

REPORT

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TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL – MONDAY 30 APRIL 2018

SUBJECT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

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1. HUMAN RESOURCES**Recruitment: 1 March 2018 to 31 March 2018****External Permanent Appointments:**

Name	Position	Department	Commenced
William Keeble	RWMF Weighbridge Attendant	TS RWMF	19-Mar-18
Brad Jarrett	TM Ovals & Parks Maintenance	TS Parks & Gardens	12-Mar-18

Internal Permanent Appointments:

Name	Position	Department	Commenced
Adrian Woods	TM Ovals & Parks Maintenance	TS Parks & Gardens	13-Mar-18
Graham Jarrett	Team Coordinator CBD	TS Parks & Gardens	05-Mar-18

External Appointment:**End-term Contract/s:**

Ruth Nugent	Customer Service Officer	Finance	01-Mar-18
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Resignations / Terminations:

Name	Position	Department	Commenced	Finished
Stacy Long	Library CSO(P/T)	CCS	17-Jan-18	06-Mar-18
Craig Ellem	TM Ovals & Parks Maintenance	TS Parks & Gardens	31-Jul-17	02-Mar-18
Christine Ng	RWMF Operator P/T	TS RWMF	20-Jun-16	27-Mar-18

Total number of positions at Council: 163 permanent full-time, 11 permanent part-time, 11 contract (incl. 4 contracts youth Ranger and Town Crier)

Council's aspirational target figure for indigenous employment is 20%.

The current number of indigenous employees stands at 22 which represent 11.89% of the workforce. 21.59% indigenous employment in outdoor workforce, 4.12% in indoor employment.

The break up is as follows:

Civic Centre: 2 Library: 1 Depot: 16 RWMF: 3 ASALC: 0 Total: 22

Additionally, 4 indigenous workers are employed through an agreement with Correctional Services at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

2. **WATER PROTECTION IN THE ALICE SPRINGS REGION**

The Chief Minister has responded to Council's request that the Northern Territory Government... "reaffirm its commitment to protect the Alice Springs water supply."

A copy of the Chief Minister's correspondence is attached.

3. **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A – Letter from Chief Minister Michael Gunner to Mayor Damien Ryan

It is recommended that this report be received and noted.



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His Worship the Mayor of Alice Springs
Mr Damien Ryan
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter dated 29 January 2018 in which you raise concerns regarding the Alice Springs water supply and previous correspondence of 7 August 2016 from Mr Adam Giles.

As you are aware Alice Springs water supply is reliant on groundwater resources which are not regularly replenished through recharge. Water for agricultural activities and lifestyle blocks in the near vicinity of Alice Springs is accessed via private bores, while potable water is provided by Power and Water from the Roe Creek borefield. This borefield predominantly extracts from the Mereenie aquifer about 20 km south of the town.

In 2016, Power and Water estimated that with demand growth of 0.4% per annum the Roe Creek borefield will, subject to demand management, supply Alice Springs until 2050. Rocky Hill borefield, which is also part of the Mereenie aquifer, is identified as the long-term future potable water source for Alice Springs.

It is estimated that if extraction were to start in 2050, Rocky Hill would provide water for Alice Springs until 2224, or longer, if blending of higher salinity water was introduced. There are also a number of potential technological options to extend the future water supply in Alice Springs like desalination, water reuse and managed aquifer recharge. Encouraging more efficient use of water by Alice Springs households will also help extend the life of aquifers.

I note your letter raised concerns regarding Government's commitment to protect the Alice Springs water supply particularly in relation to future oil and gas exploration and your request for clarification and a definition of "areas that include assets of strategic importance to nearby residential areas".

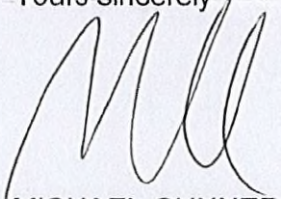


The Northern Territory Government continues to assess areas for oil and gas exploration giving regard to strategic importance, and will not approve oil and gas exploration and development in areas that have ecological significance, are residential, rural/residential or areas of other land use or classification where oil and gas developments are not compatible. Areas may include, but not limited to dams, farms, national parks and areas of cultural significance.

Furthermore the Reserve Block – RB6 (exclusion zone) within the Alice Springs town boundary established in July 2012 under the *Petroleum Act* remains in place.

The Northern Territory Government is aware of the reliance Alice Springs has on groundwater and is committed to ensuring that Alice Springs water supply is protected now and into the future.

Yours sincerely



MICHAEL GUNNER

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