

Department of PEOPLE SPORT AND CULTURE

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters and pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present and emerging. Our department is committed to honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

Throughout this report, we will use the term 'Aboriginal' to refer to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations peoples and communities of the Northern Territory. We recognise the diversity and complexity of these communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that this document may contain images of deceased persons.



Introduction

Letter to Minister

Dear Minister

In accordance with the provisions of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, I am pleased to submit to you the Department of People, Sport and Culture 2024-25 Annual Report.

Pursuant to the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, the *Financial Management Act 1995* and the *Information Act 2002*, I advise that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a) proper records of all transactions affecting the agency are kept and that our employees follow the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the Financial Management Regulations and the Treasurer's Directions
- b) agency procedures provide proper internal control, and a current description of those procedures is recorded in the Corporate Handbook which delivers the requirements of the Accounting and Property Manual and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act 1995*
- c) no indication of fraud, malpractice, major breach of legislation or delegation, major error in or omission from the accounts and records that has not been appropriately reported and corrected exists
- d) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15 of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the internal audit capacity available to the agency is adequate and the results of internal audits have been reported
- e) the financial statements in this annual report have been prepared from proper accounts and records and are in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions
- f) in accordance with the requirements of Section 28 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, all public sector principles have been upheld
- g) with respect to my responsibilities under Section 131 of the *Information Act 2002*, procedures within the agency complied with the archives and records management provisions prescribed in Part 9 of the *Information Act 2002*.

Parts of items a, e and g involve functions provided by the Department of Corporate and Digital Development (DCDD). I have received assurance from DCDD's Chief Executive Officer that proper records are kept of transactions undertaken by DCDD on behalf of our agency and that DCDD employees observe the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the Financial Management Regulations, Treasurer's Directions and Part 9 of the *Information Act 2002*.

Further, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) provides functions relevant to items a), b), d) and e). I have received assurance from the DCF Chief Executive Officer that DCF keeps proper records and complies with the above requirement.

Yours sincerely



Samantha Livesley
Chief Executive Officer
30 September 2025

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Message from the Chief Executive Officer



I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country across the Northern Territory and pay my respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to Elders past and present.

This year we established a new department and got on with delivering for Territorians. Following the creation of the Department on 10 September 2024, we brought together people, sport and culture functions and maintained continuity of services while building a new organisation.

I am proud of how our teams navigated the broader machinery of government changes which created new agencies and reshaped responsibilities across government.

Our purpose is clear: we help people participate, we support inclusion, and we safeguard and celebrate culture and history. We promote active lifestyles and support engagement in arts and culture so every person can connect, belong and thrive, including archives and library services, cultural facilities, grants that strengthen communities and sport and recreation programs and facilities.

We set our course through the Strategic Plan 2025-29. It defines our vision for a thriving and inclusive Territory and our purpose to increase participation, support inclusion and celebrate our diverse cultures and histories. We used the plan to prioritise where we can make the most difference across people, sport and culture, and to guide how we partner with communities and the sector.

We delivered tangible outcomes. We continued whole-of-government leadership on disability policy and our partnership with the National Disability Insurance Scheme. We invested in culture, including additional funding for the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, and we backed inclusive participation in sport. We supported Territorians with cost-of-living support through our concessions and recognition schemes.

We also did the basics well. We maintained strong corporate governance as we established our structure and systems, with the Executive Leadership Group monitoring strategic risks and audit activity. We supported a workforce of over 150 people and continued to build a safe, inclusive and capable organisation.

Looking ahead, we will keep turning strategy into action. Our focus spans disability, seniors, youth, veterans, gender equity, multicultural affairs, libraries and archives, arts and culture, and sport and recreation.

Thank you to our partners across government, sector and community. Most of all, thank you to our people. You delivered change and services at the same time. Together, we will continue to reduce barriers, celebrate the rich cultures and stories of the Territory. Our commitment is simple: we serve people, we support inclusion, and we strengthen culture – every day, everywhere.

Samantha Livesley
Chief Executive Officer

About us

Who we are

We enrich life across the Territory. We support arts and culture, sport and recreation, and social inclusion so people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can participate and belong.

Our work spans the Offices of Disability, Youth, Gender Equity and Diversity, Seniors, Multicultural Affairs and Veterans Engagement and Support; Library and Archives NT; NT Concessions and Seniors Recognition Scheme; Sport and Recreation, Arts NT and Araluen Cultural Precinct. Inclusion drives our approach - championing diversity, accessibility and equality across all programs and initiatives.

Through these areas, we:

- foster connection and opportunity
- support vibrant arts and cultural experiences, facilities and collections
- preserve and share the Territory's stories in our archives and libraries
- recognise and support people with disability, young people, gender equality, multicultural communities, veterans and seniors
- increase access to sport, recreation and community facilities, so more people can be active across all ages, abilities, genders and backgrounds.

Together, we build inclusion, strengthen communities and create opportunities across the Northern Territory.

Strategic Plan

Our vision is for the Northern Territory to be a thriving and inclusive place, where people of all ages, genders, cultures, and abilities are welcomed and empowered to live the life they choose. The Strategic Plan 2025 - 2028 sets out how we will achieve this through defining our strategic purpose, values and strategic priorities. It provides our clients, partners, and the Northern Territory community with a clear view of our work.



OUR VISION

The Northern Territory is a **thriving** and **inclusive** place where people of all **ages, genders, cultures** and **abilities** are **welcome** and **able to live the life they choose**.

OUR PURPOSE

To develop policies and provide programs and services that **increase participation, support inclusion** and **safeguard and celebrate our diverse cultures and histories**.

OUR VALUES

- Inclusive
- Accessible
- Respectful
- Collaborative
- Accountable

OUR PRIORITIES

People

- Support social inclusion and celebrate diversity across all Northern Territory communities so that all Territorians can reach their full potential, regardless of ability, age, gender or cultural background.
- Ensure the community's diverse voices and needs are represented to government and reflected in government policy and programs.
- Maintain strong partnerships with external stakeholders and organisations to ensure high quality services and initiatives are provided to Territorians.
- Continue to build cross-government collaboration to embed inclusion, accessibility and equality at all levels of government policy and associated outcomes.
- Actively work to maximise Commonwealth investment in the Northern Territory to implement reforms, ensuring the funding supports real and tangible outcomes for Territorians.

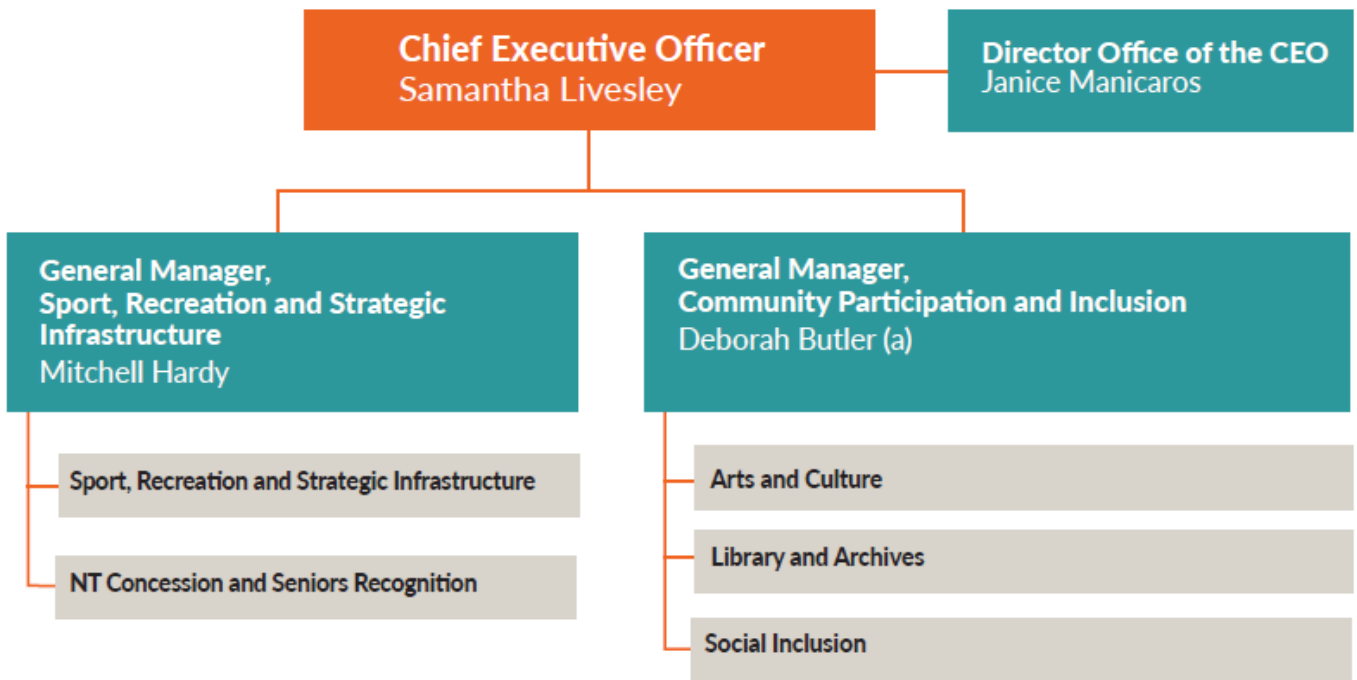
Sport

- Work to provide quality, well-planned and well-maintained facilities that attract national and international events that meet community needs and expectations.
- Grow the value of the Territory's sport and active recreation opportunities, by investing to strengthen the capability of the sector to deliver fun, safe and inclusive programs and services that support community participation.
- Support and deliver pathway services targeting holistic development of athletes and supporting emerging talent to progress to the next level.
- Support the sector to provide inclusive and accessible programs and services to promote participation at all levels, enabling active participation across the Territory in regional and remote communities.

Culture

- Grow the value of the Territory's arts and culture sectors by strengthening their capacity, sustainability and profile, and highlight the social, cultural and economic outcomes they support.
- Invest in sustainable, connected and memorable arts and cultural facilities to provide innovative and imaginative settings to preserve, share and interpret our cultural and natural heritage and stories.
- Work in partnership with Territorians and others to create enriching experiences that celebrate and share the Territory's diverse cultures and languages.
- Position the Territory as the premier market and destination for Aboriginal art and culture.

Organisational structure



Performance

Delivering our priorities

People

People are at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to fostering inclusion, equity, and opportunity for all Territorians. The Offices of Disability, Youth, Gender Equity and Diversity, Seniors, Multicultural Affairs, Veterans Engagement and Support and NT Concessions and Recognition - works to ensure every person, regardless of ability, age, gender or cultural background, can participate fully.

This work is supported by a strong foundation of culturally informed policies, programs, and initiatives that break down barriers and celebrate diversity. By listening closely to the voices of Territorians, we shape government policy that reflects real needs and empowers people to live full and meaningful lives.

Strong relationships with individuals, community organisations and government partners are pivotal to delivering services that respect cultural identity, promote fairness, and strengthen the bonds that connect our communities. Every initiative, whether a Territory-wide reform or a grassroots project, aims to create tangible outcomes that improve daily life and weave inclusion, accessibility, and equality throughout the Northern Territory, building a future where everyone feels valued and supported.

Disability

We lead whole-of-government disability policy and reform, overseeing the NT Disability Strategy 2022-2032 and associated action plans. We coordinate and monitor National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) commitments while also providing targeted grants to support key initiatives.

A major part of our role is coordinating the Northern Territory's response to the Disability Royal Commission. We work closely with the Australian Government and other jurisdictions to shape local and national responses, while advocating for the Territory's unique circumstances – including the challenges of delivering services in regional and remote communities.

Our focus is on supporting Territorians with disability, including those not eligible for the NDIS, along with their families, carers and service providers. We make sure policies and programs are inclusive and responsive to lived experience. We continue to champion inclusion and accountability, ensuring people with disability have their voices heard and can participate fully in community life.

2024-25 highlights

- **Delivered the first NT Disability Strategy 2022–2032 Action Plan**, with 90% of actions complete or embedded.
- **Funded 8 organisations (over \$2.3 million)** in 2024-25 to support, represent and advocate for people with disability, families, carers and providers. This is in addition to organisations funded prior to 2024-25 who also delivered programs throughout the 2024-25 year.
- **Invested \$123.8 million in the NDIS in the Northern Territory**, supporting 6,410 participants with the Australian Government and other States and Territories.
- **Coordinated and advised on joint Australian, state and territory responses** to Disability Royal Commission recommendations and broader reform.
- **Collaborated on national disability reforms**, focusing on foundational supports and legislative changes following the NDIS Review.
- **Sponsored the Young Carers Award** at the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards, recognising young carers of people with disability or older people.
- **Sponsored the Northern Territory Disability Inclusion Awards**, recognising contributions to inclusion and accessibility.
- **Coordinated Australian Government funded Changing Places and Accessible Australia grants** to build accessible change facilities across NT local government areas.
- **Convened the Disability Advisory Committee** to advise the Minister for Disability on issues impacting people with disability. In 2024–25, the Committee provided lived-experience advice to guide the NT Disability Strategy 2022–2032, including development of the second Action Plan.
- **Funded \$49,818 through Integrated disAbility Action Inc.** to deliver over 1,300 Companion Cards to allow a companion or carer to accompany people with disability when participating in entertainment, recreation venues and activities without paying for a ticket for their carer.

Case study

Supporting people with disability in the Northern Territory

We lead the Northern Territory Disability Strategy 2022-2032, which sets the long-term direction for inclusion and equal opportunity. Our work responds to the Disability Royal Commission, and focuses on safeguarding people with disability, promoting inclusion and improving access to essential services such as health, housing and employment.

The Territory faces unique and complex challenges, particularly in rural and remote communities where access to services can be limited. To address this, we are consulting directly with people with lived experience of disability to make sure future planning, investments, strategy and advocacy reflect their needs and experiences.

Our role is to listen, remove barriers and create pathways so Territorians of all abilities can thrive.

An example of this is our Arts NT team who supported Briony Festing through its annual grants program. Briony developed skills in puppetry and sensory-based theatre through a placement with Darwin Community Arts. Guided by mentor Tania Lieman, Artistic Director of Luminous Productions, Briony has already presented inclusive performances for children and young people.

These examples highlight the difference our programs and investments make - from shaping Territory-wide policy to supporting individuals to share their talents. By working at both levels, we are building a future where people with disability can participate fully in the life of our community.



L-R: Tania Lieman and Briony Festing

Seniors

We support senior Territorians to manage cost of living, stay healthy, and stay connected. We coordinate the Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026 and receive advice from the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians (MACST). We also fund non-government organisations to deliver advocacy, support and elder abuse outreach, and we promote Seniors Month each August.

2024-25 highlights

- **Continued implementation of the Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026** and commenced research for the next iteration.
- **Funded 4 seniors organisations** to provide information, advocacy and support.
- **Supported the Darwin Community Legal Service** with grants to assist older Territorians facing or at risk of abuse
- **Provided grants (over \$63,000)** for 44 Seniors Month events and activities.
- **Completed research** to guide future elder abuse prevention initiatives.
- **Contributed to the National Plan to End the Abuse and Mistreatment of Older People 2024-2034** with the Northern Territory Attorney-General's Department, Australian Government, and other states and territories.
- **Convened the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians (MACST)** providing a voice for Northern Territory seniors on issues of interest and importance, providing effective links between government and the seniors community to improve policy outcomes.



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Concession and Recognition

We deliver the NT Concession Scheme (NTCS) and the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme (NTSRS) so Territorians can live well, stay connected, and remain active members of their communities.

These schemes help people participate in community life - staying engaged with local activities, maintaining independence and feeling connected to friends, family and neighbours. Through the NTSRS, we recognise and celebrate the contribution of seniors, many of whom strengthen the Territory by investing their time, knowledge, and resources locally.

We work closely with community organisations, service providers, and local partners to ensure our support is delivered in a way that is timely, accessible, and respectful. Our focus is on fostering inclusion, respect, and connection for people of all ages and circumstances.

2024-25 highlights

- **Provided cost-of-living support** to eligible Territorians through the NTCS, covering essential services such as electricity, water, motor vehicle registration, driver's licences, council rates, waste removal and spectacles.
- **Increased the annual value of NTSRS prepaid cards** from \$500 to \$550 to strengthen support for senior Territorians.
- **Invested \$1.6 million over 5 years in the NT Seniors Card Program**, providing discounts to seniors aged 60 and over at participating businesses.
- **Strengthened service delivery across the Territory** with new systems to confirm membership eligibility and targeted training for Concession and Recognition staff in regional centres.
- **Administered \$1.43 million in Australian Government National Energy Bill Relief** funding to support households with alternative energy systems and Indigenous Essential Services communities using AMPY prepaid meters.

As of 30 June 2025, we had 16,613 NTCS members (63% of eligible Territorians) and 17,859 NTSRS members (77% of eligible Territorians). In 2024-25, NTSRS members spent a total of \$9.39 million.

Multicultural Affairs

We support the Territory's multicultural communities to share and celebrate their cultural heritage, have a voice in shaping decisions and participate fully in community life.

Our programs promote diversity, inclusion, and connection - whether through celebrating cultural events, strengthening community infrastructure or creating opportunities for engagement. Through grants, scholarships and recognition programs, we help multicultural groups thrive, contribute and feel a valued part of the Northern Territory.

We work closely with community groups, service providers, and government partners to ensure our support is accessible, timely, and responsive to community needs. Our focus is fostering respect, harmony, and understanding across cultures, while recognising the unique contribution multicultural communities make to the Territory's social and economic life.

2024-25 highlights

- **Invested \$1.575 million** through the Multicultural and Harmony Grants Programs, including:
 - **\$992,200** for 119 events, festivals and support programs
 - **\$545,181** for multicultural peak bodies
 - **\$37,462** for the Overseas Qualification Assessment service at Charles Darwin University.
- **Provided \$641,055 to support 6 capital works projects** under the Multicultural Community Facilities Grants.
- **Provided \$36,500 for 5 facility-sharing arrangements** between multicultural facility owners and community groups.
- **Sponsored the \$14,000 Charles See Kee Scholarship** at Charles Darwin University.
- **Supported major cultural events**, including the Darwin Waterfront Harmony Soiree and Alice Springs Big Day Out in Harmony, showcasing traditions, cuisines and performances from across the Territory's communities.
- **Commenced community consultations** to shape a new 10-year Multicultural Strategy for the Northern Territory.
- **Provided \$97,500 in funding to the Multicultural Youth Northern Territory (MyNT)** to reestablish the organisation in 2024-2025.

Case study

A fresh voice for multicultural youth in the NT

Young people from across the Northern Territory led the revival of Multicultural Youth NT (MyNT) - a youth-led organisation that brings together young people of all backgrounds and helps turn ideas into action. With support from the Multicultural Grants Program Support scheme, Melaleuca Australia worked with young Territorians to reestablish MyNT.

The new MyNT Council, made up of 11 passionate young leaders, is building confidence and skills through mentoring, leadership training, and community projects, and creating a stronger culture of collaboration.

Since reforming in June 2025, MyNT has already made its mark. The organisation hosted a launch event at the Darwin Innovation Hub and went on to represent multicultural youth from refugee, asylum seeking and migrant backgrounds at FUSE 2025 - the national youth event by Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (Australia) at Parliament House in Canberra. The event gave young people an opportunity to engage with Members of Parliament, share their stories, and raise issues that matter to multicultural youth across Australia.



Youth Affairs

We amplify young people's voices and help them drive Territory-wide youth priorities through the Youth Strategy 2023-2033 and its Action Plan 2024-2027. The strategy guides our programs, grants and partnerships so young people can connect, belong and thrive.

Our core services include Youth Hubs in Darwin, Palmerston, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, and youth transport services. Youth Hubs provide safe, inclusive spaces for activities, support and connection to services. Youth transport helps young people travel safely to and from programs, after-hours activities and school holiday events, reducing barriers to participation.

We lead whole-of-government implementation of the Youth Strategy and Action Plan. We:

- co-design priorities with young people, families, community organisations, schools and local government
- align agency programs and grants to the strategy so efforts are coordinated and impactful
- track outcomes and report progress, using feedback from young people to refine actions each year.

Alongside this, flagship initiatives - NT Youth Round Table, NT Youth Week, Youth Parliament, Youth Conferences and the Young Achiever Awards – create platforms for young people's leadership and advice to government, and provide them with the tools, resources and support they need to succeed.

2024-25 highlights

- **Supported ongoing operations of Youth Hubs** in Darwin, Palmerston, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs (\$5.2 million).
- **Invested \$6.8 million** in core after-hours services, regional youth activities and youth engagement grants, supporting 290+ activities and programs and enabling thousands of young Territorians to participate.
- **Consulted on the Northern Suburbs Youth Hub** location at Leanyer Recreation Park.
- **Marked 25 years of NT Youth Week**, funding \$59,600 for 20+ community events and supporting 6 Ambassadors in 2025.
- **Sponsored the Young Achiever Awards** for the 25th year.
- **Partnered with the Department of Education and Training to invest \$40,000 in youth conferences and festivals** across the Top End, Central Australia, Big Rivers, Barkly and East Arnhem regions.
- **Promoted 3,000+ activities** through the school holiday activity calendars, helping families connect young people with safe, engaging and free or low-cost opportunities.
- **Convened Youth Round Table meetings in Alice Springs and Darwin** focused on education, mental health and safe spaces, and supported members to provide policy advice directly to government.
- **Backed 16 Youth Parliamentarians and 10 Youth Press Gallery Journalists** in 2024, and contributed \$50,000 to the 2025 NT Youth Parliament program.
- **Enabled Youth Round Table members to represent the NT** at national and international forums, including the National Youth Forum, COP29 UN Climate Summit, and UN Youth Australia National Conference.

Case study



25 Years of Youth Week in the Northern Territory

NT Youth Week is the largest annual celebration of young people in the Northern Territory, and this year marked its 25th anniversary. From bustling urban centres to remote communities, the week showcases young Territorians' talents, voices, and leadership through vibrant, inclusive events.

Youth-led and community-powered, Ambassadors shape the theme, social media campaigns and events. Over 25 years, more than 50 young Territorians have served as Ambassadors, building a pipeline of leaders across the Territory.

With \$1.8 million in Northern Territory and Australian Government funding over this time, NT Youth Week has supported landmark initiatives such as All Youth Conferences, Festivals of Youth, and the NT Young Achiever Awards.



Gender Equity and Diversity

We drive gender equity and promote diversity and inclusion across the Northern Territory. We provide policy advice to government, so equality is front and centre in decisions, and we deliver programs that remove barriers and create lasting change.

In 2024–25, we focused on delivering the Northern Territory Gender Equality Action Plan 2022-2025 through grants, scholarships, and reforms. We worked closely with community groups, service providers, and government partners to ensure our initiatives were accessible, targeted, and responsive to local needs. From funding grassroots projects to supporting cultural and community events, our work builds a more inclusive and equitable future for everyone in the Northern Territory.

2024-25 highlights

- **Delivered initiatives under the NT Gender Equality Action Plan 2022–2025**, supporting social inclusion and celebrating diversity across the Territory.
- **Funded 89 events and activities** to enhance gender equity and diversity, including:
 - 30 International Women’s Day activities
 - 17 Men’s Places Grants
 - 29 general grants
 - 13 sponsorships
 - 9 Minister for Equality Scholarships
- **Released *Northern Territory Insights: Gender Equity and Diversity in Focus*** in May 2025, the first in a new occasional paper series, through a 3-year partnership with the Northern Institute at Charles Darwin University.
- **Worked with our Arts NT team and the Darwin Waterfront Corporation to revitalise Damoe Ra Park**, honouring the contributions of Territory women.

Veterans Engagement and Support

We make the Territory a welcoming and supportive place for veterans and their families. Through Operation Thrive, the action plan delivering the Defence Veterans Strategy, we help veterans and their families live, work, and thrive here.

Our priorities are:

- transition, education and employment
- health and wellbeing
- respect and recognition

We deliver projects that improve quality of life, reduce social isolation, and encourage participation for current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and their families living in the Northern Territory.

We deeply value the dedication and sacrifice of our Defence community.

2024-25 highlights

- **Launched the Northern Territory Veteran Business Alliance** with Ventia in October 2024, promoting veteran and partner employment and creating business networking opportunities.
- **Marked the first Purple Poppy Day in the Northern Territory** in February 2025 with Library & Archives NT, hosting a Mates4Mates event featuring Military Working Dogs.
- **Sponsored the Minister for Veterans Awards** during NT Defence Week (April 2025), recognising:
 - NT Veteran Employer of the Year
 - NT Veteran Employee of the Year
 - NT Veteran Community Owned Business of the Year
- **Distributed \$197,576 through the Veteran Community Health and Wellbeing Grant** to 21 organisations for events that boost veteran health and wellbeing.
- **Sponsored the Returned and Services League** in Alice Springs and Darwin to deliver the 2025 Anzac Day dawn services.
- **Collaborated with the Australian Government and other jurisdictions** to progress recommendations from the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.
- **Delivered targeted initiatives** including peer-to-peer mental health support, Charles Darwin University higher education scholarships, veteran-focused healthcare training, and employment support programs.
- **Convened the Veterans' Affairs Ministerial Advisory Council** to provide lived-experience advice to the Minister for Veterans.
- **Ran #CheckYourMates campaigns** over Christmas and Anzac Day, encouraging veterans to contact 5 mates during high-risk periods for suicide.

Sport

We grow and sustain sport and active recreation across the Territory. We plan, fund and deliver programs, manage facilities and partner with councils, peak bodies and local organisations so that people of all ages and abilities can participate.

What we deliver

- Sport voucher scheme and Learn to Swim vouchers to reduce cost-of-living barriers for families
- Northern Territory Sports Academy (NTSA) talent pathway – Futures 2, Futures 2032, Para Futures 2 and Para Futures 2032 – plus coach and official development and All Abilities participation
- regional and remote activation through the Action Regional Remote Communities Program and the exempt schools program
- on-the-ground support via Regional Sport Coordinators to help communities run safe, regular and inclusive activities, grow clubs and access grants
- grants for participation, leadership, officiating and infrastructure, and operation and upgrades of key facilities
- event support that showcases women and Aboriginal participation and builds local pride
- sector development – training, scholarships and resources for clubs, coaches and officials – and strategic engagement through the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy

2024-25 highlights

- **Maintained and operated 20+ sporting facilities** across the Territory.
- Delivered major infrastructure projects in partnership with the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI):
 - **reinstated ANZAC Oval** in Alice Springs as a functional rugby venue
 - completed critical road and culvert repairs for **safe access at Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex**
 - progressed the **construction of a MXGP-standard motocross track** to attract international motorsport events
 - completed a \$1.56 million **lighting project in Gunbalanya** (West Arnhem Region), improving safety and use of the oval and supporting junior, men's, and women's participation.
 - invested \$1.4 million to upgrade **field lighting at Jim McConville Oval**, enabling year-round participation, with completion expected October 2025
 - **Advanced Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex Masterplan works**, including improved access roads for Mud Racing and Quad Bikes, and a new braking area surface for the drag strip.
- Undertook community consultation for the **Marrara Sports Precinct Masterplan** in April 2025, with strong participation from sporting clubs, peak bodies, and community members.
- Provided 26,959 Urban Sport Vouchers and 4,856 Learn to Swim Vouchers, delivering **over \$3.18 million in cost-of-living support to families.**
- **Convened the NT Water Safety Advisory Council** meeting quarterly to advise the Minister on water safety matters.

Northern Territory Sports Academy (NTSA)

We develop Territory talent and the people who support them. Through Futures 2 and Futures 2023, athletes access strength and conditioning, skill development, testing and competition planning. Para Futures 2 and Para Futures 2032 provide inclusive pathways for athletes with disability. We also invest in the sport workforce – coaches and officials – through scholarships, mentoring and targeted upskilling so talent pathways are strong at every level.

2024-25 highlights

- **Engaged 400+ Territorians through NTSA programs**, with 300 of those in athlete development programs.
- **Progressed 38 athletes** (30 Darwin, 8 Alice Springs) in Futures programs.
- **Supported 20 athletes** with disability through Para Futures in Darwin.
- **Upskilled 29 coaches and 5 officials** across Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.
- **Supported 66 All Abilities participants** (18 Darwin, 37 Palmerston, 11 Alice Springs).



Active Regional Remote Communities Program (and Exempt Schools Program)

We activate sport and recreation in remote and regional communities year-round. Working with councils, schools and local organisations, we co-design weekly programs, supply equipment, support local activity leaders and build a reliable schedule around community priorities. The model creates local jobs, strengthens clubs and gives children, young people and adults regular, safe opportunities to be active close to home.

2024-25 highlights

- **invested \$4.22 million to activate 77 remote communities** through Active Regional Remote Communities Program
- **created 62 jobs** (5 full-time, 57 part-time) across participating communities
- used the Exempt Schools Program to keep activities running in communities with flexible schooling arrangements – so kids don't miss out.

Case study

Building pathways for emerging para-athletes



The Northern Territory Sports Academy (NTSA) Para Futures Program identifies and develops emerging para-athletes across the Northern Territory. One success story is Briseis Brittain, a young athlete who has overcome significant challenges to excel in para-athletics.

Briseis, a proud Gunalbingu and Njebbana woman from Arnhem Land who lives with cerebral palsy, grew up in the remote community of Ramingining, where access to structured coaching and competition was limited.

Her family's relocation to Darwin created new opportunities, including regular structured coaching and access to the NTSA Para Futures Program. Since joining, Briseis has thrived, competing in the 100m, 200m, 400m, and long jump.

At the Australian Track and Field Championships, Briseis won 6 medals, including 3 gold, and set a national record. At 17, she has been selected to represent Australia at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi, where she will make her international debut in the 200m and 400m events. Her selection - part of Australia's largest para-athletics team since Sydney 2000 - recognises her talent, commitment and community support.

The NTSA Para Futures Program expands opportunities that were once out of reach for many young athletes in the Territory. With the support of her coaches and NTSA, Briseis is working toward the 2028 Paralympics in Los Angeles, inspiring other young athletes along the way.

Case study

Bringing inclusive activities to the Tiwi Island communities



Young people playing touch football on Bathurst Island during the first session, with over 100 enthusiastic participants

We launched an initiative to deliver inclusive sport, recreation and cultural activities across the Tiwi Islands, engaging children, young people, adults and seniors. We provided weekly and school holiday activities in Milikapiti, Wurrumiyanga, and Pirlangimpi to foster belonging and active participation.

The program focused on community wellbeing and healthy lifestyles, strengthening regional and remote communities by increasing access to regular, meaningful activities close to home.

Partnerships and local leadership made it work. Touch Football NT engaged over 250 young people on Bathurst and Melville Islands and offered coaching accreditation to support local growth. Jipungwayi, a Tiwi-owned company led by Mikey Coombes, brought consistency and local leadership in Milikapiti, reaching over 400 community members with regular programs. Dream Impact Inspire added variety with discos, movie nights and DJ training, especially after school hours, providing much-needed social activities.

Partnerships with Hockey NT, AFLNT and NRL further strengthened community connection through sport and recreation.

The program is creating lasting impacts - more opportunities for connection, health and growth - and a more engaged and connected Tiwi Islands community.



Mikey Coombes leading at the Milikapiti Sport and Rec Hall

Culture

We grow a vibrant arts and cultural sector that connects people, celebrates our stories and supports jobs across the Territory. We invest in artists and organisations, care for collections, and provide spaces and programs so everyone can participate in arts and culture.

What we deliver

- strategic investment and grants through Arts NT to support artists, organisations and community arts
- performances, exhibitions and venue services through the Araluen Arts Precinct
- cultural infrastructure planning and upgrades for key facilities and collections across the Territory
- funding partnerships with key facilities including the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT)
- sector development, partnerships and events that showcase Territory talent and strengthen our creative economy.

Arts NT

We support creators and organisations to make, present and share work across the Territory. Our investment builds the sector's capability, increases participation and demonstrates the social, cultural and economic value of the arts.

2024-25 highlights

- **Invested \$7.849 million in 201 activities**, directly supporting 66 artists, 29 arts workers, and 106 arts organisations across all NT regions.
- **Strengthened sector capacity**, increased community participation, supported diverse artforms, and generated employment.
- **Committed \$25 million over 5 years (2025-2029) to 30 Leading Arts Organisations**, enhancing artistic excellence, community engagement, employment, and contributing to the Territory's creative economy.
- **Hosted the Meeting of Arts Professionals (MAP) 2024 in Alice Springs** (19-20 November) with 110 attendees focused on the themes of Empower, Connect, and Enrich.
- **Celebrated 10 recipients at the 2024 Northern Territory Performing Arts Awards** in Alice Springs.
- **Released the NT Arts Strategy 2034**, a 10-year vision developed through engagement with over 300 Territorians.
- **Convened the Arts NT Register of Peers** to help review arts grants applications and provide advice on programs and policies.

Araluen Arts Precinct

We present exhibitions, theatre and film, support festivals and residencies, and provide spaces for artists and audiences to come together in Alice Springs. We help shine a spotlight on local Central Australian and other Territory artists.

2024-25 highlights

- **Hosted the 2024 Archibald Prize Touring Exhibition**, attracting 3,794 visitors.
- **Presented 35 theatre performances**, 38 art house film screenings and 6 film festivals, with 71,786 total visitors across precinct programs.
- **Provided \$30,000 in support to artists and organisations**, including discounted hire, residencies and accommodation for festival headliners.
- **Attracted 16,557 visitors to exhibitions** throughout the year.

Cultural infrastructure

We plan and deliver upgrades that protect collections, improve access and create high-quality cultural experiences and invest in community-owned arts centres so communities can share culture, create jobs and welcome visitors.

2024-25 highlights

- **Delivered the \$30.45 million Arts Trail Gallery Extension Program** to upgrade 7 community-owned arts and cultural centres in Katherine, Arnhem Land and Tennant Creek, in partnership with DLI (for 3 of the projects).
- **Completed upgrades to 3 centres:**
 - \$7.6 million at Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre in Katherine, officially opening in April 2025.
 - \$10 million in Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre in Tennant Creek (construction completed in May 2025).
 - \$10.5 million at the Gapuwiyak Culture and Art Centre (including \$2 million from the Northern Territory Government, and \$8.5 million from the National Indigenous Australians Agency, with construction completed June 2025).
- **Provided \$12.8 million in funding to MAGNT** – an independent statutory authority - to support operations, exhibitions, research, and public programs across 7 sites, engaging nearly 250,000 visitors.
- **Delivered feasibility studies and concept designs for upgrades to the Araluen Arts Centre**, including larger event spaces, improved amenities and enhanced security.
- **Completed feasibility studies and concept designs** for upgrades to the Strehlow Research Centre in Mparntwe/Alice Springs to improve the storage, conservation, research, accessibility and repatriation of significant Aboriginal cultural collections.
- **Supported the Strehlow Research Centre in Central Australia** with preservation of Aboriginal language, culture and history.

Case study

Katherine's cultural hub revitalised

We supported major upgrades to the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre in Katherine as part of the Arts Trail Gallery Extension Program. The revitalised Balang T.E. Lewis Amphitheatre officially opened on 8 April 2025, with a ceremony led by Djilpin Arts, Djilpin Dancers, and Wugularr Elders, followed by a performance by the Darwin Symphony Orchestra with local artists. The project delivered a new outdoor amphitheatre and stage, plus additional facilities such as retail space, a café, and upgraded landscaping - providing a vibrant, accessible venue for the community and visitors.

The improvements are fostering greater inclusion and participation in the arts and culture of the Big Rivers region. Local artists now have a stronger platform to showcase their work, and the venue provides an important space for First Nations voices - strengthening regional pride and identity.

Image: Aerial of the Balang T. E. Lewis Amphitheatre at Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre on 8 April 2025.
Image Credit: Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre.



Library & Archives NT (LANT)

We collect, preserve and share the Territory's documentary heritage so everyone can discover our stories. We provide public library and archives services, care for collections, run exhibitions and programs, and help government manage information well.

What we deliver

- public library services at the Northern Territory Library (Danala, CDU) and reading rooms in Darwin and Alice Springs
- the Northern Territory Archives Service: access to government and community records, research support and reference services
- records management advice for agencies, including appraisal, disposal schedules and training
- legal deposit, acquisition and collection care (preservation, digitisation and storage)
- digital discovery platforms (such as Territory Stories) and online exhibitions
- exhibitions, talks and programs that showcase the Territory's history, language and cultures
- oral history, community memory and language projects in partnership with First Nations communities.

2024-25 highlights

- **Opened Danala, LANT's new library space**, on 24 March 2025 at CDU's Darwin CBD campus.
- **Relocated approximately 35,000 collection items** including the Northern Territory Collection, Northern Territory Special Collection, high-use microfilm, high-use/interest maps, contemporary audiovisual carriers, and new adult and children's lending collections from Parliament House to Danala.
- **Developed and provided adult and children's lending collections** for the first time.
- **Recorded one million online and in-person visits** to Territory public libraries, including LANT.
- **Supported 9 projects** totalling \$51,546 through the Northern Territory History Grants program to support original research on Northern Territory history.
- **Developed and opened a new long-term exhibition experience**, Meeting Ground, at Danala.
- **Supported 31 library facilities and 48 remote** community Wi-Fi services in partnership with local government.
- Hosted the NT Literary Awards and NT History Book Awards.

Case study

Danala Library brings stories, learning and community together

On 24 March 2025, we opened Danala, LANT's new library space at CDU's Darwin CBD campus. The move from Parliament House to Danala is a major step in improving access to knowledge for Territorians.

We carefully relocated around 35,000 collection items, including the Northern Territory Collection, maps, microfilm and multimedia resources, and introduced dedicated areas for children and temporary exhibitions. For the first time, Danala offers adult and children's lending collection, supported by a new programming plan that puts community engagement at the centre of operations.

Danala supports lifelong learning and helps build healthy, informed communities. We provide family-friendly spaces and a strong focus on literacy, offering resources for people of all ages. Young Territorians can connect with their heritage and the history of the Northern Territory, while students, families and researchers benefit from improved facilities and programs. By linking libraries, universities, and the wider community, Danala contributes to the revitalisation of Darwin's CBD and supports the future of education and learning in the Territory.

By providing accessible services and promoting literacy, LANT Danala strengthens community connection and helps grow a thriving, educated Territory.



Image: Two of Vincent Lingiari's granddaughters, Selma and Rosie, visit LANT Danala, where a photograph of their grandfather proudly features in the new long-term exhibition, *Meeting Ground*.

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People

Objective:

Territory communities are empowered, active, diverse, vibrant and safe places for everyone, where people can access the NDIS and disability services they need and receive financial support to assist with the cost of essential goods and services.

Social inclusion

Coordinate and manage activities and events that promote diversity, inclusion and social connection through our offices of veterans' engagement and support, disability, senior Territorians, multicultural affairs, youth affairs, and gender equity and diversity.

Disability

Lead the Territory partnership with the NDIS and development of government's disability policy and support initiatives that advocate, assist and provide opportunity for those living with disability.

Northern Territory concession and recognition schemes

Deliver initiatives that provide financial support for concession holders and seniors to help with cost-of-living expenses on a range of essential goods and services.

Key performance indicators	2024-25 target	2024-25 actual
Events and activities funded to promote and celebrate our multicultural community ¹	125	119
Events and activities funded to promote and celebrate young Territorians ¹	150	293
Events and activities funded to enhance gender equity and diversity ¹	60	89
Active participants with an approved NDIS plan ²	5,900	6,537
Eligible Territorians who are members of the Northern Territory Concession Scheme ³	≥ 70%	63%
Eligible Territorians who are members of the Northern Territory Seniors Recognition Scheme ⁴	≥ 73%	77%

1. The number of applicants, amounts requested and amounts awarded under application-based grant programs will vary round to round.
2. The Scheme is demand driven with access and eligibility determined by the National Disability Insurance Agency.
3. The introduction of the Centrelink Interface and annual renewal processes resulted in members being removed from the scheme due to ineligibility.
4. The Scheme is demand driven and will vary accordingly.

Sport

Objective:

The sport and recreation sector within the Territory is developed for the benefit of all Territorians and visitors.

Sport and recreation

Support and develop the sport and active recreation sectors to engage Territorians in lifelong participation in sport and active recreation.

Key performance indicators	2024-25 target	2024-25 actual
Sports and recreation organisation partnerships ¹	68	78
Eligible organisations registered for sport vouchers ²	375	270

1. The variation in 2024-25 is due to an increased number of organisations funded in 2024-25 in West Daly, Tiwi and Barkly regions, resulting in an increased number of partnerships being created.
2. The variation in 2024-25 is due to an audit and bi-annual renewal process of activity providers that resulted in organisations opting out of the program, no longer in operation or no longer redeeming vouchers.

Culture

Objective:

Growth and development of the Territory's arts and culture sector and the strengthening of the social, cultural and economic outcomes they support.

Arts and culture

Preserve and promote the Territory's rich and diverse art, history, culture and creative industries through grants, infrastructure, and collaborative programs, services, and experiences.

Libraries and archives

Provide online and onsite research services, programs and activities, and provide operational funding support to 31 libraries across the Northern Territory.

Key performance indicators	2024-25 target	2024-25 actual
Online and in-person visits to Territory public libraries including Library & Archives NT	1.4M	1.43M
Artists, art workers and arts organisations funded through arts and culture grant programs ¹	150	200

1. The variation in 2024-25 is due to an increase in demand for smaller grants such as Quick Response grants to support travel and professional development of artists and arts professionals.

Corporate and shared services

Objective:

We ensure the effective and efficient performance of our agency through strong leadership, governance and shared service partnerships.

Corporate and governance

We provide strategic leadership and management to meet our service and quality objectives. Our governance framework supports accountability, transparency and the proactive management of risk across all areas of the department.

Shared services received

We receive corporate services from DCDD, infrastructure services from DLI, and corporate and financial services from DCF. These partnerships allow us to focus on delivering our core programs while ensuring access to expert and efficient support services.

Governance and compliance

Our Minister

The Hon Jinson Charls MLA

- Minister for People, Sport and Culture
- Minister for Disability
- Minister for Arts
- Minister for Youth, Seniors and Equality
- Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- Minister for Veterans

Ministerially appointed bodies

- Arts NT Register of Peers
- Board of the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT
- Disability Advisory Committee
- Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians
- Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs
- NT Water Safety Advisory Council
- NT Youth Round Table
- Strehlow Research Centre Board
- Veterans' Affairs Ministerial Advisory Council

Governance committees

Senior Leadership Team

Chair: Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: an operational forum for senior executives to provide timely and cohesive responses to emergent issues.

Executive Leadership Group

Chair: Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: assists the Chief Executive Officer to define and deliver strategic and operational priorities, set policy direction and monitor and assess the agency's performance.

Budget Committee

Chair: Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: ensure effective allocation and management of resources, to achieve service delivery outcomes, within a balanced budget.

Infrastructure Committee

Chair: General Manager Sport and Recreation, General Manager Community Participation and Inclusion

Purpose: oversight of DLI's delivery of the infrastructure program.

Workplace Work Health and Safety committees

Chair: Management representative for each workplace

Purpose: facilitate consultation and cooperation on Work Health and Safety (WHS) matters between the Executive Leadership Group and staff, including identifying local WHS risks and implementing operational and Department wide WHS policies and practices.

Our legislation

The Department of People, Sport and Culture has responsibility for the administration of the following Acts (or part of an act) and their associated Regulations as provided in the Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 4) 2024:

Legislation

- *Carers Recognition Act 2006*
- *Information Act 2002 (Part 9 provisions about archives management)*
- *Major Cricket Events Act 2003*
- *Meteorites Act 1988*
- *Publications (Legal Deposit) Act 2004*
- *Strehlow Research Centre Act 2005*
- *Disability Services Act 1993 (except Parts 3 to 7)*
- *National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Clearance) Act 2020*

Access to information

We assisted members of the public and other organisations to access government and personal information. Our assistance included managing formal applications received under the freedom of information provisions of the *Information Act 2002*.

In 2024-25, we processed one freedom of information applications.

Request	Received	Completed
Freedom of Information requests	1	1

Our workforce

At the last pay period of 2024-25, we had 144.67 full time equivalent (FTE) staff.

Our workforce aligns with the approved organisational structure required to deliver on the strategic priorities as a new department.

Senior Officer positions made up 21.13% of FTE. Aboriginal employees made up 8.64% of our workforce, compared to the Northern Territory Public Sector global target of 16%.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) employees made up 15.43% of our workforce and 4.94% of staff identified as a person with disability in 2024-25.

2024-25 FTE breakdown

Classification group	FY 2024-25
Administrative Officer 2	6.49
Administrative Officer 3	11.32
Administrative Officer 4	9.00
Administrative Officer 5	17.94
Administrative Officer 6	25.17
Administrative Officer 7	20.61
Executive Officer 1 - Executive Contract	1.00
Executive Officer 2 - Executive Contract	1.00
Executive Officer 3 - Executive Contract	2.00
Executive Officer 5 - Executive Contract	1.00
NTPS Adult Traineeship (AQF3 Level A)	1.00
NTPS Adult Traineeship (AQF4 Level A)	0.50
Physical 2	1.00
Physical 3	2.00
Professional 1	2.00
Professional 2	0.76
Professional 3	10.50
Senior Administrative Officer 1	16.77
Senior Administrative Officer 2	4.80
Senior Professional Officer 1	4.00
Technical 2	1.60
Technical 3	2.00
Technical 4	1.00
Technical 5	1.00
Theatrical Employee Level A	0.21
Total	144.67

Risk and audit

We deliver our Risk and Audit function through a shared services model with DCF. We set the policy framework and oversight, while our shared services coordinates, processes and responses regarding risk management, key governance areas and internal and external audits.

In 2024-25, as we established the new Department, we operated under existing policies and assessments and maintained continuous oversight.

Risk and Audit Reporting

Our Executive Leadership Group monitored:

- management of key strategic risks
- implementation of the Internal Audit Plan 2024-25 and external audit activities
- implementation of recommendations from internal and external audit finding
- matters relating to internal and external audits, conflicts of interest and gifts and benefits.

We will continue to drive improved reporting and monitoring activities as we embed our structures and systems.

Audits and reviews

We undergo audits and reviews to confirm our structures, systems and controls are effective and to identify improvements that lift performance and outcomes. In 2024-25, these included:

Type	Title	Description	Status at 30 June
External audit	Agency Control Audit 2024-25	Assess the adequacy of our systems and processes for compliance against the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i> , Treasurer's Directions, <i>Procurement Act 1995</i> and other whole-of-government policies.	In progress
External audit	End of Year Review 2023-24	Reviews compliance with the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i> .	Completed
Internal audit	Complaints Management System Audit	Assesses frameworks and processes for handling complaints.	Completed
Internal audit	Value for Territory	Assesses compliance with the Northern Territory Government's Procurement Rules, Governance Policy and Buy Local Plan	In progress
Internal audit	Employee Qualifications Audit	Reviews employee qualifications from recruitment actions.	In progress

Work health and safety

We continue to strengthen our commitment to a safe, healthy workplace through our WHS management system and a service delivery model focused on 4 areas: education, prevention, response and recovery.

We run engagement sessions with workers across our workplaces to understand day-to-day tasks and risks. These sessions also build WHS awareness and improve reporting in the Figtree system.

Hazard, Incident and Injury Reporting

We are working with internal and external stakeholders to improve hazard identification and reporting processes, which is improving our WHS reporting culture.

In 2024-25, we recorded 32 work-related WHS hazards and incidents. Of these:

- 16 were hazard reports
- 2 were incidents that did not result in injury
- 14 were incidents that resulted in injury¹.

¹Data Source: Northern Territory Government, Figtree Work Health and Safety Reporting system. Data current as at 06/08/2025.

One of the 14 incidents met the definition of a dangerous incident under the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011* and was notified to the Regulator (NT WorkSafe) as a Dangerous incident: Fall from height.

Compliance with the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*

Employment Instruction	Performance 2024-25
Number 1 Filling vacancies	We mandate recruitment and selection training for all panel members filling vacancies. In 2024-25, 16 staff completed Merit Selection training.
Number 2 Probation	We adhere to the NTPS mandated 6-month probation period. Of the 29 commencements in 2024-25, nil were terminated while on probation.
Number 3 Natural justice	We embed the principles of natural justice in relevant policies, trainings, performance management discussions and resources.
Number 4 Employee performance management and development systems	We used myPlan for career planning, with information and templates available to staff on the intranet. In 2024-25, 8% of staff had a myPlan.
Number 5 Medical examinations	We engage qualified health practitioners as needed. In 2024-25, 0 employees undertook a medical examination or assessment for fitness for duty for inability.
Number 6 Employee performance and inability	We support staff to attend performance management training. In 2024-25, performance and inability processes were managed for 0 employees.
Number 7 Discipline	Employment Instruction 7 has been revoked.
Number 8 Internal department complaints and Section 59 grievance reviews	Our employee internal complaints policy and guidelines are available to staff on the intranet. In 2024-25: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 complaint matters were lodged for internal review • one complaint was closed (finalised).
Number 9 Employment records	We maintain employment records in accordance with legislative requirements.
Number 10 Equality of employment opportunity programs	Cross-cultural awareness forms a part of all our induction programs. We encourage active participation of staff at events including NAIDOC Week, International Women's Day and International Day of People with Disability.
Number 11 Occupational health and safety standards program	Our WHS Management System has policies, guidelines, templates and resources available to staff on the intranet. It is designed to support staff wellbeing and safe workplaces by focussing on employee consultation and hazard risk and response management. The WHS team promote and support the facilitation and training for fire wardens, first aid officers, workplace WHS committees and undertake worker engagement sessions.

Employment Instruction	Performance 2024-25
Number 12 Code of conduct	We embed these principles through staff induction, training, performance management discussions and in resources. 2024-25, 3 staff completed Code of Conduct training (2 online and one face to face).
Number 13 Appropriate workplace behaviour	Our policy is available to staff on the intranet and behaviours are fostered through training and induction, meetings and promoting NTPS values. In 2024-25, 17 employees completed our OneNTG Appropriate Workplace Behaviours training (9 in superseded module and 8 in new module).
Number 14 Redeployment and redundancy procedures	Information is available to staff on the intranet.
Number 15 Special measures	We applied Special Measures to 29 advertised positions to support the growth of our Aboriginal workforce.

Complaints

We value accountability and accessibility, and we welcome community feedback to support continuous improvement.

In 2024-25 we received 17 complaints.

Description	2024-25
NT Concession and Recognition Schemes	17
Other complaints	0
Total	17

Financial statements

Department of People, Sport and Culture

Financial Statements

Financial statement overview

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Agency overview

We deliver programs for all Territorians across sport and recreation, libraries and archives, arts and culture, multicultural affairs, gender equity and diversity, seniors, youth, veterans and people with disability). We were established in 2024, following the Administrative Arrangements Order 2024, to foster an inclusive, vibrant and healthy Territory.

We provide support services and financial assistance that reduce cost-of-living pressures and improve access to essential services. Through our investments and partnerships, we help sectors to grow and develop – creating benefits for Territorians and visitors.

Our output groups are:

- People
- Sport
- Culture
- Corporate and shared services

The department's financial performance for the year, and its financial position as at 30 June 2025, are set out in the Comprehensive Operating Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, and Cash Flow Statement, together with the accompanying notes.

Financial performance

In 2024–25, the Department reported a net loss of \$8.40 million and after adjusting for non-cash asset expense items of \$15.75 million, the Department made a cash profit of \$7.35 million. As this is the Department's first year of operation, no comparative information is available.

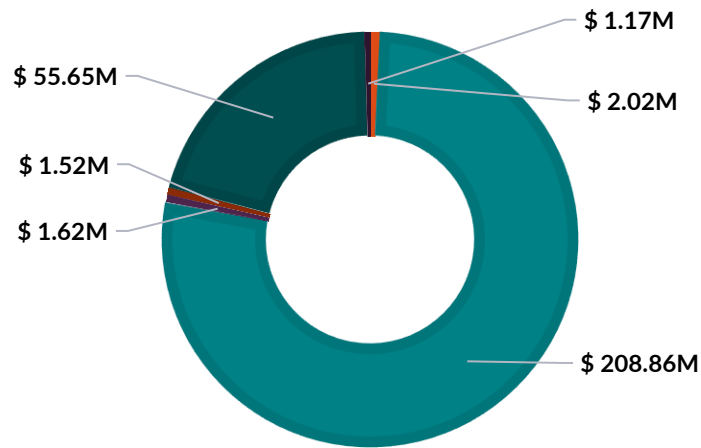
Operating revenue

In 2024 -25, operating revenue for the financial year was \$270.84 million. The department is dependent on government appropriations with the Northern Territory Government contributing \$208.86 million and the Commonwealth \$1.62 million.

Other revenue sources include exhibition management of the Araluen Arts Centre, retail and admission sales, and facility hire of sporting venues.

OPERATING REVENUE

- Current grants, \$2.02M
 - Commonwealth Appropriation, \$1.62M
 - Goods and services received free of charge, \$55.65M
- NT Output Appropriation, \$208.86M
 - Sales of goods and services revenue, \$1.52M
 - Other income, \$1.17M



The department incurred \$279.25 million in expenses during 2024-25 in the delivery of its programs and services. The payment of grants and subsidies, including Community Service Obligations and the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, contributed to \$175.60 million or 62.88% of total operating expenses. Significant grant payments were for the Northern Territory’s commitment to the NDIS, frontline service delivery by non-government organisation partners and concession schemes.

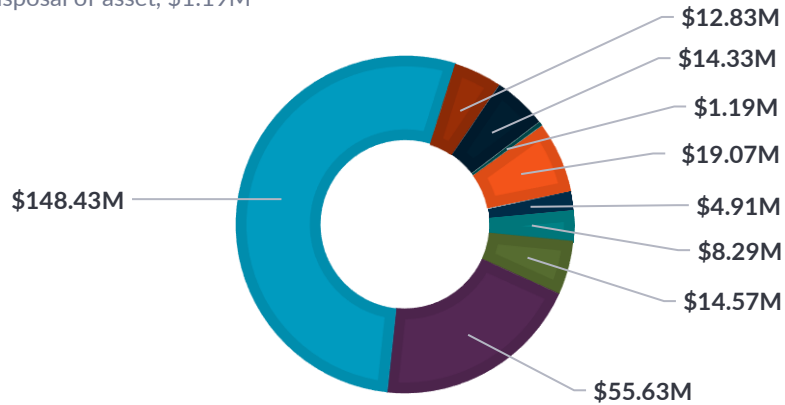
Purchase of goods and services expenditure was \$8.29 million or 2.97% and employee expenses being \$19.07 million or 6.83% of total operating expenses.

Other cash related operational expenses were in relation to property management of \$4.91 million, which includes water and sewerage, rates and lease charges.

Non-cash asset expenses were \$14.57 million for depreciation and amortisation, \$1.19 million for asset disposals and \$55.63 million in other administrative expenses. Other non-cash administrative expenses include services received free of charge from DLI, DCDD, and in-kind for NDIS.

OPERATING EXPENSE

- Employee expenses, \$19.07M
- Purchases of goods and services, \$8.29M
- Other administrative expenses, \$55.63M
- Capital Grants, \$12.83M
- Loss on disposal of asset, \$1.19M
- Property management, \$4.91M
- Depreciation and amortisation, \$14.57M
- Current Grants, \$148.43M
- Community service obligations, \$14.33M



Balance sheet

The Balance sheet shows the department’s net worth and financial position. The Department holds total assets of \$446.95 million as at 30 June 2025, consisting mainly of \$425.70 million of community and recreation complexes and heritage and cultural collections.

The remaining balance represents \$19.89 million in cash and deposits including gift fund accounts, reflecting the Department’s operating cash balance and gift fund account. Receivables of \$1.32 million representing the amount that is owed to the Department for goods and services provided and delivered, as well as goods and service tax from the Australian Taxation Office; and \$0.04 million in inventories, reflecting the bar and gift shop stock at Araluen Cultural Precinct.

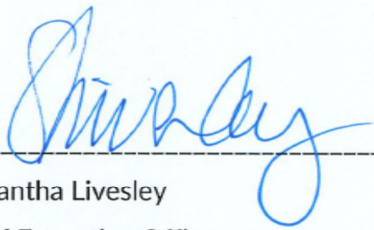
The Department’s liabilities totalled \$6.83 million as at 30 June 2025, which consisted mainly of \$4.38 million in creditors for goods and services purchased and received, \$2.36 million in provisions for employee entitlements including annual leave, leave loading, recreation leave fares, and \$0.07 million funds held in trust and \$0.02 in unearned revenue for events and community groups of Araluen Cultural Precinct.

Certification of the financial statements

We certify that the attached financial statements for the Department of People, Sport and Culture have been prepared based on proper accounts and records in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and with the requirements as prescribed in the *Financial Management Act 1995* and Treasurer's Directions.

We further state that the information set out in the comprehensive operating statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, and notes to and forming part of the financial statements, presents fairly the financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2025 and the financial position on that date.

At the time of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Samantha Livesley
Chief Executive Officer
29 August 2025



Cynthia Loganathan
Chief Financial Officer
29 August 2025

Comprehensive operating statement

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025
		\$000
INCOME		
Grants and subsidies revenue	4	
Current		2 019
Appropriation	5	
Output		208 862
Commonwealth (excluding capital appropriation)		1 624
Sales of goods and services	6	1 517
Goods and services received free of charge ¹	7	55 649
Other Income	8	1 171
TOTAL INCOME	3	270 842
EXPENSES		
Employee benefits expense	9	19 071
Administrative expenses		
Property management		4 905
Purchases of goods and services	10	8 290
Depreciation and amortisation	19	14 565
Other administrative expenses ¹		55 630
Grants and subsidies expenses		
Current	11a	148 434
Capital	11b	12 832
Community service obligations	11c	14 332
Loss on disposal of assets	12	1 187
TOTAL EXPENSES	3	279 246
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(8 404)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT		(8 404)

¹ Includes DCDD service charges and DLI repairs and maintenance service charges and NDIS in-kind.

The comprehensive operating statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025
		\$000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	14	19 894
Receivables	16	1 316
Inventories	17	44
Total current assets		21 254
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	19, 26	254 998
Heritage and cultural assets	20, 26	170 698
Total non-current assets		425 696
TOTAL ASSETS		446 950
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Deposits held	21	67
Payables	22	4 383
Provisions	23	2 354
Other liabilities	24	22
Total current liabilities		6 826
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6 826
NET ASSETS		440 124
EQUITY		
Capital		264 801
Reserves		183 727
Accumulated funds		(8 404)
TOTAL EQUITY		440 124

The balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Equity at 1 July	Comprehensive result	Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	Equity at 30 June
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
2025					
Accumulated funds					
Transfers from reserves		-	(8 404)	-	(8 404)
Total Accumulated Funds		-	(8 404)	-	(8 404)
Reserves					
Asset Revaluation Reserve ¹		-	-	183 727	183 727
Total Reserves		-	-	183 727	183 727
Capital					
Equity injections					
Capital appropriation	5	-	-	45	45
Equity transfers in		-	-	294 493	294 493
Other equity injections		-	-	11 498	11 498
Equity withdrawals					
Capital withdrawal		-	-	(3 409)	(3 409)
Equity transfers out		-	-	(37 826)	(37 826)
Total Capital		-	-	264 801	264 801
Total equity at end of financial year		-	(8 404)	448 528	440 124

¹ Result of transfers from administrative restructuring

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Cash flow statement

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating receipts		
Grants and subsidies received		
Current		2 019
Appropriation received		
Output		208 862
Commonwealth (excluding capital appropriation)		1 624
Receipts from sales of goods and services		4 337
Total operating receipts		216 842
Operating payments		
Payments to employees		(16 303)
Payments for goods and services		(12 940)
Grants and subsidies paid		
Current		(148 043)
Capital		(12 805)
Community service obligations		(14 332)
Total operating payments		(204 423)
Net cash from operating activities	15a	12 419
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investing payments		
Purchases of non-financial assets		(726)
Total investing payments		(726)
Net cash used in investing activities		(726)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Financing receipts		
Deposits received	15b	67
Equity injections		
Capital appropriation	5	45
Other equity injections		11 498
Total financing receipts		11 610
Financing payments		
Equity withdrawals		(3 409)
Total financing payments		(3 409)
Net cash from financing activities		8 201
Net increase in cash held		19 894
Cash at beginning of financial year		-
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	14	19 894

The Cash flow statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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1. Objectives and funding

The Department of People, Sport and Culture primary objective is to foster an inclusive, vibrant and healthy community for all people in the Northern Territory. It promotes active lifestyles through accessible sports and recreation programs, encourages engagement and participation in arts and cultural initiatives and ensures people of all abilities including disabilities have equitable opportunities within the Northern Territory.

Additional information in relation to the Department of People, Sport and Culture and its principal activities may be found in the annual report.

The department considered primary users of these financial statements and their needs for information and quantitative thresholds to determine which accounting policy information is material and therefore must be disclosed.

The department is predominantly funded and therefore dependent on the receipt of parliamentary appropriations. The financial statements encompass all funds through which the agency controls resources to carry on its functions and deliver outputs. For reporting purposes, outputs delivered by the agency are summarised into several output groups. Note 3 provides summarised financial information in the form of a comprehensive operating statement by the output group.

The department's output groups are:

- People
- Sport
- Culture
- Corporate and shared services

a) Machinery of government changes

It is usual practice to include in the financial statements comparative results of the prior financial year. During the reporting period however, the department was significantly impacted by administrative restructuring as part of Machinery of Government changes initiated in September 2024. This restructuring involved wide scale transfer of functions into the department. Because of these changes it was not administratively practical to have attempted to recast an opening budget covering all transferred functions.

A machinery of government change refers to the reallocation of certain functions and responsibilities, arising from revisions to Administrative Arrangement Order (AAO) by government or at the discretion of the relevant ministers, chief executives or by Cabinet decision.

Transfers in

Details of transfer: Social inclusion, Library and Archives, Arts and Culture, Sport and Active Recreation, Disability Services, NT Concession and Recognition Schemes and Youth hubs and regional youth services and some of Corporate and Governance transferred from former Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Basis of transfer: Administrative Arrangements Order 10 September 2024

Date of transfer: Effective from 1 July 2024

The assets and liabilities transferred as a result of this change were as follows:

Assets	\$000
Cash	103 682
Receivables	468
Inventories	41
Property, plant and equipment	427 615
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	531 806
Liabilities	
Deposits Held	327
Payables	825
Provisions	1 491
Other liabilities	328
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	2 971
Net assets	528 835

Transfers in

Details of transfer: Veterans' Affairs unit transferred from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

Basis of transfer: Administrative Arrangements Order 10 September 2024

Date of transfer: Effective from 1 July 2024

The assets and liabilities transferred as a result of this change were as follows:

Assets	\$000
Cash	292
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	292
Liabilities	
Payables	6
Provisions	6
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	12
Net assets	280

2. Statement of material accounting policy information

a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, related Treasurer's Directions and Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The *Financial Management Act 1995* requires the Department of People, Sport and Culture to prepare financial statements for the year ended 30 June based on the form determined by the Treasurer. The form of agency financial statements should include:

- a) a certification of the financial statements
- b) a comprehensive operating statement
- c) a balance sheet
- d) a statement of changes in equity
- e) a cash flow statement and
- f) applicable explanatory notes to the financial statements.

Standards and interpretations effective from 2024-25 financial year

Several amendments and interpretations have been issued that apply to the current reporting period but are considered to have no or minimal impact on public sector reporting.

Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

No Australian accounting standards have been adopted early for 2024-25 financial year.

Several amendments interpretations have been issued that apply to future reporting periods but are considered to have no or minimal impact on public sector reporting.

b) Presentation and rounding of amounts

Amounts in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, with amounts of \$500 or less being rounded down to zero. Figures in the financial statements and notes may not equate due to rounding.

c) Contributions by and distributions to government

The agency may receive contributions from government where the government is acting as owner of the agency. Conversely, the agency may make distributions to government. In accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1995* and Treasurer's Directions, certain types of contributions and distributions, including those relating to administrative restructures, have been designated as contributions by, and distributions to, government. These designated contributions and distributions are treated by the agency as adjustments to equity.

The statement of changes in equity provides additional information in relation to contributions by, and distributions to, government.

d) Comparatives

The Department of People, Sport and Culture was formed following amendments to the Administrative Arrangement Orders for the public sector that were gazette on the 9 September 2024. There was no single substantive agency to provide a basis for comparative information. As such there is no comparative information public for the 2024 – 25 financial year.

3. Comprehensive operating statement by output group

	Note	People 2025 \$000	Sport 2025 \$000	Culture 2025 \$000	Corporate and Shared Service 2025 \$000	Total 2025 \$000
INCOME						
Grants and subsidies revenue	4					
Current		1 150	734	135	-	2 019
Appropriation	5					
Output		140 494	26 591	40 255	1 522	208 862
Commonwealth		1 624	-	-	-	1 624
Sales of goods and services	6	-	578	939	-	1 517
Goods and services received free of charge	7	46 696	-	-	8 953	55 649
Other income	8	471	284	406	10	1 171
TOTAL INCOME		190 435	28 187	41 735	10 485	270 842
EXPENSES						
Employee expenses	9	4 385	5 075	8 530	1 081	19 071
Administrative expenses						
Property management		27	4 013	834	31	4 905
Purchases of goods and services	10	958	2 596	3 001	1 735	8 290
Depreciation and amortisation	19	-	9 816	4 749	-	14 565
Other administrative expenses ¹		46 677	31	(32) ²	8 954	55 630
Grants and subsidies expenses						
Current	11a	108 914	16 217	23 303	-	148 434
Capital	11b	1 817	3 815	7 200	-	12 832
Community service obligations	11c	14 332	-	-	-	14 332
Loss on disposal of assets	12	-	251	936	-	1 187
TOTAL EXPENSES		177 110	41 814	48 521	11 801	279 246
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		13 325	(13 627)	(6 786)	(1 316)	(8 404)
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT		13 325	(13 627)	(6 786)	(1 316)	(8 404)

¹ Includes DCDD service charges and DLI repairs and maintenance service charges.

²Over receipting of purchase orders in the previous financial year in the former agency

This comprehensive operating statement by output group is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

As a consequence of Administrative Arrangements Order changes on 10 September 2024, financial statements of the Agency reflect the actual period of responsibility for the outputs, being the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. Comparative amounts for the prior years have not been included.

The Department of People, Sport and Culture is predominantly funded by parliamentary appropriations for the provision of outputs. Outputs are the services provided or goods produced by an agency for users external to the agency. They support the delivery of the agency's objectives and or statutory responsibilities. The above table disaggregates revenue and expenses that enable delivery of services by output group which form part of the balances of the agency.

4. Grants and subsidies revenue

2025

	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Current grants	85	1 934	2 019
Total grants and subsidies revenue	85	1 934	2 019

Grants revenue is recognised at fair value exclusive of GST in accordance with the requirements of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers or AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities.

To determine if a grant should be accounted for under AASB 1058 or AASB 15, the department must determine if the relevant agreement is 'enforceable' and contains 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations. When assessing whether the performance obligations are 'sufficiently specific', the department has applied significant judgement by performing a detailed analysis of the terms and conditions contained in the grant agreement, including accompanying documentation (e.g. activity work plans) and where necessary holding discussions with relevant parties.

Income recognition from grants received by the department has been appropriately accounted for under AASB 1058 or AASB 15 based on the assessment performed.

Where assessed as AASB 15, revenue is initially deferred as unearned contract revenue liability, included in Note 24 Other liabilities, when received in advance and recognised as or when the performance obligations are satisfied.

The agency has adopted a low value contract threshold of \$50 000 excluding GST and recognises revenue from contracts with a low value, upfront on receipt of income.

The agency's contracts with customers is for the conservation of cultural collections and assists with the cost of utilities management and enhances accessibility to the community. Funding is generally received upfront for 12 months and the agency typically satisfies obligations and recognises revenue as services are being delivered as specified in the agreement.

A financing component for consideration is only recognised if it is significant to the contract and the period between the transfer of goods and services and receipt of consideration is more than one year. For the 2024-25 reporting periods, there were no adjustments for the effects of a significant financing component.

Where grant agreements do not meet criteria above, it is accounted for under AASB 1058 and is recognised upfront on receipt of funding.

Grant revenue, passed on from a Territory Government-controlled entity with the exception of the Central Holding Authority, is recognised upfront on receipt, irrespective of which revenue accounting standard it may fall under in accordance with the Treasurer's Direction on income.

Grant agreements accounted as revenue from contracts with customers have been disaggregated below into categories to enable users of these financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of income and cash flows. These categories include a description of the type of product or service line, type of customer and timing of transfer of goods and services.

	2025
	\$000
Type of good and service:	
Service delivery	85
Total revenue from contracts with customers	85
Type of customer:	
State and territory governments	85
Total revenue from contracts with customers	85
Timing of transfer of goods and services:	
Point in time	85
Total revenue from contracts with customers	85

5. Appropriation

Appropriation recorded in the operating statement includes output appropriation and Commonwealth appropriation received for the delivery of services.

	2025		
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Output	-	208 862	208 862
Commonwealth	190	1 434	1 624
Total appropriation in the operating statement	190	210 296	210 486

Appropriation recorded in the cashflow statement includes capital appropriation and Commonwealth capital appropriation received for the delivery of assets to be retained by the agency.

	2025		
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Capital	-	45	45
Commonwealth	-	-	-
Total appropriation in the cashflow statement	-	45	45

Output appropriation is the operating payment to each agency for the outputs they provide as specified in the *Appropriation Act*. It does not include any allowance for major non-cash costs such as depreciation. Output appropriations do not have sufficiently specific performance obligations and recognised on receipt of funds.

Commonwealth appropriation follows from the intergovernmental agreement on federal financial relations, resulting in specific purpose payments (SPPs) and national partnership (NP) payments being made by the Commonwealth Treasury to state treasuries, in a manner similar to arrangements for GST payments. These payments are received by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) on behalf of the Central Holding Authority and then passed on to the relevant agencies as Commonwealth appropriation.

Where Commonwealth appropriation received has an enforceable contract with sufficiently specific performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 as revenue from contracts with customers. In this case, revenue is recognised as and when goods and or services are transferred to the customer or third-party beneficiary. Otherwise, revenue is recognised when the agency gains control of the funds. The agency's contracts with customers is for the delivery of essential services to actively participate in the community and enhance community accessibility. Funding is generally received upfront for 12 months and agency typically satisfies obligations and recognises revenue as services are being delivered as specified in the agreement.

Commonwealth appropriations accounted as revenue from contracts with customers have been disaggregated below into categories to enable users of these financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of income and cash flows. These categories include a description of the type of product or service line, type of customer and timing of transfer of goods and services.

	2025
	\$000
Type of good and service:	
Service delivery	190
Total revenue from contracts with customers	190
Type of customer:	
Commonwealth Government	190
Total revenue from contracts with customers	190
Timing of transfer of goods and services:	
Overtime	190
Total revenue from contracts with customers	190

5a. Summary of changes to budget appropriations

The following table presents changes to budgeted appropriations authorised during the current financial year together with explanations for significant changes. It compares the amounts originally identified in the Appropriation (2024-2025) Act 2024 with revised appropriations as reported in 2025-26 Budget Paper No. 3 Agency Budget Statements and the final end of year appropriation.

The changes within this table relate only to appropriation and do not include agency revenue (for example, goods and services revenue and grants received directly by the agency) or expenditure. Refer to Note 31 Budgetary information for detailed information on variations to the agency's actual outcome compared to budget for revenue and expenses.

	Mid Year 2024-25 budget appropriation	Revised 2024-25 budget appropriation	Change to budget appropriation	Note	Final 2024-25 budget appropriation
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Output	196 064	208 862	12 798		208 862
Capital	45	45			45
Commonwealth	1 624	1 814	190		1 814
Total appropriation	197 688	210 721	12 988		210 721

Output and capital appropriations reflect funding as a direct result of government-approved decisions, with actual funding received by the Department of People, Sport and Culture in line with the budgeted amounts.

Commonwealth appropriation reflects funding anticipated to be received from the Commonwealth for both operational and capital purposes. As Commonwealth appropriations are largely recognised as or when performance obligations are satisfied, the actual amounts received by the Department of People, Sport and Culture and reported in these financial statements may vary from the budgeted amounts reported in this table.

6. Sales of goods and services

	2025		
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Sale of goods and service delivery revenue	1 425	92	1 517
Total sales of goods and services	1 425	92	1 517

Sale of goods and service delivery revenue

Sale of goods and service delivery revenue comprise income from rendering of services, and sales of goods and services. These are recognised at fair value, exclusive of GST.

Sales of goods

Revenue from sales of goods is recognised when the agency satisfies a performance obligation by transferring the promised goods and predominately relates to retail sales through the Araluen Arts Centre. The agency typically satisfies its performance obligations when the control of goods is transferred to the customers, and when a customer obtains control of promised goods. The payments are typically due when the customer obtains control of the promised goods.

Revenue from these sales are based on the price specified in the contract, and revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable a significant reversal will not occur. There is no element of financing present as sales are made with a short credit term.

Rendering of services

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised when the agency satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services. These services predominantly relate to commissions, admission sales, labour fees, and exhibition management for Araluen Arts Centre, as well as facility hire across various locations, including Hidden Valley and Marrara Indoor Stadium. The agency typically satisfies its performance obligations when where a performance obligation is satisfied at a point in time, when the customer pays the related fee and has access to the facility. The Agency performance obligation is satisfied overtime, when sales of inventory occur.

Sales of goods and services accounted as revenue from contracts with customers have been disaggregated below into categories to enable users of these financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of income and cash flows. These categories include a description of the type of product or service line, type of customer and timing of transfer of goods and services.

	2025
	\$000
Type of good and service:	
Sales of goods	297
Service delivery	885
Other	243
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 425
Type of customer:	
Non-government entities	1 425
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 425
Timing of transfer of goods and services:	
Overtime	297
Point in time	1 128
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1 425

7. Goods and services received free of charge

	2025
	\$000
Corporate and information services	4 007
Repairs and maintenance	4 947
National Disability Insurance Scheme in-kind services	46 695
Total goods and services received free of charge	55 649

Resources received free of charge are recognised as revenue when, and only when, a fair value can be reliably determined and the services would have been purchased if they had not been donated. Use of those resources is recognised as an expense. Resources received free of charge are recorded as either revenue or gains depending on their nature.

Repairs and maintenance expenses incurred on the agency's assets and costs associated with administration of these expenses are centralised and in the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) on behalf of the agency, and form part of goods and services received free of charge by the agency.

In addition, the following corporate services staff and functions are centralised and provided by Department of Corporate and Digital Development (DCDD) on behalf of the agency and form part of goods and services received free of charge by the agency:

- financial services including accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll
- employment and workforce services
- information management services
- procurement services
- property leasing services.

Under the National Disability Insurance Scheme, in-kind supports are provided by other Northern Territory Government agencies to scheme participants and are recognised in the department as services free of charge.

8. Other income

	2025		
	Revenue from contracts with customers	Other	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Miscellaneous revenue	-	281	281
Cultural Assets acquired nil consideration	-	369	369
Prior year unspent grant money	-	521	521
Total other income	-	1 171	1 171

Miscellaneous revenue

Miscellaneous revenue includes reimbursements, and gold charitable donations. Where funding is received for agreements that are enforceable and contain sufficiently specific performance obligations for the agency to transfer goods or services to the grantor or third-party beneficiary, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 as revenue from contracts with customers. Where this criteria is not met, revenue is generally accounted for under AASB 1058 and income is generally recognised upfront on receipt of funding.

Donated assets

Donated assets include assets received at below fair value or for nil consideration that can be measured reliably. These are recognised as revenue at their fair value when control over the assets is obtained, normally either on receipt of the assets or on notification the assets have been secured.

9. Employee benefits expense

	2025
	\$000
Salaries and wages	16 347
Superannuation expenses	1 825
Fringe benefits tax	92
Payroll tax	807
Total employee benefits expense	19 071

The number of full-time equivalent employees for 2024-25 was 138.

Salaries and wages are recognised in the reporting period when the employee renders services to the Territory Government. It includes recreation leave, labour hire costs, allowances and other benefits, which are recognised in the reporting period when employees are entitled to the benefit or when incurred.

The recognition and measurement policy for employee benefits is detailed in Note 22 Payables and Note 23 Provisions.

10. Purchases of goods and services

	2025
	\$000
The net surplus/(deficit) has been arrived at after charging the following expenses:	
Goods and services expenses:	
Consultants ¹	11
Advertising ²	38
Marketing and promotion ³	507
Document production	24
Legal expenses	29
Recruitment ⁴	10
Training and study	197
Official duty fares	146
Travelling allowance	51
Information technology charges and communications	1 156
Agent Service Arrangements ⁽⁵⁾	3 192
Motor vehicle expenses	175
Other Equipment Expenses	122
Other Operating Expense	2 632
Total purchases of goods and services	8 290

⁽¹⁾ Includes marketing, promotion and IT consultants.

⁽²⁾ Does not include recruitment, advertising or marketing and promotion advertising.

⁽³⁾ Includes advertising for marketing and promotion but excludes marketing and promotion consultants' expenses, which are incorporated in the consultants' category.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes recruitment-related advertising costs.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes \$1.48 million Shared Services Agreement with Department of Children and Families

11. Grant and subsidies expenses

11a. Current grant and subsidy expense

	2025
	\$000
Current grant	
Local government	9 141
Northern Territory Government schools	179
Private and not-for-profit sector	32 798
Commonwealth General Government Agencies	77 295
Others	12 669
Total current grants	132 082
Subsidy	
Private and not-for-profit sector	14 791
Grants to other sectors of government	1 561
Total subsidies	16 352
Total current grant and subsidy expense	148 434

Current grants expenses are intended to finance the current activities of the recipient for which no economic benefits of equal value are receivable in return. Current grant expense largely comprise of payments to National Disability Insurance Scheme (\$76.97 million), Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (\$10.39 million), Peak Sporting Bodies Funding (\$6.89 million), Art Organisations (\$5.54 million), Library Sector Services (\$4.73 million), Sport Voucher Scheme (\$2.77 million).

Subsidies are payments aimed at reducing all or part of the costs of an activity. They include payments made to NT Concession Scheme (\$5.09 million), NT Concession and Recognition Unit Scheme (\$9.39 million) and Energy Relief (\$1.67 million).

Current grant and subsidy expenses are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are paid or payable, exclusive of the amount of GST.

11b. Capital grant expense

	2025
	\$000
Local government	2 180
Private and not-for-profit sector	3 490
Other	7 162
Total capital grant expense	12 832

Capital grant expenses are transfers made to a recipient for the purpose of acquiring or constructing a new physical asset or upgrading an existing physical asset, for which no economic benefits of equal value are receivable in return. It also includes the transfer of existing agency assets to another entity for which no economic benefits of equal value are receivable in return. Capital grant expenses largely comprise of Arts Trail Gallery Extension program (\$7.00 million), Community Infrastructure (\$0.60 million Norbuilt Lights, \$1.00 million Bowls Shade Structure and \$1.40 million Tracy Village Sports Precinct), \$0.95 million Darwin Men Shed Upgrade and \$0.78 million on Gunbalanya Oval Lights.

Capital grant expenses are recognised in the reporting period in which they are paid or payable, exclusive of the amount of GST. Where an existing agency asset is transferred to a recipient, the transaction is recognised when the agency transfers control of asset to the recipient.

11c. Community service obligations

	2025
	\$000
Private and not-for-profit sector	148
Other sectors of government	14 184
Total community service obligations	14 332

Community service obligations (CSO) are payments the agency makes to a government business division or a government owned corporation to compensate them for undertaking activities they would not elect to undertake on a commercial basis or would only undertake commercially at a higher price. CSO payments are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are paid or payable, exclusive of the amount of GST. The department predominantly pays CSOs to Jacana Energy and Power and Water Corporation for the National Energy Bill Relief Fund.

12. Loss on disposal of assets

	2025 \$000
Carrying value of non-current assets written-off	1 187
Loss on disposal of assets	1 187

13. Write-offs, postponements, waiver, gifts and ex gratia payments

The following table presents all write-offs, waivers, postponements, gifts and ex gratia payments approved under the *Financial Management Act 1995* or other legislation that the agency administers

	Agency		Territory items		Note
	2025	No. of trans.	2025	No. of trans.	
	\$000		\$000		
Authorised under the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i>					
<i>Write-offs, postponements and waivers approved by the Treasurer</i>					
Waiver of right to receive or recover money or property	180	172			1
Total write-offs, postponements and waivers approved by the Treasurer	180	172			
<i>Write-offs, postponements and waivers approved by delegates</i>					
Losses or deficiencies of money written off	2	2			
Total written off, postponed and waived approved by delegates	2	2			
Gifts approved by Treasurer	-	14			2
Total authorised under the <i>Financial Management Act 1995</i>	182	188			

1. During the reporting period, overpayments totalling \$0.952 million under the NT Concession Scheme were waived. This amount included 172 invoices raised for recovery, representing \$0.277 million in total, of which \$0.180 million remained outstanding at the time the waiver was applied.
2. Gifted assets were recorded as sub-assets of larger main assets and, accordingly, are not separately capitalised or measured.

Write-off

Write-offs reflect the removal from accounting records the value of public money or public property owing to, or loss sustained by the Territory or agency. It refers to circumstance where the Territory or an agency has made all attempts to pursue the debt, however, is deemed irrecoverable due to reasons beyond the Territory or an agency's control. Write-offs result in no cash outlay and are accounted for under 'Other administrative expenses' in the comprehensive operating statement.

Waiver

Waivers reflect the election to forego a legal right to recover public money or receive public property. Once agreed with and communicated to the debtor, it will have the effect of extinguishing the debt and renouncing the right to any future claim on that public money or public property. Waivers result in no cash outlay, and are accounted for under 'Current grants and subsidies expense' in the comprehensive operating statement.

Gifts

A gift is an asset or property, deemed surplus to government's requirements, transferred to a suitable recipient, without receiving any consideration or compensation, and where there is no constructive or legal obligation for the transfer. Gifted property is accounted under 'Other administrative expenses' in the comprehensive operating statement.

14. Cash and deposits

	<u>2025</u>
	<u>\$000</u>
Cash at bank	19 894
Total cash and deposits	19 894

For the purposes of the balance sheet and the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand, cash at bank and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are highly liquid short-term investments that are readily convertible to cash. Cash at bank includes monies held in the Accountable Officer's Trust Account (AOTA) that are ultimately payable to the beneficial owner – refer also to Note 21 Deposit held.

15. Cash flow reconciliation

a) Reconciliation of cash

The total of agency 'Cash and deposits' of \$19 894 million recorded in the balance sheet is consistent with that recorded as 'Cash' in the cash flow statement.

Reconciliation of net surplus/deficit to net cash from operating activities

	<u>2025</u>
	<u>\$000</u>
Net surplus/deficit	(8 404)
<i>Non-cash items:</i>	
Depreciation and amortisation	14 565
Loss on disposal of assets	1 187
Asset acquired for nil consideration	(369)
Capital grant (non cash)	28
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities:</i>	
Increase in receivables	(1 316)
Increase in inventories	(31)
Increase in payables	4 383
Increase in provision for employee benefits	1 963
Increase in other provisions	391
Increase in other liabilities	22
Net cash from operating activities	12 419

b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

2025	Cash			Other	
	1 July	Deposits Received	Total cash flows	Total other	30 June
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Deposits held	-	67	67	-	67
Total	-	67	67	-	67

16. Receivables

	2025
	\$000
Current	
Accounts receivable	278
Less: loss allowance	(66)
	212
GST receivables	946
Prepayments	28
Other receivables	130
	1 104
Total receivables	1 316

Receivables are initially recognised when the agency becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument and are measured at fair value less any directly attributable transaction costs. Receivables include contract receivables, accounts receivable, accrued contract revenue and other receivables.

Receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairments.

Accounts receivable and contract receivables are generally settled within 30 days and other receivables within 60 days.

The loss allowance reflects lifetime expected credit losses and represents the amount of receivables the agency estimates are likely to be uncollectible and are considered doubtful.

Other Receivables

Accrued revenue that does not arise from contracts with customers

Credit risk exposure of receivables

Receivables are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure exposure to bad debts is not significant. The entity applies the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses. This approach recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime expected credit losses for all accounts receivables, contracts receivables and accrued contract revenue. To measure expected credit losses, receivables have been grouped based on shared risk characteristics and days past due.

The expected loss rates are based on historical observed loss rates, and has not been adjusted for other macroeconomic factors.

In accordance with the provisions of the Financial Management Act 1995, receivables are written off when based on demonstrated actions to collect, there is no reasonable expectation of recovery for reasons beyond the agency's control.

The loss allowance for receivables at reporting date represents the amount of receivables the agency estimates is likely to be uncollectible and is considered doubtful. Ageing analysis and reconciliation of loss allowance for receivables as at the reporting date are disclosed below.

Internal receivables reflect amounts owing from entities controlled by the Northern Territory Government such as other agencies, government business divisions and government owned corporations. External receivables reflect amounts owing from third parties which are external to the Northern Territory Government.

Ageing analysis

2025	Gross Receivable	Loss rate	Expected credit losses	Net receivables
	\$000	%	\$000	\$000
External receivables				
Not overdue	70	0%	0	70
Overdue for less than 30 days	67	11%	8	59
Overdue for 30 to 60 days	53	2%	1	52
Overdue for more than 60 days	88	65%	57	31
Total external receivables	278	24%	66	212

Total amounts disclosed exclude statutory amounts and prepayments as these do not meet the definition of a financial instrument and therefore will not reconcile to the receivables note. It also excludes accrued contract revenue where no loss allowance has been provided.

Reconciliation of loss allowance for receivables

	2025
	\$000
External receivables	
Opening balance	-
Written off during the year	88
Recovered during the year	(192)
Increase/decrease in allowance recognised in profit or loss	170
Total external receivables	66

17. Inventories

	2025
	\$000
General inventories	
At cost	44
Total inventories	44

Inventories include assets held for sale at nominal consideration in the ordinary course of business operations.

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

18. Other financial assets

a) Agency as a lessor

Finance leases

Leases under which the agency transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset are classified as finance leases.

Subleases are classified by reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease, rather than by reference to the underlying asset. A sublease is an arrangement where the underlying asset is re-leased by a lessee (intermediate lessor) to another party, and the lease (head lease) between the head lessor and original lessee remains in effect.

Finance income arising from finance leases is recognised over the lease term, based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the lease.

The Agency has peppercorn leases with nominal lease payments that it sub-leases, with the intention to further not-for-profit objectives of the lessee. Therefore the Agency does not have any finance lease or sublease arrangements.

Future minimum rentals receivable (undiscounted) under non-cancellable finance lease at 30 June are as follows:

Operating leases

An operating lease is a lease other than a finance lease. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in revenue in the comprehensive operating statement due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

The agency is lessor to a number of peppercorn leases with various not for profit organisations. These leases do not meet the recognition criteria of a finance lease under AASB 16 and as such are treated as operating leases. These leases are nominally and significantly below market value. The purpose of these arrangements is to further not for profit objectives of the lessee and also the department.

Future minimum rentals receivable (undiscounted) under non-cancellable operating lease as at 30 June do not apply.

b) Contract cost asset

Costs to obtain a contract are expensed where goods and services will be transferred within one year or less and only capitalised if deemed material. Territory Government employee costs that satisfy the criteria for recognition as a cost to fulfil a contract are not capitalised and expensed immediately. Other costs to fulfil a contract are accounted for as a contract cost asset if deemed material. For the 2024-25 financial years, no costs were capitalised as a contract cost asset.

19. Property, plant and equipment

Total property, plant and equipment

	2025
	\$000
Land	
At fair value	49 431
Buildings	
At fair value	410 635
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(248 486)</u>
	162 149
Infrastructure	
At fair value	121 674
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(80 367)</u>
	41 307
Construction (work in progress)	
At capitalised cost	12
Plant and equipment	
At fair value	9 370
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(7 334)</u>
	2 036
Computer Hardware	
At fair value	92
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(29)</u>
	63
Total property, plant and equipment	254 998

a) Reconciliation of carrying amount of property, plant and equipment

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end year is set out below:

2025	Land	Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Computer Hardware	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount as at 1 July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount transfer from administrative restructuring	49 431	169 168	44 537	12	1 229	-	264 377
Additions	-	3 029	923	-	1 162	72	5 186
Depreciation / amortisation expense	-	(10 048)	(4 153)	-	(355)	(9)	(14 565)
Carrying amount as at 30 June	49 431	162 149	41 307	12	2 036	63	254 998

These notes disclose the property, plant and equipment held and used by the agency and the agency's property, plant and equipment subject to operating leases.

a) Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment held and used by the agency

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment held and used by the agency to deliver its outputs and services to the public is set out below:

2025	Construction						Total
	Land	Buildings	Infrastructure	(work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Computer Hardware	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
Carrying amount as at 1 July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount transfer from administrative restructuring	24 626	61 514	28 002	12	1 142	-	115 296
Additions	-	1 100	67	-	1 162	72	2 401
Depreciation / amortisation expense	-	(4 485)	(1 439)	-	(333)	(9)	(6 266)
Carrying amount as at 30 June	24 626	58 129	26 630	12	1 971	63	111 431

b) Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment where the agency is a lessor under operating leases

A reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment held and used by the agency to deliver its outputs and services to the public is set out below:

2025	Land	Buildings	Infrastructure	Construction (work in progress)	Plant and equipment	Computer Hardware	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
	Carrying amount as at 1 July	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount transfer from administrative restructuring	24 805	107 654	16 535	-	87	-	149 081
Additions	-	1 929	856	-	-	-	2 785
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	(5 563)	(2 714)	-	(22)	-	(8 299)
Carrying amount as at 30 June	24 805	104 020	14 677	-	65	-	143 567

Acquisitions

Property, plant and equipment are initially recognised at cost.

Items of property, plant and equipment with a cost or other value, equal to or greater than \$10 000 are recognised in the year of acquisition and depreciated as outlined below. Items of property, plant and equipment below the \$10 000 threshold are expensed in the year of acquisition.

Major items of plant and equipment comprising a number of components that have different useful lives are accounted for as separate assets. Individual components may be replaced during the useful life of the complex asset.

Construction (work in progress)

As part of the financial management framework, DLI is responsible for managing general government capital works projects on a whole of government basis. Therefore, appropriation for capital works is provided directly to DLI and the cost of construction work in progress is recognised as an asset of that department. Once completed, capital works assets are transferred to the agency.

Revaluation of assets

Subsequent to initial recognition, assets belonging to the following classes of non-financial assets are revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount of these assets does not differ materially from their fair value at reporting date:

- land
- buildings
- infrastructure assets
- heritage and cultural assets

The above classes of property, plant and equipment include certain new assets initially recognised at cost. Such new assets will continue to be measured at cost, which is deemed to equate to fair value, until the next revaluation for that asset class occurs.

Plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation, which is deemed to equate to fair value.

The unique nature of heritage and cultural assets may preclude reliable measurement. Such assets have not been recognised in the financial statements. The reasons are stated at Note 20 Heritage and cultural assets.

The latest revaluations for land and buildings were independently conducted in the former agency by Territory Property Consultants. Refer to Note 26 Fair value measurement for additional disclosures.

Impairment of assets

An asset is said to be impaired when the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Materially significant non-financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment annually. If any indicator of impairment exists, the agency determines the asset's recoverable amount. The asset's recoverable amount is determined as the higher of the asset's current replacement cost and fair value less costs to sell. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are recognised in the comprehensive operating statement. They are disclosed as an expense unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount. Where the asset is measured at a revalued amount, the impairment loss is offset against the asset revaluation surplus for that class of asset to the extent an available balance exists in the asset revaluation surplus.

In certain situations, an impairment loss may subsequently be reversed. Impairment loss may only be reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, nor exceed the net carrying amount that would have been determined had not impairment loss been recognised for the asset in the prior years. Where an asset is carried at a revalued amount, impairment reversal is recognised in the comprehensive operating statement as income to the extent that an impairment loss was previously recognised in the profit or loss, otherwise, impairment reversal results in an increase in the asset revaluation surplus.

Agency property, plant and equipment assets were assessed for impairment as at 30 June 2025. No impairment adjustments were required as a result of this review.

Depreciation and amortisation expense

Items of property, plant and equipment, including buildings but excluding land, have limited useful lives and are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition or from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

The estimated useful lives for each class of asset are in accordance with the agency's determination as follows:

	2025
Buildings	10 – 50 years
Infrastructure assets	8 years - infinite
Plant and equipment	5 – 10 years

Right-of-use asset

The agency assesses at contract inception whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration and hence contains a lease.

The agency has not recognised lease liabilities representing an obligation to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets.

The agency recognised right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (the date the underlying asset is available for use).

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the agency at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

Right-of-use assets are subsequently measured at fair value which approximates costs less accumulated recognised and accumulated impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are subject to remeasurement principles consistent with the lease liability. This includes applying indexation and market rent review. Right-of-use assets are also revalued where a trigger or event may indicate their carrying amount does not equal fair value.

The agency has no right-of-use-assets for 2024-2025.

Inter-governmental leases

The agency applies the inter-governmental leases recognition exemption as per the Treasurer's Direction – Leases and recognises these as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. These largely relate to the lease of motor vehicles from NT Fleet. Leases of commercial properties for office accommodation are recognised with DCDD. Consequently, all lease liabilities and right-of-use assets relating to these arrangements are recognised by DCDD and not disclosed within these financial statements.

20. Heritage and cultural assets

	2025
	\$000
Carrying amount	
Gross carrying amount	170 698
Less: Accumulated depreciation	-
Carrying amount at 30 June	170 698
Reconciliation of carrying amount	
Carrying amount at 1 July	-
Additions/disposals from administrative restructuring	170 329
Additions for nil consideration	369
Carrying amount as at 30 June	170 698

The agency's heritage and cultural assets comprise of museums and galleries which collectively preserves and interprets the region's cultural, historical, and scientific heritage. Together they comprise of nationally significant collections of Aboriginal and contemporary art, military and aviation history, and natural sciences, including unique megafauna and geological records

Heritage and cultural assets are initially measured at cost. Where an asset is acquired at no or nominal cost, the cost is the fair value as at the date of acquisition.

The unique nature of some heritage and cultural assets may preclude reliable measurement. Such assets have not been recognised in the financial statements. These types of assets are part of a secret and sacred collection.

Heritage and cultural assets are subsequently recognised at fair value. The latest revaluations as at 30 June 2023 were independently conducted. The valuer was Australian Valuations. Refer to Note 26 Fair value measurement for additional disclosures.

The agency's accounting policies on impairment for property, plant and equipment disclosed in Note 19 also apply to heritage and cultural assets.

Agency heritage and cultural assets were assessed for impairment as at 30 June 2025. No impairment adjustments were required as a result of this review.

21. Deposits held

	2025
	\$000
Accountable officer's trust account (a)	50
Gift Fund Account	17
Total deposits held	67

a) Accountable officer's trust account

Accountable officer's trust account comprise:

	2025
	\$000
Client (Show and Exhibition)	45
Other money	5
Total accountable officer's trust account	50

Deposits held mainly comprise Accountable Officer's Trust Account and Araluen Gift Fund account.

Accountable Officer's Trust Accounts hold trust monies established under legislations held by the agency on behalf of others for a specific purpose and not for use in operations of government. These include deposits for Araluen productions.

22. Payables

	<u>2025</u>
	<u>\$000</u>
Accounts payable	1 556
Accrued salaries and wages	441
Other accrued expenses	2 184
Grants Payable	202
Total payables	4 383

Liabilities for accounts payable and other amounts payable are carried at amortised cost, which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the agency. Accounts payable are normally settled within 20 days from receipt of valid invoices under \$1 million or 30 days for invoices over \$1 million.

Salaries and wages that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the service are recognised and measured at the amounts expected to be paid.

23. Provisions

	<u>2025</u>
	<u>\$000</u>
Current	
<i>Employee benefits</i>	
Recreation leave	1 658
Leave loading	287
Other employee benefits	18
<i>Other current provisions</i>	
Fringe Benefits Tax	18
Payroll Tax	131
Superannuation contributions	242
Total provisions	2 354

Employee benefits

Provision for employee benefits include wages and salaries and recreation leave accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. Liabilities arising in respect of recreation leave and other employee benefit liabilities that fall due within 12 months of reporting date are classified as current liabilities and are measured at amounts expected to be paid. Non-current employee benefit liabilities that fall due after 12 months of the reporting date are measured at present value of estimated future cash flows, calculated using the appropriate government bond rate and taking into consideration expected future salary and wage levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service.

All recreation leave is classified as a current liability.

No provision is made for sick leave, which is non-vesting, as the anticipated pattern of future sick leave to be taken is less than the entitlement accruing in each reporting period.

Employee benefit expenses are recognised on a net basis in respect of the following categories:

- wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits, recreation leave and other leave entitlements
- other types of employee benefits.

As part of the financial management framework, the Central Holding Authority assumes the long service leave liabilities of government agencies, including the Department of People, Sport and Culture and therefore no long service leave liability is recognised within these financial statements.

24. Other liabilities

	2025
	\$000
Current	
Unearned contract revenue liability	22
Total other liabilities	22

Unearned contract revenue liability

Unearned contract revenue liability relate to consideration received in advance from customers in respect of Araluen community groups and theatre memberships. Unearned contract revenue liability balances as at 30 June 2025 is \$22,000.

Of the amount included in the unearned contract revenue liability balance, \$4,000 has been recognised as revenue in 2024-25 financial year.

The agency anticipates recognising as revenue unearned contract revenue liability in accordance with the time bands below:

	2025
	\$000
Not later than one year	22
Later than one year and not later than five years	-
Later than five years	-
Total	22

Superannuation

Employees' superannuation entitlements are provided through the:

- Northern Territory Government and Public Authorities Superannuation Scheme (NTGPASS)
- Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS)
- or non-government employee nominated schemes for those employees commencing on or after 10 August 1999.

The agency makes superannuation contributions on behalf of its employees to the Central Holding Authority or non-government employee-nominated schemes. Superannuation liabilities related to government superannuation schemes are held by the Central Holding Authority and therefore not recognised in agency financial statements.

25. Capital commitments

Capital commitments represent future obligations or cash outflows primarily related to the construction of assets that can be reliably measured and arise out of a contractual arrangement and typically binds the agency to performance conditions. Commitments are not recognised as liabilities on the balance sheet.

Commitments may extend over multiple reporting periods and may result in payment of compensation or return of funds if obligations are breached. These contracts are expected to be payable as follows:

	2025
	\$000
Not later than one year	9 900
Later than one year and not later than five years	-
Later than five years	-
Total capital expenditure commitments (exclusive of GST)	9 900
Plus: GST recoverable	-
Total capital expenditure commitments (inclusive of GST)¹	9 900

¹ Excludes amounts recognised as unearned revenue in the agency's financial records.

26. Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

When measuring fair value, the valuation techniques used maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are used to the extent that sufficient relevant and reliable observable inputs are not available for similar assets/liabilities.

Observable inputs are publicly available data relevant to the characteristics of the assets/liabilities being valued. Observable inputs used by the agency include, but are not limited to, published sales data for land and general office buildings.

Unobservable inputs are data, assumptions and judgments not available publicly but relevant to the characteristics of the assets/liabilities being valued. Such inputs include internal agency adjustments to observable data to take account of particular and potentially unique characteristics/functionality of assets/liabilities and assessments of physical condition and remaining useful life.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the following fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used:

- Level 1 – inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 – inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 – inputs are unobservable. The department discloses all assets in this level.

All the agency's non-financial assets are measured at Level 3 and are held primarily for service potential rather than to generate cash inflows. Carrying amounts and reconciliation of movements are disclosed in Note 19 Property, Plant and Equipment. These assets are measured using inputs not based on observable market data.

Valuation techniques and inputs

Valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs used to measure fair value in 2024-25 are:

Asset classes	Level	Techniques	Significant unobservable inputs
Specialised Land – with no active markets and/or significant restrictions	3	Current Replacement Cost	Valuer assessment on restrictions
Specialised Building	3	Current Replacement Cost	Valuer assessment on restrictions
Infrastructure	3	Current replacement cost	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Labour and material costs to replace 2. Useful life of components
Plant and equipment	3	Current replacement cost	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost per unit 2. Useful life
Heritage and Cultural Assets	3	Current replacement cost/Market approach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statistically verified random samples

There were no changes in valuation techniques in 2024-25

Level 3 fair values of specialised buildings and infrastructure were determined by computing their current replacement costs because an active market does not exist for such facilities. The current replacement cost was based on a combination of internal records of the historical cost of the facilities, adjusted for contemporary technology and construction approaches. Significant judgement was also used in assessing the remaining service potential of the facilities, given local environmental conditions, projected usage, and records of the current condition of the facilities.

Sensitivity analysis

Land, Buildings and Infrastructure - Unobservable inputs used in computing the fair value of buildings include the historical cost and the consumed economic benefit for each building. Given the large number of agency buildings, it is not practical to compute a relevant summary measure for the unobservable inputs. In respect of sensitivity of fair value to changes in input value, a higher historical cost results in a higher fair value and greater consumption of economic benefit lowers fair value

Heritage and Cultural Assets – The key unobservable inputs used in computing the fair value of Heritage and Cultural Assets is their ‘contribution’ to the purposes of the department, but without regard to any intangible or non-monetary values that they may possess (scientific, cultural, historical or sentimental values). Given the nature of the department’s heritage and cultural assets, it is not practical to compute a relevant summary measure for the unobservable inputs. In respect of sensitivity of fair value to changes in input value, a higher historical cost results in a higher fair value and greater consumption of economic benefit lowers fair value.

27. Financial instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

The agency's financial instruments include cash and deposits; receivables; advances paid; investment in shares; payables; advances received; borrowings and derivatives. It excludes statutory receivables arising from taxes including tax receivables, GST input tax credits recoverable, and fines and penalties, which do not meet the definition of financial instruments as per AASB 132 Financial instruments: Presentation.

The Department of People, Sport and Culture has limited exposure to financial risks as discussed below.

Exposure to interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, credit risk, price risk and liquidity risk arise in the normal course of activities. The Territory Government's investments, loans and placements, and borrowings are predominantly managed through the NT Treasury Corporation adopting strategies to minimise the risk. Derivative financial arrangements are also utilised to manage financial risks inherent in the management of these financial instruments. These arrangements include swaps, forward interest rate agreements and other hedging instruments to manage fluctuations in interest or exchange rates.

a) Categories of financial instruments

The carrying amounts of the agency's financial assets and liabilities by category are disclosed in the table below.

	Category	2025 \$000
Cash and deposits	Other	19 894
Receivables ¹	Amortised cost	178
Total financial assets		20 072
Deposits held ¹	Amortised cost	67
Payables ¹	Amortised cost	4 383
Total financial liabilities		4 450

¹Total amounts disclosed here exclude statutory amounts, prepaid expenses and accrued contract revenue

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets categorised at amortised cost are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment.

The agency's financial assets categorised at amortised cost include receivables.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

The agency does not have any financial assets under this category.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) are initially and subsequently recognised at fair value with gains or losses recognised in the net result for the year.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities at amortised cost are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The agency's financial liabilities categorised at amortised cost include all accounts payable, deposits held, advances received, lease liabilities and borrowings.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

The agency does not have any financial liabilities under this category.

Netting of swap transactions

The agency, from time to time, may facilitate certain structured finance arrangements, where a legally recognised right to set-off financial assets and liabilities exists, and the Territory intends to settle on a net basis. Where these arrangements occur, the revenues and expenses are offset and the net amount is recognised in the comprehensive operating statement.

a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation

The agency has limited credit risk exposure (risk of default). In respect of any dealings with organisations external to government, the agency has adopted a policy of only dealing with credit-worthy organisations and obtaining sufficient collateral or other security where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the agency's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral or other security obtained.

Credit risk relating to receivables is disclosed in Note 16.

b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the agency will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The agency's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure it will always have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities when they fall due. This is achieved by ensuring minimum levels of cash are held in the agency bank account to meet various current employee and supplier liabilities. The agency's exposure to liquidity risk is minimal. Cash injections are available from the Central Holding Authority in the event of one-off extraordinary expenditure items arise that deplete cash to levels that compromise the agency's ability to meet its financial obligations.

The agency's liquidity risk includes credit cards which are managed with tight controls and low limits, credit card use and limits and controls are reviewed regularly. The agency's financial management systems and budget monitoring processes enable reporting, timely escalation and mitigation.

The following tables detail the agency's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities, calculated based on undiscounted cash flows at reporting date. The undiscounted cash flows in these tables differ from the amounts included in the balance sheet, which are based on discounted cash flows.

Maturity analysis for financial liabilities

2025

	Carrying amount	Less than a year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Liabilities					
Deposits held ¹	67	67	-	-	67
Payables ¹	4 383	4 383	-	-	4 383
Total financial liabilities	4 450	4 450	-	-	4 450

¹ Amounts disclosed exclude statutory amounts and accruals (such as AOTA, accrued expenses, unearned revenue and provisions), as these do not meet the definition of financial instrument and therefore amounts will not be recognised in the balance sheet.

a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. It comprises interest rate risk, price risk and currency risk.

i. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rate.

The Department of People, Sport and Culture's exposure to interest rate risk by asset and liability classes is disclosed below.

Interest rate risk for financial assets and liabilities

2025	Interest bearing			Non-interest bearing	Total	Weighted average
	Variable	Fixed				
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	%
Assets						
Cash and deposits	19 894	-	-	-	19 894	4.35
Receivables ¹	-	-	178	178	178	
Total financial assets	19 894	-	178	20 072	20 072	4.35
Liabilities						
Deposits held ¹	-	-	67	67	67	
Payables ¹	-	-	4 383	4 383	4 383	
Total financial liabilities	-	-	4 450	4 450	4 450	

¹ Amounts disclosed exclude statutory amounts and accruals (such as accrued revenue and provisions), as these do not meet the definition of financial instrument and therefore amounts will not be recognised in the balance sheet.

The Agency has very little exposure to interest rate risk. Most of its financial assets and liabilities do not earn or pay interest, apart from the Araluen Gift Fund account and finance leases. Any interest earned on the Araluen Gift Fund is recorded as both an asset and a liability, so changes in interest rates (for example, a 1% increase or decrease) would not affect the department's profit, loss, or equity. Finance leases are set at fixed interest rates, which means they are not impacted by changes in market rates.

Sensitivity analysis

Changes in the variable rates of 100 basis points (1%) at reporting date would have minimal effect on the agency's profit or loss and equity

	100 basis points increase
	\$000
30 June 2025	
Financial assets – cash at bank	199
Net sensitivity	199

i. Price risk

The Agency is not exposed to price risk as it does not hold units in unit trusts.

ii. Currency risk

The Agency is not exposed to currency risk as it does not hold borrowings denominated in foreign currencies or transactional currency exposures arising from purchases in a foreign currency.

28. Related parties

i. Related parties

The Department of People, Sport and Culture is a government administrative entity and is wholly owned and controlled by the Territory Government. Related parties of the department include:

- the portfolio minister and key management personnel (KMP) because they have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the department directly
- close family members of the portfolio minister or KMP including spouses, children and dependents
- all public sector entities that are controlled and consolidated into the whole of government financial statements
- any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP's or the portfolio minister, or controlled or jointly controlled by their close family members.

ii. Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel of the Department of People, Sport and Culture are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Department of People, Sport and Culture. These include the minister, the Chief Executive Officer and the 3 members of the Senior Leadership Team of Department People, Sport and Culture as listed in the Annual Report.

iii. Remuneration of key management personnel

The details below exclude the salaries and other benefits of minister for service as the minister's remunerations and allowances are payable by the Department of the Legislative Assembly and consequently disclosed within the Treasurer's annual financial statements.

The aggregate compensation of key management personnel of the Department of People, Sport and Culture is set out below:

	2025
	\$000
Short-term benefits	1 385
Total remuneration of key management personnel	1 385

iv. Related party transactions: Transactions with Northern Territory Government-controlled entities

The department's primary ongoing source of funding is received from the Central Holding Authority in the form of output and capital appropriation and on-passed Commonwealth national partnership and specific-purpose payments.

The following table provides quantitative information about related party transactions entered into during the year with all other Northern Territory Government-controlled entities.

2025

Related party	Revenue from related parties	Payments to related parties	Amounts owed by related parties	Amounts owed to related parties
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
All NT Government departments	2 313	41 197	164	569

The department's significant payment transactions with other government entities are set out below.

- Payments to Power and Water Corporation of \$8.22 million and Jacana Energy of \$9.48 million for Community Service Obligations for the Northern Territory Concession and Seniors Recognition Schemes, and utility costs for assets owned by the department.
- Payments to DCDD are predominantly related to central billing of information technology services and management costs of \$2.04 million.
- Payments to DLI predominantly related to delivering capital works projects on behalf of the agency, totalling \$6.97 million.

29. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

The Department of People, Sport and Culture had no contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at 30 June 2025.

30. Events subsequent to balance date

No events have arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report that require adjustment to, or disclosure in these financial statements.

31. Budgetary information

The following tables present the variation between the 2024-25 Mid-Year Report as at November 2024 and the 2024-25 actual amounts reported in the financial statements, together with explanations for significant variations.

The Mid-Year budget, published in November 2024, reflects the initial effects of the administrative restructuring. Accordingly, the department, within its discretion, chose this published budget as the point of comparison as it affords more meaningful evaluation of end of year results.

The variations within these tables do not include changes to budgeted appropriations from 2024-25 original budget to 2024-25 final budget. Refer to Note 5a for summary changes to budget appropriations.

Comprehensive operating statement	2025	2025	Variance	Note
	Actual	Mid-Year budget		
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
INCOME				
Grants and subsidies revenue				
Current	2 019	1 085	934	1
Appropriation				
Output	208 862	196 064	12 798	
Commonwealth (excluding capital appropriation)	1 624	666	958	2
Sales of goods and services	1 517	1 474	43	
Goods and services received free of charge	55 649	44 862	10 787	3
Other income	1 171	-	1 171	
TOTAL INCOME	270 842	244 151	26 691	
EXPENSES				
Employee expenses	19 071	16 627	2 444	
Administrative expenses				
Purchases of goods and services ¹	13 195	13 147	48	
Depreciation and amortisation	14 565	11 938	2 627	
Services free of charge				
Other administrative expenses	55 630	44 862	10 768	
Grants and subsidies expenses				
Current	148 434	146 616	1 818	
Capital	12 832	9 320	3 512	5
Community service obligations	14 332	14 358	(26)	
Interest expenses	-	(19)	19	6
Loss on disposal of assets	1 187	-	1 187	7
TOTAL EXPENSES	279 246	256 849	22 397	
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(8 404)	(12 698)	4 294	
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	-	-	-	
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT	(8 404)	(12 698)	4 294	

¹ Purchase of Goods and Services includes Property Management

Notes:

The following note descriptions relate to variances greater than 20%.

1. Additional grants received from, NT Sports Academy (NTSA), Peak Sporting bodies, and Arts NT partnership revenue.
2. Additional Commonwealth appropriation received due to revised National Energy Bill Relief amount.
3. Additional Goods and Services Free of Charge includes notional charges from DCDD, and in-kind support for the National Disability Insurance scheme (NDIS).
4. Capital Grant over budget due to additional funds to support Community Infrastructure and Facilities improvements.
5. Budgeted negative interest expense was adjusted in the final budget.
6. Loss on disposal of asset over budget due to expensing of capital items.

Balance Sheet	2025 Actual \$000	2025 Mid-Year budget \$000	Variance \$000	Note
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and deposits	19 894	(800)	20 694	1
Receivables	1 316	-	1 316	2
Inventories	44	-	44	
Total current assets	21 254	(800)	22 054	
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	254 998	(11 938)	266 936	3
Heritage and cultural assets	170 698	-	170 698	3
Total non-current assets	425 696	(11 938)	437 634	
TOTAL ASSETS	446 950	(12 738)	459 688	
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Deposits held	67	-	67	
Payables	4 383	-	4 383	4
Borrowings and advances	-	(40)	40	
Provisions	2 354	-	2 354	5
Other liabilities	22	-	22	
Total current liabilities	6 826	(40)	6 866	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6 826	(40)	6 866	
NET ASSETS	440 124	(12 698)	452 822	
EQUITY				
Capital	264 801	-	264 801	6
Reserves	183 727	-	183 727	6
Current year surplus (+)/deficit (-)	(8 404)	(12 698)	4 294	7
TOTAL EQUITY	440 124	(12 698)	452 822	

The line items and corresponding amounts duplicate those reported on the face of the balance sheet.

Notes:

The following note descriptions relate to variances greater than 20% or \$1 million, whichever is the lower.

1. Cash and Deposits primarily relates to cash deposit at year end for seniors' prepaid cards to be available from 1 July.
2. Receivables predominantly relate to overpaid concessions and accrued revenue.
3. Transfers in of assets as due to Machinery of Government.
4. Payables primarily related to accrued salaries and accounts payable timing of payments to suppliers.
5. Provisions primarily related to employee provisions transferred in due to administrative restructuring.
6. Primarily related to transfers in due to administrative restructuring.
7. Current year surplus / deficit related to the 2024/25 Comprehensive Operating Statement.

Cash flow statement	2025 Actual	2025 Original Budget	Variance	Note
	\$000	\$000	\$000	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating receipts				
Grants and subsidies received				
Current	2 019	1 085	934	1
Appropriation				
Output	208 862	196 064	12 798	2
Commonwealth (excluding capital appropriation)	1 624	666	958	3
Receipts from sales of goods and services	4 337	1 474	2 863	4
Total operating receipts	216 842	199 289	17 553	
Operating payments				
Payments to employees	(16 303)	(16 627)	324	
Payments for goods and services	(12 940)	(13 147)	207	
Grants and subsidies paid				
Current	(148 043)	(146 616)	(1 427)	
Capital	(12 805)	(9 320)	(3 485)	5
Community service obligations	(14 332)	(14 358)	26	
Interest paid	-	(19)	19	
Total operating payments	(204 423)	(200 087)	(4 336)	
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	12 419	(798)	13 217	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Investing payments				
Purchases of non-financial assets	(726)	-	(726)	
Total investing payments	(726)	-	(726)	
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	(726)	-	(726)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Financing receipts				
Deposits received	67	-	67	
Equity injections				
Capital appropriation	45	-	45	
Other equity injections	11 498	-	11 498	6
Total financing receipts	11 610	-	11 610	
Financing payments				
Repayment of borrowings	-	(40)	40	
Equity withdrawals	(3 409)	-	(3 409)	6
Total financing payments	(3 409)	(40)	(3 369)	
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	8 201	(40)	(8 241)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	19 894	(838)	20 732	
Cash at beginning of financial year	-	-	-	
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	19 894	(838)	20 732	

Notes:

The following note descriptions relate to variances greater than 20% or \$1 million, whichever is the lower.

1. Current grants revenue increase relates to additional revenue for unbudgeted Peak Sporting Bodies and Arts NT partnership revenue.
2. The increase in Output Appropriation is attributable to Cabinet decisions made during the reporting period.
3. Commonwealth appropriation increase relates to Changing Places funding that was unwound and with no cash impact.
4. Other agency receipts from sales of goods and services is primarily due to unearned revenue being recognised.
5. Capital Grants increased due to additional funding received to support Community Infrastructure and Facilities improvements.
6. Primarily related to transfers in due to administrative restructuring.

Appendix

Grants recipients 2024-25

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Non-Resident Nepali Association Australia Limited	2,000.00
3 Pies Pty Ltd	985.00
8CCC Community Radio Incorporated	1,500.00
Acts Community Care Network Limited	11,000.00
AFL Northern Territory Limited	1,126,375.00
Aidan Lijanga	2,000.00
Akshy Athukorala	5,500.00
Alawa Aboriginal Corporation	6,000.00
Alawa Primary School Council	700.00
Alcohol and Drug Foundation Inc	55,000.00
Alexander Shaw	13,000.00
Alexandra Edmondson	7,000.00
Alice Cotton	2,000.00
Alice Springs Beekeepers Association Incorporated	7,200.00
Alice Springs Indian Community Inc.	3,000.00
Alice Springs Malayalee Association (AMA) Incorporated	5,000.00
Alice Springs Netball Association Inc	4,000.00
Alice Springs School Of The Air	20,769.79
Alice Springs Town Council	1,464,500.00
Alice Springs Youth And Community Centre Inc	151,000.00
Alliance Francaise De Darwin Incorporated	6,500.00
Alyangula Area School Council Inc	22,612.34
Alyson de Groot	30,466.00
Anangu Uwankaraku Punu Aboriginal Corporation	5,049.00
Anglicare NT Ltd	738,309.00
Anna Thomson	2,000.00
Annge Pty Ltd	10,000.00
Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation	6,000.00
Arafura Music Collective Inc	53,950.00
ARLC NT Limited	234,818.54
Arnhem Northern and Kimberley Artists Aboriginal Corporation	118,498.22
Artback NT Incorporated	309,593.54
Articulate Business Solutions Pty Ltd	10,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Arts Law Centre Of Australia	30,000.00
Association of Independent Retirees Limited	10,031.36
Association of the Russian Speaking Community of the Northern Territory Incorporated	800.00
AusCycling Ltd	185,000.00
Australia Day Council NT	5,100.00
Australia-China Friendship Society NT Branch Incorporated	222,900.00
Australian Japanese Association of the Northern Territory Incorporated	2,000.00
Australian Performing Arts Centres Limited	60,000.00
Australian Red Cross Society	105,000.00
Australian Regional and Remote Community Services Limited	300.00
Australian Sailing Limited	125,000.00
Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd	100,000.00
Australian Vietnamese Family Association Inc	6,750.00
Austriathlon Ltd	130,000.00
Barkly Regional Arts Inc	161,710.95
Barkly Regional Council	692,601.56
Baseball Northern Territory	113,500.00
Basketball NT Inc	574,241.69
Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation	10,000.00
Belyuen Community Government Council	83,000.00
Belyuen School	2,000.00
Benhur Helwend	723.00
Bernadette Ryan	1,600.00
Better Bodies Incorporated	25,800.00
Bicycle South Australia Inc	5,840.00
Board of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory	12,889,547.50
Bowls NT	125,000.00
Boxing NT Inc	50,000.00
Brad Fawcett	1,227.00
Brooke Peris	5,000.00
Brown's Mart Arts Limited	746,680.11
Bulabula Arts Aboriginal Corporation	39,320.00
CD Rodrigues & JF Vigona	34,300.00
Carers NT Limited	205,512.52
Carpentaria Disability Services Ltd	1,365,055.00
Carris Freeman	2,175.00
Catholic Church Of The Diocese Of Darwin	45,000.00
CatholicCare NT	3,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
CBT Youth And Community Limited	11,500.00
Central Australia Sikh Cultural Centre Incorporated	11,000.00
Central Australian Aviation Museum Inc	2,980.00
Central Australian Football Club Incorporated	201,950.00
Central Australian Rough Riders Incorporated	2,000.00
Central Australian Territory Craft Incorporated	93,784.83
Central Australian Womens Legal Services Inc	5,000.00
Central Desert Regional Council	556,121.63
Chamonix Higginson	1,319.00
Charles Darwin University	37,461.72
Charlie King	6,970.00
Childbirth Education Association (Alice Springs) Incorporated	10,000.00
Children's Ground Limited	70,000.00
Chung Wah Society Incorporated	10,000.00
City Of Darwin	61,700.00
City of Palmerston	1,500.00
Clancy Clarke	13,000.00
Clarence McCarthy-Grogan	5,000.00
Colemans Ink Pty Ltd	7,912.00
Colombian-Australian Association of the Northern Territory	11,200.00
Coomalie Community Government Council	182,287.43
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts Inc	259,954.66
Council On The Ageing (NT) Inc	972,939.61
Crafts Council Of The Northern Territory Inc	138,785.33
Create Foundation Limited	6,500.00
Creative Australia	25,600.00
Cyprus Community Of NT Incorporated	152,000.00
Darren Schmitt	2,900.00
Darwin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Shelter Indigenous Corporation	4,000.00
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation Limited	100,975.00
Darwin Basketball Association Inc.	50,000.00
Darwin Casuarina Lions Club District 201c2, Australia	8,350.00
Darwin Chorale Incorporated	25,000.00
Darwin City Brass Band Association Inc	50,680.00
Darwin Community Arts Incorporated	404,574.12
Darwin Community Legal Service Inc	378,722.12
Darwin Film Society Inc	2,000.00
Darwin Fringe Incorporated	2,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Darwin High School Board Inc	4,000.00
Darwin Indigenous Men's service Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation	50,000.00
Darwin Karting Association Inc	50,000.00
Darwin Malayalee Association Inc	15,700.00
Darwin Mens Shed	1,052,000.00
Darwin Musical Theatre Incorporated	9,239.00
Darwin Off-Road Cyclists Incorporated	2,000.00
Darwin Parachute Club Inc	7,000.00
Darwin Performing Arts Centre	1,022,769.00
Darwin Symphony Orchestra Incorporated	366,097.99
Darwin Table Tennis Association Inc	1,000.00
Darwin Trailer Boat Club Inc	1,500.00
Darwin Visual Arts Association Incorporated	77,138.83
Darwin Waterfront Corporation	20,000.00
David Collins	15,964.00
David James Garnham	17,000.00
DDC Performing Arts Incorporated	10,000.00
Deadly Hair Dude Pty Ltd	32,400.00
Deaf Services Limited	179,564.50
Debbie Hyder	12,345.00
DECNET Pty Ltd	15,000.00
Derek Pugh	7,000.00
Desart Inc	367,221.25
Dharungol Aboriginal Corporation	30,000.00
Diabetes Association of the NT Inc	115,000.00
Disability Advocacy Service Inc	76,585.04
Disability Sports Australia Limited	117,000.00
Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation	14,250.00
Dream Impact Inspire Pty Ltd	178,150.00
Dundee Beach School	7,794.00
Dynamic Community Services Incorporated	2,800.00
East Arnhem Regional Council	1,188,450.64
Elise Thornthwaite	3,500.00
Emily Miller	7,000.00
Endorsed Enterprises Pty Ltd	18,000.00
Equestrian Northern Territory	110,000.00
Eve Pawlik	2,296.00
FABalice Festival Incorporated	5,000.00
Family Planning Welfare Assn of NT Inc	5,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Felicity Wardle	12,483.00
Filipiniana Senior Citizens Association Incorporated	18,000.00
Flinders Medical Students' Society (NT)	2,690.00
Football Northern Territory Incorporated	373,698.54
Forrest Parade School	500.00
forrestPR	105,000.00
Freya Kinden	26,425.00
Fulfilling Dreams Inc	2,000.00
Gap Youth and Community Centre Aboriginal Corporation	1,030,094.44
Gapuwiyak Culture & Arts Aboriginal Corporation	10,000.00
Gary Lang NT Dance Company	109,398.83
Georgia Cruickshank	13,000.00
Georgia Mussett	2,400.00
Girl Guides Association of NSW	50,000.00
Golf Australia Limited	185,000.00
Golf NT Incorporated	15,000.00
Gong Wanhurr Indigenous Corporation	25,000.00
Gray School Council Inc	500.00
Greek Orthodox Community Of Northern Australia Inc	48,000.00
Grow	100,000.00
Gujarati Cultural Association Of Darwin Incorporated	1,500.00
Guts Dance Central Australia Incorporated	55,000.00
Hamilton Downs Youth Camp Association Inc	50,000.00
Hannah Illingworth	2,500.00
Happy Paws Happy Hearts Ltd	10,000.00
Happy Yess Community Arts Incorporated	78,067.86
Helen Bond-Sharp	7,000.00
Hermannsburg Potters Aboriginal Corporation	1,849.00
High Calibre Sports Pty Ltd	9,000.00
Hindu Society of Central Australia Incorporated	2,000.00
Hindu Society of NT Inc	72,000.00
Hockey NT Incorporated	608,924.54
Hoops 4 Health Pty Ltd	108,905.00
Hot Game Magnet	16,290.00
Human Quotient Group Pty Ltd	95,000.00
IBC Social Enterprise Pty Ltd	220,000.00
Ignite Potential Incorporated	132,000.00
Incite Arts Incorporated	136,397.48
Indian Association of the NT Incorporated	8,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Indian Australian Association of Northern Territory Incorporated	9,000.00
Infinity Prism Entertainment Pty Ltd	34,420.00
Integrated Disability Action Inc	449,234.62
Janet Schultz	2,000.00
Janie Mason	3,180.00
Jannik Blair	5,000.00
Jasmine Story	20,000.00
Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation	2,000.00
Jenifer Grahek	25,250.00
Jeremy Hayward	5,000.00
Jilamara Arts And Crafts Association	27,000.00
Jimmy Bamble	18,182.00
Joanna Laine Bennett	500.00
Joseph White	5,000.00
Judo Northern Territory	35,000.00
Kalano Community Association Incorporated	146,500.00
Kamahi Djordon King	2,000.00
Kani Tezaris	47,480.00
Kate Raymond	3,800.00
Katherine & District Show Society Inc	2,375.00
Katherine Community Indoor Sports Centre Pty Ltd	1,700.00
Katherine Community Projects Association Incorporated	38,150.00
Katherine Country Club Inc	1,000,000.00
Katherine Nepali Association Incorporated	5,000.00
Katherine Outback Experience Pty Ltd	6,280.00
Katherine Regional Arts Incorporated	158,897.69
Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Ltd	979,775.00
Katherine School Of The Air Council	24,475.18
Katherine Senior Citizens Association Incorporated	4,000.00
Katherine South Primary School Council Canteen	600.00
Katherine Town Council	252,679.27
Kelly Green	5,576.00
Kentish Community Services Ltd	2,400.00
Kenyan In Darwin Association Incorporated	3,600.00
Kezia Dilettoso	13,000.00
Kim Dorfman	5,000.00
Kimberly O'Hagan	1,690.00
Kyla St Jaye	2,000.00
Lara Penney	13,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Larapinta Primary School Council Inc	400.00
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	35,000.00
Latin American Association Darwin Incorporated	20,000.00
Laurel May	19,586.00
Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation	59,859.70
Levin Diatschenko	14,500.00
Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation	57,809.74
Lion Heart Association Incorporated	3,500.00
Litchfield Council	312,235.82
Ludmilla Primary School Council Inc	1,000.00
Lydia White	5,000.00
M & J Builders Pty Ltd	5,000.00
Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation	9,758.00
MacDonnell Regional Council	602,684.64
Made Concepts Pty Ltd	96,834.00
Mary Platinum Services Pty Ltd	5,500.00
Maurice O'Riordan	5,000.00
Maxim's Guitar Workshop	2,000.00
Melaleuca Refugee Centre Torture & Trauma Survivor's Service of the Northern Territory Inc	159,773.12
Michael Coombes	80,000.00
Michelle Parker	1,030.00
Milkwood Steiner School Association Incorporated	4,000.00
Millner Primary School Council Inc	1,000.00
Miriam Nicholls	2,750.00
Miriam Rose Foundation Aboriginal Corporation	3,875.00
MJD Foundation Limited	10,000.00
Monique Van Houwelingen	4,500.00
Morgan Claverie	2,000.00
MotorSports NT	200,000.00
Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia Inc	286,401.88
Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory Incorporated	369,106.25
Multicultural Multigenerational Mainstream Dance Association Incorporated	51,230.00
MusicNT Incorporated	465,646.94
NT Industry Training Bureau	130,000.00
Natalie Jacobs	21,123.00
National Disability Services Limited	280,184.46
National Trust Of Australia (NT)	950.00
Nawarddeken Academy Ltd	10,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Nepalese Association of Northern Territory Inc	13,500.00
Nepalese Community Alice Springs Inc	3,700.00
Netball NT Inc	254,818.54
Network Tindal Incorporated	10,000.00
Nganmariyanga School Council Incorporated	1,500.00
Ngukurr Art Aboriginal Corporation	58,170.00
Niesha Korman	13,971.00
Nightcliff Middle School Council	500.00
Norman Watson	5,500.00
North Australia Global Services Pty Limited	25,000.00
North West Mobile Force (Norforce)	10,000.00
Northern Centre for Contemporary Art Incorporated	195,545.94
Northern Tango Incorporated	921.00
Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council Inc	75,000.00
Northern Territory Athletics	125,000.00
Northern Territory Badminton Association Incorporated	50,000.00
Northern Territory Ballroom Dancing Association Incorporated	2,600.00
Northern Territory Calisthenics Association Incorporated	35,000.00
Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc	5,950.00
Northern Territory Clay Target Association Inc	35,000.00
Northern Territory Council of Social Service Incorporated	171,115.96
Northern Territory Cricket Limited	243,909.44
Northern Territory Firearms Council Inc	150,000.00
Northern Territory Gymnastic Association Incorporated	398,433.72
Northern Territory Hong Kong Club	5,000.00
Northern Territory Major Events Company Pty Ltd	190,243.00
Northern Territory Rifle Association Incorporated	15,000.00
Northern Territory Rugby Union Inc	234,818.54
Northern Territory Working Women's Centre Incorporated	249,852.16
NT Polocrosse Association Incorporated	35,000.00
NT Show Council Incorporated	378,656.25
NT South African Association Incorporated	5,000.00
NT Tenpin Bowling Assn Inc	35,000.00
NT Working Women's Centre	5,000.00
NT Writers' Centre Inc	224,605.92
Off The Leash Incorporated	87,363.91
Orchestra Legato Incorporated	8,980.00
Oz Fish Unlimited Limited	5,100.00
Pakistan Association of the NT Inc	1,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association Inc	1,000.00
Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association	239,368.14
Palmerston College Council Inc	2,900.00
Palmerston Rugby Union Club Incorporated	6,700.00
Pathfinders NT Pty Ltd	47,700.00
Pedal Projects Pty Ltd	36,113.00
Pensioners Workshop Association Incorporated	7,252.08
Petrit Abazi	1,540.00
Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia	500.00
Pistol NT Incorporated	35,000.00
Pony Club Association Of The Northern Territory	50,000.00
Prabhat Rauniyar	2,000.00
Probus Club of Stuart Alice Springs Inc	1,200.00
Pussy Cat Flats Sports and Recreation Association Incorporated	915.00
RDA Alice Springs Incorporated	50,000.00
Red Hot Arts Central Australia Incorporated	137,598.26
Reeling Veterans Incorporated	26,000.00
Rees Recreation Pty Ltd	30,000.00
Relationships Australia Northern Territory Inc	12,550.00
Returned & Services League Of Australia (Queensland Branch)	69,538.08
Returned & Services League Of Australia (SA Branch) Darwin Sub Branch	20,000.00
Rhys Dowling	5,000.00
Rich Life Health & Fitness Pty Ltd	1,000.00
Riding for the Disabled Association Top End Inc	133,000.00
Riley Page	23,500.00
Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation	14,500.00
Rod And Rifle Pty Ltd	22,400.00
Roper Gulf Regional Council	801,677.17
Roslyn Pappalardo	1,200.00
Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch Inc	553,296.02
Rural Business Support Service Incorporated	35,000.00
Ryanna Clayton	14,850.00
Sahul & Sunda Arts Ltd	21,000.00
Sarah Baker	15,000.00
Satellite City BMX Club Incorporated	2,000.00
School Sport NT Incorporated	4,880.00
Scott Belshaw	50,000.00
Sean Guy	529.00
Seniors of Excellence Northern Territory Incorporated	2,000.00

Grant recipients	Amount \$
Shay Jayawardena	24,919.00
She Flourishes	3,500.00
Sikh Association Northern Territory Incorporated	45,500.00
Skipping NT	50,000.00
Slow But Sure Pty Ltd	8,000.00
Smart Health Global Australia Inc	1,500.00
Softball Australia Limited	138,309.00
Soldier On Limited	14,000.00
Southern Districts Football Club	600,000.00
Squash NT Incorporated	110,000.00
Sri Lankan Australian Friendship Association	13,600.00
St John Ambulance Australia NT Inc	50,000.00
St Vincent De Paul Society (NT) Inc	1,500.00
Stanley Law	1,512,087.67
STEPS Group Australia Ltd	2,000.00
Sugarbag Incorporated	3,950.00
Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated	152,050.00
Swimming Northern Territory Incorporated	175,000.00
Syarifatus Shiddiq	9,754.00
T Du & S Weston	7,200.00
Table Tennis NT	35,000.00
Tahlia Rutherford	42,240.00
Tahnee Hill	3,840.00
Taiwanese Community of the Northern Territory	2,300.00
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	1,278,741.50
Tangsoo Pty Ltd	14,725.00
Tania Lieman	43,360.00
Tarntipi Homelands Aboriginal Corporation	4,000.00
Tarunney Bangladesh Association of Darwin Incorporated	8,000.00
Teegan Blitner	5,200.00
Telugu Association of Northern Territory Inc	6,000.00
Tennant Creek Senior Citizens & Pensioners Association Inc	2,000.00
Tennis NT Inc	259,818.54
The Alice Springs Steiner Association Inc	5,000.00
The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation	401,254.46
The Darwin Festival Limited	20,000.00
The Darwin Horse and Pony Club Inc	1,500.00
The Darwin Sailing Club Inc	14,560.00
The Eleanor Dark Foundation Limited	20,000.00

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The Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Inc	25,667.49
The Greater Union Organisation Pty Ltd & Village Cinemas Australia Pty Ltd	21,150.00
The Hub of Respect Inc	1,500.00
The Italian Club Darwin	238,055.00
The Korean Association in Australia Northern Territory Incorporated	8,100.00
The Palmerston Game Fishing Club Inc	4,400.00
The Scout Association of Australia Northern Territory Branch Incorporated	50,000.00
The Tamil Society Of The Northern Territory Inc	2,600.00
The Trustee for Belgravia Leisure Unit Trust	2,000.00
The Trustee for Farah Family Trust	21,851.00
The Trustee for SLIDE Youth Dance Theatre Trust	65,623.00
The Trustee for The Build Up Trust	218,530.00
The Trustee for The M Kastelein Trust	16,400.00
The Trustee for Yarraman Territory Trust	109,544.90
The YMCA of the Northern Territory Youth & Community Services Ltd	1,671,736.50
The Young Men's Christian Association of the Northern Territory Ltd	199,134.00
Tiwi Education Board Incorporated	5,000.00
Tom O'Neill-Thorne	5,000.00
Top End Folk Club Inc.	4,409.00
Top End Pride (NT) Inc	22,246.00
Total Recreation NT Inc	110,000.00
Touch Football Australia Limited	190,119.00
Tracks Inc	217,306.58
Trayhern Family Investments Pty Ltd	1,700.00
Triptic Pty Ltd	10,000.00
Two Two One Inc	5,000.00
UMNT Incorporated	21,000.00
United Nations Association of Australia Northern Territory (UNAANT) Inc	7,000.00
University of Western Australia	75,000.00
Veterans Australia NT Inc	2,500.00
Veterans Motorcycle Club NT Chapter Incorporated	10,000.00
Vibrant Diverse Cultures Incorporated	10,000.00
Victoria Daly Regional Council	393,486.66
Vietnamese Community In Australia - NT Chapter Incorporated	33,100.00
VMG Australia Pty Ltd	55,700.00
Volleyball Northern Territory Incorporated	110,000.00
Wagait Shire Council	64,768.00
Walking Off the War Within Inc	10,000.00
Warddeken Land Management Limited	9,986.00

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Watch This Space Inc	180,269.16
West Arnhem Regional Council	1,301,745.85
West Daly Regional Council	2,500.00
Wildfire Consultancy Pty Ltd	9,964.00
Women's Museum of Australia Incorporated	72,500.00
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	6,604.00
Woolaning School	9,754.29
Wurli-Wurlinjang Aboriginal Corporation	2,500.00
Young Diggers Limited	10,000.00
Yulara School Council	10,000.00
Zeino Pty Ltd	9,100.00
GRAND TOTAL	58,728,503.55

