



**National Trust of Australia**

**Northern Territory**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2023-2024**

## Acknowledgment

The National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout the Northern Territory and recognises their continuing connection to land water and culture.

We pay our respects to their elder's past, present and emerging.

Please note - this Annual Report may contain information and images of deceased persons.

**Front Cover:** Officers Mess Gorrie Airstrip 2020

**Once it is gone it is gone forever.** The heritage listed officer's mess was demolished in 2020 by contractors engaged in fence line clearing although it is well clear the fence line. Many of the Northern Territory Heritage listed places are located in remote and isolated places. While these places may not all be out of the way or inaccessible, many are isolated from regular observation, maintenance and care. This means that by the time attention is drawn to the problem and action is organized it is generally too late.

The National Trust has held a large property portfolio since the 1980s, prior to the *Heritage Conservation Act 1991* and was used as a method of saving buildings of significance. As the "*Landlord of Last Resort*" the Trust has struggled ever since to manage its large portfolio with little money or other resources.

Since this time Governments of all persuasions are taking a greater interest and are now considered as the arbitrators and controllers of the heritage agenda. However, there are a growing number of programs delivered by Government for a specific purpose and or timeline, which once their initial intent is fulfilled are abandoned to their ultimate fate.

# National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory)

## Annual Report Financial Year 2023-2024

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## President's Introduction

It brings me considerable pleasure to introduce the Annual Report of the National Trust of Australia (NT) 2023-2024 financial year. Another year has flashed past marking the 66<sup>th</sup> year since the formation of the National Trust in the Northern Territory.

The National Trust of the Northern Territory (NT) manages 16 properties at locations across the Northern Territory in Alice Springs, Borroloola, Darwin, Katherine, Newcastle Waters, Pine Creek and Tennant Creek. Management is facilitated through the established branches in Alice Springs, Borroloola, Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and members in Pine Creek.

As always, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to those many volunteers who continue to support the National Trust, providing the backbone of our operations. Those who continue to run functions, maintain gardens, undertake the cleaning of our facilities, fundraise, organize functions, undertake day-to-day maintenance and care for the Northern Territory's heritage buildings.

We also thank the Northern Territory Government, which provides us with funding to continue our operations. The operational grant, heritage grants and community benefit grants all contribute to the ongoing operations and upkeep of the historical buildings under National Trust of Australia NT care.

A few key facts about the National Trust of Australia (NT) which the reader should be aware of:

The National Trust manages the most heritage sites in the Northern Territory outside the government.

The National Trust leverages more than 10,000 volunteer hours each year in maintaining heritage properties.

The National Trust manages more regional museums in the Northern Territory than any other organization.

The National Trust manages tourist attractions in Darwin, Pine Creek, Katherine, Borroloola, Newcastle Waters, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

The National Trust is part of a worldwide movement to conserve our heritage.

There is no comparable organization to the National Trust in terms of scale, and all is done through the tireless efforts of our wonderful volunteers.

If we continue to attract a high caliber of volunteers, ordinary Territorians who are passionate about our local NT heritage, we are confident that our future is assured, and the National Trust will continue with its mission to promote and

protect our heritage.

Social unrest across the Territory's major population centers continues to impact on the Trust's volunteers, buildings and our capacity to maintain safe working environments. Damage to signs and buildings across the Territory is still a major problem for the Trust in not only financial considerations but also in terms of volunteer participation and wellbeing.

Scamming of bank accounts is on the increase and the National Trust has not been spared and although the amount of money involved pales into insignificance when compared to the billions of dollars scammed Australia wide this year, every dollar we earn is by the hard work of volunteers.

All NT Trust branches have committees and representatives on NT Trust Council which meets approximately four to six times per year. If the Council is to maintain accountability and transparency it is vital that you become involved. If you have a question or any concerns, please ensure you raise this with your branch committee or Council representative. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the National Trust and our most important asset; our continued success is totally reliant on your participation. You can help in many small, but not insignificant ways, by participating in and sharing our events and initiatives widely within your own networks and or by becoming a member or volunteer.

I would also like to acknowledge the Passing of the following Territorians, Life Member Camille Fogarty of the NT National Trust, long term member of Timber Creek, and advocate of Victoria River region heritage. Centralian David Hewitt AO, McDouall Stuart member, NT Councilor and Dick (Richard) G Kimber both passionate advocates of Heritage in the Centralian region and across the Territory, finally passionate Northern Australian heritage advocate and Road Masters house sitter Roger Davey, all will be missed by their many friends , families , for their friendship and work that they undertook over the years

Thank you for your ongoing passion, membership and support of the NT National Trust.

Kind regards

Eddie Webber (President)

National Trust of Australia (NT)



## About the Trust

The National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) was established by an ordinance of the Legislative Council of the Northern Territory in 1976, establishing a statutory body to take over from earlier governance and bodies.

Earlier versions of the National Trust existed in both Central Australia and the Top End, with the first recorded meeting of the National Trust being held on the 3rd of November 1958 in Alice Springs. This was formed from the group of people who led the fight to protect the Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

The objectives of the National Trust are established in legislation and each year volunteers from around the Territory workday-in day-out to keep our properties open and raise funds for their upkeep.

Section 11 of the *National Trust (Northern Territory) Act* requires that an annual report be prepared. This report is prepared in accordance with this section and is intended to fulfil this requirement.

None of the work in this report would be possible without our volunteers and members. For anyone interested in volunteering and or joining please contact us on 08 89812848 or at [admin@ntnationaltrust.org.au](mailto:admin@ntnationaltrust.org.au) or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.au/membership-nt](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/membership-nt)

## Who are we

The Patron of the National Trust NT is His Honour Professor, the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM Administrator of the Northern Territory.

The National Trust NT is governed by a Council which consists of grassroots members across the Northern Territory. The members are organized into five branches based in Alice Springs (McDouall Stuart), Borroloola (Gulf), Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek, with a separate committee for Roadmasters House.

These branches elect representatives to the Council of the National Trust NT and general councilors are elected from all members across the Northern Territory.

The exception being Pine Creek, where the interests of the Trust are managed by local members.

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## Staff of the National Trust (NT) 2023 - 2024

**Suraksha Tripathi** Administration Officer 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 current

Note the business of the National Trust NT, is undertaken by a small group of dedicated volunteers Monday to Friday.

## Council of the National Trust (NT) 2023 - 2024

<b>PATRON:</b>	His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM Administrator of the Northern Territory.
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Eddie Webber
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Bill Low
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Tom Sawyer
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Frieda Evans resigned 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

**EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Eddie Webber (Chair), Bill Low, Tom Sawyer, Wayne Green, Merriel Lawrie, Janet Leather.

### General Councilors 2023/2024

Merriel Lawrie	Katherine
Tom Sawyer	Resigned March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024
Christina Spargo	Darwin.
Bill Low	Alice Springs
Janet Leather	Gulf
Frieda Evans	Darwin resigned 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Emma Bell	Darwin

### Branch Councilors

Sarah Arblaster	(Darwin) resigned 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Helen Spiers	(Darwin) replaces Sarah Arblaster.
Brenda Shields	(McDouall Stuart)
Eddie Webber	(Gulf Branch)
Stephanie Hill	(Katherine)
Wayne Green	(Tennant Creek)



## National Trust (NT) Properties 2023-2024 (16)

### Alice Springs:

**Stuart Town Gaol, 1907** Alice Springs (McDouall Stuart Branch).

Special Purpose Crown Lease - museum operated by volunteers.

**Les Hansen House, 1942** Alice Springs.

Freehold rental property.

**Hartley Street School Museum, 1930** Alice Springs

Licensed with ASTC to 2024 - Branch Office, operated by volunteers.

### Borrooloola:

**Borrooloola Police Station Museum 1887** (Gulf Branch)

Crown Lease in Perpetuity, local and regional museum open all year round, operated by volunteers.

### Darwin:

**Audit House, 1938** Darwin Myilly Point Heritage Precinct (MPHP)

Freehold – used as National Trust secretariat Office, hired out casually to generate income to cover ongoing expenses.

**Burnett House, 1938** Darwin Branch (MPHP)

Freehold – open as a historic house museum, volunteer operated

**Mines House, 1939** Darwin  
(MPHP)

Freehold – leased

**Magistrates House, 1939** Darwin (MPHP)

Freehold – leased

**Stahl Block, Darwin** MPHP

Freehold - vacant block used for open air functions.

**Road Masters House 1920s** Darwin (Management Committee).

10-year lease commenced 2016 from NT Dept. Lands lease expires 2026.

## **Katherine:**

**Katherine Railway Station, 1926** Katherine Branch

**(1893 Steam Locomotive NFB 88)**

Building leased - Museum open May to September, volunteer operated

**O’Keeffe House, 1942** Katherine Branch

Crown Lease in Perpetuity - historic house museum operated as an event venue, tour groups, general visitors and open Saturday and Wednesday 9.00am to 1.00pm serving morning teas / plant sales during Tourist season.

**Jones Store, 1935** Newcastle Waters Heritage Precinct.

Freehold, not staffed, open access with interpretative signage.

## **Pine Creek:**

**Pine Creek Railway Heritage Precinct, 1889**

Building lease - not staffed, open access, seasonal caretaker

**Pine Creek Repeater Station Museum, 1888**

Formerly mining Warden’s residence Burrundie, moved to Pine Creek 1913

Freehold – 1 room used by Victoria Daly Regional Council as a community library, museum, opened by community librarian Monday to Friday.

## **Tennant Creek**

**Tuxworth Fullwood House, 1939** (Old Outpatients Tennant Creek Hospital)

Freehold – Local Museum archive, open during tourist season operated by volunteers Tennant Creek Branch NT.

## **Myilly Point Heritage Precinct**

Myilly Point Heritage Precinct which includes Audit House, Burnett House, Mines House, Magistrates House and Stahl Block, is in Darwin on Myilly Point between Larrakeyah and Cullen Bay. The buildings are in a reasonable condition, but a number are suffering from concrete spalling in their support pillars and beams, through the building process in earlier days which used beach sand. This has been an ongoing challenge, which will require major funding to undertake ongoing maintenance. All four of the Old Burnett houses require day-to-day maintenance with window jamming etc. as is the requirement of any older building in everyday use. The precinct continues to be a place of choice for celebration of engagements, weddings and other special events.

### **Audit House at 2 Burnett Place**

Designed by the Commonwealth Department of Works, this “B” Type House was erected in 1938. The house suffered substantial damage during Cyclone Tracy 1974 and the interior has been modified.

Audit house serves primarily as the headquarters and administration center of the National Trust of Australia (NT). The property is open to the public to view Monday to Friday during office times. Audit house and the grounds are the setting for weddings, birthdays, christenings, family events, private exhibitions, public talks, musical events and arts and cultural events run by the Trust and other community groups.

With the increased traffic and load, the Cypress pine floor on the building is starting to deteriorate. The top lip of the tongue and groove flooring is splitting away. A not uncommon problem for timber flooring which becomes thinner over the years because of polishing and sanding. The floor needs to be monitored closely with limits on loading and traffic.

Maintenance of overhanging trees was carried out on the precinct (\$4000).







## Burnett House at 4 Burnett Place

Burnett House is one of the four buildings comprising the Myilly Point Heritage Precinct. This stately old pre WW11 type "K" house designed by Beni Burnett was constructed in 1938. Burnett House is the headquarters of the Darwin Branch of the National Trust.

The house and gardens are open to the public in the dry season, Monday to Saturday from 10am - 1pm with guided tours of the house and heritage precinct gaining popularity. It is also regularly used after hours for events including the Trust's Devonshire Teas and monthly speaker night events. The surrounding garden is a popular venue and is regularly hired for special occasion events such as milestone birthday parties and weddings.

Burnett House has severe concrete cancer in structural beams and \$80,000 is required to effect remedial conservation work, hopefully in the coming financial year. Ventia Construction painted the inside of the bottom floor of the house.

Upstairs casement windows and doors along with fibro louvers were replaced funded by the NTG Community Benefit Fund, Cost \$7,000.



Setting up for a function at Burnett House

## Mines House at 6 Burnett Place

Another of the Myilly Point Heritage Precinct properties constructed in 1939, the property is an “E” style Burnett House. This house is presently under contract as commercial rental. The Property had repairs made to the Security screens & front doors after illegal access to the front entrance, and repairs to irrigation system, fans, lights and aircons.

A two-meter broken section of the original terra cotta sewerage pipes was replaced. The section was continually blocked by tree roots. The cost of repairs was \$6692, a Heritage Grant helped cover the costs.





## Magistrates House at 2 Khalin Avenue

This is the fourth of the Myilly Point heritage houses situated on the corner of Kahlin and Gilruth Avenue. Another of the Burnett designed houses type “E”, it is also leased commercially. Repairs to air conditioning, electrical, irrigation upgrades ongoing water leaks though tree roots, stair treads and overhanging tree removal were carried out on this building costing \$2000. There are several self-seeded trees that require removal as growing over the building and causing blockages to gutter and down pipes.

The floors require resanding and more blinds to protect exclude the sunlight and protect the floors. Several wooden window frames are very brittle and require maintenance.

The two commercially leased properties at Myilly Point, Mines House, and Magistrates House, are managed through a real estate company.



Magistrates House 2024.



## Stahl Block at 4 Kahlin Avenue

This vacant block was formerly the site of a dwelling destroyed in 1974 by Cyclone Tracy. The remains were subsequently removed during the post cyclone clean up. The footprint of the dwelling has been recreated using stone pavers and tiles creating a multipurpose hard stand area and dance floor that can be used for events. Power has been provided to the allotment with overhead bollard lighting and power outlets with the capacity to cater for multiple users at the same time.

With functions held on both Audit house and Burnett house, pop up and refrigeration vans can park in the grounds adjacent to the amenities block to support events. This helps generate much needed income.

The northern verge of Burnett Place is privately owned and not maintained by the owners. Apart from the aesthetic aspect, the verge becomes an extreme fire hazard, particularly on fireworks night and with several people living rough in the Gilruth Neck escarpment forest. To avoid potential damage to visitors' cars and buildings the National Trust contracted Larrakia to mow and clean up the area, with a cost of \$1300.



Myilly Point Heritage Precinct.

## Road Masters House

This building is one of the few remaining examples in Darwin of a typical pre-war house having a central room surrounded by a verandah with push out wooden shutters and latticed walls.

It was built in the 1920s to accommodate staff from the North Australian Railway and is now the only building left in Darwin associated with the railway. It was damaged in Cyclone Tracy 1974 and later leased by the Crown to the Catholic Church Stella Maris organization for use as a seafarer's recreation center. The lease was surrendered in 2005, and the building was heritage listed and underwent extensive renovations.

In July 2016, the National Trust NT was granted a 10-year lease over the building with the intended use as a museum. The museum currently houses an exhibition entitled "Old Darwin, the Overland Telegraph and Railway". This covers aspects of Darwin's history. The museum is open to the public from 10.00am to 1.00pm five days a week from February to November.

The lease expires in 2026 and preliminary discussions with the Minister have taken place regarding the future of the building, however with a change of government and ministers this will need to be revisited.



Trevor Menzies, the Chair and Collection Curator for Road Masters House.



## Pine Creek

### Railway Precinct

The Railway precinct contains several buildings including the railway station, goods shed, stationmaster's residence and water tank. The rail reached Pine Creek in 1889 in response to gold discoveries, however by the time the line reached Pine Creek the gold had petered out. This was the terminus until the line was extended, reaching Katherine 1925. As the terminus of the North Australian Railway, the station became a focal point for the development and economy of the region.

The Railway Station was targeted on several occasions with broken windows, smashed doors and guttering pulled down in 2022 – 2023. The Railway building underwent extensive repairs to remediate the damage.

A caretaker is in residence at the railway station from March until December.

Extensive repairs had been undertaken at the stationmaster's residence in 2021, and the building is in reasonable condition. Several dead trees (due to termites) were removed from around the stationmaster's residence by volunteers.

On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, the National Trust joined members of the local community and the Honourable Member for Daly, Dehran Young, to officially unveil the new interpretation panel at the Pine Creek railway Station.



*The unveiling of the new interpretation panel at Pine Creek.*

## Miners Park

The interpretation signs at Miners Park have been upgraded by the retired mining engineers AusIMM, and this group has constructed a geotrail around Pine Creek with the appropriate interpretation signs.

## Gold Loop Heritage Trail

Most of the heritage gold loop trail and interpretation signs installed in the 1980s have largely disappeared or degraded so badly as to be unreadable.

## Repeater Station

Originally the Mining Warden's office in the gold mining town Burrundie, this prefabricated steel building was relocated to Pine Creek in 1913 after the mining industry petered out in the region. Over the years it has been a hospital, dormitory, communication center during WW11 and repeater station finally decommissioned by Telecom and tenders were called for demolition in 1977.

The building was saved by the community and National Trust NT intervention and now houses a museum of considerable importance and the Victoria Daly Regional Council library. A considerable amount of work was done to the building following on from work completed 2019-2020. The northern end gable including skylights was repaired along with doors, toilets and electrical fittings. Cost \$11,000.



# Katherine

## O’Keeffe House

Originally an Army recreation hut built in 1942, this property is one of the few surviving structures remaining in Katherine built during the war. This property is used as a museum and houses the bulk of the National Trust’s furniture collection. A 1934 Sidney Williams Hut is also located on site surrounded by beautiful gardens. The Sidney Williams Hut houses a historical display on how the war affected the Katherine Region.

O’Keeffe House with its gardens, along with the 1926 Katherine Railway Station have had their 1980s interpretation displays upgraded attracting positive feedback from visitors and locals alike.

Several years ago, the Katherine Branch Committee came up with an idea to bring joy to the community of Katherine, while raising funds and awareness that the property exists by putting on a Christmas Light Display for four weeks leading up to Christmas. The Sidney Williams Hut and Gardens were transformed into a Christmas Delight. The property has doubled the number of visitors and revenue on the previous year, and they will continue to make this an annual event on the Katherine calendar. Management has been quite challenging this year, with theft, vandalism and antisocial behaviour continuing to be an issue.

To implement advice from noted heritage consultant David Bridgman on conservation work required for the building, Katherine branch was successful in gaining a substantial grant from the Community Benefit Fund to carry out the works scheduled for completion August 2024. Cost Of overall repairs \$51,000. The repairs were largely funded by the NTG Community Benefit Fund contributing \$42,000.

The kitchen in the Sidney Williams Hut facility has had the kitchen upgraded thanks to the generosity of the Katherine Club, Bendigo Bank and Katherine Town Council.





Replaced Cypress Pine roof beams 2024



Verandah rafters and battens.

## Katherine Railway Station (1926)

The North Australian Railway was built over a considerable number of years reaching Pine Creek in 1898 at the time when the gold rush in the region was petering out. The economy was in doldrums and construction stalled.

The line eventually reached Katherine in 1926 and at this time the Railway Station was built. This building is unique in the Northern Territory as it is built from reinforced concrete. During WW1, the headquarters of the North Australian Railway was briefly stationed there. Today the property is managed by the Katherine Branch of the National Trust NT. It houses the Katherine Railway Museum, vintage steam locomotive NFB 88 and a vintage Ransome track-laying tractor.

The 1892 Steam Locomotive was relocated (December 2020) to the Railway Station and has been refurbished to address safety concerns and given a coat of paint. The 1980s historical display has been updated with interpretation and directional signage. A security fence has been erected to encompass the locomotive and carriage, creating a secure Railway precinct with safe and attractive landscaping. The footpath around the enclosure has been completed in collaboration with Katherine Town Council, and relocated to encompass the locomotive and carriage, creating a secure Railway Precinct with safe and attractive landscaping. A set of stairs to access the Train has been built to give visitors the full train experience. As part of the Christmas Light Display, the Train is also lit up which is attracting many visitors to view the train providing pleasure to the local community.

This project has been a marathon commencing some seven years ago under the direction of the then Trust President, the late Trevor Horman. It has been a collaboration between the National Trust NT, Friends of North Australian Railway and Katherine Town Council. There have been many obstacles to overcome in bringing this project to fruition. Funding was provided through the NTG Community Benefit Fund, Heritage Grants, and thousands of volunteer hours.

One of the remaining issues is land tenure. The Railway Station is contained within a parcel of land underlease (1986) of the type which no longer exists. To accommodate the Train within the lease area, it was proposed to extend the lease to include the tracks where the train sits. Unfortunately, it became enmeshed in red tape and the Katherine Town Council has granted a two-year lease on the portion on which the train sits.

Windows have been smashed and signs damaged on this site.





Katherine Train Christmas lights



Function at O'Keeffe House.



## Newcastle Waters

### Jones Store



Construction of Jones Store commenced 1935-36 for the next fifty years it operated as a store, bakery, butcher shop, fuel outlet and delivery service as well as the Qantas agency.

The central mud-brick core was built by Alfred Ulyatt and Fred Taylor. In 1936, the lease was transferred to Arnold Jones. The Jones family lived and ran a general store and mixed business in the building from 1936 to 1949. By 1953, the store no longer operated due to competition from the recently established town of Elliott. George Man Fong conducted a saddlery repair shop from the premises until 1985. The National Trust NT acquired the building several years later and the building underwent considerable repairs in time for the bicentenary Droving Australia cattle drive in 1988.

Over the years, National Trust NT volunteers have undertaken repairs on several occasions, the last major repairs to reroof the outside toilet and main building roof repairs in 2023.

The Barkly work group maintains the grounds on an annual basis.

The Mates of the Murrniji have been instrumental in bringing the focus onto Newcastle Waters historic township.

## Borrooloola

### Old Police Station

Construction of the Borrooloola Police Station commenced in 1887, with various additions over the ensuing years including verandahs. The building is constructed of Cypress pine framing and floors with unlined corrugated walls and ceilings and verandahs surrounding, apart from one section which accommodated an outside kitchen. The police station operated continuously from 1887 until 1947.

From 1947, the building had been utilized for several purposes including a health clinic, welfare depot, community library and meeting rooms, education and accommodation for various groups and individuals.

The Centenary of Borrooloola in 1985 saw the restoration of the Old Police Station which was the catalyst for a dedicated group of residents to form the National Trust Gulf Branch.

National Trust volunteers manage the museum which is open all year round from 8am to 5pm weather permitting. The museum houses a comprehensive collection of historical memorabilia and items associated with the Gulf Region.

The Gulf branch, in keeping with the heritage theme of 2023 *Shared Stories*, compiled a third publication in the series of stories on local history, events and people.

However, prior to publication the branch fell afoul of a scam and can no longer afford to publish. The branch is investigating ways to proceed.

Cyclonic conditions and rising river levels caused the evacuation of some residents from Borrooloola.

A steady trickle of visitors bolstered by Outback Tours on the Savannah Way utilizing the museum as a meal break stop on the Darwin to Cairns run.

The extreme weather conditions caused considerable flooding and damage to roads and infrastructure in the region. The condition of the roads has impacted visitation to the region.



Encroaching floodwaters, January 2024



After the floods clean and dry again.



## Tennant Creek

### Tuxworth Fullwood House, Tennant Creek

(Tennant Creek Hospital Old Outpatients)

Originally built as an extension to the Tennant Creek hospital in 1939, this building was used as the outpatient's wing. It was designed by the architect Beni Burnett, although verandahs that were intended to surround the building were never constructed. Two rooms were added in 1959, and the building remained part of the hospital until 1978 when there were plans to demolish it. Protests from Mrs. Hilda Tuxworth, the then chairperson of the Tennant Creek Branch of the National Trust NT ensured the building was saved and it became the branch headquarters, housing its collection. The building is one of a very few remaining World War 11 military structures in the Tennant Creek district.

Tuxworth Fullwood House is the repository for the extensive Tuxworth Fullwood collection of historical records and material from the region, including items that have been used in the building when it functioned as a hospital. The local mining, medical, social, and cultural history of the region is represented in the collection of numerous historical items, photographs and pieces of machinery.

Trust members are currently engaged in the marathon scanning of the large and comprehensive collection of photographs and historical information and documents, which is even more vital now that the National Trust northern collection has been lodged with Archives. A revamp of the displays is presently underway.

The Museum was the target for vandals in 2023-2024 breaking windows and glass doors.



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Military vehicle enthusiasts at Tuxworth - Fullwood House Tennant Creek 2024.

## Alice Springs

### Stuart Town Gaol, Alice Springs

Built of local stone, construction of Stuart Town Gaol began in 1907 by stonemason Jack Williams and local workers and completed in 1909. The goal housed its first prisoner in 1909. The Stuart Town Gaol is the oldest surviving building in the central business district of Alice Springs, serving until 1939 when a new prison was constructed. The police continued to use the building for storage and other purposes. In the 1970s, it was threatened with demolition but was saved by the National Trust NT, led by Mrs. Doreen Braitling. The stone building was restored to its original condition and some years later additions were removed.

The durable stone building requires continual low-level maintenance by volunteers to keep roof gutters clear to prevent rain and water damage to preserve the building in reasonable condition.

Stuart Town Gaol houses memorabilia relating to police history and life in Central Australia.

Stuart Town Gaol is open to visitors five days a week. Visitors can pick up a key from the Hartley Street School to enter the gaol.



## Hartley Street School

The Hartley Street School was the first purpose-built Government school in Alice Springs. The oldest part of the school is the central section, with the original classroom opened in 1930 by the inaugural teacher Miss Pearl Burton. The southern end was added in 1940 and the octagonal room at the northern end in 1946.

The building ceased functioning as a school in 1965 and was then used as government offices until 1980. The site had deteriorated by this time and the Alice Springs Town Council planned to demolish it for a car park. However, there was strong community support to save the building and the National Trust NT, led by Reverend Tom Fleming, worked with local residents to form the Save Our School Committee. Restoration work began in 1986, and the building reopened to the public in 1988 as a museum of education.

Much of the furniture and furnishings of the Hartley Street School are originally from the school or are contemporaneous to when the school was open.

The Trust works with Alice Springs Town Council to maintain the building in good repair and open to the public five days a week from March to December.

Not easy to maintain in the present environment, the building has been broken into on numerous occasions.



Hartley Street School in Alice Springs



## Les Hansen House

Les Hansen House was constructed in 1942 by Alice Springs builder C.W. Deacon to a design by Beni Burnett. The plan of the building was simple, with a central core of rooms surrounded by verandahs. It was used by the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) for staff until 1978, when the house was transferred to the Northern Territory Housing Commission. The house was restored in 1993 as part of the establishment of the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct.

The building is presently tenanted, resolving a considerable number of issues experienced with itinerant campers over the years. A fire in the garden caused damage to the irrigation system and soot marks from the burning plastic irrigation lines on the rear wall. Displaced itinerates now camp in a nearby vacant residence.



## 2023 – 2024 Activities and Events

The National Trust in the Northern Territory is a relatively small organization run by the commitment of many willing volunteers with the support of their respective communities. There are many events and activities held each year, and most are generated by the people within these communities. Below is a snapshot of some of the events 2023-2024.

- ❖ **The 2023 Heritage Festival** was again one of the Trust's larger efforts extending across the regions, and in the southern region with events at Arltunga, Alice Springs Telegraph Station and Hartley Street School. A heartfelt thanks is extended to all those volunteers and members who became involved and contributed to a successful heritage festival.
- ❖ **School visits to Trust Properties** continued in Alice Springs, Borroloola, Darwin, Katherine and Pine Creek.
- ❖ **The Myilly Point Heritage Precinct** is gaining popularity as a venue for public talks, specialist groups, business functions, birthday celebrations, weddings and for hosting festival events at both Audit and Burnett Houses. The precinct hosted five weddings, two engagement parties, baby showers and several milestones birthday celebrations, end of year gatherings and international students Foot Ball and photographic exhibitions along with a farewell function for a past Trust member.
- ❖ **The 2023 Christmas** light display at O'Keefe House and the Old Katherine Railway Station have both won community Council and Katherine Show awards and are considered by the local community as the new benchmark for lighting displays and social interaction in the Katherine region and community events.
- ❖ **Heritage Events in Katherine over the 2023 Festival Period**, High teas every Wednesday & Saturday morning at O'Keefe house during the Tourist season! Treats for Christmas are baked by local members.
- ❖ **Darwin Branch Speakers Night** continues to be a popular venue for discussion and dissemination of information on a wide range of heritage and natural history issues. Speakers this year included Peter Waggitt, Bob Shewring OAM,

GAISD, ICDA. Dr David Liddle, The Honourable Sally Thomas AC (Barbara Memorial Lecture) and Andrew Crouch.

- ❖ **Tennant Creek** Tuxworth-Fullwood House hosted the military vehicle enthusiasts on their pilgrimage to the Northern Territory.
- ❖ **Tennant Creek** Tuxworth- Fullwood House hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the present Tennant Creek Post Office building.



New Post Office 1974.

- ❖ **Afternoon teas** at Burnett House were in great demand with the initial cap of 60 patrons per Sunday afternoon on bookings. These were held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from June through to September in 2024.



Darwin Branch Members at the Deck Chair Cinema for a fundraising event.



## National Trust Memberships and Affiliations

The Northern Territory is a relatively small community connected in a considerable number of ways, and on many fronts. It is not possible for an organization such as the National Trust NT to operate in isolation, particularly when dealing with people, researching historical events and cultural affiliations. There are overlaps in spheres of interest on most things pertaining to the history of the Northern Territory and many members of the National Trust NT belong to multiple like-minded organizations. Information sharing across organizations is considered normal practice and essential in carrying out many of our functions and activities. Listed below are some of the organisations with close ties to the National Trust NT:

- Alice Springs Town Council
- Australian Council of National Trusts
- Chung Wah Society
- Darwin Aviation Museum
- Darwin City Council
- East Point Military Museum.
- Friends of North Australian Railway
- Katherine Historical Society
- Katherine Town Council
- Kununurra Historical Society
- Litchfield Historical Society (Friends of Taminmin Library)
- Mataranka Museum
- Mates of the Murrarji
- Northern Territory Heritage Advisory Council
- Northern Territory Historical Society
- Northern Territory Genealogical Society
- Northern Territory Museum and Archives
- Pine Creek Heritage and Tourism Association

- Territory Police Historical Society
- Retired Mining Engineers AusIMM
- Victoria Daly Regional Council
- Roper Gulf Regional Council

## Financial Summary

The principal activities of the Trust are to promote the preservation and awareness of heritage buildings in the Northern Territory of Australia. This involves the management of a portfolio of heritage buildings - some of which are owned by the National Trust and others which are under crown lease or a licence to operate. It also maintains an archive and research library relating to historic places and events.

The Trust takes note of the recent and very widespread devastation caused by adverse weather events around Australia and recognises the inevitable flow-on impact those events will have on future insurance premiums along with the type of insurance coverage that the Trust can expect to obtain. Properties that become uninsurable or attract additional exclusion clauses, will add to future financial risk. In order to maintain viability, it has been necessary to not insure some properties for damage. By this we have been able to reduce our annual insurance bill from \$50k to \$35k.

Antisocial behaviour and vandalism have caused widespread damage to buildings and signs across all regions. While the material damage can be measured in dollars, the emotional stress to volunteers cannot. It is estimated that the level of damage for this year is around \$30k significantly reduced from the previous year. However, while we are continually having to repair things, it is difficult to move forward.

With the withdrawal of the Westpac bank from Katherine it has been necessary to open an account with Bendigo Bank for banking from Pine Creek and Katherine. During the high visitation period, the Katherine Post Office has on occasions a long waiting line and it is felt that this poses an unacceptable risk for volunteers undertaking banking.

The Audit and preparation of the Trust Financial Statements this reporting cycle was carried out by Elna Dry of Alice Springs.

## Auditor's Report

### **Elna Dry Alice Springs**

The following pages contain a copy of the Audited Financial Reports of the National Trust of Australia (NT) for the 2023 - 2024 financial year.



# ***National Trust of Australia (NT)***

**ABN: 60 928 924 603**

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

National Trust of Australia (NT)

ABN: 60 928 924 603

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National Trust of Australia (NT)

ABN: 60 928 924 603

TRUST COUNCIL'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The Trust Council submits the financial report of the National Trust of Australia (NT) for the 12 months ended 30 June 2024.

**The Council**

Full Council elections took place during August 2023 and the results were announced on 1 September 2023. New Office Holders were then elected by the new Council at their first meeting. The newly elected Councillors (and any resignations up to 30 June 2024) are listed as follows:

**Current Council Members (Elected or Re-Elected August 2023)**

Eddie Webber	President
Bill Low	Vice President
Tom Sawyer	Ex Officio Treasurer
Emma Bell	Treasurer (resigned 24/02/2024)
Frieda Evans	Secretary (resigned 07/03/2024)
Merriel Lawrie	
Christina Spargo	
Janet Leather	
Wayne Green	
Brenda Shields	
Stephanie Hill	
Sarah Arblaster	(resigned 07/03/2024)
Helen Spiers	(appointed 07/03/2024)

**Retiring Council Members Eligible for Re-election (August 2023)**

Eddie Webber	President
Stuart Lane	Vice President
Tom Sawyer	Treasurer
Merriel Lawrie	
Wayne Green	
Claire Kilgariff	
Stephanie Hill	
Bill Low	
Brenda Shields	
Rosalyn Scott	
Christina Spargo	

**Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Trust during the financial year were to promote the preservation and awareness of heritage buildings in the Northern Territory of Australia. This involves the management of a portfolio of heritage buildings, some of which are owned by the Trust and others which are under Crown lease or a licence to operate.



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TRUST COUNCIL'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

**Future Developments**

The 5 year Operational Grant with the Northern Territory Government has been extended until 2025 at the 2018 level. The Operational Grant is the single largest source of Trust income and ensures the continued support for heritage in regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory.


**Operating Result**

The Trust's operating surplus for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 amounted to \$164,072 (2023: loss of \$5,861).

The operating result for the year ended 30 June 2024 includes \$121,644.57 pertaining to the operational grant from the Northern Territory Government for the 2024/25 financial year which was received on 26 June 2024. As the performance obligations were not considered to be sufficiently specific enough (as prescribed by AASB 15) the grant release was recognised as revenue in accordance with AASB 1058 as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements.

**Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Trust, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Trust in future financial years.

  
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Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2024.

The Trust Council Members  
2 Burnett Place  
LARRAKEYAH  
Northern Territory  
0820

19 November 2024

Dear Trust Council Members

**Auditor's Independence Declaration to National Trust of Australia (NT)**

In accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Trust Council Members of National Trust Australia (NT).

As external auditor for the audit of the financial statements of National Trust of Australia (NT) for the financial period ended 30 June 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- a) the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* in relation to the audit; and
- b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely



Elna Dry  
Registered Company Auditor

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUST COUNCIL OF NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NT)**

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

#### *Opinion*

I have audited the financial report, being a general purpose financial report, of National Trust of Australia (NT) (the "Trust") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the declaration by the Trust Council, as set out on pages 8 to 21.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Trust is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (the "ACNC Act"), including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

#### *Responsibilities of Management and the Trust Council for the Financial Report*

Management of the Trust is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation and accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the Trust Council. Management's responsibility also includes such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUST COUNCIL OF NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NT) (continued)**

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

The Trust Council is responsible for overseeing the Trust's financial reporting process.

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

My 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 my 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 the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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 Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management'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 Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUST COUNCIL OF NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NT) (continued)**

- 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.

I communicate with management and the Trust Council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'E Dry'.

E Dry  
Registered Company Auditor

Alice Springs, 19 / 11 / 2024.

National Trust of Australia (NT)

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trading activities	2	123	(4,610)
Grant income	2	315,738	158,777
Other income	2	161,199	135,039
<b>Total operating revenues</b>		<u>477,061</u>	<u>289,206</u>
Accounting and audit fees		5,265	4,166
Advertising		124	1,156
Bad and doubtful debt expense		-	3,550
Bank and merchant fees		257	299
Cleaning costs		8,527	6,788
Depreciation expense		10,780	11,181
Employee expenses	3	52,565	46,625
Equipment costs - minor		4,329	1,477
Insurance		39,082	39,440
Other operating costs		43,912	26,907
Repairs and maintenance costs		47,852	52,054
Grant expenses		69,603	57,286
Subscriptions		3,978	2,856
Utilities		26,714	32,762
Fundraising expenses		-	8,520
		<u>312,989</u>	<u>295,067</u>
Surplus (Deficit)for the year		164,072	(5,861)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>164,072</u>	<u>(5,861)</u>

Notes to the financial statements are included on the attached pages.



National Trust of Australia (NT)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash assets	12(a)	429,051	248,543
Trade and other receivables	4	2,608	4,722
Inventory	5	1,424	1,685
Other current assets	6	28,144	37,110
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>461,227</b>	<b>292,060</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Buildings and improvements	7	6,314,433	6,325,212
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>6,314,433</b>	<b>6,325,212</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>6,775,659</b>	<b>6,617,272</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	16,299	12,552
Other current liabilities	9	33,509	44,919
Provisions for employee benefits	10	1,978	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>51,786</b>	<b>57,471</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>51,786</b>	<b>57,471</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>6,723,873</b>	<b>6,559,801</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	11	3,975,864	3,975,864
Retained earnings		2,748,009	2,583,937
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>6,723,873</b>	<b>6,559,801</b>

Notes to the financial statements are included on the attached pages.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Retained earnings	Asset revaluation reserve	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	2,589,798	3,975,864	6,565,662
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>(5,861)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,861)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>2,583,937</u>	<u>3,975,864</u>	<u>6,559,801</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	164,072	-	164,072
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>2,748,009</u>	<u>3,975,864</u>	<u>6,723,873</u>

Notes to the financial statements are included on the attached pages.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$ Inflows (Outflows)	2023 \$ Inflows (Outflows)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from funding bodies and other parties		521,167	355,568
Payments to suppliers and employees		(340,659)	(311,283)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	12(b)	<u>180,508</u>	<u>44,285</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Net cash used by investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>		180,508	44,285
<b>Cash at the beginning of the financial year</b>		248,543	204,258
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	12(a)	<u><u>429,051</u></u>	<u><u>248,543</u></u>

Notes to the financial statements are included on the attached pages.



National Trust of Australia (NT)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

**1 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements cover National Trust of Australia (NT) as an individual entity incorporated and domiciled in Australia. National Trust of Australia (NT) is an Association registered under the Northern Territory of Australia Associations Act 2003.

**Financial Reporting Framework**

The Trust Council has prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Trust is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Trust Council there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this "special purpose financial report" has been prepared to satisfy the Trust Council's reporting requirements under the Northern Territory Associations Act 2003 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Trust is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on the date of the Trust Council report.

**Statement of Compliance**

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) Amendment Act 1986 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the basis of accounting, but not the disclosure requirements, as specified by all applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

**Basis of Preparation**

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

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

The following material accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report:

**Accounts Payable**

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when the company becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

**Economic Dependence**

The Trust is dependent on Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government grants for the majority of its revenue to operate its programs and business. At the date of this report, the Trust Council have no reason to believe that the above governments will not continue to support the Trust. The operations and future success of the Trust is dependent upon continued support and funding by government bodies, its members and donors and the achievement of operating surpluses and positive operating cash flows.

**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. Operating receipts and payments in the statement of cash flows are stated inclusive of GST.

**Income Tax**

The company has endorsement as an income tax exempt charitable institution under subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

**Receivables**

Trade receivables and other receivables are recorded at amounts due less any allowance for doubtful debts.

**Revenue Recognition**

**(i) Grant Funding**

Funding arrangement which are enforceable and contain sufficiently specific performance obligations are recognised as revenue under AASB15 where the Trust recognises a contract liability for its performance obligations under the agreement and recognises revenue as and when the performance obligations are satisfied.

When the contract is not enforceable or does not contain sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Trust recognises revenue immediately in profit or loss under AASB1058.

Revenue from conferences and other sources are recognised at the earlier of when the company becomes entitled to the revenue or when the revenue is received.

**(ii) Income from Sale of Goods, Venue Hire, Donations and Fundraising**

The Trust provides venues for hire and sells merchandise to the general public. Revenue is recognised when the venue is used or when control of the products has transferred to the customer.

Revenue from donations and fundraising is recognised when the funds are received.

**Inventories**

Gift shop inventories are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in, first-out basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Freehold property and buildings are measured at fair value less any impairment losses. Given that these assets are carried at fair value, the Trust Council do not believe that any depreciation of buildings is required. Property improvements and plant and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

The carrying amount of freehold property, buildings, property improvements and plant and equipment are reviewed annually by the Trust Council to ensure they are not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal.

In the event that the carrying amount is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount of the assets and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, excluding freehold property and buildings, is depreciated on a straight-line basis of the asset's useful life to the Trust, commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

**Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the Trust's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employee renders the related service, including wages, salaries and annual leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled and is recognised as a part of current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Trust has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of a past event, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The Trust evaluates estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Trust.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**Key Estimates**

**(i) Impairment - General**

The Trust assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions and events specific to the Trust that may be indicative of impairment triggers.

***Impairment of buildings, property improvements and plant and equipment***

The Trust assesses impairment of buildings, property improvements and plant and equipment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Trust and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less cost to sell or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions. There was no provision for impairment of buildings, property improvements and plant and equipment at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

***Impairment of accounts receivable***

The provision for impairment of receivables assessment requires a degree of estimates and judgement. The level of provision is assessed by taking into account the recent sales experience, the ageing of the receivables, historical collection rates and specific knowledge of the individual debtors' financial position. There was no provision for impairment of receivables at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

**(ii) Useful lives or property, plant and equipment**

The Trust reviews the estimated useful lives of property improvement and plant and equipment at the end of each reporting period, based on the expected utility of the assets. The Trust determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation charges for its property, plant and equipment. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other events. The depreciation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

**Key Judgements**

**(i) Performance obligations under AASB 15**

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/type, cost/value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.

**Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards**

All new and revised Standards and Interpretations have been adopted in the current period. Their adoption has not had any significant impact on the amounts reported in these financial statements and is not expected to affect the accounting for future transactions or arrangements.

**Standards and Interpretations in Issue no yet Adopted**

It is anticipated that the adoption, in future periods, of Standards and Interpretations issued, but not yet effective, will have no material impact on the financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>2 REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Trading activities</b>		
Sales	12,131	14,800
Cost of sales and events	(12,008)	(19,410)
Gross profit/(loss) from trading activities	123	(4,610)
<b>Grant income</b>		
NT Government operational grant	243,289	123,278
Other grants	61,039	80,418
Unexpended grant brought forward	44,919	-
Unexpended grant (carried forward)	(33,509)	(44,919)
	315,738	158,777
<b>Other income</b>		
Donations	22,261	39,872
Fundraising	31,486	2,032
Membership subscriptions	7,447	11,316
Other income	37,351	22,202
Rental income	62,654	59,617
	161,199	135,039
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>477,061</b>	<b>289,206</b>
<b>3 EMPLOYEE EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and wages	44,467	41,657
Superannuation	5,540	4,347
Movement in provisions for employee benefits	2,383	-
Other employee costs	175	621
	52,565	46,625
<b>4 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Trade receivables	2,608	1,453
GST receivable (net)	-	3,269
	2,608	4,722
<b>5 INVENTORIES</b>		
Merchandise at cost	1,424	1,685
	1,424	1,685
<b>6 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Prepayments	28,144	37,110
	28,144	37,110

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTSFOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>7 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Buildings		
At fair value 2021	5,931,400	5,931,400
Property improvements		
At cost	484,607	484,608
Less: accumulated depreciation	(101,575)	(90,796)
	383,033	393,812
Total buildings and property improvements	6,314,433	6,325,212
At 30 June 2024, the Trust Council have performed a valuation on the buildings reported at fair value. The Trust Council have reviewed the title deeds of each property owned by the Trust and have adopted the Unimproved Capital Value as per the most recent valuation on 1 July 2020 listed by the Northern Territory Valuer General. The Trust Council therefore believe that, based on the expected utility of the assets, their existing condition and the cost of replacement of these assets, the current carrying amount of the buildings and property improvements reflects their fair value at 30 June 2024.		
The properties listed at their fair value at 30 June 2024 are 2 Burnett Place, Larrakeyah (Audit House), 4 Burnett Place, Larrakeyah (Burnett House), 6 Burnett Place, Larrakeyah (Mines House), 2 Kahlin Avenue, Larrakeyah (Magistrates House), 4 Kahlin Avenue, Larrakeyah (Stahl Garden), 11 Railways Terrace, Pine Creek (Museum Building) 11 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs (Les Hansen Building) 49 Schmidt Street, Tennant Creek (Tuxworth-Fullwood House) and 37 Drovers Drive, Newcastle Waters (Jones Store).		
<b>8 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Trade creditors	2,462	5,129
Accrued expenses	5,308	5,224
GST payable (net)	7,860	-
Other payables	668	2,199
	16,299	12,552
<b>9 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Contract liabilities: grant funded programs	33,509	44,919
	33,509	44,919

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	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>10 PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		
Provision for annual leave	1,978	-
	<u>1,978</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>11 RESERVES</b>		
Asset revaluation reserve	3,975,864	3,975,864
	<u>3,975,864</u>	<u>3,975,864</u>

The asset revaluation reserve records revaluations of properties owned by the Trust. Properties are recorded at values determined by the Northern Territory Valuer General.

**12 NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT****(a) Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Cash at bank	429,051	248,543
Total cash assets	<u>429,051</u>	<u>248,543</u>

**(b) Reconciliation of Net Profit after Tax to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Net surplus/(deficit)	164,072	(5,861)
<b>Non-cash flows:</b>		
Depreciation	10,780	11,181
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
(Increase) decrease in receivables	(1,155)	120
(Increase) decrease in inventories	262	8,601
(Increase) decrease in other current assets	8,966	(5,221)
Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables	7,016	(9,352)
Increase (decrease) in other current liabilities	(11,410)	44,919
Increase (decrease) in employee provisions	1,978	(102)
	<u>180,508</u>	<u>44,285</u>

**13 KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION**

The totals of remuneration paid to KMP of the Trust during the year are as follows:

Short-term employee benefits	-	-
Post employment benefits	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



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**14 OTHER RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel or individually or collectively with their close family members. Transactions between related parties are on commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

Trust Council Members do not receive remuneration for their services.

There were no other related party transactions in 2024 (2023: nil).

**15 CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS**

The Trust has no short term leases or leases of low value assets as at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

In addition to the properties that the Trust owns and has title to and which are reported at fair value in Note 7, the Trust also has custodianship of the following properties either by lease or a Crown Lease in perpetuity. These properties are 1 McMinn Street, Darwin (Roadmaster House), 1 John Street, Borroloola (Old Police Station and Borroloola Branch Office), 8 Parsons Street, Alice Springs (Stuart Town Goal), 59 Riverbank Drive, Katherine South (O'Keefe House), Lot 271A Main Street, Pine Creek (Station Masters Cottage) and 998 Railway Terrace, Katherine (Old Railway Station).

The Trust does not pay any rent for their custodianship of these properties and have adopted the relief under AASB 16 in relation to Peppercorn Leases for not-for-profit entities.

The Trust has no capital expenditure commitments as at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

**16 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS**

The Trust has no contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

**17 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

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

**18 TRUST DETAILS**

The registered office and principal place of business is:

2 Burnett Place

Larrakeyah, NT, 0820

National Trust of Australia (NT)

ABN: 60 928 924 603

DECLARATION BY THE TRUST COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

As detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Trust is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Trust Council there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this "special purpose financial report" has been prepared to satisfy the Trust Council's reporting requirements under the National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) Amendments Act 1986 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

The Trust Council declare that:

- a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable;
- b) the financial statements set out on pages 8 to 20 give a fair view of the financial position of the National Trust of Australia (NT) as at 30 June 2024 and its performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- c) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) Amendments Act 1986 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.

On behalf of the Trust Council

  
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President

  
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Date