

# Northern Territory Athletics Annual Report 2019





### Athletics Northern Territory 2019

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2018/2019 was an extremely busy year for Northern Territory Athletics, particularly with events and indigenous programs.

Participation grew by 18%, with 144 being under 5 years of age, 506 members under 18 and 609 members over 18. The most significant increase was in the 18 plus age group due to membership drives to attract additional team members for the Australian Masters Athletics. 53% of our members live within the Darwin area, followed by Alice Springs at 17%, Katherine at 16%, Outer Darwin 10% and Palmerston 4%.

In February this year, John Bowden resigned and longstanding Finance Manager, Michele Hughes stepped into John's shoes as acting General Manager.

One of the biggest highlights for the year was the opportunity to host for the first time, the Australian Masters Athletics Championships in Darwin. The event was a huge success with 683 entrants including 156 from the Northern Territory and 527 from interstate and overseas. We also played host to 26 interstate officials and one overseas official who along with our own officials we could not have done without.

We also witnessed many records being broken with one world record, 10 Australian Masters Athletics Records and 38 AMA records.

Athletics Northern Territory also continued to be active in the delivery of out of stadium running events including the Palmy 5, the iconic NT City 2 Surf, Mother's Day Classic and the Mitchell Street Mile with entries remaining constant.

During the 2016/17 year, the Northern Territory Government started a new initiative for sports to deliver programs in Remote Communities throughout the Northern Territory. Many of the programs we were involved in, included athletics at play programs, carnivals and coaching which enabled the community to continue on with the program plus each community received their own athletics equipment kits. Our staff, along with interstate coaches ventured to many remote areas including Jabiru, Tiwi Islands, Gunbalanya, Minjilang, Elliot, Pine Creek. One program was also delivered by our Alice Springs Coach for the Alice Springs School of the Air. All programs had positive outcomes with the children willing and eager to learn.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our volunteers and officials who assisted us with the delivery of our first ever Australian Masters Athletics Championships, along with all of our events including the NT Championships and our out of stadium events.

I would also like to thank our coaches who tirelessly encourage and teach our athletes to do their best.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors for their generous support during the 2016/17 financial year including the Northern Territory Government, Conoco Philips, Club Tropical Resort, Bendigo Bank, Darwin City Council, Kings Sport, Kerry's Automotive Group, Power and Water, Thrifty, Palmerston City Council, Cazalys, Royal Flying Doctors Service, Donate Life, Channel 9, Territory Sports Medicine, Hilton Hotel, Hotel Darwin, Telstra, The Tap on Darwin, Mitchell Centre, NT Beverages, Shenanigans, Mix FM and the NO MORE Campaign. We also welcome our newest sponsor for the coming year, Lottoland.

**Leanne Chin**  
**Executive Officer**







## **The President's Report**

2017 has been an extremely busy year on and off the track. The Australian Masters Athletics Championships saw the largest gathering of athletes in the NT for some time. Lottoland's involvement in the Mitchell St Mile took the event to another level and we now have the Arafura Games back in May 2019. Participation and memberships again have risen this year mainly due to the greater number of events being run by ANT. The year also saw staff and volunteers heading to many different remote locations across the NT and has resulted in the community of Ramingining taking the first steps to creating a club.

Going into 2018 One Sport will become a focal point for ANT. The One Sport philosophy is targeted towards having one body that represents the Sport of Athletics in Australia by 2030. That includes both track and field plus outer stadium running groups. There have been a number of MoUs signed by Athletics Australia with other athletics/running associations that will help drive the initiatives.

The office has been an extremely busy place over the last few months. Not only at the front end with events but finally finishing off many policy and process documents to improve the level of governance within the Association and bring it in line with the Australian Sports Commission and NT Department of Sport and Recreation guidelines. The main business of ANT is providing access to events, coaching, development opportunities and pathways. For the association to be successful there must be a solid governance structure that underwrites the association.

Many thanks to the staff at the office and the board members for their support and dedication during the year and to the clubs for continuing to grow themselves and develop programs and pathways for their members. We are well placed to continue to grow the sport in 2020 and look forward to the ongoing involvement by all clubs and members in developing opportunities for the sport.

**James Sheridan**

**President**

**Athletics Northern Territory**



*Leading, Fostering & Encouraging participation in Athletics in the Northern Territory*

## Alice Springs Athletics Club

This has certainly been a year of growth for the Alice Springs Athletics Club.

At the administrative level, a number of new faces have joined the committee and we are working together in a very cooperative and productive manner. This year the club committed to up-skilling a number of our volunteers who completed their Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Courses. Murray, our head coach, has therefore developed a coaching team structure which has greatly improved the development of our athletes.

The clubs' memberships base has expanded. In 2016, the membership was 44 and in 2017, 77. The signs are very strong for future growth in this area, as the clubs' recruitment and training arm DESERT RUN is seeing terrific numbers almost each and every training night. At the competition level Alice Springs athletes produced record breaking results at this years' Northern Territory Championships and with many talented athletes currently in our system the signs are extremely encouraging for these records to be further challenged in the upcoming seasons.

**Written on behalf of President Murray Stewart.**

**Yours in athletics,  
Tianne Rothwell.**







**Alice Springs Runners & Walkers Club**

The ASRWC has had a very successful year featuring record numbers of members and record participation in our flagship events, the Barret Drive Mile and the Alice Springs Running Festival.



The committee has been very proactive with key initiatives including the adoption of the Play by The Rules program targeting anti - discrimination and harassment policies and procedures and becoming Level 3 accredited in the Good Sports Program.

The Club's financial statements reflect a strong financial position which allows the committee room to invest in the Clubs future, for example a new modern timing system to streamline electronic timing for members at Club events.

Our local stars have shined once again with standout performances both locally, interstate and even overseas. Emma Kraft represented Australia

in Mountain Running in Italy and won the trail-run event in the Asia Pacific Champs. Many local runners have achieved fantastic results through the year. Local Runner, committee member and coach Brad White has also competed interstate and continues to be a valuable asset and mentor to the Club and the local running community with his talent and experience.

The club has achieved many milestones this year but perhaps one of the most popular is the construction of a dedicated Club shed at our training oval, gained through the successful application of local government building grants. We hope this can become the hub for future Club sport and social events.



We wish all the nominees for NT Sports Awards the best of luck and we look forward to another busy and successful year ahead in 2018.

Regards,

**John Bermingham**  
**Club President 2019**







## **DARWIN ATHLETICS CLUB**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2019**

2017 was a successful year for the Darwin Athletics Club with a total membership of around 200, down from 241 athletes in 2016 and 280 athletes in 2015. The most promising aspect of our membership was the rise of our Athletes with Disability (AWD) membership which doubled to around 20 athletes in only its second year running.

The club secured 3 paid coaching positions for the AWD program on Monday afternoons thanks to Carers NT and I am assured these paid coaching positions will be funded again in 2018. The club sent athletes to compete in Cairns for the first time in 2017 and was rewarded with a swag of medals and goodwill from the North Queensland Athletics Community.

The club had a strong committee in 2017 and was lucky to have six club coaches for the bulk of the year (Suzanne, Jess, Marie and Nigel along with Paul and Lara – AWD)

Thanks to Michael Stalas and his family for BBQ and canteen assistance.

Thanks to Jess Brewster as Club Secretary.

Thanks to Mandy, Kevin, Lyn, Miranda, Jess Leeson and other parents and volunteers for helping out with various duties during the year

As President I will be stepping down at the end of the year as our family is moving interstate. The club is in good hands moving forward.

**Nigel Doyle**  
**President – Darwin Athletics Club**





**Darwin Runners & Walkers Incorporated**

Darwin Runners & Walkers Inc has had another good year with registrations currently at 330, this included 30 of the 2017 US Marine rotation joining us at the weekly runs. We have added a few new locations this year including Hidden Valley and Farrar. The club held its annual running festival 5-10-21km with solid numbers partaking in the events. We are constantly seeing 100-150 runners each week with close to 200 partaking in the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation support run at East Point in Oct. One of the bigger events is the support the club gives to the Run with Dad.

There have been strong performances from many of our more senior runners including Allan Long's results in the Australian Masters Athletics National events, with a 21:02:03 for David Rumball for 103km in 24hr and a 22:49:54 for Asha Mahasuria in the Vietnam Mountain Marathon just to name a few.

So overall we keep doing the thing we have been doing every Wednesday all year round.

**Ian Fullarton**  
**President Darwin Runners & Walkers Inc.**



**Katherine Athletics Club  
Presidents report 2019 Season**

In October/November 2017 we had 7 athletes compete at the World Masters Athletics Championships. With many PB's and NT records broken.

The 2018 season started 2 weeks late in March, given the double bookings and heavy usage of our oval. We added 2 Friday's in the 4wk holidays to make up our season. Our Snappers (3-5 year olds) program was again successful with 57 members, this year it was run by Sharon Drury.

Our numbers for the 2017 season 6 and over were 144 with a total of 201 members 22 of these members are Masters athletes the highest masters membership to date.

We used the one sport registration system this year which was successful and reduced the paperwork load for registrations.

Coaching began in April term 2, 2 afternoons a week.

During June we had 12 masters compete in Darwin for the Masters Athletics Championships, everyone coming home with an array of medals and NT records.

Coaching continued from Term 3 is and was made available 3 afternoons per week. Sessions include fitness and strength, catering to the events of the athletes present.

Over the August long weekend, we had successful Club Championships, competing from Thursday through to Sunday in every event available to each age group. All athletes collected PB's, records, ribbons and medals. This was also the close of the season for 6-8 year olds.

We had a 10yr old French traveller join us from Friday, they stayed the weekend for her to compete. It was a very nice change for those that work all weekend to have the Monday to recover and relax before going back to work. We have decided to change club Champs for 2018 to the long weekend as well.

40 Athletes competed at the NT Championships this year ages 6-57. It was a successful meet with many bringing home medals and personal bests. Katherine won overall club points and Lewis Lampton was named Master Athlete of the meet, plus 2 junior Athlete Nelly Thomas, Simeon Tallon Rosas qualified for Pacific School Games 10-12 and 2 Athletes Brianna and Charlize Simmonds qualify for All Schools Athletics Nationals from their results of NT Champs.

Thank you to all the volunteers in our club no matter how big or small your help is very much appreciated and our club could not run without it. Overall we have had a very successful season.

**Nicole Simmonds  
President Katherine Athletics Club**







## President's Report 2019

MAD Frogs' 2017 season officially commenced with our Annual General Meeting on 26 February 2017. Our focus immediately turned to the Australian Masters Athletics Championships being held 9–12 June.

### Competition

The season was off to a flying start with fortnightly competitions being run from mid-February to prepare us for the tough interstate competition that was to come. Despite the anxieties about participating at this top level, the MAD Frogs competed admirably and in many cases excelled, winning 9 gold, 6 silver and 9 bronze medals. Nine Frogs also set or broke 25 NT records and several achieved PBs. Overall, the Championships were an outstanding success for MAD Frogs.



The other major focus of our year was the NT Championships. Unfortunately, for various reasons only 8 Frogs competed but still managed to come away with 30 gold, 6 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Several Frogs have also travelled both interstate and overseas during the last 12 months to enjoy friendly competition and good times.

### Membership

Considering the number of NT participants at the AMA Championships, our membership for the season only increased marginally to 20 full members and 2 social members. Many NT participants took advantage of the special deal to compete at the AMA Championships and unfortunately the majority of them haven't been seen since June.

### Volunteering

MAD Frogs have supported Athletics NT events during the year by manning water stops for the *Mitchell Street Mile*, *Australia Day Fun Run*, *Palmerston Fun Run*, *City to Surf*, and also by officiating at the NT Championships and Australian Masters Athletics Championships.



### In closing

We sincerely thank Michele, Leanne and Laura for their hard work, commitment and good humour throughout this extremely busy year and acknowledge the work of the Athletics NT Board.

A special thank you to Steve McGugan who, in his role as the Chair of the AMA Local Organising Committee, led the team in staging a very successful event. He was ably supported in his role by Ruth Garden as Secretary – thanks Ruth.

**Nola Brockie**





During 2017, the Palmerston Athletics Club have worked tirelessly promoting athletics and raising the profile of the club within the Palmerston Community and as a result doubled their membership base.

The club regularly promotes their athletes on Facebook to highlight all members whether they compete or not, to encourage participation even if it is just training. This has resulted in some members gaining sponsorship towards their events. For 2018, the club has produced 2 calendars featuring the ladies relay team and the other featuring a collection of the fastest sprinters in the NT.

The club has been fortunate enough to be supported by Eva Lawler and other organisations, to sponsor athletes and other sponsors have provided equipment such as shoes.

The club's goal is to encourage and include all members, providing positive experiences even if particular athletes struggle to be winners. And in addition, the club has offered sponsored memberships to members who are able to provide skills and/or assistance to the club, resulting in increased numbers of volunteers.

The club delivers its own monthly competition and training sessions increased depending on the needs during the season such as state and national events.

The 2017 NT Championships was a huge success for the Palmerston Athletics Club where 41 of the club's athletes participated in 146 events which resulted in PAC winning: 41 Gold; 29 Silver; and 16 Bronze, Total 86 medals. Increasing the medals won from 29 in 2015 and 37 medals in 2016.

Since July 2017, the club has been successful in seeking grant funding to purchase a trailer and line marker, and has since applied for further funding to purchase a defibrillator to send 4 members to do coaching courses in 2018, to further increase their coaches and coaching skills.



## RURAL ATHLETICS CENTRE

Another strong year for Rural Athletics started off with 5 representatives at the 2016 World Masters Athletics Championships in Perth in October 2016. We followed on from this with representatives in the NT School Sport and Athletic NT All Schools Championships teams, competing in Sydney and Canberra respectively in November and December.

The 2017 season started with Come & Try days late March and we held our first Saturday competition on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Membership was again a good mix of continuing and new members, with a total of 138 athletes registered by the time of the NT Championships. This included three late registrations from the Arnhem region, a very welcome inclusion in our team at the championships and to our club. Another 13 people registered as volunteers/officials/coaches.

We were well-represented at the Australian Masters Championships in Darwin in June, with PBs and NT records achieved by many. RAC competed at all 4 interclubs during the season, including being the replacement host for the event originally scheduled for Katherine on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Whilst we didn't win champion club at the NT Championships (well done to KAC!), we nevertheless produced fantastic performances across the weekend, with 4 members selected in the NT School Sport team for the Pacific School Games and 6 in the Athletics NT All Schools team, both championships coming up in December.

We look forward to another successful year in 2018!







Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated  
ABN 62 193 172 165  
**Committee's Report**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2017**

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Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

**Committee Members**

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Kevin Mulvahil  
Roger Chin  
Cameron Burrows  
Shane Wylie  
Emma Kraft  
Brad White  
Kylie Taylor  
Kelly Rosas  
Justin Justin

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: to participate as a member of the National Sporting Body, Athletics Australia Limited, for the sport of athletics and encourage, advance and administer athletics throughout the Northern Territory of Australia.

**Significant Changes**

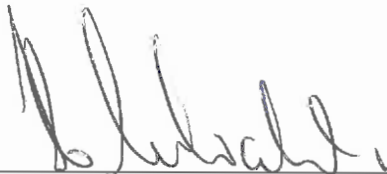
No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**Operating Result**

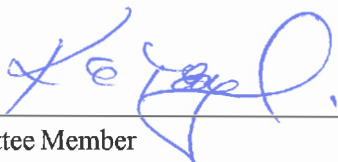
The deficit from ordinary activities amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2017	30 June 2016
\$	\$
(14,741.08)	(43,209.94)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on: 20/11/17



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Committee Member



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Committee Member

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated  
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**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2017**

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Event Sales	569,437.42	374,357.54
Grants and Funding	193,198.37	165,659.55
Membership Income	38,758.95	39,768.22
Stadium Sales	32,872.46	79,860.23
Interest received	646.08	906.36
Other income	25,996.54	28,953.93
<b>Total income</b>	<u>860,909.82</u>	<u>689,505.83</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accountancy	28,110.40	20,920.00
Administration Expenses	38,913.89	45,346.63
Bad debts	-	(11,000.00)
Contractors	28,740.00	-
Depreciation - Plant	15,828.21	17,030.39
Events	467,624.25	344,617.24
Finance Costs	962.41	702.38
Membership Expenses	16,615.90	12,864.36
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,218.56	6,047.78
Participation Expenses	55,370.60	30,689.18
Other Cost of Sales	18,695.65	9,705.37
Wages and Salaries	158,426.60	181,583.35
Stadium Expenses	38,304.24	68,053.79
Travel, accommodation & conference	4,840.19	6,155.30
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>875,650.90</u>	<u>732,715.77</u>
<b>Profit (loss) from ordinary activities</b>	<u>(14,741.08)</u>	<u>(43,209.94)</u>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<u>(14,741.08)</u>	<u>(43,209.94)</u>
Opening retained profits	58,687.41	101,897.35
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(14,741.08)	(43,209.94)
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<u>43,946.33</u>	<u>58,687.41</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated  
 ABN 62 193 172 165  
**Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
Cash at bank- Bendigo Bank		177,967.71	130,450.80
Debit Card- Other		376.79	4.83
Debit Card- General Manager		886.99	447.40
Canteen Float		217.50	-
		<u>179,448.99</u>	<u>130,903.03</u>
<b>Receivables</b>			
Trade debtors		60,478.79	74,554.23
Sundry Debtors		690.00	-
		<u>61,168.79</u>	<u>74,554.23</u>
<b>Other</b>			
Prepayments		2,579.71	8,319.43
Withholding Tax Paid		69.30	69.30
Borrowing Costs		-	447.97
Stock on Hand		4,492.40	2,917.11
Merchant Clearing Acc		88.00	-
		<u>7,229.41</u>	<u>11,753.81</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u><b>247,847.19</b></u>	<u><b>217,211.07</b></u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>			
Plant & equipment - At cost		16,143.26	14,545.99
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(8,004.43)	(5,797.85)
Training & Competition Equipment at Cost		25,093.33	22,423.33
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(9,613.81)	(5,235.00)
Motor vehicles - At cost		46,663.22	46,663.22
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(41,695.26)	(32,452.44)
		<u>28,586.31</u>	<u>40,147.25</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u><b>28,586.31</b></u>	<u><b>40,147.25</b></u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><b>276,433.50</b></u>	<u><b>257,358.32</b></u>

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Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated  
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**Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
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Current Liabilities			
<b>Payables</b>			
<b>Unsecured:</b>			
Trade creditors		49,016.70	13,610.93
Sundry Creditors		27,691.80	13,640.71
		76,708.50	27,251.64
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
<b>Secured:</b>			
Capital Finance- Caddy		-	6,413.40
Less: Unexpired interest charges		-	(611.34)
		-	5,802.06
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>			
GST payable control account		14,503.90	22,645.21
		14,503.90	22,645.21
<b>Provisions</b>			
Provision for Annual Leave		3,746.69	4,353.09
		3,746.69	4,353.09
<b>Other</b>			
Unexpended Grants		131,397.92	115,000.00
Sponsorship Income in Advance		-	17,500.00
Other Deferred Income		-	181.82
Superannuation Payable		1,472.79	1,279.72
		132,870.71	133,961.54
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>227,829.80</b>	<b>194,013.54</b>

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Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated  
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**Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2017**

	Note	2017	2016
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Non-Current Liabilities			
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
<b>Secured:</b>			
Capital Finance- Caddy		4,810.05	4,810.05
Less: Unexpired interest charges		(152.68)	(152.68)
		<u>4,657.37</u>	<u>4,657.37</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<u><b>4,657.37</b></u>	<u><b>4,657.37</b></u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u><b>232,487.17</b></u>	<u><b>198,670.91</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>43,946.33</b></u>	<u><b>58,687.41</b></u>
Members' Funds			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		43,946.33	58,687.41
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<u><b>43,946.33</b></u>	<u><b>58,687.41</b></u>

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**Statement by Members of the Committee**

**For the year ended 30 June 2017**

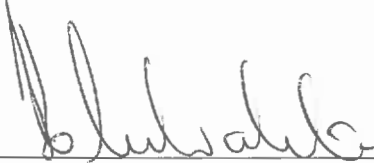
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The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

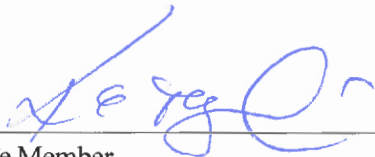
In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



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Committee Member



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Committee Member

Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated

ABN 62 193 172 165

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members**

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### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Northern Territory Athletics Incorporated (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2017, a summary of significant accounting policies and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2017 and [of] its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Act.

#### Basis for Opinion

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

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

#### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of Associations Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Act and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



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ABN 62 193 172 165

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Signed on: 20/10/17

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Byrne D Haigh, Registered Company Auditor

BDH Consulting

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# Northern Territory Government

