



2016-2017 Annual Report

NORTHERN TERRITORY SHELTER INCORPORATED



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board of Management and staff at NT Shelter acknowledge and pay our respects to the Aboriginal people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land across the Northern Territory, and to their elders past and present.

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PRESIDENT REPORT

The last year has been a productive one for NT Shelter, with the organisation securing a new 3 year funding agreement and pursuing new opportunities with supplementary funding. The Board of Management is pleased to have finalised its Strategic Plan-2017 to 2020. We have a clear and well supported strategic framework and direction of the organisation, including a compelling vision for the future.



Your Board of Management has identified four key action areas that drive the operational activities of NT Shelter. These ensure that our organisation is a responsive, innovative think tank, that we influence strategy, policy and practice, and that we build the capacity of the sector through effective consultation and coordination.

Our effectiveness across these areas is underpinned by strong internal governance and proactive business development.

In August last year, a new Labor government under Chief Minister Gunner was sworn in. Twelve months on, we are encouraged by the level of consultation on new policy and program directions including the development of a five-year homelessness strategy, social housing head leasing initiatives and an urban housing strategy (including provisions for stock transfers and development of the community housing provider sector). We certainly support widespread consultation with sector participants so that the Government's policies and programmes make a positive difference on the ground, represent value for money and are supported by our communities.

Ultimately the affordable housing and homelessness portfolio requires more funds invested into new and existing housing stock across our urban, region and remote communities. We are disappointed that there will be no additional Commonwealth money under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) so it is important that the

States and Territories finalise meaningful and achievable targets so that the funding that is available goes a long way.

The prospects for NT Shelter are positive. Our 3 year funding agreement with the Department of Housing and Community Development provides the organisation and its staff with a longer timeframe to make significant gains. We have also benefitted from additional NT Government support for our Homelessness Response Group (HRG) and ShelterME website initiatives.

Our previous Executive Officer, Tammy White, resigned in May to take up a senior position with the NT Government. I take this opportunity to acknowledge Tammy's efforts and contribution to the organisation and wish her well. I also acknowledge the contribution from other staff members who left the organisation last year.

As mentioned elsewhere in our Annual Report, the past year has seen a significant level of staff turnover. High turnover poses challenges to the effective ongoing operations of any business and NT Shelter is no exception. The board is keen to see staff turnover settle down to more normal levels. I wish Peter, our new Executive Officer, and the team well for the following year.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our members and stakeholders. We value your support and the opportunity, as your housing and homelessness peak body, to represent the issues and challenges you face day in day out.



Action on accommodation is key - NT Shelter Staff building close ties with our colleagues in the Northern Territory's Barkly region.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

As NT Shelter Incorporated's new Executive Officer, I am delighted to present our 2017 Annual Report.

NT Shelter is the peak body for affordable housing and homelessness in the Northern Territory. Our vision is for affordable and appropriate housing for all Territorians. It is this straightforward but powerful vision that drew me to NT Shelter. Shelter is a basic need for everyone. We owe it those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and less fortunate to ensure they have safe, appropriate, and affordable housing.

Clearly there is much work still to be done.

The opportunity to lead our team of committed and talented people is a tremendous privilege. We firmly believe in the importance of the work that we do and I look forward to us building upon the good work and contribution of the organisation since our inception in 1996.

Prior to joining NT Shelter, I was the Executive Officer of a similar sized organisation in the Central West region of New South Wales, responsible for regional economic development. During my four years down there, the organisation worked purposefully to undertake high quality projects, engage closely with a broad range of stakeholders, and build its public profile by actively promoting the needs of the region.

There are many similarities with where NT Shelter is at and the journey ahead. It is important that we demonstrate a strong value proposition to Government, our members, and other stakeholders. That means ensuring that we get the fundamentals right, including first class stakeholder engagement, strong member representation, smart policy development, effective advocacy, and sector capacity building.

What does this mean in practice? Firstly, we intend to demonstrate that we are approachable, accessible and visible. The

quality of our submissions and advocacy, and the ideas that we bring to the table, will be significantly enhanced by working closely with



our partner organisations and members across the Territory. Your experience, insights and perspectives are important in sharpening the narrative and

ultimately our collective impact.

Secondly, we will deliver on our commitments. NT Shelter values its relationship with the Northern Territory Government and acknowledges the key contribution made by the Department of Housing and Community Development as our funding provider. For our part, we will strive to ensure that the work we undertake is purposeful, valuable and executed to a high standard.

Thirdly, my staff and I will be working hard to strengthen our organisation's capabilities to bring innovative ideas and potential solutions to the table.

There has been a very high turnover of staff over the past two years. However, the fundamentals at NT Shelter remain strong and I am confident that the recent high turnover is an aberration. Most importantly, I believe we now have the team in place to create greater stability in our organisation and consistency of purpose for our stakeholders.

As outlined in our vision, NT Shelter advocates for all Territorians. My team and I are passionate about this and the need for us to execute on this key aspect of our strategy – not just above the so called "Berrimah line". This presents logistical challenges for us as a small organisation but I don't believe they are insurmountable. I look forward to working through this with you in coming months and exploring our options, including the prospect of locating a staff member in Alice Springs.

OUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



President
Jean Ah Chee



Vice President
Sally Langton



Treasurer
Jessica Watkinson



Secretary
Jayne Lloyd

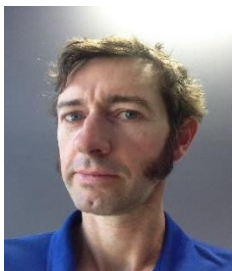
BOARD MEMBERS



Board Member
Jillian Ritherdon



Board Member
Ashley Perez

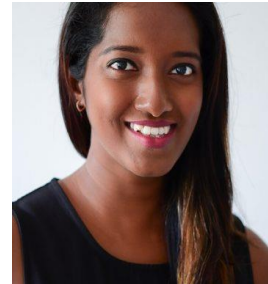


Board Member
Michael Klerck

OUR STAFF



Executive Officer
Peter McMillan



Policy Officer
Sangeetha Unbalagan



Senior Program Advisor
Michael Byrne



Office Manager
Donna Feltus

OUR MEMBERS

NT Shelter is proud to work with and represent a range of organisations and individuals who make a significant contribution each day to the lives of people for whom housing is unaffordable or inaccessible. We are grateful for the financial and in-kind support of our members throughout the 2016-17 financial year.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Alice Springs Women's Shelter
Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Services
Anglicare NT
Australian Red Cross
Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services
Catholic Care NT
Central Australian Affordable Housing Company
Crisis Accommodation Gove
Darwin Christian Ministries
Darwin Community Legal Service
Dawn House
Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation
Katherine Women's Crisis Centre
Mental Health Association of Central Australia
Mission Australia
NT Council of Social Service
The Salvation Army
Somerville Community Services
St Ives Group
St Vincent de Paul Society
Tangentyere Council
TEAMHealth
Tennant Creek Womens' Refuge

Venture Housing Company Limited
Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation
YMCA of the Top End
YWCA of Darwin

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

City of Darwin
Tammy White

LIFE MEMBERS

Toni Vine-Bromley

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Jean Ah Chee
Mike Byrne
Jeanette Howell
Kylie Jericho
Michael Klerck
Jillian Ritherdon
Ray Wallis



Partnering with H Hotel in Darwin for National Homelessness Week

The Strategic framework for NT Shelter is based on action across four key areas:



ACTION AREA 1: RESEARCH AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

*THINK TANK,
RESPONSIVE,
INNOVATIVE*

- Draw out and disseminate relevant existing research e.g. local, national, international;
- Evidence based policy development;
- Research innovative programs to develop best practice; and
- Establish and partner in working groups on key housing and homelessness issues.



ACTION AREA 2: ADVOCACY

*INFLUENCE
STRATEGY, POLICY
AND PRACTICE*

- Identifying and facilitating advocacy platforms in conjunction with the sector;
- Advocate for the NT Housing and homelessness sectors to actively influence the formulation of policy at local, NT and national levels;
- Provide communications products in different mediums for the purpose of information and feedback and input to the sector for advocacy purposes; and
- Utilize local and national campaign work e.g. Homelessness week and Poverty week as a vehicle to promote the work of sector.



ACTION AREA 3: SECTOR CONSULTATION, COORDINATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- Information sharing and networking;
- Effective consultation;
- Facilitation of sector training and development opportunities e.g. employment and workforce development; and
- Effective evidence based campaigns driven by policy and advocacy



ACTION AREA 4: STRONG GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Comply with relevant legislation and funding requirements;
- Using due diligence e.g. accountability, systems management;
- Engaged and participatory board members;
- Good reporting by EO to ensure well informed Board;
- Innovative and diversified financial options

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

NT Shelter’s operational highlights are reported in this Annual Report in a framework consistent with our current funding framework with the Northern Territory Government (Department of Housing and Community Development).

These are:

- Our operational activities as a peak body for affordable housing and homelessness;
- Our responsibility for the delivery of the pilot Homelessness Response Group (HRG) Darwin Pilot;
- Our redevelopment of the ShelterME website

The following section outlines our core operational activities, with highlights for HRG and ShelterME reported in the following sections.

OUR WORK WITH COMMUNITY

Engagement with the broader community, to promote awareness and advocate for improved outcomes, has occurred through our participation in and support of events such as Homelessness Week (in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs), Mental Health Week (Alice Springs), Anti-Poverty Week and media engagement.

NT Shelter worked with the Salvation Army service in Katherine to successfully secure a Community Benefits Fund quick grant of \$4,000 for the purchase and delivery of two washing machines, two dryers, and consumables for installation at the Katherine “Doorways Hub”. These have made a tangible positive impact for clients of the service in Katherine.



NT Shelter Board of Management President Jean Ah Chee with NT Shelter staff at National Homelessness Week Event at Mindil Beach, Darwin

OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT

NT Shelter provides informed perspective to government through various avenues, including direct representation to Government through meetings and submissions and indirectly through our participation in a range of national forums.

In our capacity as a peak body, we represent our members in advocating for effective whole of Government policy and programmes relating to affordable housing and homelessness. Improved outcomes and the protection of rights for our most vulnerable and at-risk persons is front of mind.

Over the past year, NT Shelter has worked closely with Government and the community services sector across various portfolios to provide informed advice and contribute to the development of policy in a number of areas. Our engagement priorities have included:

- Assisting the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children with information and advice

on the levels of, and options for, bail accommodation for young offenders;

- Submission to the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into the provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition;
- Providing opportunities at Accommodation Action Groups for community sector organisations and the Department of Housing and Community Development to address issues, questions, and clarify policy. Priority issues of immediate or particular concern are raised by NT Shelter with appropriate departmental staff.
- Participating in the NT Government / NGO Partnership Group (NPPG) and working collaboratively for the development of strong, effective relationships between stakeholders in the sector.
- Supporting the NT Government's Housing Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) trial in the NT through our membership of the steering group.
- Participating in the Ernst & Young's Stakeholder Working Group and sub-working groups examining remote housing concepts, models and frameworks.

NT Shelter continues to advocate strongly for improved outcomes for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, as well as opportunities to increase the supply of affordable housing. Some of the notable advocacy initiatives in the year were as follows.

- Our pre-budget submission to the NT Government for 2017-18. As part of this we provided a detailed analysis of public housing stock and wait list

metrics across the regions over a 10-year period.

- In the lead up to the 2016 Northern Territory election, NT Shelter invited candidates from across the political spectrum to outline their policy positions on initiatives to improve and increase affordable housing in the NT. These were published on our social media platforms to generate community interest and awareness.
- Through our affiliation with National Shelter, NT Shelter provided input and feedback into the development of policy and advocacy positions on affordable housing and homelessness. Our engagement with National Shelter ensures that a Territory perspective is understood and taken into consideration in advocacy and representation to the Australian Government.
- Participation in the *Save the NPAH* and *Save the NAHA* campaigns, as part of a broader national campaign to retain Federal Government funding for key programmes tackling housing affordability and homelessness.



Tennant Creek's Juno Centre provides short term accommodation and an innovative approach to training young people from out of town in life skills.

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO HOUSING POLICY

NT Shelter conducts regular sector consultation and engagement meetings through regional Accommodation Action Groups (“AAGs”) established in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs and Barkly region (see case study insert below). As a peak body, regular engagement with members and stakeholders across the Northern Territory enables consideration of the current needs, priorities, issues and opportunities from the perspective of those working “at the coalface”. This enables NT Shelter’s policy and advocacy positions to be substantiated, sharpened and more impactful.

Case Study: Psychosocial Disability Considerations for Housing Policy

Early in 2017, NT Shelter prepared a submission to the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into the provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition.

The submission outlined the issues around locating and providing appropriate accommodation options for homeless people with complex needs. Incorporated into this submission was a case study demonstrating the difficulties faced by a client with multiple complex issues, including a mental health condition, substance abuse issues and acquired brain injury.

Our policy officers keep abreast of developments in the affordable housing landscape through the organisation’s network of researchers, academics, subject matter experts, fellow practitioners, peers and colleagues. NT Shelter participates in policy development initiatives that enable us to have access to the experiences of other organisations who, like us, are seeking

innovative and creative solutions to the challenges we face.

Our approach is to learn from others where we can but ultimately present potential solutions, in consultation with our partner stakeholders, that are appropriately tailored to meet the needs of Territorians and, most importantly, have local community support.

Case Study: Accommodation Action Groups (AAGs) Informing Housing Policy

NT Shelter's Accommodation Action Groups (AAGs) meet up to six times per year across the Northern Territory and undertake the following:

- Identify the shortfall in appropriate housing and services for various vulnerable cohorts e.g. crisis accommodation, transitional housing, visitor accommodation, social housing, homelessness services, outreach programmes;
- Advocate the need for accommodation that is suitable for various target groups with government agencies;
- Work together to identify new approaches, potential solutions and actionable projects;
- Build network knowledge and capability;
- Share information and experiences, including emerging issues and trends

Our experience with Accommodation Action Groups has been shared with other state and territory Shelter organisations to provide a Territory context and evidence base for the national homelessness and affordable housing policy agenda.

Throughout the year, NT Shelter provided a Territory perspective through participation in national teleconferences facilitated by the Council for Homeless Persons. These discussed priority issues and considerations at a national level, such as the development of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) as well as discussion of various state

and territory policy initiatives, programmes and best practices.

The September 2016 issue of 'Parity', a monthly magazine produced by the Council to Homeless Persons, explored the topic 'Responding to Indigenous Homelessness in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand'. Informed by our policy work and sector consultation, NT Shelter contributed two articles to the issue, outlining the current policy environment and affordable housing landscape in the NT and the very high levels of homelessness experienced here.



The Salvation Army's Doorways Hub at Katherine provides support and service coordination for vulnerable people. It is an excellent example of multiple NGOs working collaboratively to address client needs

CHALLENGING COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS OF HOMELESSNESS

Couch Surfing Infographics, released in November 2016, is a simple yet sophisticated medium to get multiple messaging out to the community about Youth homelessness. This built upon work previously undertaken by us on *Homelessness Myths*. Both sets of infographics have been widely distributed through our monthly E-newsletter, Facebook site and on Twitter.

HOMELESSNESS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP

CASH DONATION

Donate to support a range of programs run by community service organisations listed in ShelterMe.
OR
Give money directly to people on the street. While this would buy them a meal or necessities for that day, it will not be a long-term solution to aid them out of homelessness.

ITEM DONATION

Contact a service organisation listed in ShelterMe on items they need for distribution to their clients or people sleeping rough.
OR
Pack your own personal care kit and give them directly to people you meet on the street.

VOLUNTEERING

Find out about volunteer opportunities in the NT from the Volunteering SA&NT website
OR
Contact one of the service organisations in ShelterMe about their volunteer programs.

AWARENESS

Know your facts
Homelessness and Housing Fact sheets are available on NT Shelter's and Homelessness Australia's website.

Know what to do
If you come across someone experiencing homelessness, guide them to service organisations such as those listed in ShelterMe.

EMPATHY

Give people who are homeless the same respect and courtesy you would to your family and friends.
Smile, make eye contact and be ready to have a chat.

www.ntshelter.org.au NT Shelter shelterme www.shelterme.org.au

An NT Shelter initiative providing practical suggestions on how our community can help people affected by homelessness

HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE GROUP (HRG)

NT Shelter collaborates on a regular basis with a broad range of local service providers and the Department of Housing to enable improved case management processes and outcomes for clients.

A notable example of this is the Homelessness Response Group (HRG) Pilot in Darwin. HRG was established in 2015 based on the view of providers that too many homeless people with high and complex needs were “falling through the cracks”, that too many tenancies were failing, and that by working together better outcomes could be achieved.

HRG brings homelessness services providers, various community organisations and housing providers together to identify the systemic issues that need to be addressed and to develop effective case management.

NT Shelter is pleased to have been able to work with both the Department of Housing and Community Development and St Vincent de Paul (NT) to negotiate an extension of the HRG pilot.

“People have been able to come to our service much quicker than if the HRG process was not involved. We have been able to take people in for accommodation knowing that their other needs (i.e. mental health or financial matters) are being addressed by other services”

Case Manager and HRG Participant

HRG builds capacity for agencies to deliver client-centred services utilising the collective experience and resources of participating organisations. It has developed an assessment tool to be used by referring agencies to identify all areas of support a client may need.

HRG meetings enable representatives from various service providers to discuss client issues and challenges, and facilitate coordination of multiple agencies in support of homeless clients with high and complex needs. It challenges members and case workers to identify additional needs or issues as the client’s support progresses and to see additional case management support as needed. The collaboration at HRG is undertaken with client outcomes front of mind.

“We have been able to house some people who otherwise may not have been eligible for our service. By engaging with the HRG process and ethos, we are able to provide the service we are good at whilst not having to worry that other needs are going unaddressed.”

Case Manager and HRG Participant

The pilot holds great promise in terms of improving and integrating case management strategies, interagency collaboration and improving outcomes for clients with the greatest and most challenging needs.



Domestic violence is the largest single driver of homelessness. This Alice Springs community is making it clear that family violence is not tolerated.

SHELTER ME WEBSITE UPGRADE

NT Shelter, with the support of the NT Government through the Department of Housing and Community Development, is redeveloping and improving the existing ShelterME website to provide improved access to support services which support homeless people and those at risk of being homeless.

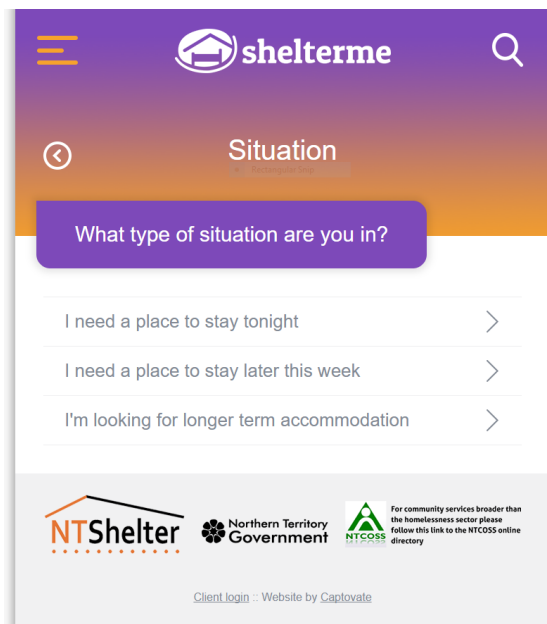
ShelterME contains up to date information about accommodation and services throughout the NT, including crisis, transitional, short term, low cost and supported accommodation.

“13,328 users initiated 18,360 sessions on ShelterMe during the 2016-17 year”

It also provides details on other support services such as emergency relief funds, legal help, alcohol and other drugs, mental health services, food and meals and much more.

The website is designed to help people in the NT seeking accommodation and support services through a comprehensive directory of services and contact information. However, there are opportunities being pursued to upgrade and enhance the existing web portal to improve the data services offered.

The redeveloped site, to be launched towards the end of 2017, will have search functions tailored for both end users (homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness) and service providers, using more accessible language.



The updated ShelterMe website will provide improvements to an important web-based directory connecting homeless people with available service providers across the NT.

The site will also provide functionality for the user’s current location to be used to search and list available services nearby.

The new website will provide a better user experience through an updated interface. Over 40% of sessions are now initiated through mobile devices and, consequently, we have sought to ensure that the upgraded site has been optimised for mobile use.

When released, users will notice improvements to the information available, including more comprehensive service categories and location maps. Services that

participate in the Homelessness Response Group (HRG) will also be tagged and recognisable to other service providers.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the activities of NT Shelter Inc. please visit our websites or contact us as follows:

Websites:

www.ntshelter.org.au

www.shelterme.org.au

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Special Purpose Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 2017

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**Board of Management's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2017**

Your Board of Management submit the financial report of Northern Territory Shelter Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Board of Management

The names of the Board of Management at the date of this report are:

President	Jean Ah Chee
Treasurer	Jessica Watkinson
Vice President	Sally Langton
Secretary	Jayne Lloyd
Members	Michael Klerck Jillian Ritherdon

The Association's Public Officer at the date of this report is the Executive Officer, Peter McMillan.

The names of the Board of Management during the financial year to 30th June 2017 were:

President	Jean Ah Chee
Treasurer	Jessica Watkinson
Vice President	Sally Langton
Secretary	Jayne Lloyd
Public Officer	Mike Byrne
Members	Colin Tidswell Jillian Ritherdon Ashley Perez Michael Klerck Ron Mell Robert Cooper

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Board of Management's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2017 (continued)

Principal Activities

1. As the NT peak non-government housing body, NT Shelter will identify and promote best practice in the provision of appropriate and affordable housing.
2. Contribute to national and NT housing policy
3. Promote awareness regarding housing needs and issues for low income and disadvantaged Territorians.
4. Undertake support projects and research relevant to housing needs.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The profit for the year amounted to	Year ended 30 June 2017	Year ended 30 June 2016
	\$72,765	\$93,484

Operating Report:

In our opinion:


- a) The accompanying income and expenditure statement is drawn up so as to present fairly the results of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2017;
- b) The accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of that financial year.
- c) The Board of Management have reasonable grounds to believe that Northern Territory Shelter Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board of Management on:

Date: 2 November 2017



Board of Management Member



Board of Management Member

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

To the Board of Management of Northern Territory Shelter Incorporated.

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Northern Territory Shelter Incorporated, which comprises the income and expenditure statement, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, notes to the financial statements which includes a summary of significant accounting policies and the Board of Management report.

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Northern Territory Shelter Incorporated (the association). In our opinion, the accompanying financial report, as set out on pages 7 to 11, 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 Board for the Financial Report

The Board 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 Board 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 Board 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 Board either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



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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 judgment 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 Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board'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 Board 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: 31/10/2017


Colin James, FCA
Registered Company Auditor
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Northern Territory Shelter Incorporated
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
as at 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Income		
Grants		
Department of Housing	810,283	551,050
Unspent Balance Carried Forward	(225,068)	(85,420)
Unspent Balance Brought Forward	85,420	49,441
St Vincent De-Paul		72,727
Total Grants	670,635	587,798
Trading Activities		
Sales of Toolkits	377	
Sponsorship		4,091
Membership	12,288	636
Hire income		13,531
Total Trading Activities	12,665	18,258
Other Income		
Employee Provisions Adjustment		50,796
Interest Received	952	2,539
Project Management Income	22,789	19,000
Sundry Income	3,268	
Total Other Income	27,010	72,336
Total Income	710,310	678,392
Expenses		
Wages & Salaries	378,868	363,397
Travel	25,048	26,074
Board Expenses	12,881	
Vehicle Expenses	8,007	6,461
General Office Expenses	55,210	40,689
Office Overheads	39,401	49,314
Program Expenses	24,778	14,371
Financial Services	93,351	65,537
Conference Expenses		19,065
Total Expenses	637,545	584,908
Net Profit	72,765	93,484

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank		
Cheque Account	887,302	113,635
Petty Cash	46	300
Bendigo General 8515	1,835	1,806
Bendigo Term Deposit	101,660	40,737
Total Cash at Bank	990,844	156,477
Trade Debtors		
Trade Debtors		80,000
Other Assets		
Access Card Deposit		91
Real Estate Agent Deposit	6,600	6,600
Cab Charge Deposit	200	200
Prepaid Insurance	6,956	
Prepaid Expenses	2,491	
Total Other Assets	16,247	86,891
Total Current Assets	1,007,091	243,368
Non-Current Assets		
Motor Vehicle at Cost	21,378	21,378
Accumulated Depreciation	(16,224)	(12,629)
Furniture & Fittings at Cost	2,015	1,223
F&F Accumulated Depreciation	(448)	
Total Non-Current Assets	6,721	9,972
Total Assets	1,013,812	253,340

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	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Grants & Advances		
Unexpended Grants	225,068	85,420
Grants in advance	492,184	
Creditors		
Trade creditors	9,563	22,226
ATO	72,273	
Credit Cards		
Master Card		1,266
Payroll Liabilities		
Provision for Annual Leave	2,612	5,346
Superannuation reconciliation account	2,247	
GST Liability		
GST Paid		(19)
Total Current Liabilities	803,947	114,239
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provision Long Service Leave		2,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		2,000
Total Liabilities	803,947	116,239
Net Assets	209,866	137,101
Equity		
Accumulated Funds	137,101	43,617
Surplus	72,765	93,484
Total Equity	209,866	137,101

NORTHERN TERRITORY SHELTER INCORPORATED.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 30 June 2017

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Northern Territory of Australia Associations Act*. The Board of Management has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Act and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AASB101, Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB107, Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB108, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB1048, Interpretation of Standards
- AASB1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

a. Revenue recognition

Interest income is recognised when accrued.

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

b. Taxation

The Association is of the opinion that it is not subject to income tax.

c. Cash

Cash includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments.

d. Property, Plant and Equipment

The current policy is to expense all purchases of a capital nature except those costing in excess of \$5000, or have a permanent or long term character.

e. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST. Receivables and payables are recognised inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

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f. Going concern

The special purpose financial report of the Association has been prepared on the basis that the Association is a going concern and will continue to operate. The Association relies on funding from the Northern Territory Government. The financial report is prepared on a going concern basis on the understanding that such support will continue.

g. Employee entitlements

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date.

h. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2017 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the associations operations, the result of those operations, or the Associations state of affairs in future financial years.

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