weeds across public spaces and roadways. Reflecting the importance of these activities, Council has increased its budget allocation for weed and fire management in the upcoming year to improve outcomes across the region.

Through leadership, partnership, and community support, Coomalie Council continues to deliver responsible, effective, and forward-looking weed management services that protect its residents and natural assets.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024-2025

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE

FINANCIAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

Coomalie Community Government Council

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2025

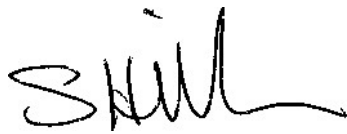
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**COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

I, Sharon Hillen, the Chief Executive Officer of Coomalie Community Government Council, hereby certify that the Annual Financial Statements to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- . have been drawn up in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act 2019* and the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* so as to present fairly the financial position of the Council and the results for the year ended 30 June 2025; and
- . are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SHILL', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sharon Hillen
Chief Executive Officer

Date 12th November 2025

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
OPERATING REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME			
Rates	3 a	1,187,393	1,151,597
Fees and User Charges	3 b	540,191	484,186
Investment Income	3 c	231,632	167,159
Other Income	3 d	101,271	220,347
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	3 e	1,642,365	1,731,137
TOTAL INCOME		3,702,852	3,754,426
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Costs	5 a	1,496,464	1,335,444
Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses - General	5 b	1,698,747	1,340,892
Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses - Roads	5 c	770,017	684,531
Other Expenses	5 e	306,825	221,040
TOTAL EXPENSES		4,272,053	3,581,907
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM OPERATIONS		(569,201)	172,519
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	3 e	1,169,659	900,138
Asset Disposal	6	(22,264)	16,762
Depreciation and Amortisation	5 d	(1,672,501)	(1,923,236)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(1,094,307)	(833,817)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Changes in revaluation surplus - buildings and other structures	12	-	290,222
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)		(1,094,307)	(543,595)

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7	4,049,568	4,901,026
Trade and Other Receivables	8	430,572	395,956
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		4,480,140	5,296,982
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	9	17,401,635	18,937,131
Capital Work in Progress	9	480,630	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		17,882,265	18,937,131
TOTAL ASSETS		22,362,405	24,234,113
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	10	240,515	509,748
Provisions	10	136,641	98,826
Unexpended Grants	10	1,280,102	1,826,085
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,657,258	2,434,659
NET ASSETS		20,705,147	21,799,454
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus	11	5,280,638	6,374,945
Asset Revaluation Reserves	12	15,424,509	15,424,509
TOTAL EQUITY		20,705,147	21,799,454

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements are included on pages 7 to 31

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2023	7,208,762	15,134,287	22,343,049
Net Profit for year	(833,817)	-	(833,817)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	290,222	290,222
Balance at 30 June 2024	6,374,945	15,424,509	21,799,454
Net Profit for year	(1,094,307)	-	(1,094,307)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2025	5,280,638	15,424,509	20,705,147

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$ Inflows (Outflows)	2024 \$ Inflows (Outflows)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates - General		1,127,988	1,091,944
Fees and User Charges		550,773	462,448
Investment Receipts		231,632	167,159
Grants Utilised for Operating and Capital Purposes		2,266,041	2,512,331
Other Revenues		101,271	220,347
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee Costs		(1,456,011)	(1,329,679)
Materials and Contracts		(2,726,428)	(1,593,453)
Other Expenses		(306,825)	(259,345)
Net cash provided by/(used in) Operating Activities	13b	<u>(211,559)</u>	<u>1,271,752</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on new or upgraded assets	9	(234,300)	(610,282)
Capital Works in Progress	9	(480,630)	-
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	6	75,031	16,762
Net cash used in Investing Activities		<u>(639,899)</u>	<u>593,520</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		<u>(851,458)</u>	<u>678,232</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		4,901,026	4,222,794
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	7, 13a	<u>4,049,568</u>	<u>4,901,026</u>

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements are included on pages 7 to 31

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost convention, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant Northern Territory legislation.

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The Local Government Reporting Entity

Coomalie Community Government Council is incorporated under the *NT Local Government Act 2019* and has its principal place of business at 22 Cameron Road Batchelor.

These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council *controls* resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas have been eliminated.

Current and Non Current Classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non current classifications.

An asset is classified as current when it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the Council's normal operating cycle, it is held primarily for the purpose of trading, it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period and or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non current.

A liability is classified as current when it is either expected to be settled in the Council's normal operating cycle, it is held primarily for the purpose of trading, it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period and or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non current.

Income Recognition

The Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate. In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer. In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Rates, Grants and Other Income

Rates, grants and other income are recognised as income on receipt of funds or earlier unconditional entitlement to the funds.

Grants and Subsidies

Where the Council has an obligation to use a grant or subsidy in a particular manner the amount is recognised as income on receipt. Unspent funds are recognised as a liability - unexpended grants until the obligation is satisfied.

Other Income including Contributions

Other income is recognised as a receivable when it is probable that it will be received and the amount is known, otherwise the amount is recognised on receipt.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Other Financial Instruments

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition, except for trade receivables from a contract with a customer, which are measured at the transaction price.

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment

Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Materiality

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

Capitalisation Thresholds

Capitalisation thresholds used by Council for a representative range of assets are shown below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Buildings and Other Structures	\$10,000
Community Assets	\$5,000
Motor Vehicles and Plant	\$5,000
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$5,000
Road Infrastructure	\$10,000

Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 9.

Depreciation of non current assets

Coomalie Community Government Council has elected not to fund depreciation expenses for assets that will not be replaced or where external funding sources other than loans will be obtained to fund their replacement.

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Estimated Useful Lives

Useful lives are estimated for each individual asset. In estimating useful lives, regard is had to technical and commercial obsolescence, as well as legal and other limitations on continued use. The range of useful lives for a representative range of assets is shown below.

Buildings and Other Structures	10-100 years
Community Assets	5-100 years
Motor Vehicles and Plant	5-15 years
Office Furniture and Equipment	5-20 years
Road Infrastructure	10-100 years

Impairment

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

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

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

Borrowing costs

Council had no borrowings during the reporting period.

Receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value due at the time of sale or service delivery and settlement of these amounts is required within 30 days from invoice date.

The collectability of receivables is assessed periodically and, if there is objective evidence that Council will not be able to collect all amounts due, the carrying amount is reduced with provision being made for doubtful debts. The loss is recognised in other expenses.

All known bad debts were written off against the allowance for doubtful debts at 30 June each year. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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Payables

Goods & Services

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

Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

Provisions

Employee Benefits

Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

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

Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to their allocated Superannuation Fund. Each fund has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Council does not have any employees who are members of defined benefit funds and has confirmed that it has no outstanding actual or potential liability to the pooled defined benefit funds of which former employees were members.

All superannuation schemes to which Council makes contributions on behalf of employees are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

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Provisions for reinstatement, restoration, rehabilitation

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

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

Coomalie Council is of the opinion that major restoration works will not be required at the Batchelor and Adelaide River landfills as restoration of the landfills is carried as part of the weekly maintenance and annual works

Council does not have any gravel pits and therefore, no provision has been made for restoration works.

Leases

As per AASB 16 Leases, the Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. The Council applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (ie. those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date). It also applies the low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council does not participate in cooperative arrangements with other Councils.

Goods and Services Tax

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

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

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Comparative Information

Comparative information has been restated where necessary to be consistent with disclosures in the current reporting period.

New and amended standards and interpretations

AASB 2020-1: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current.

The Council adopted AASB 2020-1 which amends AASB 101 to clarify requirements for the presentation of liabilities in the statement of financial position as current or non-current. It also clarifies the meaning of "settlement of a liability".

The adoption of the amendment did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

AASB 2022-6: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-Current Liabilities with Covenants.

The Council adopted AASB 2022-6: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-Current Liabilities with Covenants which amends AASB 101 to improve the information a Council provides in its financial statements about liabilities from loan arrangements for which the Council's right to defer settlement of those liabilities for at least 12 months after the reporting period is subject to the Council complying with conditions specified in the

The adoption of the amendment did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

The Coomalie Community Government Council has adopted all amendments required for the year ended 30 June 2025. The adoption of these amendments did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

Financial Risk Management

The Council minimises its exposure to financial risk by not investing in derivatives or other risky investments. Investments in financial assets are only made when those assets are with a bank or other financial institution in Australia, and are for a period of less than one year.

Details of financial instruments and the associated risks are shown at Note 16.

Economic Dependence and Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

During the year the Coomalie Community Government Council received grants from government departments, and the future operations of the council is dependent upon continued funding from government departments.

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2 a FUNCTIONS

Income, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions. Details of those functions are set out in Note 2 b

	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING RESULTS		GRANTS INCLUDED	
	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Actual 2024
FUNCTIONS								
Administration	2,296,944	2,256,572	3,164,769	3,171,285	(867,825)	(914,713)	788,814	868,171
Cemeteries	45,556	143,194	22,069	5,691	23,487	137,503	32,765	-
Community Functions	10,407	7,796	67,341	39,265	(56,934)	(31,469)	5,300	3,888
Community Recreation and Development	101,873	49,924	105,076	63,555	(3,203)	(13,631)	99,903	49,306
Libraries	47,787	47,326	60,485	48,099	(12,698)	(773)	47,787	47,326
Parks and Gardens	10,261	180,882	382,090	477,444	(371,829)	(296,562)	-	180,500
Public Conveniences	219,620	10,585	123,904	114,255	95,716	(103,670)	219,620	-
Regulatory Services	9,043	46,065	96,663	62,803	(87,620)	(16,738)	-	40,000
Roads	1,103,972	1,171,387	1,034,475	703,530	69,497	(467,857)	1,099,258	1,147,610
Sport and Recreation	231,177	211,597	210,163	329,003	21,014	(117,406)	225,667	210,824
Streetlighting	-	-	14,839	15,975	(14,839)	(15,975)	-	-
Swimming Pool	6,887	1,330	115,656	99,515	(108,769)	(98,185)	-	-
Waste Management	766,720	544,668	442,277	356,833	324,443	(187,835)	266,030	59,170
Weed Management	-	-	104,747	17,890	(104,747)	(17,890)	-	-
TOTAL FUNCTIONS	4,850,247	4,671,326	5,944,554	5,505,143	(1,094,307)	(833,817)	2,785,144	2,606,795

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2 b COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to council's functions are:-

Administration

Administration, support, regulation and operation of general public services. Including Council's elected members, administration, accounting and finance, payroll, human resource management, boundary expansion, governance and corporate services, records, customer service, contract management, revenues, legislative and regulatory compliance and reporting.

Cemeteries

Management and maintenance of the operations of the Coomalie Bush Cemetery and the Memorial Gardens in Adelaide River and Batchelor.

Community Functions

Visitor information centre maintenance, organisational support to local not for profit entities, support and delivery of community functions including Anzac Day, Australia Day, Territory Day, Remembrance Day, Seniors Month and Seniors Christmas Party.

Community Recreation and Development

Supported by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Council delivers the Active Regional and Remote Community Program. This program, along with other small grants provides community sport and recreation, school holiday programs, youth week and seniors activities.

Libraries

Supported by the Department of Libraries and Archives NT, for the employment of librarians at the Batchelor and Adelaide River Community Libraries. Provision of library services, computers and general technology support for adults and children in the community in partnership with Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and Adelaide River School.

Parks and Gardens

Maintenance and operational aspects of parks and gardens and roadside verges in Batchelor and Adelaide River.

Public Conveniences

Provision and maintenance of public toilets in Batchelor, Adelaide River and Rum Jungle Lake.

Regulatory Services

Registration of all dogs, control of domestic animals and abandoned vehicles within the townships and surrounding rural areas. Regulation of Council's By-Laws.

Roads

Road maintenance, construction, rehabilitation and transport services. Such services includes planning, designing, construction, extending and improving roads and associated structures such as footpaths, signage and drainage.

Sport and Recreation Facilities

Administration and operation of cultural, sport and recreation services, including ovals, sports courts, community centre and bowling green.

Streetlighting

Provision and maintenance of streetlighting in both Batchelor and Adelaide River townships.

Swimming Pool

Operation and maintenance of the Batchelor Swimming Pool for use by visitors and the community.

Waste Management

Operation and maintenance of transfer stations and landfills at Batchelor and Adelaide River. Control of green waste and recycling.

Weed Management

Partnership with NTG to distribute information and glyphosate to assist in the control of Gamba Grass and other invasive plants. Council personnel and contractors spraying and slashing roadsides and open spaces for gamba, mission grass, mimosa and other invasive species.

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3 OPERATING REVENUE	2025 \$	2024 \$
a RATES		
General rates	1,187,393	1,151,597
Supplementary rates	-	-
Total Rates	1,187,393	1,151,597
b FEES AND USER CHARGES		
User Charges		
Waste management service	493,710	458,540
Total User Charges	493,710	458,540
Fees		
Rate searches	5,622	6,664
Service charges	40,859	18,982
Total Fees	46,481	25,646
Total Fees and User Charges	540,191	484,186
c INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest on overdue rates & charges	41,765	58,153
Interest on investments	189,867	109,006
Total Investment Income	231,632	167,159
d OTHER INCOME		
Donations	15,312	169,281
General Reimbursements	2,176	11,035
Other income	83,783	40,031
Total Other Income	101,271	220,347

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3 OPERATING REVENUE (continued)	2025	2024
	\$	\$
e GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS		
General Purpose Grants		
Commonwealth Government	702,385	695,007
NT Government	751,000	831,540
Total General Purpose Grants	1,453,385	1,526,547
Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions		
Northern Territory Government		
Sports and Community Recreation	92,500	43,065
Community Benefit	15,045	20,420
Community Event/Asset Grants	12,703	10,129
Libraries and museums	47,787	47,326
Waste and Resource	(5,935)	59,170
Pensioner Rebate	26,880	24,480
Total Special Purpose grants	188,980	204,590
Other Grants		
NT Government - Grants for Other Uses	-	-
Total Other Grants	-	-
Total Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	1,642,365	1,731,137
GRANTS PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES		
Roads to Recovery	212,672	258,729
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCIP)	304,747	192,329
Black Spot Program	-	38,176
Immediate Priority Grants	337,890	346,404
Tourism Town Asset Program	-	64,500
Waste and Resource Management Grants	61,965	-
Community Places for People	252,385	-
Total Grants provided for Capital Purposes	1,169,659	900,138
TOTAL GRANTS	2,812,024	2,631,275

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3 OPERATING REVENUE (continued)

Individually Significant Item

In 2024/25 Council received the following grants that will be expended in the 2025/26 year:
 \$195,380 for Activating Myrtle Fawcett Park, Adelaide River through Community Places for People Grant 2022/23
 \$382,235 for upgrades to the Cemetery Precinct in Adelaide River through Community Places for People Grant 2023/24
 \$26,413 from Roads to Recovery for completion of the Sargent Road sealing works.
 \$108,110 for upgrading social infrastructure at Adelaide River and Batchelor ovals through Immediate Priority Grant 2023/24
 \$42,535 from Waste and Resource Management Grant Phase 4 for completion of the installation of a weighbridge at the Batchelor Waste Management Facility
 \$104,500 from Waste and Resource Management Grant Phase 5 for acquisition of hook bins.
 \$15,000 from Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2024/25 for burial site protection and management.
 \$32,500 from Active Regional and Remote Communities Program for sport, recreation and cultural activities across the shire.
 \$368,429 from Financial Assistance Grants pre-payment of the 2025/26 funding allocation.
 \$5,000 from Places and Spaces Quick Response Grant for urgent repairs to lighting at the Batchelor Bowls Club.

Total \$1,280,102

These have been recognised as a liability - Unexpended Grants in the Statement of Financial Position.

SOURCES OF GRANTS

Commonwealth Government	1,219,804	1,184,241
Northern Territory Government	1,592,220	1,447,034
	2,812,024	2,631,275

4 CONDITIONS OVER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

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

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	1,826,085	1,945,029
Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods	(1,122,368)	(1,530,028)
Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions	576,385	1,411,084
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period	1,280,102	1,826,085

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5 OPERATING EXPENSES	2025	2024
	\$	\$
a EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Salaries and wages	1,185,366	1,089,559
Employee leave expense	55,410	12,180
Superannuation	133,237	115,858
Other expenses	122,451	117,847
Total Employee Costs	1,496,464	1,335,444
Total Number of Employees	23	20
b MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES - GENERAL		
Purchase materials	167,388	52,891
Purchase stock	-	2,038
Computer licence fees	45,890	45,531
Computer support	14,597	17,529
Contractor services	461,574	359,153
Cleaning	115,412	111,935
Community Events	35,354	22,305
Electricity	19,635	13,646
Insurance	187,627	100,126
Legal fees	16,588	3,266
Maintenance buildings and property	88,382	111,901
Maintenance recreation facilities	129,648	115,602
Motor vehicle fuel and oil	36,032	47,925
Motor vehicle repairs and maintenance	65,348	66,083
Telephone and internet	37,317	39,532
Water and sewerage	54,711	55,344
Other expenses	223,245	176,087
Total Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses - General	1,698,747	1,340,894
c MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES - ROADS		
Seal maintenance	87,692	900
Flood damage	12,509	-
Resheeting	13,955	150,399
Floodways and drainage	293,653	365,082
Maintenance grading	180,621	90,619
Roadside maintenance and emergency repairs	181,587	77,531
Total Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses - Roads	770,017	684,531

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5 OPERATING EXPENSES (continued)		2025	2024
		\$	\$
d DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION			
Buildings and Other Structures		331,716	387,201
Motor vehicles and plant		288,478	402,662
Office furniture and equipment		1,548	1,803
Roads infrastructure		1,050,759	1,131,570
Total Depreciation & Amortisation	9	1,672,501	1,923,236
e OTHER EXPENSES			
Accounting and Audit Committee		5,016	8,200
Auditors remuneration		18,515	17,025
Consultants		137,075	120,550
Elected members expenses		146,219	75,265
Total Other Operating Expenses		306,825	221,040
6 GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET			
Proceeds from disposal		75,031	16,762
Less: Carrying value of assets sold		97,295	-
Total Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets		(22,264)	16,762

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7 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

		2025	2024
		\$	\$
Cash on hand		1,000	1,000
Cash at bank		1,069,156	1,950,026
Deposits at call		2,979,412	2,950,000
Trust account		-	-
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	13a	4,049,568	4,901,026
Total Cash consists of:			
Current Cash		4,049,568	4,901,026
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		4,049,568	4,901,026

RESTRICTED CASH SUMMARY

Restricted Cash:			
Unexpended grants		1,280,102	1,826,085
Employee leave provisions		136,641	98,826
Total Restricted Cash		1,416,743	1,924,911
Total Unrestricted Cash Available		2,632,825	2,976,115

Cash is held in the Commonwealth Bank in a business cheque account. Short term deposits are held in CBA Direct Term Investment accounts.

8 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current		
Rates - General and Other	434,649	375,244
Debtors - General	17,544	28,126
Prepayments of rates	(70,624)	(68,509)
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	-	-
Goods and Services Tax	49,003	61,095
Total Trade and Other Receivables	430,572	395,956
Total Trade and Other Receivables consists of:		
Current Trade and Other Receivables	430,572	395,956
Total Trade and Other Receivables	430,572	395,956

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8 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

a Ageing of Trade Receivables

2025
\$

2024
\$

Trade Receivables are non-interest bearing and are generally on 30 day terms.

The ageing of Trade Receivables is detailed below:

Not past due	127	24,179
Past due 31-60 days	11,824	284
Past due 61-90 days	4,670	1,163
Past due 91+ days	924	2,500
Total	17,545	28,126

b Past due but not impaired receivables

As at 30 June 2025 current receivables with a nominal value of \$364,025 (2024 - \$306,735) were past due but not impaired. These relate to a number of customers who are on rate payment arrangement plans with Council.

The ageing of these receivables is as follows:

Past due 31-60 days	-	-
Past due 61-90 days	-	-
Past due 91+ days	364,024	306,735
Total	364,024	306,735

c Impaired receivables

As at 30 June 2025 there were no receivables that were impaired.

d Movement in the allowance for doubtful debts

Balance at beginning of the year	68,509	66,568
Impairment losses recognised on receivables	2,115	1,941
Amounts written off during the year as uncollectable	-	-
Impairment losses reversed	-	-
Balance at end of the year	70,624	68,509

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9 INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

a Reconciliation of movements in assets

	Land	Buildings & Other Structures	Community Assets	Motor Vehicles & Plant	Office Furniture & Equipment	Roads at Cost	Roads at Valuation	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Basis of Measurement	UCV	Valuation	Valuation	Cost	Cost	Cost	Valuation	
Asset Values								
Opening gross value	4,040,000	4,194,419	-	1,533,692	85,522	195,390	10,888,858	20,937,881
Adjustments to opening value	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions/renewals	-	-	-	234,300	-	-	-	234,300
Disposals	-	-	-	(140,000)	-	-	-	(140,000)
Write Offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing gross value	4,040,000	4,194,419	-	1,627,992	85,522	195,390	10,888,858	21,032,181
Accumulated Depreciation								
Opening balance	-	387,201	-	402,662	79,317	4,551	1,127,019	2,000,750
Adjustments to opening value	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation provided	-	331,716	-	288,478	1,548	4,885	1,045,874	1,672,501
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	(42,705)	-	-	-	(42,705)
Depreciation on write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation at period end	-	718,917	-	648,435	80,865	9,436	2,172,893	3,630,546
WDV at 30 June 2025	4,040,000	3,475,502	-	979,557	4,657	185,954	8,715,965	17,401,635
WDV at 30 June 2024	4,040,000	3,807,218	-	1,131,030	6,205	190,839	9,761,839	18,937,131
Work in Progress at 30 June 2025	-	369,546	-	-	-	111,084	-	480,630
Work in Progress at 30 June 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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9 INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (continued)

a Reconciliation of movements in assets (continued)

Some assets have been reclassified to effect a clear distinction between recognised classes of assets. Assets which have been reclassified and were previously shown at cost are deemed to be at fair value. There is no material financial adjustment to be made in relation to these transfers.

	Land	Buildings & Other Structures	Community Assets	Motor Vehicles & Plant	Office Furniture & Equipment	Road Infrastructure at Cost	Road Infrastructure at Valuation	Totals
b Capital expenditure budget								
Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing & Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation & Culture	-	1,220,716	-	-	-	-	-	1,220,716
Transport	-	-	-	-	-	1,128,903	-	1,128,903
Public Order & Safety	-	415,000	-	257,730	-	-	-	672,730
Economic & Other Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1,635,716	-	257,730	-	1,128,903	-	3,022,349
Actual 2025	-	-	-	234,300	-	-	-	234,300
Capital budget variance	-	(1,635,716)	-	(23,430)	-	(1,128,903)	-	(2,788,049)

c Valuations

Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment valuations were determined by reference to the following:

(i) Land

All land owned by Coomalie Council is recognised at the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) as per the Register of Land Values and NT Valuer General's Notice of Valuation.

Council received new UCV reports from the Valuer General with new valuations effective 1 July 2023. Recognising these land valuations at 30 June 2023 resulted in an increase of \$643,833 in land and the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

(ii) Buildings and Other Structures, Community Assets, Motor Vehicles and Plant and Road Infrastructure

The Council at 30 June 2023 undertook a valuation of its buildings and structures, community assets, motor vehicles and plant and its road infrastructure. The National Valuation Group Pty Ltd were engaged to undertake this valuation of the Council's assets and infrastructure.

The valuation was completed on 11 July 2023 with the valuation date being 30 June 2023.

The valuation was performed by Mr Louis Mapanzure AAPI (CPV). MRICS. ASA.

The valuation was prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards with the basis of value used being fair value of the assets. In determining fair value, the valuer has used the Market Approach and Cost Approach. The market approach compares assets with identical or comparable (similar) assets for which price information is available. The cost approach provides an indication of value by calculating the current replacement or reproduction cost of an asset and making deductions for physical deterioration and all other relevant forms of obsolescence.

The valuation of these assets at 30 June 2023 resulted in an increase in their value of \$1,796,440 and an increase of the same amount to the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

At 1 July 2023, Council were advised by the Valuer that additional road infrastructure assets with a value of \$290,222 needed to be recognised by Council. These assets have been taken up in 2024 with a corresponding increase to the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

(iii) Office Furniture and Equipment

Office Furniture and Equipment are recognised at cost and therefore are not revalued.

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(iv) Culverts and Bridges

In addition to the above assets, the independent valuer also valued at 30 June 2023 the culverts and bridges that exist within the Council's jurisdiction. These were valued at a fair value of \$1,765,416 and having an annual depreciation expense of \$38,168. The Council has elected not to recognise the culverts and bridges within its financial statements at 30 June 2025.

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10 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES, PROVISIONS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current		
CBA Credit Cards	776	351
Trade Creditors	189,984	466,722
Accrued Expenses	20,199	12,508
PAYGW	18,488	21,656
Hiring and Key Deposits	4,669	4,122
Retention Monies	-	-
Superannuation	5,806	-
Other	593	1,230
Total Trade and Other Payables	240,515	509,748
Provisions		
Annual Leave	109,122	83,101
Long Service Leave	27,519	15,725
Total Provisions	136,641	98,826
Unexpended Grants		
Unexpended Grants	1,280,102	1,826,085
Total Unexpended Grants	1,280,102	1,826,085

11 ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus	6,374,945	7,208,762
Net result attributable to Council	(1,094,307)	(833,817)
Total Accumulated Surplus	5,280,638	6,374,945

12 ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

(i) Movements in the Reserve

Balance at the beginning of the financial year	15,424,509	15,134,287
Revaluation of Buildings, Structures and Site Improvements	-	290,222
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	15,424,509	15,424,509

(ii) Analysis of the Reserve

The closing balance of the asset revaluation reserve is comprised of the following asset categories:

Land, buildings, structures and site improvements	5,659,943	5,659,943
Roads infrastructure	9,764,566	9,764,566
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	15,424,509	15,424,509

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13 RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

- a Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:-

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	1,000	1,000
Cash at bank	1,069,156	1,950,026
Trust account	-	-
Deposits at call	2,979,412	2,950,000
Cash Flow from Operating Activities	7 4,049,568	4,901,026

- b **Reconciliation of changes in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities**

Net Surplus/(Deficit) from continuing operations	(1,094,307)	(833,817)
Add		
Depreciation and amortisation	1,672,501	1,923,236
Loss on sale of assets	22,264	-
Decrease in receivables	-	-
Increase in unexpended grants	-	-
Increase in creditors and accruals	-	420,782
Increase in employee provisions	37,815	16,953
	638,273	1,527,154
Less		
Profit on Sale of Assets	-	(16,762)
Decrease in creditors and accruals	(269,233)	-
Decrease in grants in advance	-	-
Decrease in employee provisions	-	-
Decrease in unexpended grants	(545,983)	(118,944)
Increase in receivables	(34,616)	(119,696)
Net Cash provided by/(Used In) Operating Activities	(211,559)	1,271,752

14 COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

Capital Commitments

Council have capital commitments of \$26,413 from Roads to Recovery, Immediate Priority Grant project of \$108,110 for social infrastructure upgrades at Adelaide River oval, two Community Places for People Grant projects of \$195,380 for a new ablution block at Myrtle Fawcett Park, Adelaide River and \$415,000 for road and infrastructure upgrades to the Adelaide River Cemetery Precinct, and 2x Waste and Resource Management Grants of \$42,535 for the installation of a weighbridge at the Batchelor Waste Management Facility and \$104,500 for new bulk bin acquisition. The above capital commitments total \$891,938.

Finance and Operating Lease Commitments

Council has no lease commitments at the reporting date.

**COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

15 FINANCIAL INDICATORS	2025 Ratio	2024 Ratio
OPERATING SURPLUS RATIO		
<u>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</u> Total Operating Income	-22%	-18%
NET FINANCIAL LIABILITIES RATIO		
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u> Total Operating Income	10%	16%
ASSET SUSTAINABILITY RATIO		
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u> Asset Management Plan required expenditure	21%	55%
CURRENT RATIO		
<u>Current Assets</u> Current Liabilities	2.70	2.18
RATE COVERAGE PERCENTAGE		
<u>Rate Revenue</u> Total Revenue	32%	31%
RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES OUTSTANDING PERCENTAGE		
<u>Rates & Annual charges outstanding</u> Rates & Annual charges collectable	26%	23%

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16 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a Liquidity Analysis

	Average interest rate	Variable interest rate	Fixed interest rate maturity		Non interest bearing	Total
			< 1 year	1 to 5 yrs		
2024	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Financial assets</u>						
Cash on hand		-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Cash at bank	0%	1,069,156	-	-	-	1,069,156
Deposits at call	0.25% - 5.06%	2,979,412	-	-	-	2,979,412
Trust account	0%	-	-	-	-	-
Trade Payables - GST						
Refund	0%	-	-	-	49,003	49,003
Receivables - Rates	18%	364,025	-	-	-	364,025
Receivables - Debtors	0%	-	-	-	17,544	17,544
		<u>4,412,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,547</u>	<u>4,480,140</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>						
Trade and Other Payables		-	-	-	240,515	240,515
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240,515</u>	<u>240,515</u>
2024	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Financial assets</u>						
Cash on hand		-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Cash at bank	0.00%	1,950,026	-	-	-	1,950,026
Deposits at call	0.25 - 5.5%	2,950,000	-	-	-	2,950,000
Trust account	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-
Trade Payables - GST						
Refund	0%	-	-	-	61,095	61,095
Receivables - Rates	18%	306,735	0	-	-	306,735
Receivables - Debtors	0%	-	-	-	28,126	28,126
		<u>5,206,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,221</u>	<u>5,296,982</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>						
Trade and Other Payables		-	-	-	509,748	509,748
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>509,748</u>	<u>509,748</u>

b Financial risk management objectives and policies

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

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

The Council's activities expose it to normal commercial financial risk. The main risks the Council is exposed to through its financial instruments are liquidity risk, credit risk, market risk and interest rate risk. Risks are considered to be low.

Primary responsibility for the identification and control of financial risks rests with the Councillors and Executive Management under the authority of the Council's Elected Members.

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16 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

c Categories of financial instruments

	Recognised financial instruments	Statement of Financial Position Notes	Accounting Policies	Terms and conditions
i	<u>Financial Assets</u>			
	Cash and cash equivalents	7	Details are set out in note 1.	Interest is earned at the bank's benchmark interest rate.
	Trade and other receivables	8	Trade Receivables are carried at nominal amounts due less any provision for doubtful debts. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when collection of the full nominal amount is no longer probable.	Credit sales are normally on 30 day terms or other negotiated terms.
ii	<u>Financial Liabilities</u>			
	Trade and other payables	10	Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.	Trade liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms or other negotiated terms.

d Net fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Cash and cash equivalents: The carrying amount approximates fair value because of their short-term maturity.

Trade and other receivables and trade and other payables: Their carrying amounts approximate fair value.

e Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises from the financial liabilities of the entity and the Council's subsequent ability to meet its obligations to repay its financial liabilities as and when they fall due.

The Council reduces its exposure to liquidity risk by monitoring its cash flows closely through rolling future cash flows and monitoring the ageing of receivables and payables.

As the Council does not have any borrowings, it manages its exposure to liquidity risk by maintaining short term investments of less than one year to cater for unexpected volatility in cash flows.

f Contingent Assets and Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent assets and liabilities at reporting date.

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16 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

g Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Council if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Exposure to credit risk is monitored by management on an ongoing basis. The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, is limited to the total carrying value of financial assets, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

The council does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single entity or group having similar characteristics. In the case of rate receivables, the Council has the power to sell property to recover any defaulted amounts. In other cases, the Council assesses the credit risk before providing goods or services.

h Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates and equity prices will affect the Council's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The Council does not have any material market risk exposure.

i Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Council is exposed to interest rate risk primarily from its cash surpluses invested in short term interest bearing deposits. The deposits are only made with reputable financial institutions with maturity dates generally being between one to six months.

As at balance date the Council had the following financial instruments exposed to variable interest rate risk:

	2025	2024
Financial Assets	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	4,049,568	4,901,026

At balance sheet date the Council has not entered into any loans or other financial commitments that present exposure to interest rate risk. Credit cards are the only short term financial instrument used by the Council and balances are cleared at month end.

j Sensitivity Analysis

The table below details the interest rate sensitivity analysis of the Council at the reporting date holding all other variables constant. A 100 basis point change is deemed to be reasonably possible and is used when reporting interest rate risk.

	Impact on Profit Higher/(Lower) 2025 \$	Impact on Profit Higher/(Lower) 2024 \$
Interest rate + 1.00%	44,753	45,619
Interest rate - 1.00%	(44,753)	(45,619)

The method used to arrive at the possible risk of 100 basis points was based on both statistical and non-statistical analysis. The statistical analysis has been based on the Council's cash rate for the past years. This information is then revised and adjusted for reasonableness under the current economic circumstances.

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17 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

As a subsequence to an agreement with the then Department of Industry Tourism and Trade, Council at 30 June 2025 was in the process of developing a Borrow Pit on Lot 2830 for the sole purpose of providing gravel to the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project. At the time of audit there was no requirement for restoration or income derived for the development.

The Council is not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Council's operations, the results of those operations, or the Council's state of affairs in future financial years.

There were no material adjusting events after the reporting period.

18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* requires the disclosure of transactions with associated entities. It also requires disclosure of the nature of those transactions.

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Transactions with Key Management Personnel

The related parties of the Council include:

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

The key management personnel of the Council include the Elected Members, Chief Executive Officer and certain prescribed officers under AASB 124. In all, 10 persons were paid the following total compensation:

Remuneration	2025	2024
	KMP (\$)	KMP (\$)
Short-term Employee benefits	469,015	390,380
Non-cash benefits	23,375	23,375
Elected Member Allowances	141,437	71,874
TOTAL	\$ 633,827	\$ 485,629
Total number of KMP	10	11

There were two main changes in Elected Members in the 2024/25 year. Five Elected Members commenced the 2024/25 year. The Council was placed under formal administration by the Minister for Local Government on 22 July 2024. The Council was dismissed on 22 May 2025 and remained under official management until the local elections in August 2025.

During the 2024/25 year, there were 4 employees considered to be KMPs.

CEO Remuneration

Remuneration	Actual CEO	Acting CEO	Total CEO
	Sharon Hillen	Natasha Chapman	Remuneration
	1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	1 July 2024 - 12 July 2025	
Short-term benefits (1)	\$ 192,029	\$ 7,809	\$ 199,838
Non-cash benefits	\$ 23,375	\$ -	\$ 23,375
TOTAL	\$ 215,404	\$ 7,809	\$ 223,213

(1) Short-term benefits include employer funded superannuation contributions

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
NORTHERN TERRITORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019 AND NORTHERN
TERRITORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2021**

TO THE COUNCILLORS OF COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2025 there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019 and Northern Territory (General) Regulations 2021*, in relation to the audit, and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Coomalie Community Government Council (the "Council"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the Chief Executive Officer's Certificate.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Coomalie Community Government Council, is in accordance with the *Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019* including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance and its cashflows for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Northern Territory Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Basis for opinion

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

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

Other information

The Councillors and Chief Executive Officer are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in Coomalie Community Government Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL (CONT.)

Responsibilities of the Councillors and Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Councillors and Chief Executive Officer of Coomalie Community Government Council are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019* and for such internal control as the Councillors and Chief Executive Officer determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The Councillors and Chief Executive Officer are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL (CONT.)

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report (Cont.)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Councillors and Chief Executive Officer use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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



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