



2018 ANNUAL REPORT



CENTRAL DESERT NATIVE TITLE SERVICES

WARNING TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER READERS:

This report may contain culturally sensitive information and images of people who have passed away since publication.

We sincerely regret any distress that may be caused.



Yilka Sullivan Edwards Determination kids on granite slide slope.
Photo: Christine Lui

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GLOSSARY

AC	Aboriginal Corporation
ACNC	Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission
AGM	Annual General Meeting
CATSI	The Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
Central Desert	Central Desert Native Title Services Limited
CDG	Central Desert Group
CHMP	Cultural Heritage Management Plan
DPM+C	Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
DSS	Desert Support Services
GDNR	Gibson Desert Nature Reserve
IAS	Indigenous Advancement Strategy
ILUA	Indigenous Land Use Agreement
MNR	Mungarlu Ngurrarankatja Rirraunkaja (Aboriginal Corporation)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
NTA	Native Title Act 1993
NTRB	Native Title Representative Body
NTSP	Native Title Service Provider
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PBC	Prescribed Body Corporate
RFM	Rockhole Funds Management
RNTBC	Registered Native Title Body Corporate
TMPAC	Tarlka Matuwa Piarku (Aboriginal Corporation)
TO	Traditional Owner



Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion
Minister for Indigenous Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of Central Desert Native Title Services Limited for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

This report includes the organisation’s report of operations and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Sincerely,

Mr Terry Grose
Chairperson

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Central Desert Native Title Services I am pleased to present the company's Annual Report for the year to 30 June 2018. In the body of the report you will find details of the company's activities during the year and I am pleased to have the opportunity to reflect on some of these.

In summary, it has been another successful year for the Group with a number of important milestones achieved. We have also been able to adjust our expenditure in recognition of the tight economic conditions while minimising any negative impact on outcomes.

Two Native Title determinations were made during the year. These were for Gingirana and Yilka Sullivan Edwards areas and, as usual, both were delivered by the presiding judge on country allowing the Traditional Owners together with visitors to share in the celebrations of the occasions. I always feel honoured to have an opportunity to share these events with the Traditional Owners and those who have spent years painstakingly gathering information and putting together the arguments to support the applications and then following the process through the system.

In addition to these two determinations two new claims were authorised, lodged and registered during the year. These were Manta Rirrtinya and Lappi Lappi & Ngulupi. A third claim, Kultju, was authorised and lodged during the year under review and registered in July 2018. We have also held community meetings to explore potential new claims over a large area of land within the Central Desert Region covering the Nullarbor Plain and the eastern Goldfields. Following further research and further community consultation it should be possible to frame cases for the recognition that native title exists over these areas.

As I write this report there is a landmark case before the High Court of Australia to determine a compensation claim for loss of native title at Timber Creek in the Northern Territory. Given the significance this case will have on other compensation claims across the country Central Desert has sought to intervene. We await the results of this case.

During the year the Federal Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet commissioned a private consultancy to review the activities of the Central Desert Group plus four other Native Title Representative Bodies and Service Providers. The report's findings in relation to Central Desert were very positive, complimenting the company on its ongoing history of positive outcomes and its strong relationships with its clients. While directors have always had great confidence in the work being done by the Central Desert Group team it was, nonetheless, very pleasing to have this view so strongly substantiated by an

external expert.

In my report last year I outlined the steps being taken to create a clearer distinction between the native title work being undertaken by Central Desert Native Title Services and the land and community development work done by Desert Support Services. The changes I reported on last year are continuing with more work still to be done. The ultimate aim is to have two stand-alone organisations with separate ownership and with some differing board membership. As a part of this change process this year we are, for the first time, producing a separate Desert Support Services Annual Report. I encourage you to refer to the Desert Support Services Annual Report for details of that company's activities.

Before closing I would like to congratulate our CEO, Ian Rawlings, and our dedicated staff who have together delivered another year of excellent outcomes for our clients. I would also like to thank my Board colleagues for their ongoing contributions. It is a real pleasure, and a privilege, to work with such an experienced team committed to the goals of the company.



Terry Grose
Chairperson

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 2018 annual reporting period has proven to be another busy year for Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd. As at 30 June 2018, 72% of the Central Desert region is recognised under the common law to be Aboriginal land and the vast majority of that is recognised as exclusive possession native title land. Through the reporting period two native title determinations were made and three new claims were lodged, all of which I expect to be determined within the current reporting period. It is anticipated that almost all of undetermined land within our region will be either determined or under claim by the time I sit down to write the 2019 annual report.

One longstanding and painful matter still on our books is the resolution of the tenure and land management issues over the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve (GDNR). This significant parcel of land is the geographical and cultural heart of the Central Desert region. In October 2017 the State Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (incl responsibility for native title), the Hon Ben Wyatt and the State Minister for the Environment, the Hon Stephen Dawson travelled to the Gibson Desert and committed to working with the traditional owners of that land to resolve the issues stemming from the extinguishment of native title by the vesting of the GDNR in 1977. Those traditional owners are extremely grateful that these two Ministers are taking their plight seriously and have committed to finding a resolution and they look forward to working collaboratively with the State to that end.

As mentioned in the Chairperson's report we are eagerly awaiting the High Court findings on the Timber Creek compensation matter in which Central Desert and Yamatji Marlpa AC have jointly intervened. Central Desert has also sought and been granted leave to appeal to the High Court issues in relation to the granting of petroleum permits over Ngurra Kayanta country. This matter will be heard later in this reporting period.

With each new determination of native title comes the registration and determination of a new prescribed body corporate (PBC). There are now 13 PBCs compliant and functioning across the Central Desert region. Their individual levels of activity and capacity vary greatly as does their access to resources and opportunity. The uncertain future of funding from the commonwealth weighs heavy on PBCs but they are keen to explore possibilities and engage with the Commonwealth and the State to secure a sustainable future for themselves.

From 1 July 2017 Central Desert transferred its PBC support role and land management activities to its wholly owned subsidiary, Desert Support Services Pty Ltd (DSS). Central Desert now focuses specifically on its s203 B statutory functions under the native title act allowing DSS to potentially evolve into a PBC owned and

controlled service provider if this is what the regional PBCs aspire to. A significant task in the reporting year has been to renegotiate the various service agreements between the PBCs and the two service providers, Central Desert and DSS to reflect this change. This process continues into the current reporting year.

The Chairperson's report has mentioned the review of Central Desert's native title functions and funding by an independent consultant, commissioned by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I was very pleased with the outcome of the review which shines a very complimentary and positive light on the work of our organisation.

After a long negotiation Central Desert settled its first enterprise bargaining agreement (EBA) with its staff. The final agreement received solid support from staff and I am advised that the union uses the agreement as an example of an exemplary EBA outcome.

I'd like to thank our constituents for their commitment to our organisation and the generosity and support they consistently show to our staff.

My sincere thanks go to the Central Desert Native Title Services chairperson and directors for their hard work and commitment to the people of our region. My gratitude is also extended to our core funders, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and to all key partners for their consistent support and productive working relations.

The Central Desert region is a vast and challenging landscape and in that context, I want to acknowledge the amazing work done by all our staff, those that travel out on country and those who may not be on the front line, but who make sure that everything happens in a seamless and seemingly effortless manner.

Thank you.

I submit the CEO Report for your consideration



Ian Rawlings
Chief Executive Officer



Sunset over Kiwirrkurra country.
Photo: David Reger

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

DIRECTORS



MR TERRY GROSE
(Chairperson of Central Desert and DSS)

Appointed 14 December 2012
Central Desert and Desert Support Services (DSS)

Terry Grose has a strong commercial background gained through his experience as a merchant banker, senior executive and business consultant. After a decade spent in various senior roles within the Wesfarmers Group, Terry moved to Hong Kong where he worked as Chief Financial Officer of an innovative software company before establishing his own commercial consulting business. Since returning to Australia in 2008 he has undertaken consulting assignments with commercial companies and a number of Aboriginal organisations. For some time he served on the Board of the Martu Trust and he has worked in remote communities and in Perth with Indigenous Community Volunteers. Terry is currently an ICV Ambassador. He is also a director of the Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company and listed company, Arafura Resources Limited.



THE HON FRED CHANEY AO

Appointed 11 September 2007
Central Desert and DSS

Fred Chaney has served as a Member and Deputy President of the National Native Title Tribunal, Co-Chair and director on the board of Reconciliation Australia Limited, Chair of Desert Knowledge Australia and Chair of the Consultation Committee on a Human Rights Act for Western Australia. In 2008 he was awarded the Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award for "Exceptional leadership in the fields of social justice, human rights, equality and anti racism". Fred continues to serve as a director of Reconciliation WA and is a co-founder and Deputy Chair of the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation. In 2011 he was a member of the Expert Panel on the Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians. Fred was the recipient of the Senior Australian of the Year for 2014.



DR FIONA SKYRING

Appointed 7 October 2008
Central Desert and DSS

Fiona Skyring is a historian. While employed by the Kimberley Land Council from 1999 to 2005 as an expert witness, Fiona gave evidence on behalf of the native title applicants in five trials in the Federal Court. Since then Fiona has worked for native title service providers on behalf of applicants, for Aboriginal heritage organisations and for government. She has contributed to community history projects, museum exhibitions and academic publications. Fiona is the author of 'Justice: A History of the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia', which won the 2012 Margaret Medcalf Award, the State Library of Western Australia WA History Prize and the WA Premier's Prize. Fiona's next book, on returned soldier riots at the end of World War I in Australia, will be published by UWAP in 2019.



MR ANDREW (ANDY) GILMOUR

Appointed 14 December 2012
Central Desert, DSS and Chair of Rockhole Funds Management

Andy Gilmour has over 35 years experience as a chartered accountant and business adviser initially in the area of audit and subsequently in corporate finance and transaction support. He has had a wide breadth of experience with exposure to businesses in diverse industries from financial services to mining, and of varying size, from small to medium sized family concerns to large multinational corporations. Andy holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth and recently stepped down as the West Australian representative of the Business Valuation Special Interest Group of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Andy was admitted as a partner of RSM Australia Partners in 1994 and has recently retired after more than 25 years of service.



DR CAROLYN TAN

Appointed 14 December 2012
Central Desert only

Carolyn Tan has been an In-house Legal Counsel at Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation since 2003 where she has provided native title advice and appeared in the Federal Court, High Court and before the National Native Title Tribunal and the Mining Warden. Prior to that she was a litigation partner at Dwyer Durack for 15 years and headed up their Native Title Department as well as being engaged in a range of commercial, administrative and other civil and industrial litigation. Carolyn has been a Deputy President of the WA Equal Opportunity Tribunal and has served on numerous legal and social justice committees. She holds a PhD for her research on a topic related to Indigenous heritage and religious freedom laws in Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada.



DR GUY SINGLETON

Appointed 20 July 2016
Central Desert and DSS

Guy Singleton has a diverse educational and professional background, which support his interests in realising meaningful Aboriginal opportunity. Guy has a first-class Honours degree in biological science and a PhD in remote Aboriginal community development and Indigenous affairs from Curtin University's Business School. He has worked with and for a range of Aboriginal corporations on development projects in WA, SA and the NT. Since 2012 Guy has held a range of Social Responsibility positions within the resource industry sector, with his current position being Principal - Environment, Social Responsibility and Government Relations at Northern Star Resources Limited. Guy is also an Adjunct Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia within the Centre for Regional Development. His published works have been cited by a range of organisations, including the United Nations.



Birriliburu Country.
Photo: Jessica Chapman

COMPANY OFFICERS



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AND COMPANY SECRETARY

MR IAN RAWLINGS

Appointed Company Secretary
26 November 2007

Ian Rawlings has extensive experience working with Indigenous organisations in Western Australia. Since the early 1990s he has held community development and administration roles in remote communities. He was the Administration Manager for the Ngaanyatjarra Council Native Title Unit and Acting Unit Manager prior to taking on the role of Chief Executive Officer at Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd, now Central Desert Group. Mr Rawlings is the Chairman of Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund Ltd.



PRINCIPAL LAWYER

MR MALCOLM O'DELL

Malcolm O'Dell has served as the company's Principal Lawyer since its inception. Mr O'Dell has extensive native title experience having worked for the National Native Title Tribunal from 1996 to 1999 before entering legal practice with Dwyer Durack. He joined Ngaanyatjarra Council in 2004, working in the Native Title Unit, and moved to Central Desert when it was formed in 2007. He has extensive experience in native title in the areas of mediation, negotiation, agreement making, court representation, arbitral inquiries and hearings. Mr O'Dell is also a director of Access Housing Australia Ltd, a not-for-profit provider of social and affordable housing in WA.



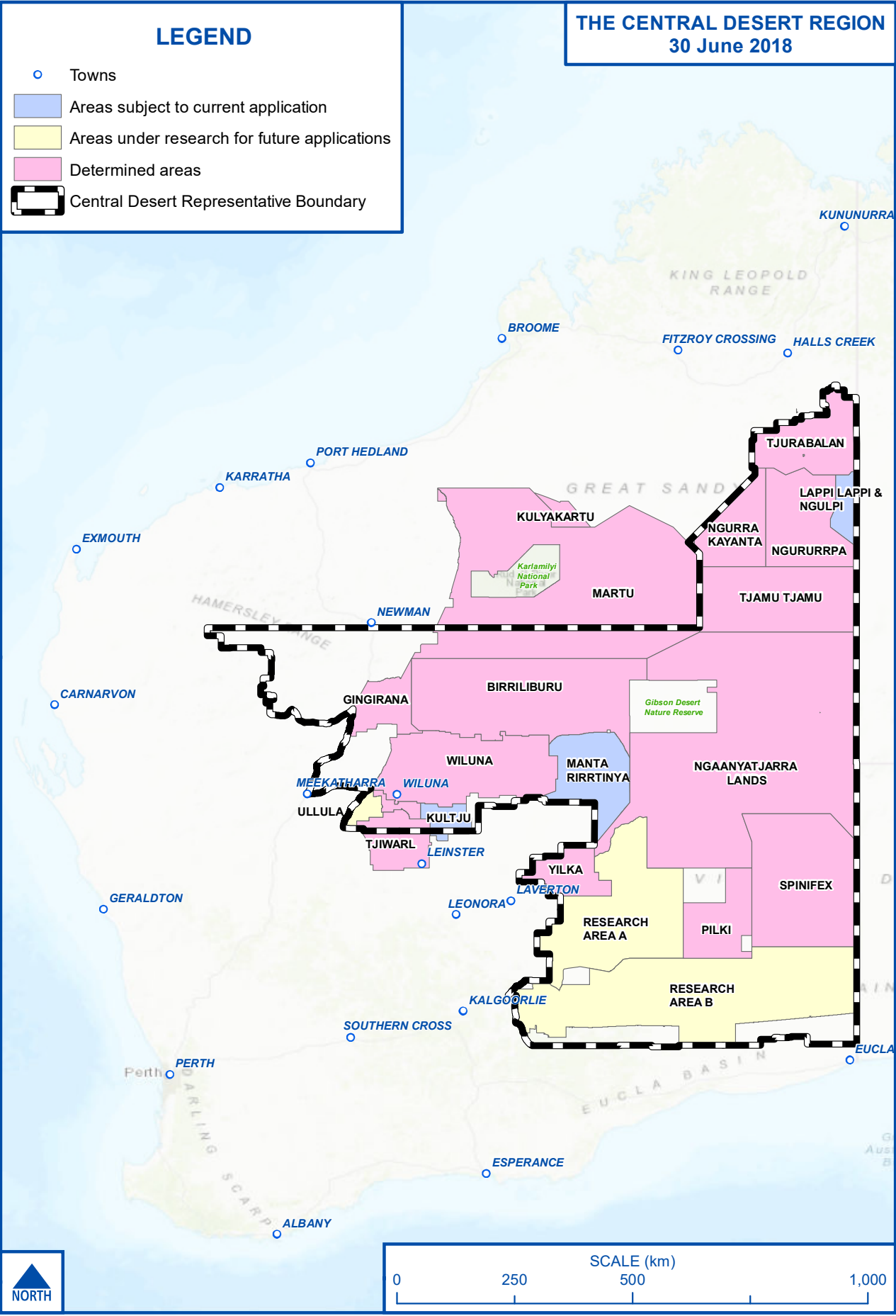
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
AND COMPANY SECRETARY

MR COLIN NAPIER

Appointed Company Secretary
23 September 2016

Mr Napier is a qualified chartered accountant and holds an MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management. He began his career in private practice working for such firms as Pricewaterhousecoopers and RSM in a capacity advising small and medium sized businesses. He subsequently worked for Coogee Chemicals Pty Ltd where he was CFO as well as a Director and Company Secretary and then worked for ASX listed Neptune Marine Services Ltd as CFO during their turnaround period. Mr Napier has over 30 years experience working in and consulting to a range of industries such as transport, oil and gas, professional firms, service businesses, manufacturing and construction.

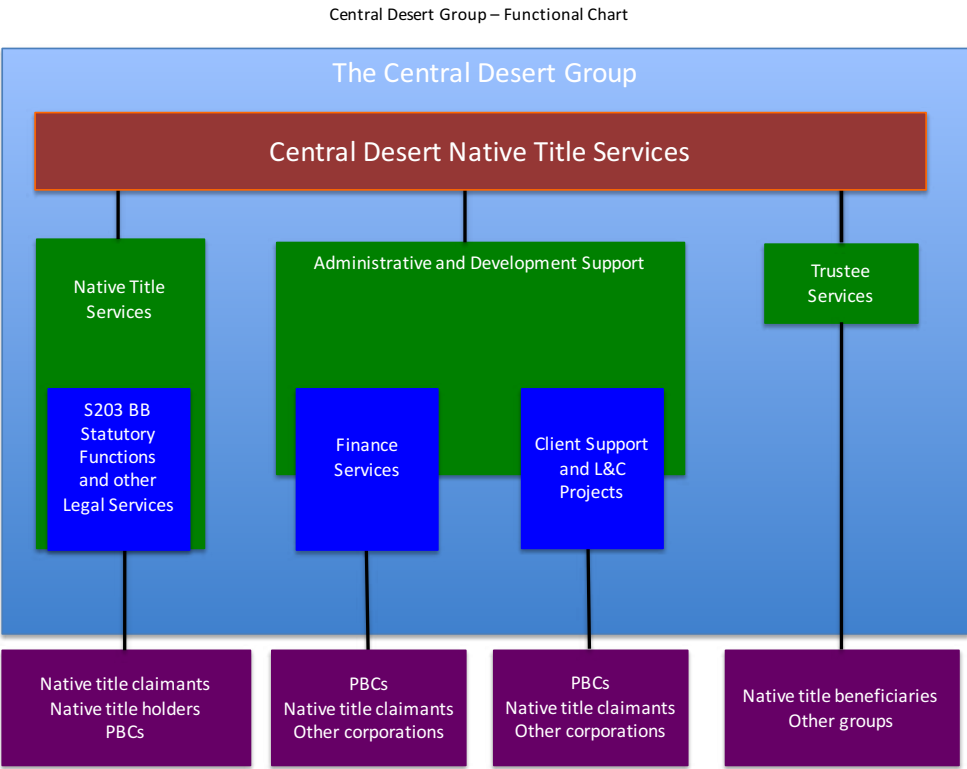
THE CENTRAL DESERT REGION



WHO WE ARE

THE CENTRAL DESERT GROUP

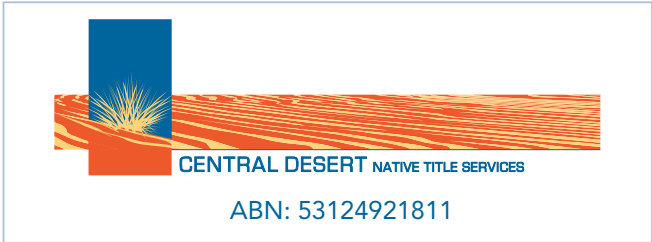
Since its inception in 2007 Central Desert Native Title Services Limited (Central Desert) has established two wholly owned subsidiary companies. Desert Support Services Pty Ltd (DSS) commenced operations in 2011 and Rockhole Funds Management Pty Ltd (RFM) in 2013.



The three entities are collectively referred to as the Central Desert Group (CDG) and we continue to deliver the services of a recognised native title service provider through Central Desert Native Title Services, along with a suite of expanded services provided by the subsidiaries. The CEO of all entities comprising the CDG is Mr Ian Rawlings. Our professional team with their extensive knowledge and experience are committed to advancing and protecting the native title rights and interests of our constituents.

This is the first time that Central Desert and DSS will be completing separate Annual Reports. The DSS Annual Report is available on the DSS website <https://www.desertsupportservices.com/>

Central Desert currently has six directors on its Board of Management who volunteer their time. Read more about the wealth of skills and experience that our directors bring to the company at the profile pages 10-11.



Board of Directors:

Terry Grose
Fred Chaney
Fiona Skyring
Andy Gilmour
Carolyn Tan
Guy Singleton



Desert Support Services Pty Ltd
ABN: 41 154 511 494

Directors:

Terry Grose
Fred Chaney
Fiona Skyring
Andy Gilmour
Guy Singleton



Rockhole Funds Management Pty Ltd
ABN: 65 165 808 333

Directors:

Andy Gilmour
Allan James
Ian Baird

WHAT WE DO

OUR ROLE AND FUNCTIONS

As a native title service provider Central Desert carries out specific functions under part 11, Division 3 of the Native Title Act (NTA). In addition to these prescribed activities, Central Desert provides a range of related services and expertise to native title communities in the Central Desert region of WA.

Central Desert is committed to the promotion of a corporate culture that is ethical and transparent and an organisational culture that is community-focused, and driven by values based on innovation, collaboration and professionalism. Central Desert is highly respected by its constituents, by government and industry.

LEGAL SERVICES

As a native title service provider Central Desert has specific functions under part 11, Division 3 of the NTA. These functions are:

- Facilitation and assistance;
- Agreement-making;
- Certification functions;
- Dispute resolution;
- Notification functions;
- Internal review; and
- Other functions as conferred by the Act.

Central Desert’s statutory functions and corporate services operate with core funding provided by the Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in accordance with s203FE of the NTA 1993 (Cth).

HERITAGE AGREEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE

Central Desert assists and facilitates negotiations between native title holders or claimants and resource or other companies regarding access to areas within the Central Desert region. This area of work also monitors that agreement terms are being implemented and timeframes complied with.



Biriliburu Country during fire management work.
Photo: Jessica Chapman

LEGAL SERVICES SUPPORT TO PBCS

Central Desert Native Title Services’ supports PBCs to advance their native title rights and interests and manage and maximise native title outcomes through the development of strong corporations and strong agreements. Please refer to the DSS Annual Report for the ongoing status of PBCs in our region.
www.desertsupportservices.com

CD GROUP STRATEGIES

During the 2017-18 year the Central Desert Group continued its focus on delivering against the objectives of its Strategic Plan (2015-18).

Central Desert prioritises securing timely and strong settlements and agreements for our constituents and maximising effective and beneficial use and management of Aboriginal lands, with a strong emphasis on supporting native title land holding entities (PBCs).

Central Desert Group’s Strategic Plan is provided below. Our Mission, Vision and Values statements and Strategic plan can be found on our website at:
www.centraldesert.org.au/about-us-item/our-vision-mission-and-values/

OUR VISION

is that the peoples of the Central Desert are using their traditional lands to fulfill their highest social, cultural and economic aspirations.

OUR MISSION

is to ensure that solid foundations are laid for the peoples of the Central Desert to determine and build their own social, cultural and economic futures.

The values that drive our behaviour are

- Community focused
- Innovative and adaptive
- Professional
- Collaborative
- Goal oriented

HOW WE PERFORM

Legal Services Unit

Strategic Plan Focus Areas - Securing strongest native title or alternative outcomes and Researching, preparing and settling claims

LITIGATION

Tjiwarl - Special leave application to the High Court

HCA No. P38 of 2018 Date Filed 05/07/2018

A Full Court appeal from the decision of Mortimer J in the *Tjiwarl* matter was heard in Perth on 20 - 21 November 2017 and judgment was delivered on 1 February 2018 as recorded in *BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd v K.N (Deceased) (TJIWARL and TJIWARL #2)* [2018] FCAFC 8. The State and BHP appeals were upheld and the *Tjiwarl* cross-appeal was dismissed.

An application for special leave to appeal from the Full Court’s decision was filed in relation to two important legal issues: (1) whether failure to follow the future act provisions in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**Native Title Act**) resulted in invalidity of certain mining tenure and (2) whether an exploration licence granted under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA) is a “lease” for the purposes of section 47B of the *Native Title Act*. On 21 June 2018 the High Court of Australia granted special leave to appeal in relation to issue (2) and dismissed the application for issue (1) was allowed. We expect that the High Court will hear the appeal for the section 47B issue in either October or November 2018.

Ngurra Kayanta - Special leave application to the High Court

HCA No. P37 of 2018 Date Filed 05/07/2018

Full Court appeals from the decision of Barker J were handed down on 16 March 2018 as recorded in *Attorney-General v Helicopter-Tjungarrayi (Ngurra Kayanta & Ngurra Kayanta #2)* [2018] FCAFC 35. The Commonwealth appeal was dismissed while the State appeal was allowed. This outcome was expected given the outcome on similar issues in the *Tjiwarl* Full Court appeals (noted above) which were handed down prior to the closing of oral submissions.

An application for special leave to appeal to the High Court in relation to the issue of whether a petroleum exploration permit granted under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 1967* (WA) is a “lease” for the purposes of section 47B of the *Native Title Act* was

granted on 21 June 2018. Orders have been made by the High Court of Australia to hear both the *Tjiwarl* and *Ngurra Kayanta* High Court appeals on this question at the same time.

Timber Creek - Compensation application under the Native Title Act

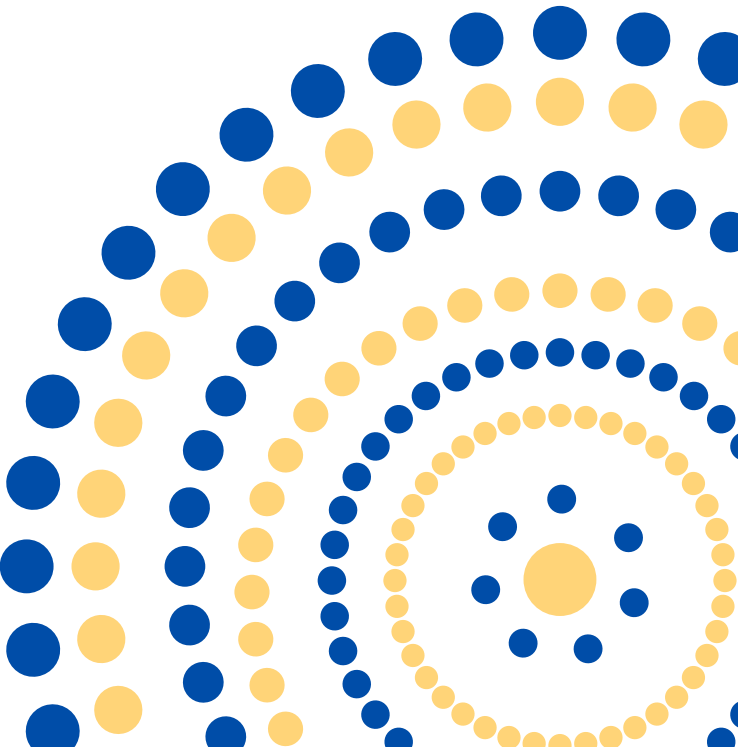
HCA No. D1 of 2018, D2 of 2018 and D3 of 2018
Date Filed 01/03/2018

On 16 February 2018, special leave to appeal was granted to the parties on this important case relating to compensation under the *Native Title Act*. Central Desert and *Yamatji Marlpa* Aboriginal Corporation have sought leave to intervene in the High Court appeal to provide support to the native title compensation claim group and to make useful submissions to the court from the perspective of native title bodies generally in relation to non-economic loss, economic loss and the question of interest awarded as compensation for the impairment or extinguishment of native title rights and interests. The High Court appeal was heard in Darwin from 4 - 6 September 2018.

Gingirana - Appeal against the application of the expedited procedure

FCA No. WAD552/2017 Date Filed 08/11/17

The Gingirana native title claim group filed an appeal against the determination of the National Native Title Tribunal in *Miriam Atkins & Ors on behalf of Gingirana v Cosmopolitan Minerals Ltd and Another* [2017] NNTTA 63 (11 October 2017) finding that the expedited procedure applied to the grant of an exploration licence.



DETERMINATIONS OF NATIVE TITLE

As at 30 June 2018 there have been 30 determinations that native title exists on lands within the Central Desert Representative Area.

CLAIM	FCA NO.	AREA (KM²)	DATE FILED	DATE DETERMINED
Spinifex	WAD6043/98	50,000	30/09/98	28/11/00
Tjurabalan	WAD160/97	25,917	18/12/97	20/08/01
Kiwirrkurra	WAD619/98	42,905	30/09/98	19/10/01
Martu part A	WAD6110/98	135,942	30/09/98	27/09/02
Ngaanyatjarra Lands part A	WAD6004/04	187,600	23/04/04	26/06/05
Ngururpa	WAD357/06	29,600	08/12/06	18/01/07
Ngaanyatjarra Lands part B	WAD6004/04	1,427	23/04/04	03/06/08
Birriliburu part A	WAD6284/98	66,875	30/09/98	20/06/08
Martu part B	WAD6110/98	3,010	30/09/98	16/05/13
Martu #2	WAD141/2010	836	01/06/10	16/05/13
Karnapyrri	WAD77/2006	151	22/03/06	16/05/13
Wiluna	WAD6164/1998	45,796	30/09/98	29/07/13
Wiluna #3	WAD181/2012	3,596	03/08/12	29/07/13
Tarlpa	WAD248/2007	5,369	14/12/07	29/07/13
Wiluna #2	WAD241/2004	5,616	28/10/04	03/09/13
Pilki	WAD6002/2002	17,858	12/08/02	02/12/14
Birriliburu part B	WAD6284/98	105	30/09/98	06/06/16
Birriliburu #2	WAD108/2008	105	27/06/08	06/06/16
Birriliburu #3	WAD50/2010	3,319	15/03/10	06/06/16
Birriliburu #4	WAD299/2011	15	18/07/11	06/06/16
Tjiwarl #1	WAD228/2011	13,623	17/06/11	27/04/17
Tjiwarl #2	WAD302/2015	1312	22/06/15	27/04/17
Ngurra Kayanta #1	WAD410/2012	19,574	21/12/12	15/08/17
Ngurra Kayanta #2	WAD326/2015	19,574	30/06/15	15/08/17
Yilka #1	WAD297/2008	12,260	15/12/08	27/09/17
Yilka #2	WAD303/2013	3	06/08/13	27/09/17
Sullivan/Edwards	WAD498/2011	9,308	07/12/11	27/09/17
Kulyakartu #1	WAD293/2005	3,550	11/10/05	27/10/17
Kulyakartu #2	WAD720/2015	3,550	04/12/15	27/10/17
Gingirana	WAD6002/2006	12,150	10/03/06	07/12/17

There were 10 native title claims determined within the Central Desert Representative Area during the reporting period.

CLAIMS DISCONTINUED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

The Cosmo Newberry appeal was discontinued during the reporting period.

Cosmo Newberry (Appeal)

FCA No. WAD43/2007 Area 12,260 km2 Date Filed 02/03/2007

The Cosmo Newberry claim boundary was located wholly within the Wongatha native title claim area. In 2007 the Federal Court of Australia dismissed the Cosmo Newberry claim along with all other overlapping claims in the Wongatha area. The Cosmo Newberry claimants appealed that dismissal. The appeal was discontinued by the Cosmo Newberry claimants on 24 November 2017 following the success of the Yilka and the Sullivan/Edwards native title determinations.

CLAIMS IN PROGRESS IN THE CENTRAL DESERT REGION AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

As at 30 June 2018 there were 7 native title applications in progress within the Central Desert representative area. Four of these claims are not represented by Central Desert being, the Darlot native title application (WAD 6001/2001), the Wutha native title application (WAD6064/1998), the Nanatadjarra People native title claim application (WAD348/2017) and the Maduwongga native title application (WAD186/2017).

CLAIM	FCA NO.	AREA (KM²)	DATE FILED
Wutha	WAD6064/1998	32,629	19/01/99
Manta Rirrtinya	WAD453/2017	23,526	15/09/17
Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi	WAD48/2018	6072	14/02/18
Darlot	WAD142/2018	52,891	10/04/18
Kultju	WAD225/2018	5490	28/05/18
Nanatadjarra People	WAD348/2017	57,134	07/07/17
Maduwongga	WAD186/2017	25,476	21/04/17

Manta Rirrtinya

FCA No. WAD453/2017
Area 23,526 km2
Date Filed 15/09/17

The Manta Rirrtinya claim was filed on 15 September 2017. The claim was registered on 21 December 2017 and the notification period for the claim closed on 7 May 2018.

The State reviewed connection materials provided by the Applicant and agreed that a consent determination of mostly exclusive possession native title was appropriate. Since the reporting period a Draft Minute of Proposed Consent Orders was signed and filed by the parties on 7 August 2018, with an ability for the Manta Rirrtinya claimants to apply to vary the determination that non-exclusive rights exist in parts of the determination if the High Court’s rules that exploration licences do not disapply s47B of the Native Title Act in the Tjiwarl and Ngurra Kayanta matters.

The Manta Rirrtinya claimants have registered Wakamurru (Aboriginal Corporation) and nominated it to be the Prescribed Body Corporate when a determination is made on-country by Charlesworth J on 13 September 2018.

Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi

FCA No. WAD48/2018
Area 6072km2
Date Filed 114/02/18

The Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi claim was filed on 14 February 2018 and the claim was registered on 23 April 2018.

An anthropological report by Sean Calderwood and affidavits deposed by senior Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi claimants were provided to the State government and formed the basis upon which the State agreed to finalise the claim by way of a consent determination, recognising exclusive possession native title rights and interests in the entirety of the determination area. It is anticipated that the claim will be determined by consent in October 2018.

The Lappi Lappi & Ngulupi claimants have registered Rapi (Aboriginal Corporation) and will be determined as the Prescribed Body Corporate at the same time as the native title determination.

Kultju

FCA No. WAD225/2018
Area 5490km2
Date Filed 28/05/18

An authorisation meeting was held on 8 May 2018 at Barwidgee Mill where the proposed Kultju claim was authorised, and the Applicant chosen. The Kultju Claim was filed on 28 May 2018 and registered on 20 June 2018. The notification period for the claim commenced on 22 August 2018 and will end on 21 November 2018. The Kultju claim partly overlaps the Darlot claim [WAD 142/2018].

The applicant will provide connection materials to the State government before the end of the notification period and Central Desert expects that the claim will progress quickly towards a consent determination once the overlap with part of the Darlot claim area is resolved.

PROGRESS ON PROPOSED NEW NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS

Central Desert is in the process of researching a number of potential claim areas within its representative area.

Lake Rason

A large area in the east of the former Wongatha claim area falls within the Central Desert representative area. Following the 2007 dismissal of the Wongatha claim, Central Desert conducted preliminary anthropological research in the area which was put on hold pending the outcome of estoppel arguments raised by the State of Western Australia in the Yilka proceedings which was resolved in favour of the applicant in that matter.

Central Desert briefed anthropologist Dr Heather Lynes to undertake anthropological research into the Lake Rason area and her findings have been presented at a series of community meetings convened in Kalgoorlie since December 2017. Further fieldwork has been undertaken by Central Desert staff in the event that a claim is authorised. A decision to authorise a claim is expected to be made in September 2018.

Nullarbor

On 28 June 2018, Central Desert was provided with an anthropological report by Dr Scott Cane into the Nullarbor area. A community meeting is scheduled to be held in October 2018 to discuss the findings of the report made by Dr Cane and the filing of a native title over the proposed claim area in early 2019.

Ullula

Central Desert has commenced discussions with the Indigenous Land Corporation in relation to the purchase of the Ullula pastoral lease to bring it within the Aboriginal estate on trust for a future native title claim group. Internal research is being undertaken in relation to the balance of the area to identify the possible native title claimants for the area.

Strategic Plan Focus Area - Securing compensation for past extinguishment of, or interference with, native title

COMPENSATION MATTERS

Gibson Desert Nature Reserve

The Gibson Desert Nature Reserve compensation application was discontinued on 4 May 2016 following a lengthy connection hearing heard by Barker J of the Federal Court of Australia.

Central Desert has been working with Traditional Owners for the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve to discuss an alternative settlement with the State government and on 23 October 2017, the Hon. Ben Wyatt MLA (WA State Treasurer/Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) and the Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC (WA State Minister for the Environment) attended an on-country meeting with the Traditional Owners near Patjarr and at locations around the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve to discuss an alternative settlement. This culminated in a formal proposed settlement package which was prepared by Central Desert in consultation with the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners and provided to the WA State government for its consideration on 8 June 2018.

Other Compensation Matters

Central Desert has been provided funding to prepare native title compensation claims. Central Desert has entered into discussions with the State government about ways to roll out compensation claims for the determined areas that fall within the Central Desert representative region.

Stephen Wright SC, of Francis Burt Chambers has provided legal advice and opinion about the form of native title compensation claims and it is anticipated that the first compensation claims will be filed in early 2019.

Strategic Plan Focus Area - Negotiating best agreements to deliver on social, cultural and economic aspirations and ensure implementation and compliance of agreements

MINING AGREEMENTS

Tjamu Tjamu (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC / Agrimin Potash Pty Ltd - Mining Agreement

On 9 November 2017 Tjamu Tjamu (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC on behalf of the Kiwirrkurra native title holders and mining company Agrimin Potash Pty Ltd (Agrimin) signed an historic mining and land access agreement over Agrimin’s proposed potash mining project at Lake Mackay.

Mungarlu Ngurrarankatja Rirraunkaja (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC / Kalium Lakes - Mining Agreement

On 17 January 2018 the Mungarlu Ngurrarankatja Rirraunkaja (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC, on behalf of the Birriliburu native title holders, and Kalium Lakes Potash Pty Ltd signed a land access agreement for Kalium’s proposed potash mining project, the Beyondie Potash Project.

LAND ACCESS AND HERITAGE AGREEMENTS

On instructions from its clients, Central Desert continues to develop strong Land Access and Heritage Agreements with mining companies wishing to enter onto native title lands. The agreements vary depending on the nature of the land tenure and whether the area is subject to a determination of native title. On areas where native title is determined, the agreements have been developed to encompass all aspects of land access including; heritage issues, rehabilitation of the land, compensation, cultural awareness and employment and training opportunities. Some agreements also include special conditions for mining companies wishing to explore for uranium. These agreements are subject to periodic review.

Central Desert continues its efforts to increase mineral explorers’ understanding of our clients’ native title rights and interests. Explorers and miners are invited to engage directly with our clients at native title group meetings where they can hear first hand the importance of respecting the traditional owners’ cultural heritage and complying with their obligations under exploration or mining agreements. Central Desert has also increased its dialogue with exploration and mining companies on agreement implementation and compliance issues. A compliance database to assist in this process has been implemented during the reporting period.

During the reporting period, there has been a significant increase in applications made under section 18 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (WA) to obtain permission from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to interfere with or destroy Aboriginal sites. Central Desert is working with PBCs who have opposed section 18 applications in their determined lands to ensure that their legal rights to protect sites of significance are upheld.

Agreements designed to facilitate access to determined native title land by other interest groups such as tourists, tour operators, as well as government agencies and researchers, are developed on a demand driven basis, subject to instructions from our clients.

CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLANS (CHMP)

The Kiwirrkurra native title holders, with the assistance of Central Desert, developed a comprehensive ‘Cultural Heritage Management Plan’ (CHMP) over the mining project area for the Agrimin Potash agreement noted above. Central Desert assisted Tjamu Tjamu AC, the PBC for the Kiwirrkurra determination area to undertake ethnographic and archaeological studies that informed the development of the CHMP for Lake Mackay.

Strategic Plan Focus Area - Working with PBCs to devolve access to Cultural Knowledge and Information (CKI) archive.

Central Desert has secured funding to run a ‘pilot programme’ to return cultural knowledge and other information and materials it holds to a partnered Prescribed Body Corporate. The pilot programme is designed to act as a template so that this process can be rolled out for the other prescribed bodies corporate in our region.

TRENDS INFLUENCING PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES

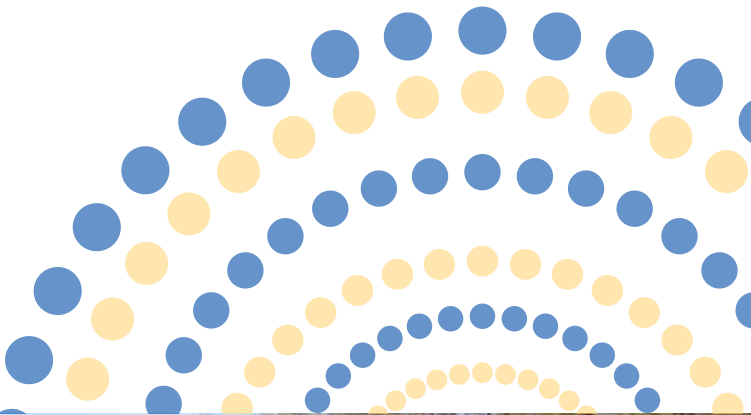
In last year’s annual report it was noted that the WA State Government had changed and the incoming government was implementing changes to the machinery of government. The State is taking a more collaborative approach to settling native title and are generally open to settling claims by consent.

EXTERNAL SCRUTINY

The Minister has made no directions or determinations during the reporting period in relation to Central Desert. There have been no judicial or Administrative Tribunal decisions in relation to Central Desert during the reporting period, other than legal decisions that affect native title matters generally. There have been no other reports on Central Desert operations by any of the above bodies during the reporting period.

During the reporting period Central Desert received nil external review requests under 203FBA of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

As part of its policy of periodic reviews of native title bodies, The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet engaged consulting firm Nous Consulting to undertake a review of Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd. The review has been completed and found the Central Desert systems and operations to be of a high standard. The review report has been accepted by the Department and tabled with the Central Desert Board.



Gingirana Determination - Men Dancing.
Photo: Trinity Handley

CORPORATE SERVICES

Central Desert’s success is supported by its corporate services strategies.

Corporate Services strategies focus on four key areas:

- sound governance;
- high-quality staff;
- effective systems; and
- diversifying our resource base.

SOUND GOVERNANCE

Central Desert is a public company limited by guarantee, registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a Public Benevolent Institution. We are endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a Deductible Gift Recipient. Maintaining an effective compliance system is a priority for our directors and senior staff.

Our directors bring a strong blend of skills and experience to the company’s corporate governance. Being a not-for-profit organisation, our directors do not have a beneficial interest in the company. They volunteer their time, enthusiasm and expertise to this important work. While the Board maintains strict independence from operational matters involving claims and future acts, their influence is felt through the company’s strategic and policy frameworks. These flow from their keen interest in setting a clear strategic direction for the company with the cooperation of the CEO, senior management team and staff.

HIGH-QUALITY STAFF

Central Desert operates with a team of skilled, experienced and professional staff. We pride ourselves on recruiting well and retaining quality employees. We provide staff with clear expectations through the ongoing review and development of duty statements, employment contracts and conditions, and the management of a performance evaluation and learning system.

We partner with another not-for-profit organisation, Community Business Bureau, to provide tailor-made salary packaging opportunities to staff. This, and our family friendly workplace, enables us to provide a competitive offer to attract and retain talented people.

In May 2018, the Fair Work Commission approved the Central Desert Group Enterprise Agreement 2017. The Enterprise Agreement applies to all non-management and non-labour hire staff and commenced operation as of 5 June 2018. A Joint Consultative Committee comprising of management and non-management staff members has been established to oversee and deal with any potential issues arising from the Enterprise Agreement during the course of its lifetime. The Enterprise Agreement is active until June 2022 when it will become available for renegotiation as appropriate.



Kiwirrkurra country.
Photo: David Reger

EFFECTIVE SYSTEMS

Central Desert focuses on delivering outcomes related to native title and land. To deliver our services to a consistent standard in some of the remotest parts of the country we have to:

- build and maintain effective finance, administrative and business systems to support our operational staff;
- preserve our corporate knowledge; and
- keep our Board, staff, clients and stakeholders informed.

Our Corporate Services, Finance, and Logistics teams perform this behind-the-scenes work with enthusiasm, skill and dedication.

Key activity indicators and previous year comparison are provided in the table below. This data is only for Central Desert led activities and does not include activities conducted by DSS or RFM.

	2018	2017
Number of trips	109	99
Number of return flight bookings	370	393
Number of person days travelling	2327	1701
Number of vehicle operating days	441	434

Particular initiatives this year include:

- enhancement of our in-house database system to further develop HR and OSH reporting and data collection services;
- completion of the refurbishment and fit out of our Perth office premises;
- although seemingly trivial, the hold music for the organisations telephone system has finally been changed after more than six years and has received a great deal of positive feedback;
- providing many Perth based staff with Microsoft Office Suite training of a medium or higher level;
- replacing several, older network printers within the Perth office that came to the end of their lease period;
- Purchasing of a folding and letter insertion machine for large correspondence runs to native title holders and claimants;
- extensive work was carried out on the trip planning database which greatly enhanced the quality of travel itineraries for staff;
- continued development of policies and processes for key aspects of the organisation;

- ongoing development of a Cultural Geography database, which now captures over 8900 people, 4000 places and 1800 documents; and
- creation and testing of a mobile app for field frequenting staff to log working hours on the go.

DIVERSIFYING OUR RESOURCE BASE

In order to support and add to its current range of activities, Central Desert is continually investigating ways to diversify and expand its funding and income opportunities. Revenue from all sources this year was \$8,225,144. Maintenance of revenue and grant funding is critical to the organisation’s ability to achieve its strategic aims and advance the objectives of our constituents.

Central Desert received core funding through a two year grant funding head agreement covering 2016-18 to provide the services described in the operational plan. This head agreement has been extended via variation to cover the 2018 -19 and 2019 – 20 financial years. Core funding for the reporting year and anticipated core funding in forward years continues to reduce from previous levels as the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has changed its funding processes to an outcomes-based model as part of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy:

2015-16	\$4,084,210
2016-17	\$3,990,400
2017-18	\$3,990,400
2018-19	\$3,672,000
2019-20	\$3,603,050

The outcomes based funding model includes an opportunity to apply for additional funding mid year if all outcome targets are being met. Central Desert has been successful in meeting targets and getting additional funding in the reporting year. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet also provides PBC Support Funding to assist PBCs in the region to meet their corporate compliance requirements.

The WA Government has not provided any funding to deal with future act processes since 2010 when a funding agreement expired. Some agreements, which were formed on the presumption of ongoing State support in relation to future act matters, are still in force. These agreements place considerable pressure on administration costs as they restrict the ability to charge for legitimate services.

Central Desert negotiates with industry to assist with the costs of meetings dealing with agreement negotiations and to provide training to claimants and native title holders in situations where there are mutual benefits.

Central Desert wishes to thank our funding bodies and corporate partners for their support during the year.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

OUR STAFF

Central Desert Native Title Services owes its continued success to the outstanding efforts of our staff. We value each of them highly and thank them for their dedication to helping achieve successful, sustainable native title outcomes for the people of the Central Desert.

We thank all of the people listed below who were employed by Central Desert during the 2017/18 year.

Aaron Tan	Maia Williams
Anita Field	Malcolm O’Dell
Bridie Hardy	Marian Hennessy
Caitlyn Cohalan	Matthew Spooner
Chrissy Lui	Melanie Rainford
Christina Araujo	Michael Allbrook
David Reger	Michael Ierace
Emma Thompson	Michael McMahon
Felicity Noonan	Monique Jekel
Gavin Dunn	Phil Ramsay
Giacomo Boranga	Richard Anthonisz
Gina Lee	Rachel Melville
Glenda Allen	Sarah Hobson
Ian Rawlings	Sean Calderwood
Jo Lanagan	Susan Ware
Karine Flematti	Tanya O’Dea
Katrina Shaw	Tessa Maybery
Kim Baldwin	Trinity Handley
Lauren Seal	

STAFFING LEVELS AND RETENTION RATES FOR THE YEAR

As at 30 June 2018 Central Desert Native Title Services comprised a core staff of 31 staff. This included 22 full-time, 6 part-time and 3 casual employees. Two staff accessed parental leave and 8 staff commenced employment during the 2017/18 year.

A turnover of 7 staff during the financial year represents a retention rate of 82%.

Management staff remuneration is based on individual common law agreements negotiated with regard to operational requirements, the prevailing recruitment environment, and available resources. Non-managerial

staff remuneration is role specific, based on relevant industry awards and is outlined in the recently approved Enterprise Agreement.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All staff are supported and encouraged to participate in regular professional development workshops and courses. These are sourced from a wide range of training providers to consolidate and increase relevant skills and knowledge.

Priority is given to those employees obliged to complete annual requirements of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to retain their certificate of practice or professional affiliations.

Central Desert also has a focus on safety for staff travelling in remote locations. New employees receive training in first aid and how to manage and maintain four-wheel drive vehicles.

Staff will be provided with privacy training next year in order to strengthen management of personal records and details of our staff, clients and stakeholders.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PERFORMANCE

Central Desert has a comprehensive Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Policy and is fully compliant with the statutory obligations of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984* (WA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996 (WA).

Central Desert encourages its staff to report any incidents and/or identified hazards. Central Desert’s OSH events are divided into three categories: Incidents, Witness Reports and Hazards.

The following OSH events were reported this financial year.

EVENT REPORTED	2018	2017
Incident	1	2
Witness Reports	0	0
Hazard	1	3
Total	2	5

Lost time injuries for the 2017-18 year were zero.

CONSULTANTS AND COMPETITIVE TENDERING AND CONTRACTING

Central Desert is committed to achieving value for money in the purchasing of goods and services, including tendering and contracting. Central Desert maintains a register of consultants with skills and experience in relevant areas. In accordance with our grant conditions Central Desert ensures that contract specifications do not bias or predetermine the outcome by placing unreasonable restrictions or qualifications on the prospective tenders.

Where we expect the cost of an asset or service to exceed \$80,000 we either obtain public tenders or invite three suitable, qualified service providers to tender for the provision of the asset or service.

Exemptions to the above procedures apply to:

- The engagement of an auditor;
- The acquisition of services from water, electrical, telephone, gas or municipal authorities where there is no other competitor in reasonable proximity; or
- In respect of native title related activities for the engagement of anthropological, legal or other professional service providers, or their staff, who are members of, or eligible for membership of the relevant professional association, where the service fee is less than \$80,000; and
- Vehicle purchases.



Gibson Desert Nature Reserve People with Hon. Ministers Wyatt and Dawson near Patjarr
Photo: David Reger

OUTPUTS

NTRBs are required to report on a number of the following they have dealt with throughout the year.

	2018	2017
FACILITATION AND ASSISTANCE		
Number of claims at 1 July		
Active in the Central Desert Region	6	13
Active and represented by CDNTS	3	10
Plus: Filed this year by CDNTS	3	0
Less: Claims determined	2	4
Less: Claims dismissed	0	0
Less: Claims Withdrawn	0	0
Less: Claims Amalgamated/Altered	0	0
Number of active Claims at 30 June		
Active and represented by CDNTS	4	6
Active in the Central Desert Region	7	9
CDNTS as Respondent	2	2
CDNTS as Intervener	1	1
Claims in Development	5	6
Non-claimant Applications	0	0
Compensation claims	0	0
The Agreements Experience		
Future Acts		
Notices received	251	216
Responses to Future Acts	251	216
Agreements		
Agreements concluded	12	9
Agreements in development	3	6
ILUAs		
ILUAs concluded and registered	1	0
ILUAs in development	0	0
COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES		
Complaints		
Received	2	0
Resolved	2	0
Pending	0	0
Disputes relating to native title	0	0
Disputes relating to ILUAs, rights of access and other matters	0	1
Requests for s203B1 reviews of decisions not to assist		
Completed	0	0
Pending	0	0

SUBSIDIARIES

Central Desert Native Title Services has two wholly owned subsidiaries, being Desert Support Services Pty Ltd and Rockhole Funds Management Pty Ltd.

DESERT SUPPORT SERVICES

Formed: 6 January 2012

OBJECTIVES AS STATED IN THE CONSTITUTION

The objects of Desert Support Services Pty Ltd are to:

- (a) deliver services including administrative, financial, labour hire, training, and land management services to support Aboriginal people, Aboriginal Communities and Aboriginal Organisations (including PBCs) and projects on Aboriginal Land;
- (b) promote and further the economic, social and cultural development of Aboriginal people in Australia;
- (c) establish and maintain Amenities for the benefit of Aboriginal people; and
- (d) relieve poverty, sickness, misfortune, suffering, distress and helplessness of socially and financially disadvantaged Aboriginal people in Australia through the provision of services to people and organisations, including those services set out in rule 4.1(a).

The Company must operate solely for the purpose of promoting and advancing its objects. However, the Company is not required to promote each specific object at the same time or in any particular order and may, in its absolute discretion, determine the level and amount of promotion, funding or any other support that should be applied to anyone or more specific objects at any given time.

	2018	2017
Financial Results	\$102,540	\$107,000
Casual Labour Hire Employees	330	250

ROCKHOLE FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Formed: 26 July 2013

OBJECTIVES AS STATED IN THE CONSTITUTION

The Company is established as a not for profit company for the sole purpose of:

- (a) Acting as trustee for trusts that receive, hold or manage benefits (including cash or non-cash benefits) within the meaning of the ITAA97, that relates to:
 - (i) native title (within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993*); or
 - (ii) traditional indigenous rights of ownership, occupation, use of enjoyment of land; and
- (b) Any other function or purpose that is consistent with or furthers the objects of the trusts which the Company acts as trustee.

	2018	2017
Financial Results	\$2,322	\$(4,422)
Funds Under Management	\$1,204,265	\$1,567,112
Trust Funds	8	8

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

PERFORMANCE UNDER NATIVE TITLE REPRESENTATIVE BODY GRANT

	BUDGET 2017-18	ACTUAL 2017-18	VARIANCE 2017-18	ACTUAL 2016-17	ACTUAL 2015-16
Income					
Native Title Funding					
Unexpended grants	395,284	395,284	-	77,000	392,940
Capital	90,000	90,000	-		
Operational	5,024,975	5,024,975	-	5,334,240	4,679,210
Other Income					
Other Income	50,000	134,407	-84,407	66,368	32,126
Recoveries	45,000	52,348	-7,348	33,991	15,586
Interest	36,300	31,486	4,814	8,757	18,566
	5,641,559	5,728,500	-86,941	5,520,356	5,138,428
Expenditure					
Capital Acquisitions	90,000	110,151	-20,151		
Corporate	1,635,700	1,727,094	-91,394	1,563,815	1,584,044
Activities	3,915,859	3,392,155	523,704	3,561,257	3,477,384
	5,641,559	5,229,400	412,159	5,125,072	5,061,428
Net Result	-	499,100	-499,100	395,284	77,000

All amounts are net of GST



Dingo pup waiting for return of its mother
Photo: Mladen Mrvelj

CENTRAL DESERT NATIVE TITLE SERVICES LTD AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES

THE CENTRAL DESERT GROUP
CONSOLIDATED DIRECTORS'
AND FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

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CORPORATE DIRECTORY

The Group	Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd Desert Support Services Pty Ltd Rockhole Funds Management Pty Ltd
Chairperson	Mr. Terence Grose
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GLOSSARY

ABN	Australian Business Number
ACNC	the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission
ASIC	the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
ATO	the Australian Taxation Office
Central Desert	Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd
Central Desert Group	Central Desert, DSS and RFM
The company	Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd (ABN 53 124 921 811)
DAF	WA Department of Agriculture and Food
DGR	Deductible Gift Recipient
DPM&C	the Commonwealth Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
DSS	Desert Support Services Pty Ltd (ABN 41 154 511 494)
FBT	Fringe Benefits Taxation
GST	Goods and Services Tax
HR	Human Resources
IPA	Indigenous Protected Area
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NTA	<i>the Native Title Act 1993</i>
PBC	Prescribed Body Corporate
PBI	Public Benevolent Institution
RFM	Rockhole Funds Management Pty Ltd (ABN 65 164 808 333)
TO	Traditional Owner

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd present this report on the Central Desert Group for the year ended 30 June 2018.

THE CENTRAL DESERT GROUP

The Central Desert Group comprises the following entities:

NAME	PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	FORMED	% HELD
Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd	Native Title service provider, heritage surveys and future act management.	16 Apr 2007	N/A
Desert Support Services Pty Ltd	Labour hire, accounting, HR, land and community management services and property management.	6 Jan 2012	100%
Rockhole Funds Management Pty Ltd	Management of Native Title Trusts for PBCs and Claimant groups.	26 Jul 2013	100%

DIRECTORS

Directors within the Group are as follows:

NAME	CENTRAL DESERT		DSS	RFM
	BOARD	AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE		
Mr. Terence (Terry) Grose	Chairperson	Member	Chairperson	-
Hon. Frederick (Fred) Chaney AO	Director	Member	Director	-
Dr. Fiona Skyring	Director	-	Director	-
Dr. Carolyn Tan	Director	-	-	-
Mr. Andrew (Andy) Gilmour	Director	Chairperson	Director	Chairperson
Dr. Guy Singleton	Director	-	Director	-
Mr. Ian Baird	-	-	-	Director
Mr. Allan James	-	-	-	Director

The directors have been in office since the beginning of the financial year unless otherwise stated. Their profiles are provided in the annual report. Directors do not have a beneficial interest in the companies in the Group and volunteer their time to their duties.

OFFICERS & COMPANY SECRETARIES

The following people serve as officers and secretaries within the Group:

NAME	CENTRAL DESERT	DSS	RFM
Mr. Ian Rawlings	Chief Executive Officer, Company Secretary	CEO	CEO
Mrs. Jo Lanagan	Executive Director Client Services and Operations	-	-
Mr. Colin Napier	Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary	CFO, Secretary	CFO, Secretary
Mr. Malcolm O'Dell	Principal Lawyer, Chief Operations Officer	-	-

The officers and secretaries have been in office since the beginning of the financial year unless otherwise stated. Their profiles are provided in the annual report.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

OPERATING RESULTS

The Group’s consolidated comprehensive income for the year was \$164,249 (2017: 362,418).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Central Desert

Central Desert provides services equivalent to a Native Title Representative Body, and therefore the company has specific functions under Part 11, Division 3 of the Native Title Act 1993. These functions are:

- Facilitation & assistance functions referred to in section 203BB;
- Certification functions referred to in section 203BE;
- Dispute resolution functions referred to in section 203BF;
- Notification functions referred to in section 203BG;
- Agreement-making functions referred to in section 203BH;
- Internal review functions referred to in section 203BI, and
- Other functions referred to in section 203BJ, and such other functions as are conferred on representative bodies by the Act.

The company also coordinates Heritage and Archaeological surveys on a Fee-for-service basis, linking exploration and mining companies with Traditional Owners and Native Title Claimants.

The Australian Taxation Office (“ATO”) endorsed the company as a Public Benevolent Institution and it conducts a range of charitable activities. The company is also endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. No change in its tax status as a result of activities undertaken during the year is likely.

Desert Support Services

DSS’s principal activities during the financial year were:

- (a) Labour hire of casual employees, usually regionally-based Traditional Owners to Central Desert for future act and land management activities;
- (b) Accounting, bookkeeping and HR services for Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC) and community groups within the central desert region; and,
- (c) Property management of surplus office space at 76 Wittenoom Street East Perth on behalf of Central Desert.
- (d) Supporting PBCs to manage land under Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) programs.
- (e) Managing ranger programs in a number of determined and claim areas, and
- (f) Developing Land Management and Access plans.

The company is a non-profit organisation. The company is endorsed by Australian Charities & Non Profit Commission (ACNC) and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI).

Rockhole Funds Management

RFM continued to serve as a Native Title Trust fund management service for Central Desert PBCs and for claim groups where Native Title has not been determined. Trusts held are below the commercial threshold for private trust fund services. The company deliberately operates on a low cost model and use the Public Trustee as its ‘high’ benchmark for costs. RFM has responsibility for all the native title trusts funds previously held by Central Desert. The company holds legal advice stating that the company does not need to be the holder of an Australian Financial Services Licence.

The company is a non-profit organisation. The company is endorsed by Australian Charities & Non Profit Commission (ACNC) and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a charity.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

No significant changes in the Group’s state of affairs occurred during the year.

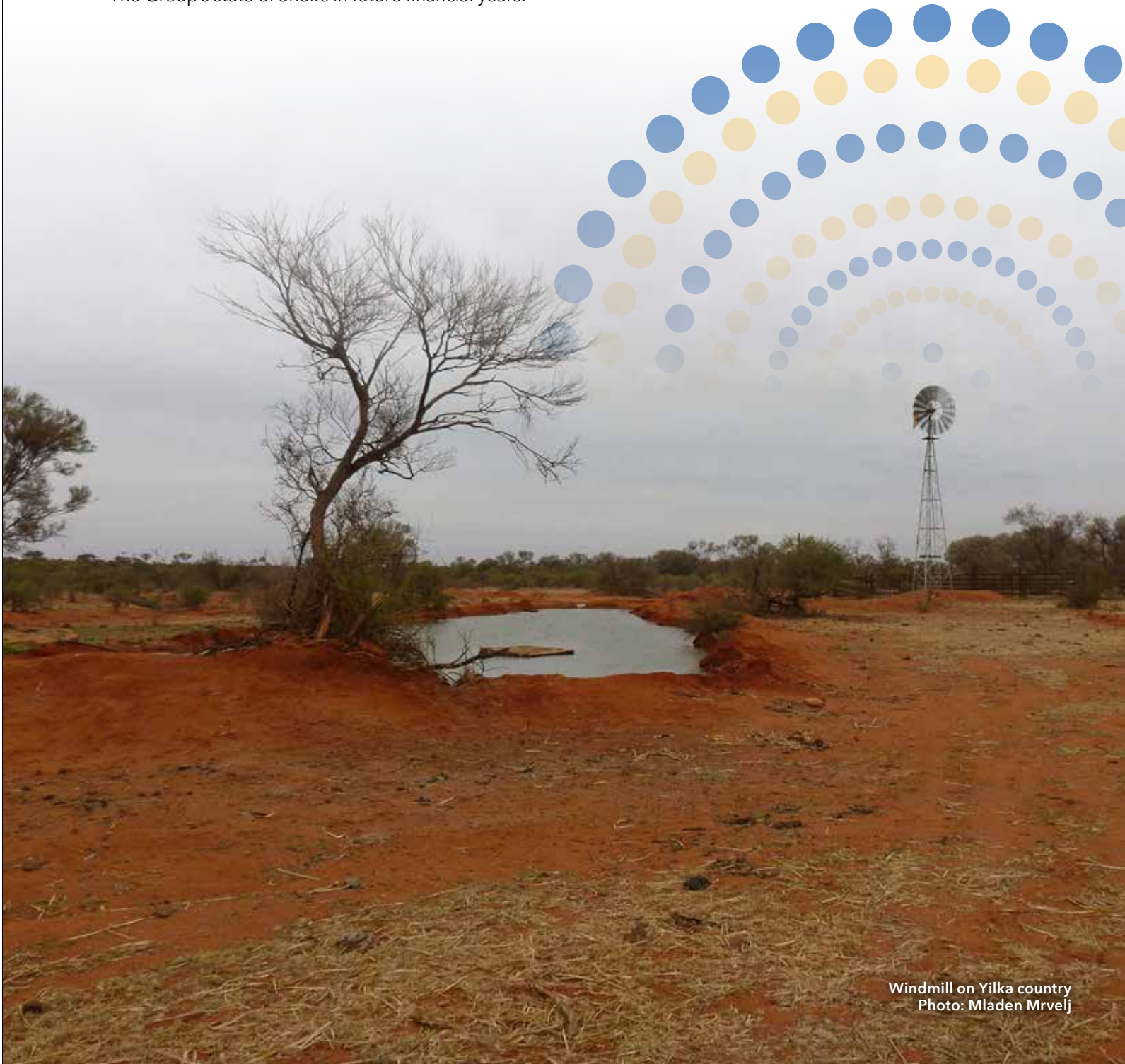
EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

No matter has arisen since the end of the year that will or may significantly affect:

- The Group’s operations in future financial years; or,
- The results of those operations in future financial years; or
- The Group’s state of affairs in future financial years.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

There are no significant changes expected in the nature of the operations of the Group.



Windmill on Yilka country
Photo: Mladen Mrvelj

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

During the financial year, a series of meetings of directors, including committees of directors, were held by the parent entity. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

DIRECTORS	DIRECTORS		AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE	
	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	NUMBER ATTENDED	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	NUMBER ATTENDED
Mr. Terence Grose	5	5	2	2
Hon. Frederick Chaney AO	5	5	2	1
Dr. Fiona Skyring	5	5	0	0
Dr. Carolyn Tan	5	4	0	0
Mr. Andrew Gilmour	5	4	2	2
Dr Guy Singleton	5	5	0	0

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

The Group is not subject to any particular and significant environmental regulation under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

DISTRIBUTIONS TO MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR

The companies within the Group are all non-profit companies and their constitutions do not allow payments including dividends, bonuses or distributions of profit, directly or indirectly, to members, officers, servants, agents or employees other than as reasonable remuneration for services actually rendered.

INDEMNIFYING OFFICERS OR AUDITOR

The Group has entered into deeds of access and indemnity with all directors and officers to the extent allowed at law. Other than these, no indemnities have been given during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company. The company holds an Association’s Liability insurance policy which includes both directors and officers and professional indemnity cover.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Group or to intervene in any proceedings, to which any company within the Group is a party, for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Group for all or any part of those proceedings. The Group was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

AUDITOR’S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The auditor’s independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2018 has been reviewed and can be found on page 6 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors:



Terence Grose
Director
08 October 2018



Frederick Chaney
Director
08 October 2018

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08th October 2018

The Directors
Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd
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Dear Directors,

AUDITOR’S INDEPENDENCE
DECLARATION

AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

As lead Auditor for the audit of Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2018, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, that there have been:

- (g) no contraventions of the Auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, in the relation to the audit, and
- (h) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board relation to the audit.

This Declaration is made in respect of Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd during the period of the audit.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd, the directors of the company declare that:

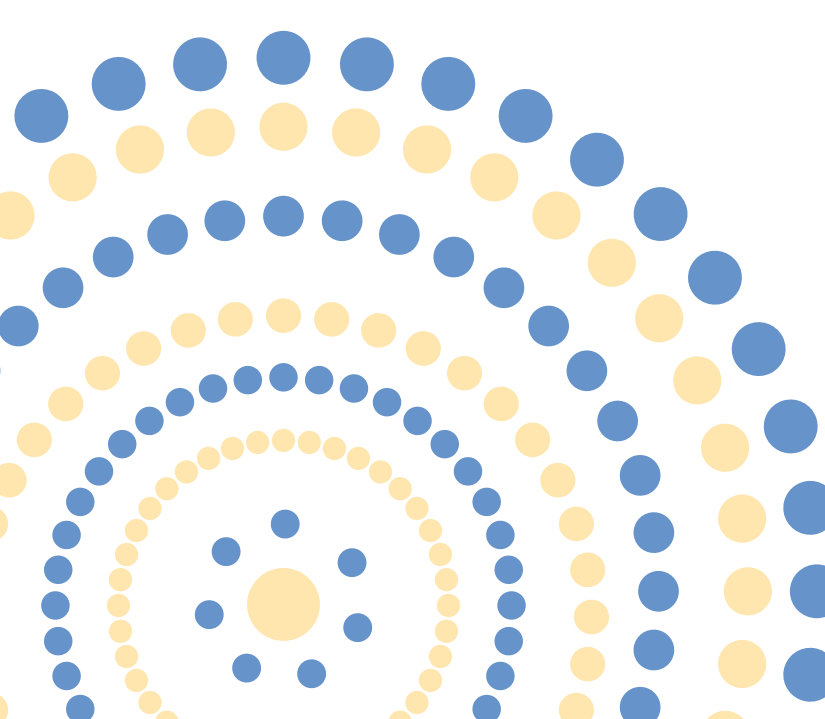
- The consolidated financial statements and notes, as set out in pages 7 to 28 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - Comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and,
 - Give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company, and the Group, will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



Terence Grose
Director
08 October 2018



Frederick Chaney
Director
08 October 2018



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	NOTE	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue and Other Gains			
Revenue from continuing operations	4	9,413,538	9,215,073
Other gains	4	70,052	12,133
		9,483,590	9,227,206
Expenses and Other Losses			
Employee benefits expense - CDNTS group		(4,736,929)	(3,993,116)
Employee benefits expense - labour hire		(1,603,320)	(1,134,795)
Services and supplies		(2,514,360)	(2,018,843)
Motor vehicle expenses		(305,833)	(248,274)
Occupancy costs		(415,200)	(433,760)
Travel expenses		(1,122,466)	(636,160)
Other expenses	5	(566,858)	(408,296)
Depreciation / amortisation		(304,391)	(246,680)
Interest expense		(432)	(1,248)
		(11,569,789)	(9,121,172)
Operating result for the year before income tax		164,249	362,418
Income tax expense	3 (k)	-	-
Operating result for the year after income tax		164,249	362,418
Other Comprehensive Income For The Year			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		-	-
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met		-	-
Total other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income For The Year		164,249	362,418

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	NOTE	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	5,465,167	6,457,237
Trade and other receivables	9	1,786,882	291,101
Other current assets	10	71,638	99,389
Total Current Assets		7,323,687	6,847,727
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant & equipment	11	1,472,761	1,635,156
Total Non-Current Assets		1,472,761	1,635,156
Total Assets		8,796,448	8,482,883
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	1,102,473	768,695
Provisions for employee benefits	14	773,925	545,411
Deferred income	15	3,016,332	2,989,959
Trust liabilities	16	1,204,265	1,567,112
Interest bearing borrowing	17	-	15,866
Total Current Liabilities		6,096,995	5,887,043
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provision for employee benefits	14	165,500	226,136
Total Non-Current Liabilities		165,500	226,136
Total Liabilities		6,262,495	6,113,179
Net Assets		2,533,953	2,369,704
Equity			
Member's Funds		2,533,953	2,369,704

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	NOTE	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	RESERVES \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 30 June 2016		1,414,046	593,240	2,007,286
Operating result for the year		362,418	-	362,418
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		362,418	-	362,418
Movement in reserves		30,975	(30,975)	-
Balance at 30 June 2017		1,807,439	562,265	2,369,704
Operating result for the year		164,249	-	164,249
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		164,249	-	164,249
Movement in reserves		490,274	(490,274)	-
Balance at 30 June 2018	6	2,461,962	71,991	2,533,953

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	NOTE	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Receipts from government and customers		10,200,956	10,216,723
Payments to employees		(6,167,184)	(4,415,336)
Payments to suppliers		(4,936,599)	(2,665,917)
Interest received		46,506	32,249
Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	8	(856,321)	3,167,719
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Proceeds from sale of property & equipment		22,545	38,692
Payment for property & equipment		(141,996)	(221,204)
Net cash used in investing activities		(119,451)	(182,512)
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Repayment of financing commitments		(16,298)	(16,298)
Net cash used in financing activities		(16,298)	(16,298)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash held		(992,070)	2,968,909
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	7	6,457,237	3,488,328
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	7	5,465,167	6,457,237

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

1. THE PARENT COMPANY

Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd is a public company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* on 16 April 2007 and domiciled in Australia.

(a) Registered Office

All companies in the Group have the following registered and principal place of business address:

76 Wittenoom Street
East Perth, WA, 6004

(b) Not For Profit

The Company is a not-for-profit organisation. It is registered as a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) with the ACNC and the ATO.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Date of Issue

These consolidated financial statements of the Central Desert Group were authorised for issue by the directors on 08 October 2018. The Directors have the authority to amend the financial statements after that date.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The Central Desert Group applies Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in *AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards* and *AASB 2010-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements*.

These consolidated financial statements are General Purpose Financial Statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. All companies in the Group are a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material

accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial report covers the company and its subsidiaries as a consolidated Group.

The financial statements, except cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs. They do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, the measurement at fair-value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

These accounts are presented in Australian dollars (\$AUD) and are rounded to the nearest dollar.

(c) Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(d) Economic Dependence

The ability of the group to continue as a going concern is dependent upon continued support from various government funding bodies. At the date of this report the directors have no reason to believe that governments will not continue to fund the native title operations of the group.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following specific policies, which are consistent with the previous year unless otherwise stated, have been adopted by the company in the Central Desert Group in the preparation of this financial report:-

(a) Principles of consolidation

Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of the parent entity (the parent) and all subsidiaries as at 30 June 2018 and the results of the parent and all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd and its subsidiaries together are referred to in this financial report as the Group or the consolidated entity. Subsidiaries are all entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting

rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is established or transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases. Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group. Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the consolidated income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of financial position respectively.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(c) Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and measurement

Financial instruments, incorporating financial assets and financial liabilities, are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments. Trade date accounting is adopted for financial assets that are delivered within timeframes established by marketplace convention.

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs where the instrument is not classified as at fair value through profit or loss. Transaction costs related to instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Financial instruments are classified and measured as set out below.

Classification and Subsequent Measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment,

and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the

contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of an income or expense item in profit or loss.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at "fair value through profit or loss" when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid

an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying amount included in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned from the financial asset and is included in other gains or losses in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the group's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

Available-for-sale investments

Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with any remeasurements other than impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current assets when they are not expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other available-for-sale financial assets are classified as current assets.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the group assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. A financial asset (or a group of financial assets) is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") having occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying

amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having taken all possible measures of recovery, if management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the written-off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance account.

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the company recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

De-recognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or

transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed is recognised in profit or loss.

(d) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the group assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (eg in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

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

Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings is located in a remote area of Western Australia. There is not an active market for properties of the type owned. Director's have determined that such assets be measured on the cost basis less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the revaluation surplus in equity. Revaluation decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of assets shall be recognised in other comprehensive income under the heading of revaluation surplus. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Freehold land and buildings that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are initially recognised and measured at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment

losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 3(d) for details of impairment).

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a diminishing-value basis over the asset's useful life to the group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements

are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are based on their useful life. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(f) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the group's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. These cashflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows.

(g) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the group, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised, recognising an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the entity will obtain ownership of the asset. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the group has a

legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

(i) Funds held on trust

From time to time the group holds funds on trust for indigenous organisations. Such funds are held as liabilities and retained in the group's bank accounts pending the establishment of bank accounts for the purpose. The receipt of those funds, and interest pertaining to the bank accounts, are not recognised as revenue to the group.

(j) Revenue

Grant revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the group obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the group and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably. If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Provision of services

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to customers.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest

Interest revenue derives from interest on funds held on deposit and are recognised when they are received. Other interest received is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets, is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Donations and bequests

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received unless they are designated for a specific purpose where they are carried as prepaid income.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(k) Taxation

Public Benevolent Institution

The Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits

Commission has registered the group as a Public Benevolent Institution. The Australian Taxation office has endorsed the group as eligible for the following concessions:

- (i) GST concession;
- (ii) Income taxation exemption.
- (iii) FBT exemption;

No change in its tax status as a result of activities undertaken during the year is likely.

(l) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST. Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a net basis.

(m) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies. The directors evaluate estimates and judgments 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 Group. No accounting assumptions or estimates have been identified that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next accounting period.

Key Estimates

Motor Vehicles - Useful Life assessment

At 30 June 2016 Directors approved a revaluation of vehicles based on extensive assessment of the useful life of work vehicles. In previous periods, vehicles had been written down in the expectation of a useful life of 4 years with limited recoverable value. Ongoing assessment has show this to have been overly aggressive and vehicles are now deemed to have a useful life of 8 years or 200,000km.

Land Management Facilities in Wiluna

At 30 June 2018 Directos approved an adjustent to the useful life of land management facilities in Wiluna. The adjustment is based on reductive assesment

of the useful life of the facilities from 40 years to 20 years with a commensurate adjustment to depreciation.

Rent reviews

Rental commitments for the property at 76 Witttenoom Street East Perth are based on a 3% annual increase contained in the lease. No provision is made of the Market reviews other than the annual review allowance.

Key Judgements

Employee Benefits

For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service.

Annual leave is expected to be taken in the year in which it falls due or within the immediately following year as a result the directors believe that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of short-term employee benefits. Long Service Leave is calculated using a probability assessment of a person becoming eligible for Long Service Leave and that they will take it in a given year. the directors believe that obligations for long service leave entitlements satisfy the definition of both short and long-term employee benefits.

(n) Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

Valuation of freehold land and buildings

"Fair value" is the price the group would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (ie unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

The Group holds buildings in Wiluna, Western Australia that were originally held under Crown Leases. The land was purchased in December 2014. There is not an active market for properties in Kalgoorlie. The Directors have determined that land shall therefore be held at cost. Buildings are held at the cost of construction. The cost of regular valuation is a significant impost on the group due to the remote location of the assets and the unlikelihood of its disposal.

(o) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When an entity applies an accounting policy

retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or re-classifies items in its financial statements, a statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period must be disclosed.

(p) New and amended Accounting Standards

As at the reporting date, the Group has non-cancellable operating lease commitments of \$1,545,764 see note 20. Based on a preliminary assessment, the directors anticipate that the adoption of AASB 16 - Leases will have a major impact on the Group's financial statements. The Group has yet to quantify the impact at this stage and will seek appropriate advice in due course for proper financial reporting purposes.

Except for the impact of AASB 16 - Leases stated above, the directors have assessed the new and amended accounting standards issued and effective for financial reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2017 and have determined there to be no effect on the current or prior period financial statements.

4. REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

	NOTE	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Revenue from continuing operations			
Net grant revenue		7,838,693	6,583,834
Revenue from the sale of services		3,676,551	2,250,335
Sales of goods		16,468	14,286
Reimbursements		100,020	522,600
Rent & Utilities		7,200	6,562
Donations		-	186
Sundry		5	3,486
Interest		46,506	32,249
		11,685,443	9,413,538
Other Gains			
Profit on sale of non-current assets		22,545	26,234
Other Gains		18,550	23,460
Bad Debts - Recovered		7,500	20,358
		48,595	70,052
Total		11,734,038	9,483,590

5. NET OPERATING RESULT

Net Operating Result before Income Tax is determined after the following significant Other Expenses:

PBC Program expenses	456,546	365,897
Repairs & maintenance	62,458	18,229
Charitable payments	2,420	1,651
Bad bebts provn/written off	-	11,782
Other Expenses	45,434	10,737
	566,858	408,296

6. MOVEMENT IN RESERVES

	RETAINED EARNINGS	ASSET REVALUATION	GENERAL RESERVE	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	TOTAL
Reserves at beginning of year	1,807,439	434,840	77,925	49,500	2,369,704
Operating result for the year	164,249	-	-	-	164,249
Comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in reserves	490,274	(434,840)	(55,434)	-	-
Reserves at end of year	2,461,962	-	22,491	49,500	2,533,953

Note: Share capital reserves are eliminated on consolidation.

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank		
Central Desert	1,641,043	4,474,245
DSS	2,612,402	410,261
RFM	7,157	5,320
	4,260,602	4,889,826
Trust Accounts		
Held by Central Desert	-	-
Held by RFM	1,204,265	1,567,111
	1,204,265	1,567,111
Cash on Hand		
Petty cash	300	300
	5,465,167	6,457,237

Restrictions. Cash at bank for Central Desert and DSS includes the following restricted amounts

- \$2,573,076 representing the balance of unexpended grants – see note 15b

The restrictions arise as a result of the terms and conditions of various funding agreements which require unspent funds to be returned or used in future years for the purposes specified in the funding agreements.

Further restrictions are in place over funds held in respect of third party agreements

- \$1,204,265 is held on Trust for 3rd parties – see note 16.

8. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Surplus/(loss) after income tax	164,249	362,418
Non cash flows included in surplus/(loss)		
Depreciation and amortisation	304,391	246,680
(Profit)/loss on sale of assets	(22,545)	(26,235)
other non-cash items	432	1,249
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(1,495,781)	34,874
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	27,751	(23,767)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	333,778	127,850
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	26,373	2,428,612
Increase/(decrease) in provision for employee benefits	167,878	(143,012)
Increase/(decrease) in Trust Liabilities	(362,847)	159,050
Cash flows from operating activities	(856,321)	3,167,719

9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables	1,786,717	304,026
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	-	(12,960)
Other receivables	165	35
	1,786,882	291,101

Terms. Trade and other debtors are non-interest bearing and are generally settled on terms of 30 days. Trade debtors are reported net of GST

(a) Aging of amounts receivable, past due (over 30 days) but not impaired

31-60	692,908	-
61-90	7,168	72
90+	224,286	13,011
	924,362	13,083

10. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	37,548	38,740
Bonds	9,090	1,980
Accrued income	25,000	58,669
	71,638	99,389

11. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Freehold land and buildings		
Freehold land at cost	23,500	23,500
Buildings at cost	923,210	923,210
Less: accumulated depreciation	(199,716)	(82,367)
	746,994	864,343
Leasehold improvements		
Leasehold improvements at cost	895,466	895,466
Less: accumulated depreciation	(608,757)	(554,553)
	286,709	340,913
Motor vehicles		
Motor vehicles at cost	1,246,965	1,171,042
Less: accumulated depreciation	(850,683)	(767,239)
	396,282	403,803
Office equipment & furniture		
Office equipment & furniture at cost	354,500	322,608
Less: accumulated depreciation	(316,710)	(302,085)
	37,790	20,523
Plant & equipment		
Plant & equipment at cost	73,771	72,316
Less: accumulated depreciation	(71,861)	(69,818)
	1,910	2,498
Artwork		
Artwork at cost	3,076	3,076
	3,076	3,076
	1,472,761	1,635,156

(a) Movements in carrying amounts

	F/HOLD LAND & BUILDINGS	L/HOLD IMP	MOTOR VEHICLES	OE & FURN	PLANT & EQUIPMENT	ARTWORKS	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2017							
Opening balance	892,331	39,111	523,776	38,963	4,416	3,076	1,501,673
Additions	-	364,812	27,808	-	-	-	392,620
Depreciation expense	(27,987)	(63,010)	(135,325)	(18,441)	(1,917)	-	(246,680)
Disposals	-	-	(12,457)	-	-	-	(12,457)
	864,344	340,913	403,802	20,522	2,499	3,076	1,635,156
2018							
Additions	-	-	108,651	31,890	1,455	-	141,996
Depreciation expense	(117,349)	(54,204)	(116,171)	(14,624)	(2,043)	-	(304,391)
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	746,995	286,709	396,282	37,788	1,911	3,076	1,472,761

Freehold Land and Buildings: The land management facility and native title office located in Wiluna Western Australia were valued in January 2016. The market value at that date were determined to be:

Lot 1489 Woodley Street - \$30,000

Lot 501 Wotton Street - \$435,000

The group continues to hold these freehold properties at cost, rather than market value, because market value is not considered reliable due to the lack of market sales activity in Wiluna WA and the fact that the value-in-use to the group more closely matches cost. The useful life of the land management facilities in Wiluna was reduced from 40 years to 20 years with a commensurate adjustment to depreciation.

12. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

Details of the Group's subsidiaries at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

(a) Ownership Interests

NAME	PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	PLACE OF INCORPORATION	PROPORTION OF OWNERSHIP HELD BY PARENT ENTITY	
			2017	2016
Desert Support Services Pty Ltd	Labour hire, accounting, property management	Australia	100%	100%
Rockhole Funds Management Pty Ltd	Native Title trust management	Australia	100%	100%

Both companies are formed as not-for-profit private companies and therefore Central Desert is not entitled to dividends or other distributions from either subsidiary.

(b) Financial Results

NAME	2018		2017	
	SURPLUS/ (LOSS) \$	NET ASSETS \$	SURPLUS/ (LOSS) \$	NET ASSETS \$
Desert Support Services Pty Ltd	102,540	315,943	107,000	213,403
Rockhole Funds Management Pty Ltd	2,322	6,557	(4,422)	4,235

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	NOTE	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Trade payables		531,233	182,614
Other payables		2,030	7,502
Payroll Payable		5,187	-
GST & PAYG		204,799	330,506
Credit card			
Mastercard		50,927	35,698
American express		76,080	49,114
Accrued audit fees			
Audit fees CDNTS group		13,400	7,000
Audit fees others		9,590	9,850
Accrued wages		149,733	82,912
Accrued program expenses		59,494	63,499
		1,102,473	768,695

Credit Card Facilities. The group has a \$175,000 credit card facility with Westpac Banking Corporation of which \$124,073 remained unused at balance date. The group has a \$70,000 credit card facility with American Express of which \$42,289 remained unused at balance date. MasterCard and American Express purchasing card balances are cleared on or about the 27th of each month.

(a) Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables

	NOTE	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Trade and other payables			
Total current liabilities		1,102,473	768,695
Less other payables (net amount of GST payable)		(204,799)	(330,506)
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	24	897,674	438,189

14. PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current		
Annual Leave	385,553	303,182
Long Service Leave	388,372	242,229
	773,925	545,411
Non -current		
Long Service Leave	165,500	226,136
	165,500	226,136

15. DEFERRED INCOME

Grants-in-advance	-	1,648,106
Unexpended grants	2,573,076	1,341,853
Unearned Income	443,256	-
	3,016,332	2,989,959

(a) Grants-in-advance

Native Title representation and services	-	1,648,106
	-	1,648,106

(b) Unexpended grants

Native Title Grants	499,100	776,881
Land and Community Grants	791,567	564,972
BHP Foundation	1,281,288	-
Auspiced Grant	1,121	-
	2,573,076	1,341,853

Net Grant Revenue: Net grant revenue is represented by new grants plus Unexpended Grants b/fwd less unexpended grants c/fwd. 2018: \$8,174,226 (2017: \$6,496,834).

(c) Income received in advance

Prepaid fees for services	443,256	-
	443,256	-

16. TRUST LIABILITIES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Funds held by DSS	-	-
Funds held by RFM	1,204,265	1,567,112
	1,204,265	1,567,112

17. INTEREST BEARING BORROWING

Bank Loan	-	16,298
Less: Unexpired Interest	-	(432)
	-	15,866

18. AUDITOR REMUNERATION

Auditor remuneration for the year ended 30 June		
Audit of the financial report - Current auditor	28,000	-
Audit of the financial report - Previous auditor		
Audit of the grants acquittals - Previous auditor	-	2,250
Other non-audit services	-	-
	28,000	16,750

19. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The company's Key Management Personnel comprise the directors identified in the director's report and the following management staff:

POSITION	2018	2017
Chief Executive Officer	Ian Rawlings	Ian Rawlings
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Jo Lanagan	Jo Lanagan
Principal Lawyer	Malcolm O'Dell	Malcolm O'Dell
Chief Financial Officer	Colin Napier	Colin Napier
Manager - Land & Community	Rob Thomas	Rob Thomas

(a) Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

	DIRECTORS		MANAGEMENT STAFF	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Short Term Benefits				
Salaries & allowances	-	-	855,682	890,418
Directors fees	-	-	-	-
Travel allowances	-	-	-	-
Post Employment Benefits				
Superannuation	-	-	80,404	78,652
Total	-	-	936,086	969,070

Directors are unpaid volunteers who give their time and experience to help provide sound governance to the company and assist to set its strategic direction. They do not have a beneficial interest in the company or its subsidiaries.

20. CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

Capital Expenditure Commitments

The group does not have any capital commitments as at 30 June 2018.

Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements relate to office properties in Perth and Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, and leases for office equipment. Rental lease arrangements include market review clauses.

OPERATING LEASE	EXPIRING	PAYMENTS DUE		
		WITHIN 1 YEAR	1-5 YEARS	OVER 5 YEARS
76 Wittenoom Street East Perth ¹	31/03/2023	242,863	1,289,391	-
225 Piccadilly St Kalgoorlie	31/03/2019	13,510	-	-
		256,373	1,289,391	-

Right to early termination: The lease has a provision to terminate the lease earlier (in 2019 and 2022) if Central Desert core funding for Native Title Representative Services is withdrawn by the Commonwealth.

Lease Options: The property at 76 Wittenoom Street has two (2) three-year options expiring on 31/3/2029.

21. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The group does not have any contingent assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2018.

22. MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

Central Desert is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

If the company is wound up the company's constitution requires each member to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards the property of the company for payment of the debts and liabilities of the company. At 30 June 2018 the number of members was five (5).

23. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE

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

24. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The group’s financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments and accounts receivable and payable.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	NOTE	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	5,465,167	6,457,237
Trade and other receivables	9	1,786,882	291,101
Total Current Assets		7,252,049	6,748,338
Financial Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities At Amortised Cost			
Trade and other payables	13	(897,674)	(438,189)
Total Financial Liabilities		(897,674)	(438,189)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
CENTRAL DESERT NATIVE TITLE SERVICES LTD

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd (the Company) and its controlled entities (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and directors’ declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Group’s financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the period then ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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 Group 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 other ethical responsibilities with the Code.

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor’s Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group’s annual report for the year ended 30 June 2018 but does not include the financial report and our auditor’s report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRAL DESERT NATIVE TITLE SERVICES LTD (CONTINUED)

Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility 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 include the economic decisions of the users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standard Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar3.pdf. This description forms part of our audit report.


WEN-SHIEN CHAI
PARTNER


MOORE STEPHENS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Signed at Perth this 12th day of October 2018.

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