



Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan

Progress Report as at 30 June 2013

2 September 2013



Introduction

The *Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan* is an ongoing commitment by the City of Darwin to achieve a better and more sustainable future for the people of Darwin.

The Strategic Plan describes what the future should look like for Darwin – identified through the vision, goals and outcomes. Monitoring and reporting of the City of Darwin's progress against the Strategic Plan is conducted twice a year. The City of Darwin assesses its progress towards achieving the desired community goals, outcomes and strategies via the "Measures of Success" which were developed as part of the Strategic Plan.

In addition to the Strategic Indicators, the Plan also includes "State of the City" indicators. These indicators are all outwardly focussed and largely beyond the control of the City of Darwin. They are, however, important to monitor because they help us understand the current state of our city and, in turn, allow Council to more accurately plan for future services and infrastructure to match our changing population and community needs.

Executive Summary

Since the *Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan* was endorsed in December 2012, strong progress has been made against the Measures of Success. In total, of the 25 measures, 18 (72%) have been achieved based on their annual targets, 1 (4%) is just short of the target, 2 (8%) have not met the target and the remaining 4 (16%) will not have data available until next quarter¹.

Domestic waste collection (tonnes per service) experienced a slight increase from 2011/2012 and therefore has fallen just short of the target. The target of 5% reduction by June 2016 is based on the 2011/2012 data which totalled 0.67 tonnes per service. The actual result for 2012/13 was 0.69 tonnes per service.

The two which fell short of the targets were; rates income provided back the community via grants or sponsorships and the rates ratio. The data in relation to the rates incomes provided back to the community is collected twice a year. The target of 4.5% was achieved in the first of the financial year; however fell short for the period Jan – June 2013.

¹ These indicators have been flagged as "N/A" (data not available) within the report.

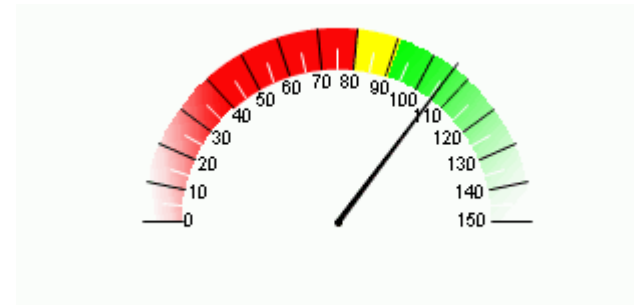
Goal 1 - Collaborative, Inclusive and Connected Community

Overview

KPI Status







Performance



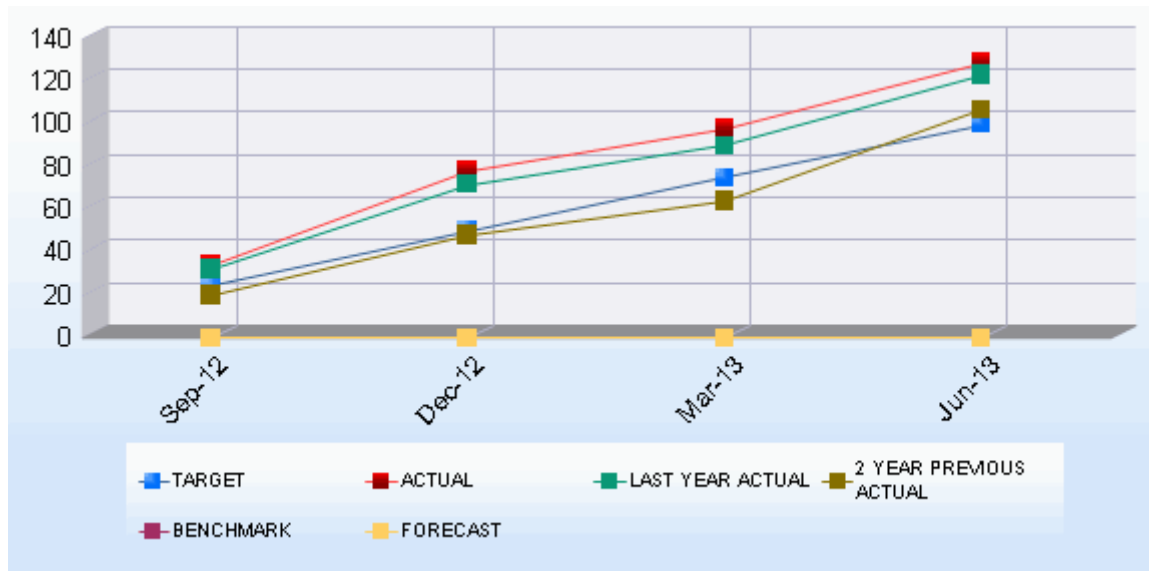
On Target	3
Monitor	0
Off Target	1
No target set	0
Total KPIs	4

Summary KPI

KPI	Trend	Unit	Target	Actual	
Community groups supported (e.g. in-kind, advocacy, facilitation, financial) per annum	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	#	100.00	129.00	 GREEN
Latest Comment No comments entered for this KPI					
Rates income provided back to the community via community grants or sponsorships per annum	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	4.50	3.12	 RED
Latest Comment Includes: Seabreeze, Tourism Top End, George Brown Memorial Scholarship, 1st round Community Grants & Mindil Beach Lifeguards.					
Total 'hits' per year to Council's website	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	#	300,000.00	340,399.00	 GREEN
Latest Comment No comments entered for this KPI					
Total number of on-line payments made via Council's e-services	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	#	14,500.00	16,092.00	 GREEN
Latest Comment No comments entered for this KPI					

KPI Detail

Community groups supported (e.g. in-kind, advocacy, facilitation, financial) per annum



Calculation Method:





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Aggregation:

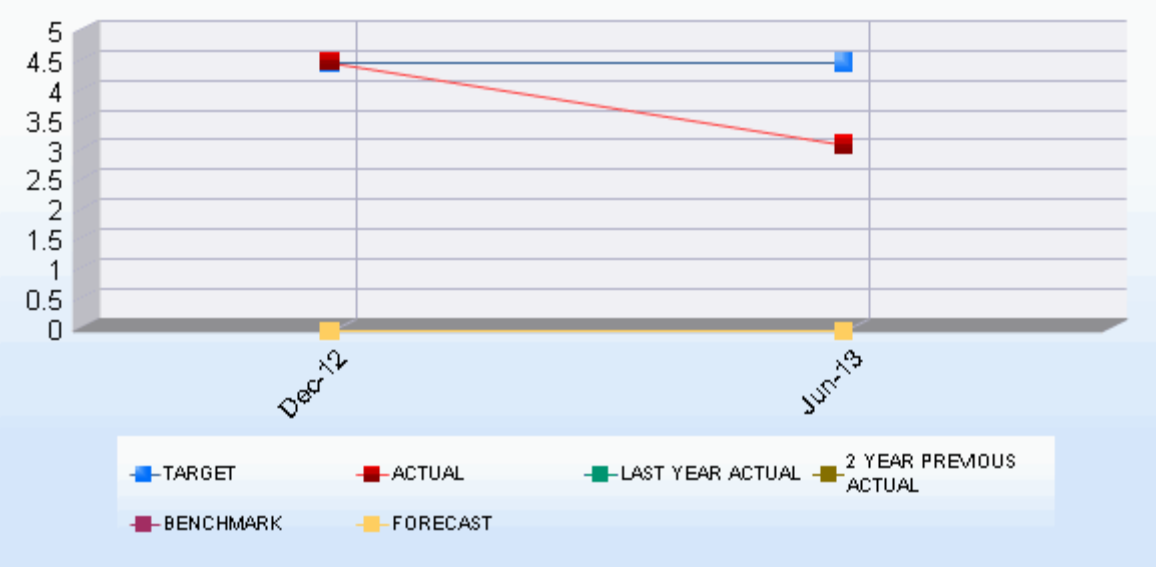
Normal

Reporting Period:

Quarter

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Sep-12	 GREEN	#	25.00	34.00	N/A
Dec-12	 GREEN	#	50.00	78.00	N/A
Mar-13	 GREEN	#	75.00	98.00	N/A
Jun-13	 GREEN	#	100.00	129.00	N/A

Rates income provided back to the community via community grants or sponsorships per annum



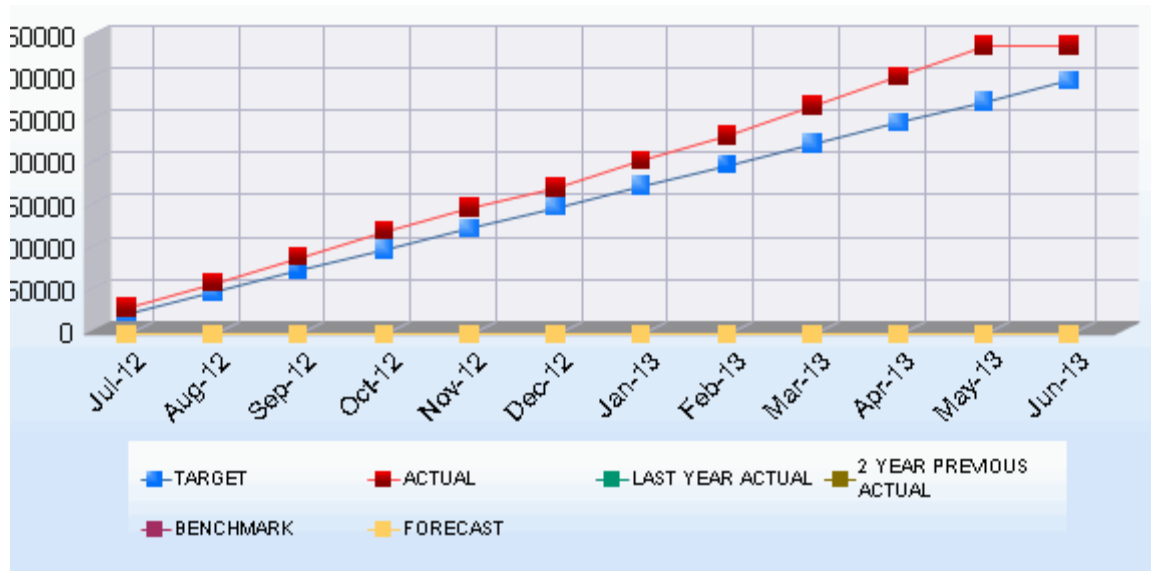
Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
Normal

Reporting Period:
Half Year

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Dec-12	 GREEN	%	4.50	4.51	Includes: Darwin Festival, Darwin Fridge Festival, RSPCA, DEC, Brolga Awards, Royal Darwin Show, Carols by Candlelight, 2nd round of Community Grants.
Jun-13	 RED	%	4.50	3.12	Includes: Seabreeze, Tourism Top End, George Brown Memorial Scholarship, 1st round Community Grants & Mindil Beach Lifeguards.

Total 'hits' per year to Council's website



Calculation Method:

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Aggregation:

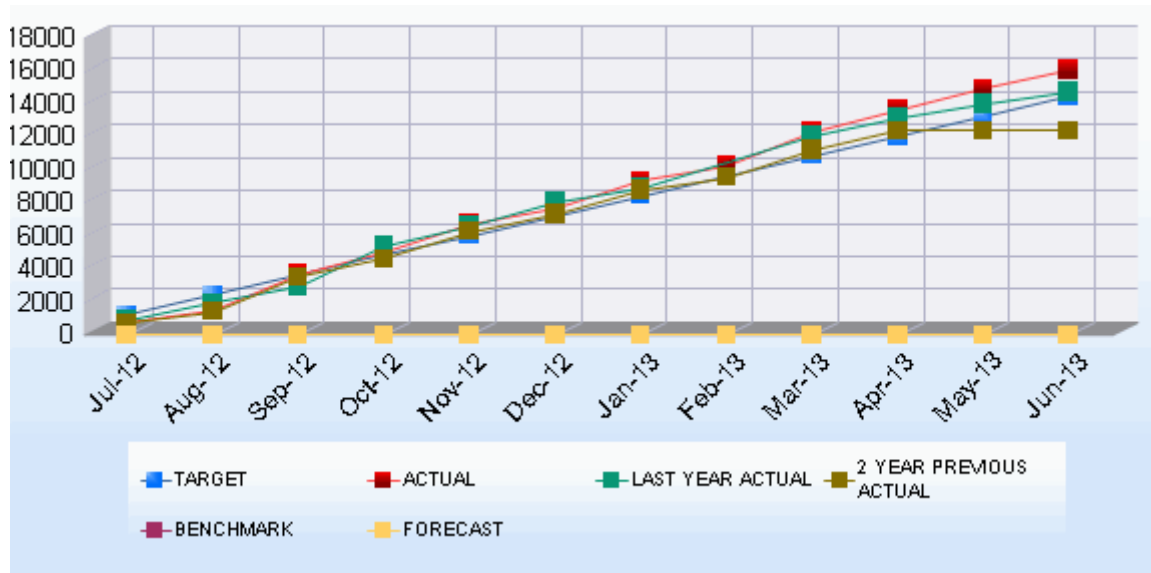
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Reporting Period:













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Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Jul-12		#	25,000.00	31,289.00	N/A
Aug-12		#	50,000.00	60,507.00	N/A
Sep-12		#	75,000.00	91,386.00	N/A
Oct-12		#	100,000.00	121,945.00	N/A
Nov-12		#	125,000.00	149,889.00	N/A
Dec-12		#	150,000.00	173,320.00	N/A
Jan-13		#	175,000.00	205,127.00	N/A
Feb-13		#	200,000.00	234,864.00	N/A
Mar-13		#	225,000.00	269,455.00	N/A
Apr-13		#	250,000.00	304,227.00	N/A
May-13		#	275,000.00	340,399.00	N/A
Jun-13		#	300,000.00	340,399.00	N/A

Total number of on-line payments made via Council's e-services



Calculation Method:
More is Better
Aggregation:
Cumulative
Reporting Period:
Month

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Jul-12	 RED	#	1,208.33	710.00	N/A
Aug-12	 RED	#	2,416.66	1,530.00	N/A
Sep-12	 GREEN	#	3,624.99	3,653.00	N/A
Oct-12	 GREEN	#	4,833.32	4,986.00	N/A
Nov-12	 GREEN	#	6,041.65	6,731.00	N/A
Dec-12	 GREEN	#	7,249.98	7,654.00	N/A
Jan-13	 GREEN	#	8,458.31	9,329.00	N/A
Feb-13	 GREEN	#	9,666.64	10,294.00	N/A
Mar-13	 GREEN	#	10,874.97	12,317.00	N/A
Apr-13	 GREEN	#	12,083.30	13,676.00	N/A
May-13	 GREEN	#	13,291.63	14,946.00	N/A
Jun-13	 GREEN	#	14,500.00	16,092.00	N/A

Goal 2 - Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

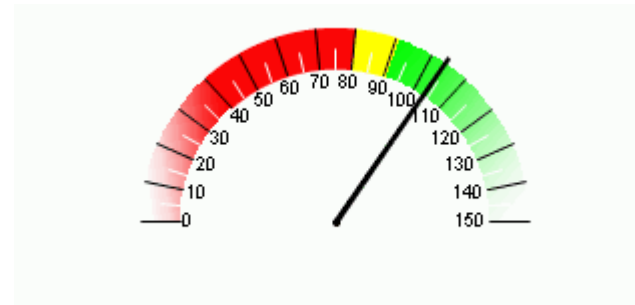
Overview

KPI Status



Off Track	0.00 %
Monitor	0.00 %
On Track	100.00 %
Total:	100.00 %

Performance



On Target	5
Monitor	0
Off Target	0
No target set	0
Total KPIs	5

Summary KPI

KPI	Trend	Unit	Target	Actual	
Average community satisfaction rate across all Council's community services	Jul 12 - Jun 13	#	3.50	3.60	
Latest Comment					GREEN
No comments entered for this KPI					
Average community satisfaction rate across all Council's infrastructure services	Jul 12 - Jun 13	#	3.50	3.70	
Latest Comment					GREEN
No comments entered for this KPI					
Council contracts awarded to locally owned and/or operated businesses	Jul 12 - Jun 13	%	70.00	72.00	
Latest Comment					GREEN
8 contracts awarded, 3 locally owned, 2 interstate with local office and 3 interstate.					
Darwin community that are satisfied with their quality of life in Darwin	Jul 12 - Jun 13	%	85.00	86.00	
Latest Comment					GREEN
No comments entered for this KPI					

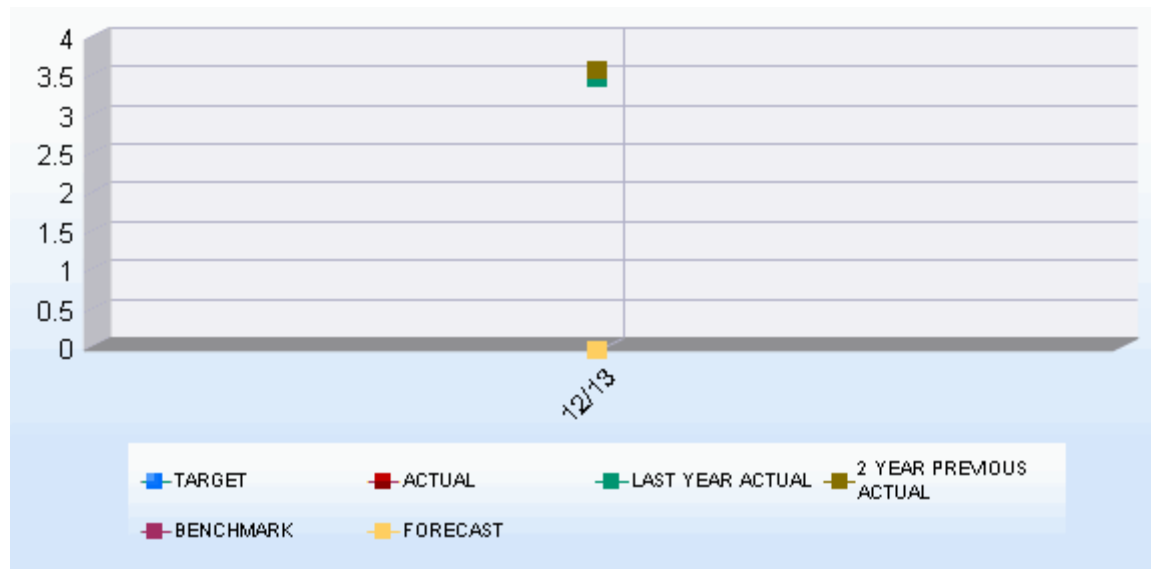
KPI	Trend	Unit	Target	Actual	
Total occupancy rates at Council's community centres	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	80.00	85.00	 GREEN

Latest Comment

No comments entered for this KPI

KPI Detail

Average community satisfaction rate across all Council's community services



Calculation Method:


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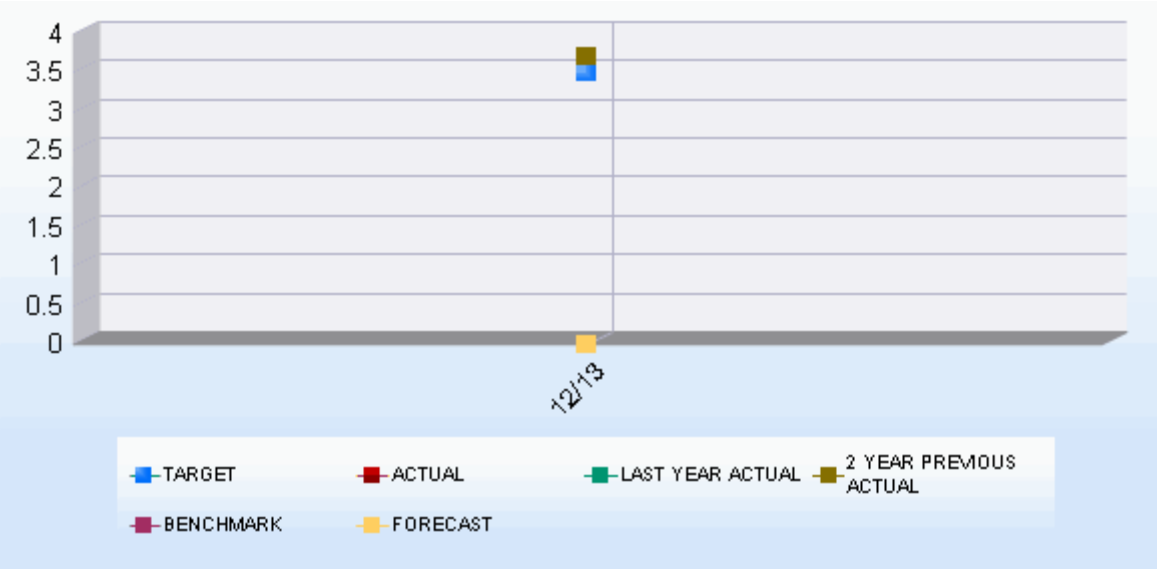
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Reporting Period:


Annual

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13	 GREEN	#	3.50	3.60	N/A

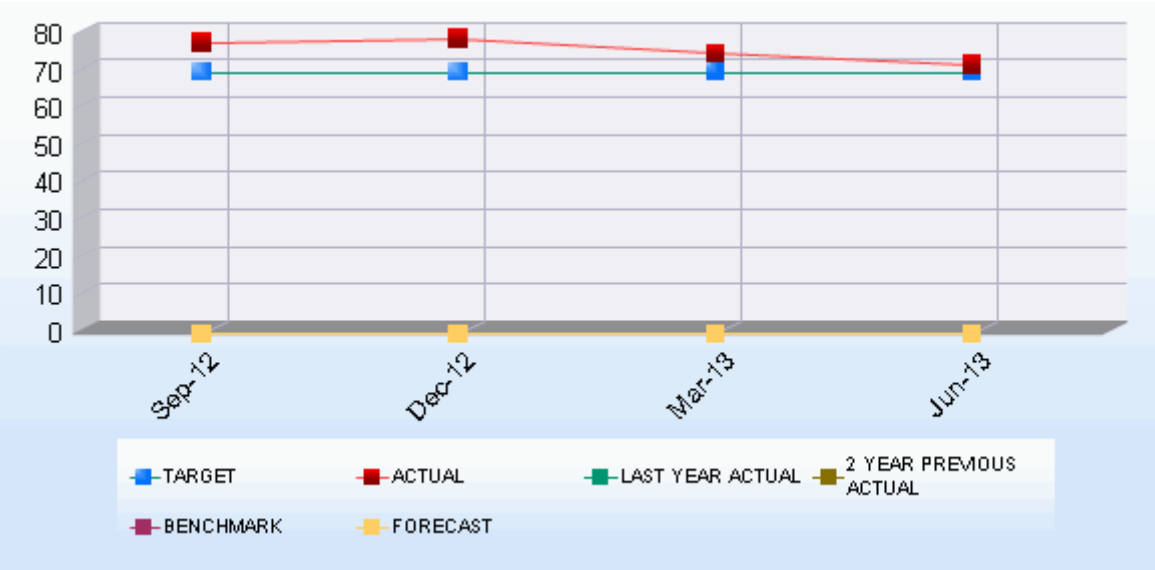
Average community satisfaction rate across all Council's infrastructure services






Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
Normal
Reporting Period:
Annual

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13	 GREEN	#	3.50	3.70	N/A

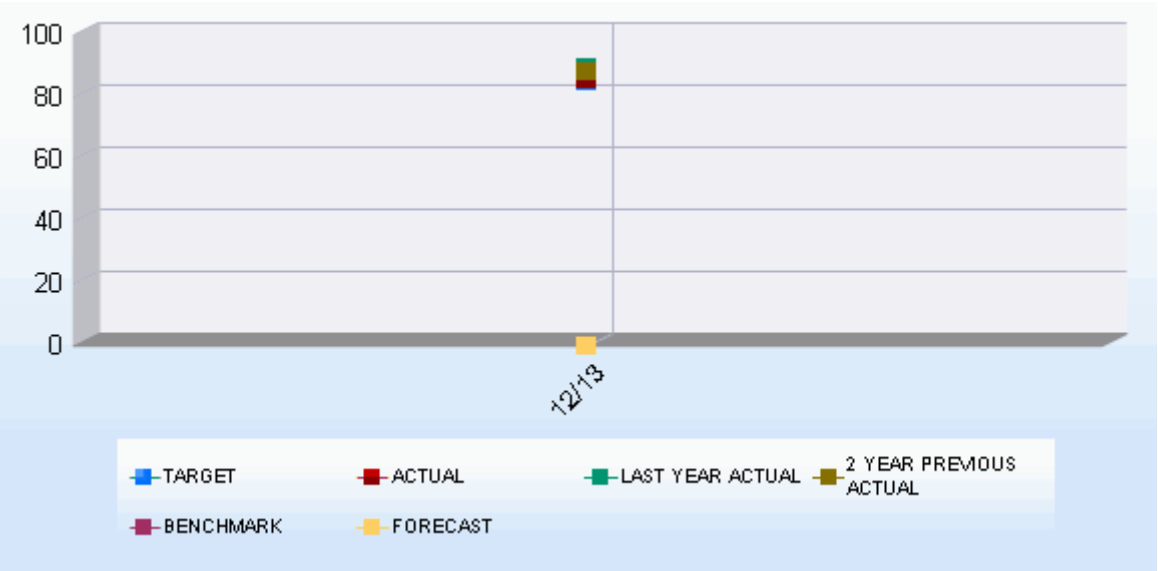
Council contracts awarded to locally owned and/or operated businesses




Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
Average
Reporting Period:
Quarter

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Sep-12	 GREEN	%	70.00	78.00	9 contracts awarded, 3 locally owned, 4 interste with local branches and 2 interstate (no local presence)
Dec-12	 GREEN	%	70.00	79.00	5 contracts awarded, 2 locally owned, 2 interstate with local offices and 1 interstate.
Mar-13	 GREEN	%	70.00	75.00	3 contracts awarded, 1 locally owned, 1 interste with local office & 1 interstate.
Jun-13	 GREEN	%	70.00	72.00	8 contracts awarded, 3 locally owned, 2 interstate with local office and 3 interstate.

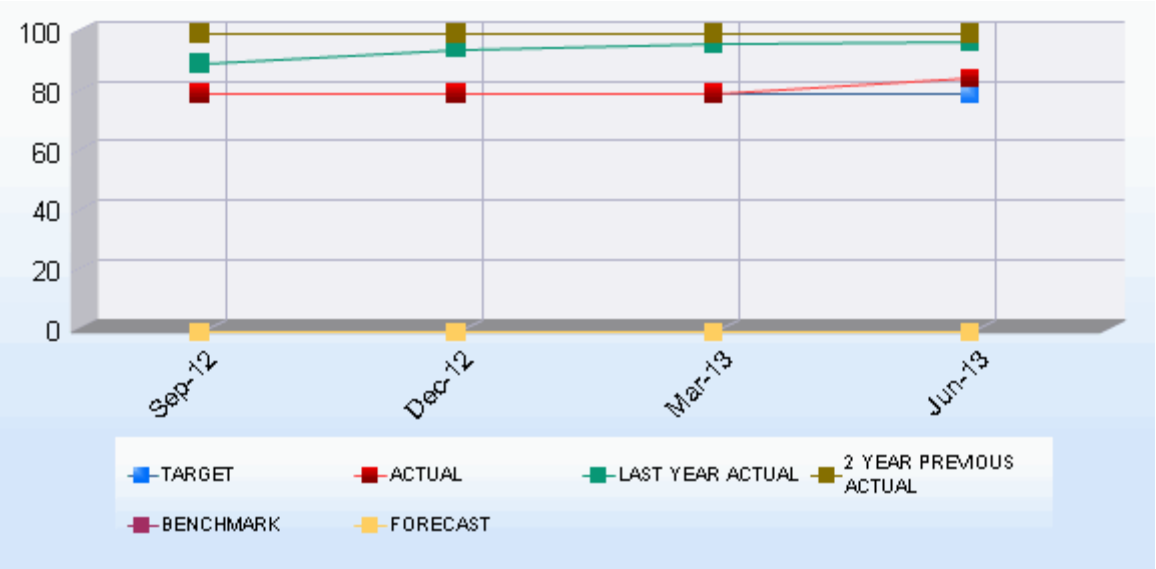
Darwin community that are satisfied with their quality of life in Darwin







Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
Normal
Reporting Period:
Annual

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13	 GREEN	%	85.00	86.00	N/A

Total occupancy rates at Council's community centres



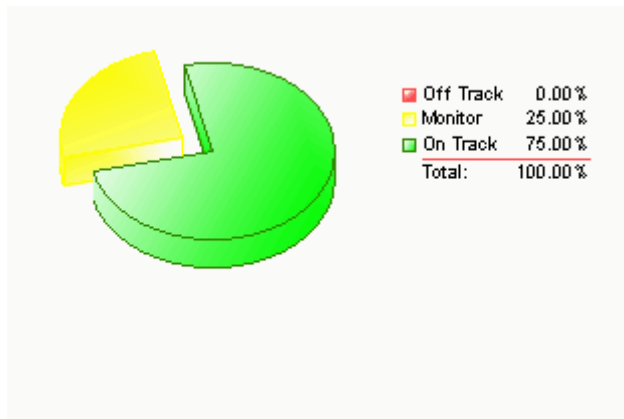
Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
Average
Reporting Period:
Quarter

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Sep-12	 GREEN	%	80.00	80.00	N/A
Dec-12	 GREEN	%	80.00	80.00	N/A
Mar-13	 GREEN	%	80.00	80.00	N/A
Jun-13	 GREEN	%	80.00	85.00	N/A

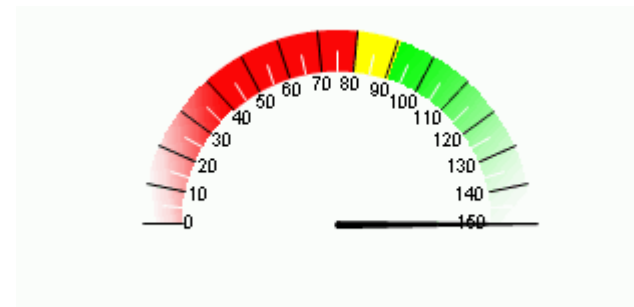
Goal 3 - Environmentally Sustainable City

Overview

KPI Status



Performance



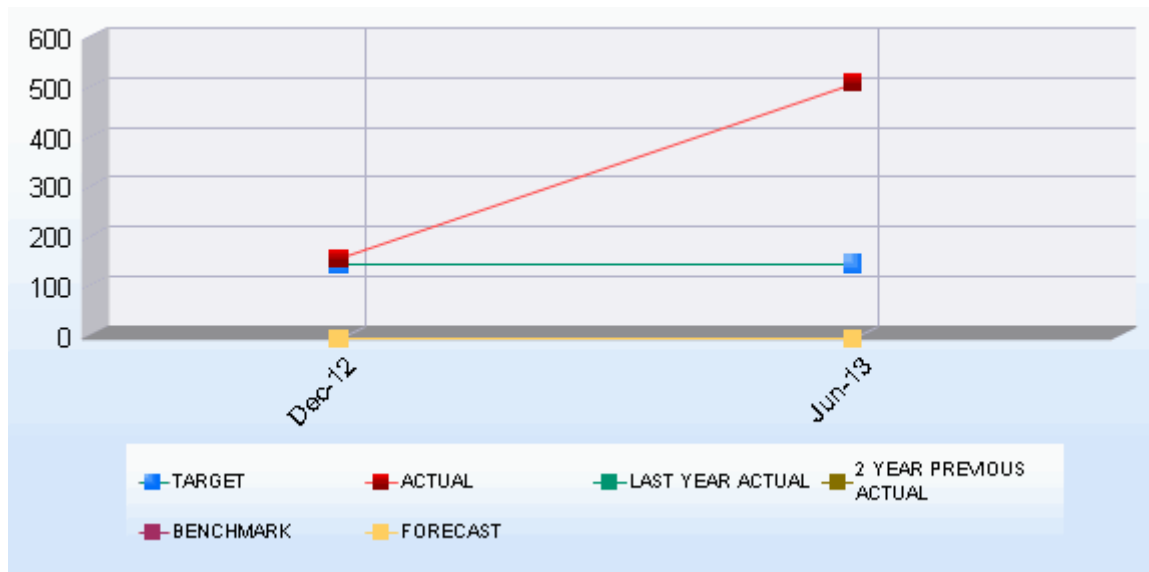
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Monitor	1
Off Target	0
No target set	0
Total KPIs	4

Summary KPI

KPI	Trend	Unit	Target	Actual	
New urban trees planted by June 2016	Jul 12 - Jun 13 	#	150.00	513.00	GREEN
Latest Comment No comments entered for this KPI					
Reduction in domestic waste collection by June 2016 (tonnes per service)	Jul 12 - Jun 13 	T	0.66	0.69	YELLOW
Latest Comment 4123.52 tonnes / 24,776 services					
Reduction in greenhouse gas emission from Council operations (tonnes CO2-e) by June 2016 (E2)	Jul 12 - Jun 13 	%	6,613.66	0.00	N/A
Latest Comment Inventory to be conducted in Sept 2013.					
Revegetation trees planted by June 2016	Jul 12 - Jun 13 	#	225.00	750.00	GREEN
Latest Comment No comments entered for this KPI					

KPI Detail

New urban trees planted by June 2016



Calculation Method:



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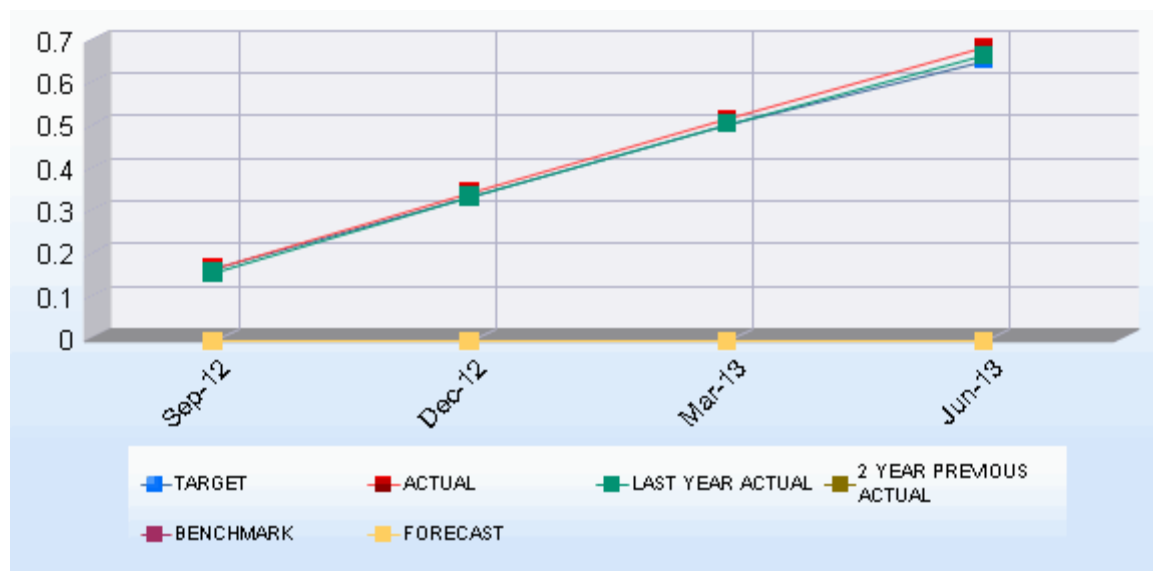
Cumulative

Reporting Period:

Half Year

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Dec-12	 GREEN	#	150.00	160.00	N/A
Jun-13	 GREEN	#	150.00	513.00	N/A

Reduction in domestic waste collection by June 2016 (tonnes per service)



Calculation Method:





Less is Better

Aggregation:

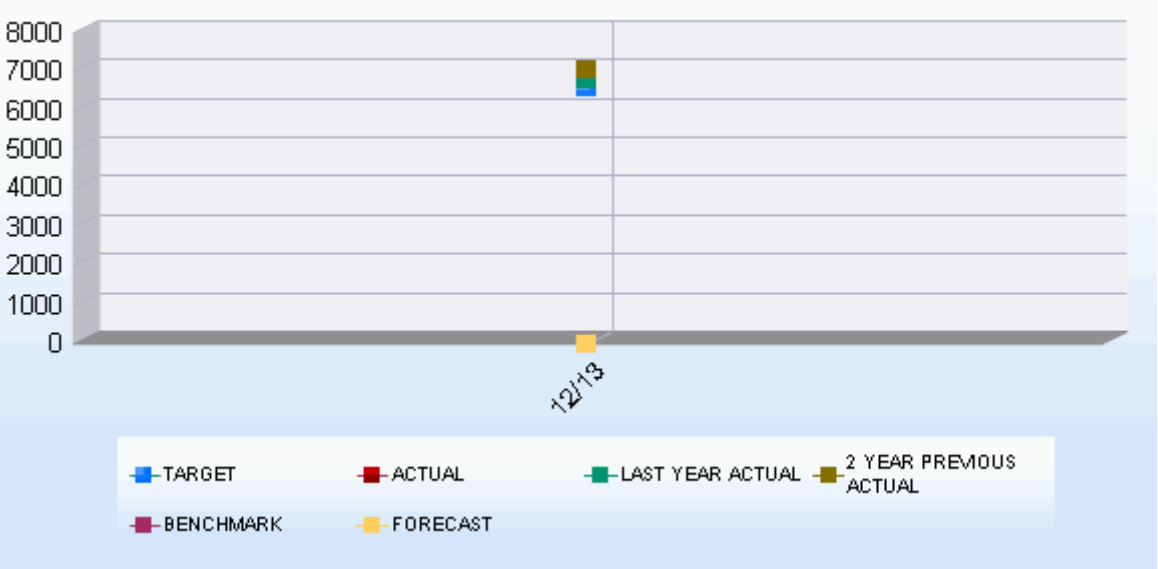
Cumulative

Reporting Period:

Quarter

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Sep-12	 GREEN	T	0.17	0.17	4135.00 tonnes / 24,606 services
Dec-12	 YELLOW	T	0.34	0.35	4393.97 tonnes / 24,629 services
Mar-13	 YELLOW	T	0.51	0.52	4276.97 tonnes / 24,715 services
Jun-13	 YELLOW	T	0.66	0.69	4123.52 tonnes / 24,776 services

Reduction in greenhouse gas emission from Council operations (tonnes CO2-e) by June 2016 (E2)



Calculation Method:

Less is Better

Aggregation:

Normal

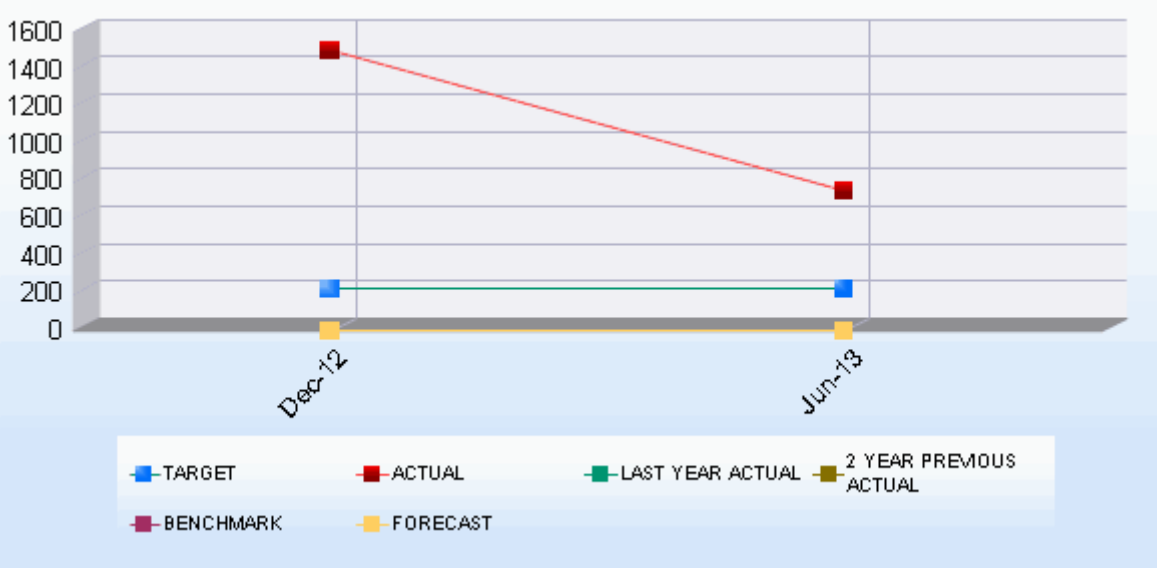
Reporting Period:

Annual

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13		%	6,613.66	0.00	Inventory to be conducted in Sept 2013.

N/A

Revegetation trees planted by June 2016



Calculation Method:



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Aggregation:

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Reporting Period:

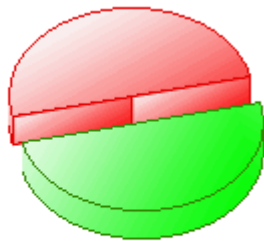
Half Year

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
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Jun-13	 GREEN	#	225.00	750.00	N/A

Goal 4 - Historic and Culturally Rich City

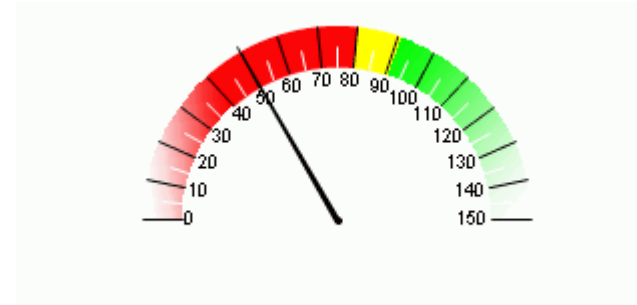
Overview

KPI Status




■ Off Track 50.00 %
■ Monitor 0.00 %
■ On Track 50.00 %
Total: 100.00 %

Performance



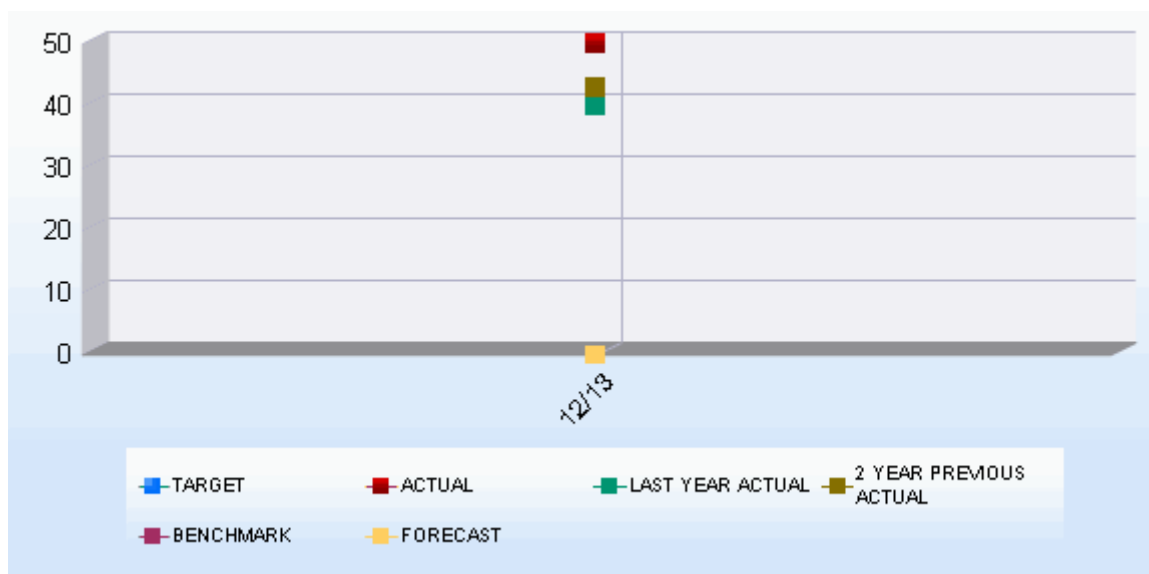
On Target	1
Monitor	0
Off Target	1
No target set	0
Total KPIs	2

Summary KPI

KPI	Trend	Unit	Target	Actual	
% of community that have attended special events and festivals (eg Bombing of Darwin) in the past 12 months	Jul 12 - Jun 13	%	50.00	50.00	
Latest Comment No comments entered for this KPI					
Community satisfaction rate with the arts and cultural activities within the Darwin municipality	Jul 12 - Jun 13	#	3.50	0.00	N/A
Latest Comment New question in Council's community satisfaction survey. First data will be available Sep 2013.					

KPI Detail

% of community that have attended special events and festivals (eg Bombing of Darwin) in the past 12 months



Calculation Method:


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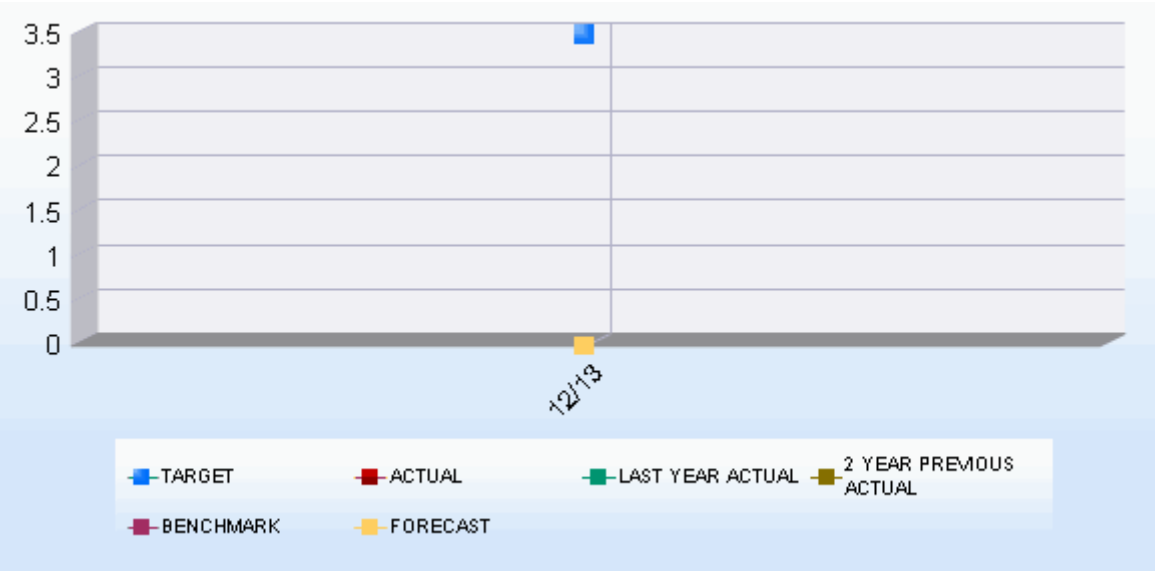
Normal

Reporting Period:

Annual

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13	 GREEN	%	50.00	50.00	N/A

Community satisfaction rate with the arts and cultural activities within the Darwin municipality



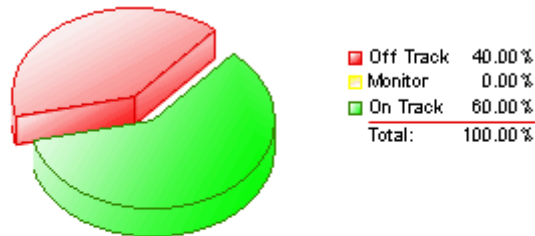
Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
Normal
Reporting Period:
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Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13	N/A	#	3.50	0.00	New question in Council's community satisfaction survey. First data will be available Sep 2013.

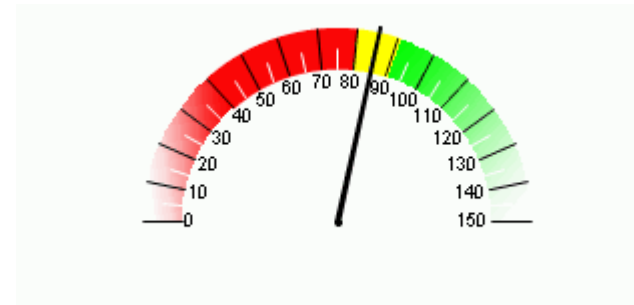
Goal 5 - Effective and Responsible Governance

Overview

KPI Status











Performance



On Target	6
Monitor	0
Off Target	4
No target set	0
Total KPIs	10

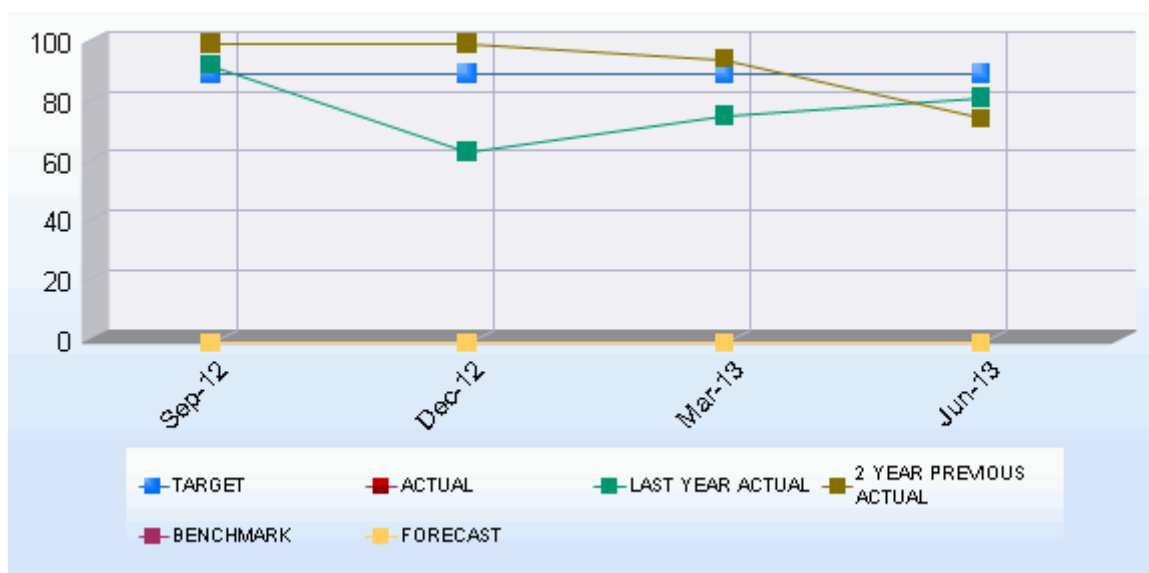
Summary KPI

KPI	Trend	Unit	Target	Actual	
% of internal audit recommendations implemented within specified timeframes	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	90.00	0.00	N/A
Latest Comment Due to staff changes, leave and other commitments critical dates have been extended until late 2013. In addition, the Risk & Audit Committee have reviewed all outstanding items and agreed on new priorities. A new methodology for capturing all recommendation and calculating percentage achieved will be implemented for the 2013/14 year.					
Asset sustainability ratio	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	50.00	0.00	N/A
Latest Comment Currently reviewing method of calculation. To be updated shortly					
Break even (or greater) operating surplus / (deficit)	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	\$	1.00	3,050,000.00	
Latest Comment No comments entered for this KPI					
Community agreement rating that Council consults with the community sufficiently	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	70.00	76.00	
Latest Comment No comments entered for this KPI					

KPI	Trend	Unit	Target	Actual	
Debt servicing ratio	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	5.00	0.40	 GREEN
Latest Comment <i>No comments entered for this KPI</i>					
Internal annual staff turnover rate	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	20.00	-19.50	 GREEN
Latest Comment 5 staff, 3 from Corporate and 2 Infrastructure					
Liquidity ratio	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	#	100.00	153.50	 GREEN
Latest Comment <i>No comments entered for this KPI</i>					
Overall satisfaction with the City of Darwin	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	70.00	71.00	 GREEN
Latest Comment Satisfaction is calculated by those residents surveyed who stated they were either very or quite satisfied. It does not take into account the further 30% whom were neither satisfied or dissatisfied.					
Rate debtors outstanding	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	5.00	3.76	 GREEN
Latest Comment Updated. Actual Outstanding at 31/3/13 was 7.6%					
Rates ratio	<u>Jul 12 - Jun 13</u>	%	65.00	98.50	 RED
Latest Comment <i>No comments entered for this KPI</i>					

KPI Detail




% of internal audit recommendations implemented within specified timeframes



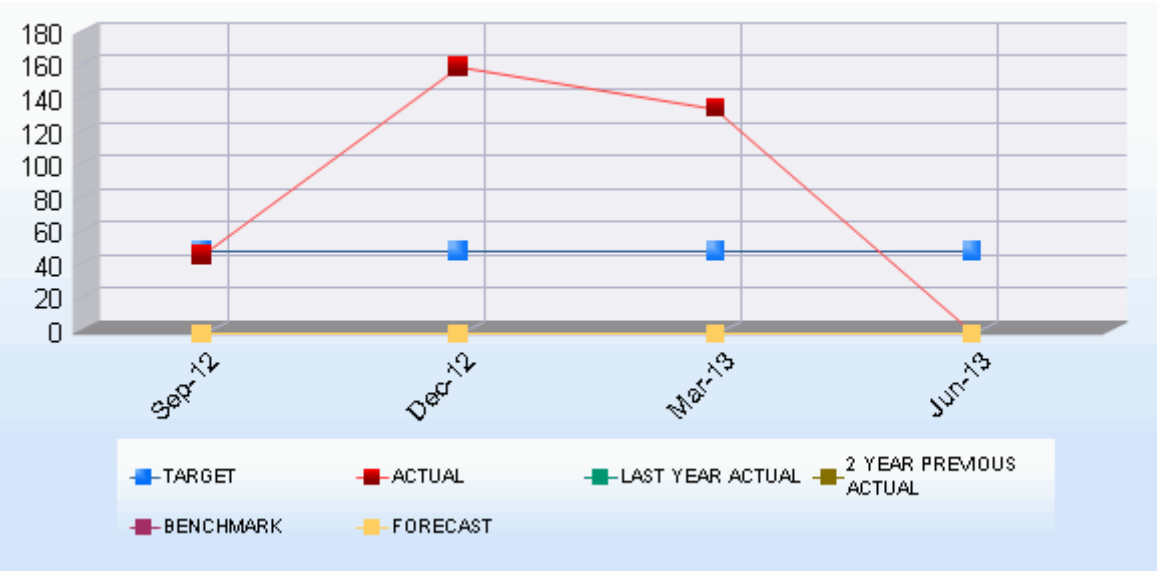
Calculation Method:
More is Better

Aggregation:
Average

Reporting Period:
Quarter

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Sep-12	 RED	%	90.00	0.00	N/A
Dec-12	 RED	%	90.00	0.00	N/A
Mar-13	 RED	%	90.00	0.00	N/A
Jun-13	N/A	%	90.00	0.00	Due to staff changes, leave and other commitments critical dates have been extended until late 2013. In addition, the Risk & Audit Committee have reviewed all outstanding items and agreed on new priorities. A new methodology for capturing all recommendation and calculating percentage achieved will be implemented for the 2013/14 year.

Asset sustainability ratio



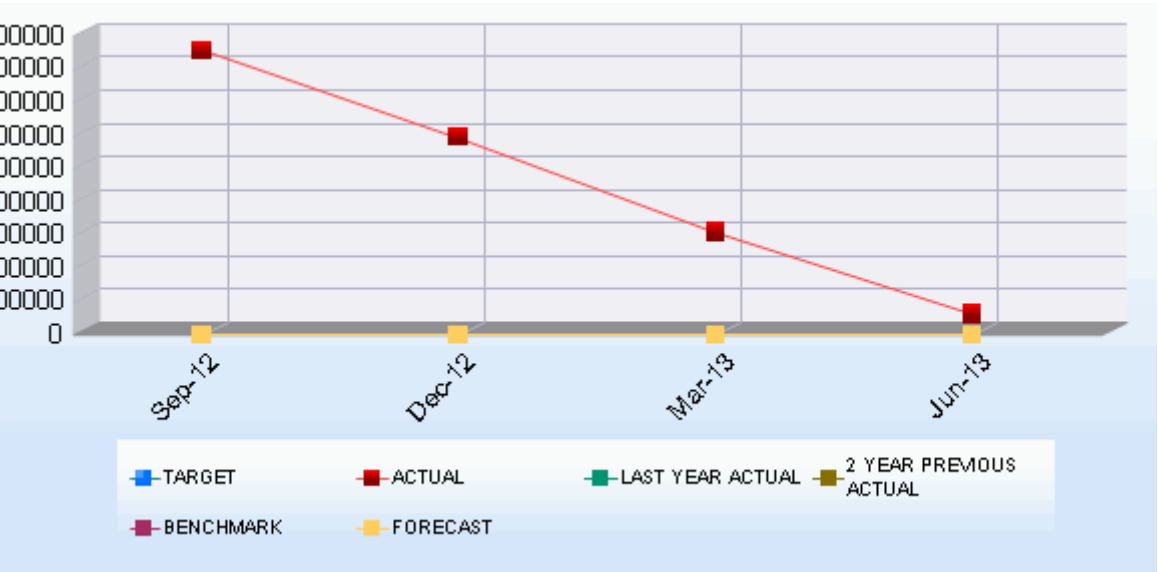
Calculation Method:
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
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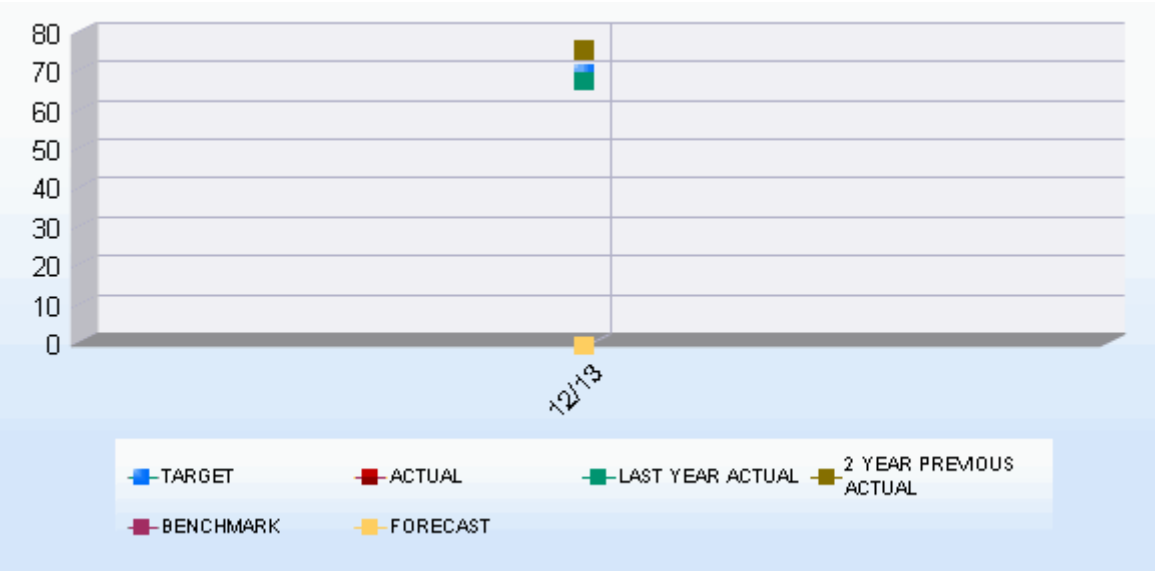
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Sep-12	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>RED</div></div>	%	50.00	47.24	N/A
Dec-12	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>GREEN</div></div>	%	50.00	161.00	N/A
Mar-13	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>GREEN</div></div>	%	50.00	136.00	N/A
Jun-13	N/A	%	50.00	0.00	Currently reviewing method of calculation. To be updated shortly

Break even (or greater) operating surplus / (deficit)



Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Sep-12	 GREEN	\$	1.00	42,780,000.00	N/A
Dec-12	 GREEN	\$	1.00	29,788,000.00	N/A
Mar-13	 GREEN	\$	1.00	15,489,000.00	N/A
Jun-13	 GREEN	\$	1.00	3,050,000.00	N/A


Community agreement rating that Council consults with the community sufficiently



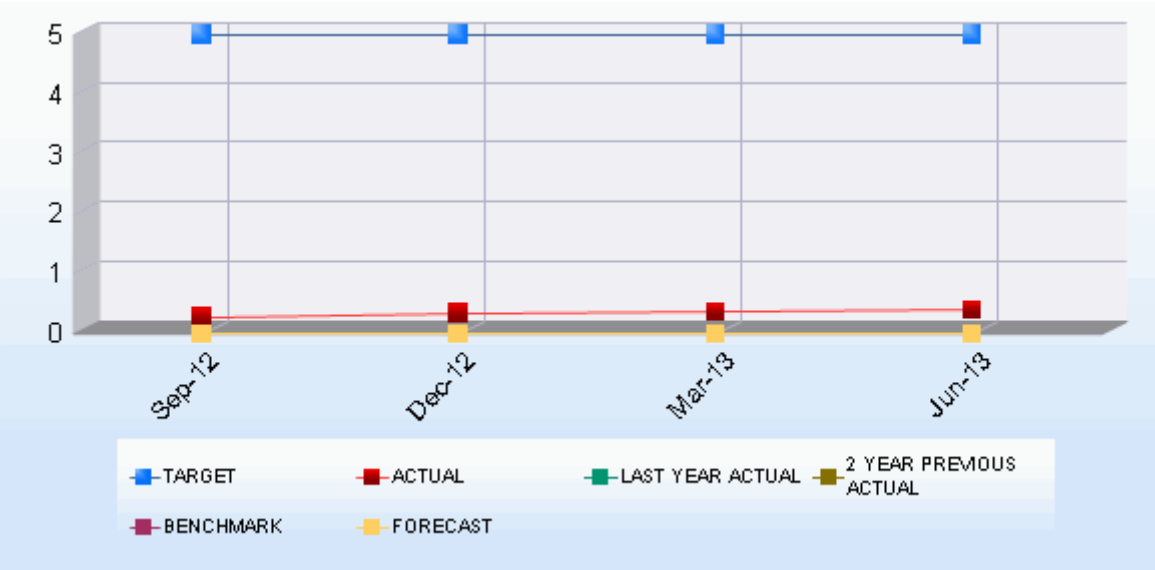
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Aggregation:
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Reporting Period:
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Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13	 GREEN	%	70.00	76.00	N/A

Debt servicing ratio



Calculation Method:





Less is Better

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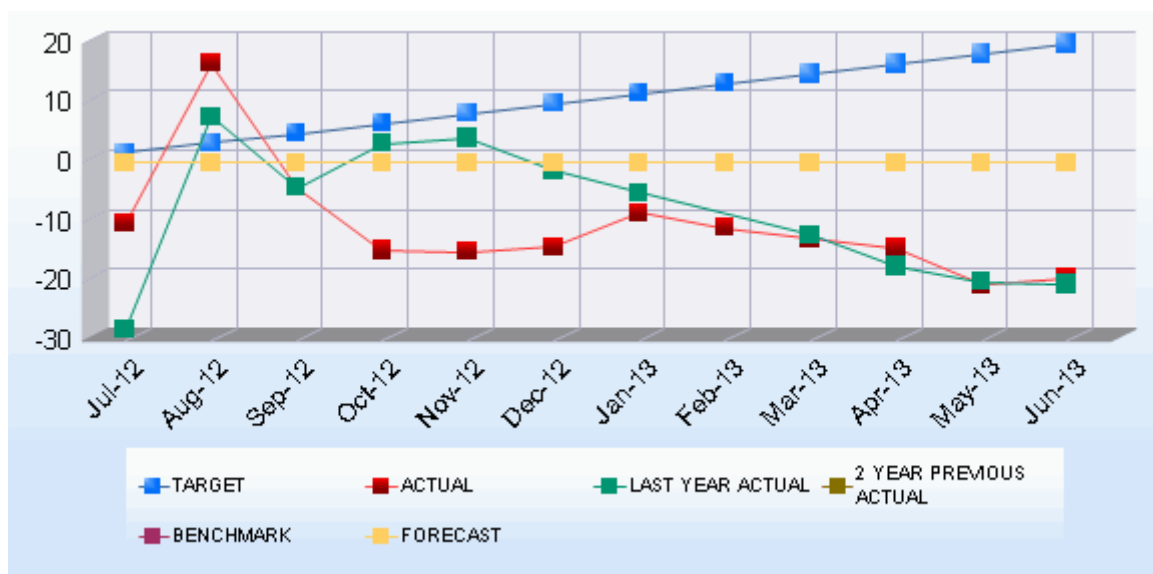
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Reporting Period:

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Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Sep-12	 GREEN	%	5.00	0.27	N/A
Dec-12	 GREEN	%	5.00	0.35	N/A
Mar-13	 GREEN	%	5.00	0.36	N/A
Jun-13	 GREEN	%	5.00	0.40	N/A

Internal annual staff turnover rate



Calculation Method:













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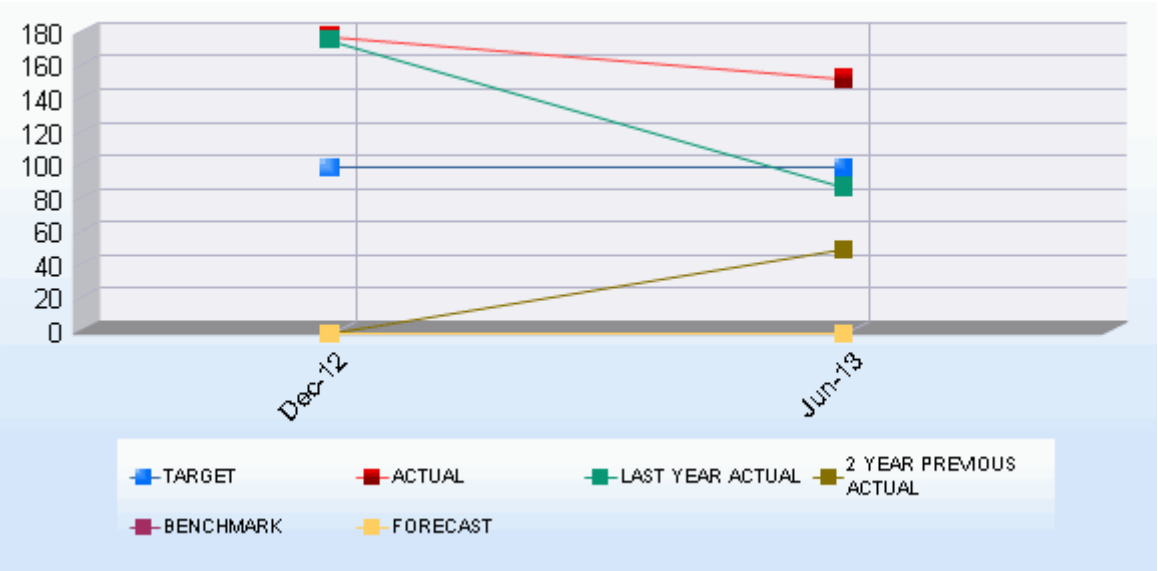
Cumulative

Reporting Period:

Month

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Jul-12	 GREEN	%	1.67	-10.18	5 staff, 3 from Infrastructure & 1 from each Corporate & Community Services
Aug-12	 RED	%	3.34	16.77	8 staff, 5 from Infrastructure, 2 from Corporate Services and 1 Community Services
Sep-12	 GREEN	%	5.01	-4.19	3 staff from Infrastructure
Oct-12	 GREEN	%	6.68	-14.67	3 staff, 2 from Infrastructure and 1 from Corporate Services
Nov-12	 GREEN	%	8.35	-14.97	5 staff, 2 from each Corporate and Community Services & 1 Infrastructure
Dec-12	 GREEN	%	10.02	-14.17	5 staff, 3 from Corporate Services and 2 from Community
Jan-13	 GREEN	%	11.69	-8.47	7 staff, 3 from each Infrastructure and Community Services & 1 from Corporate
Feb-13	 GREEN	%	13.36	-10.93	4 staff, 2 from Community and 1 each from Corporate and Infrastructure
Mar-13	 GREEN	%	15.03	-12.84	4 staff from Infrastructure
Apr-13	 GREEN	%	16.70	-14.37	4 staff, 2 from Infrastructure, 1 from each Community and Office of the CEO
May-13	 GREEN	%	18.37	-20.52	1 staff from Corporate
Jun-13	 GREEN	%	20.00	-19.50	5 staff, 3 from Corporate and 2 Infrastructure



Liquidity ratio



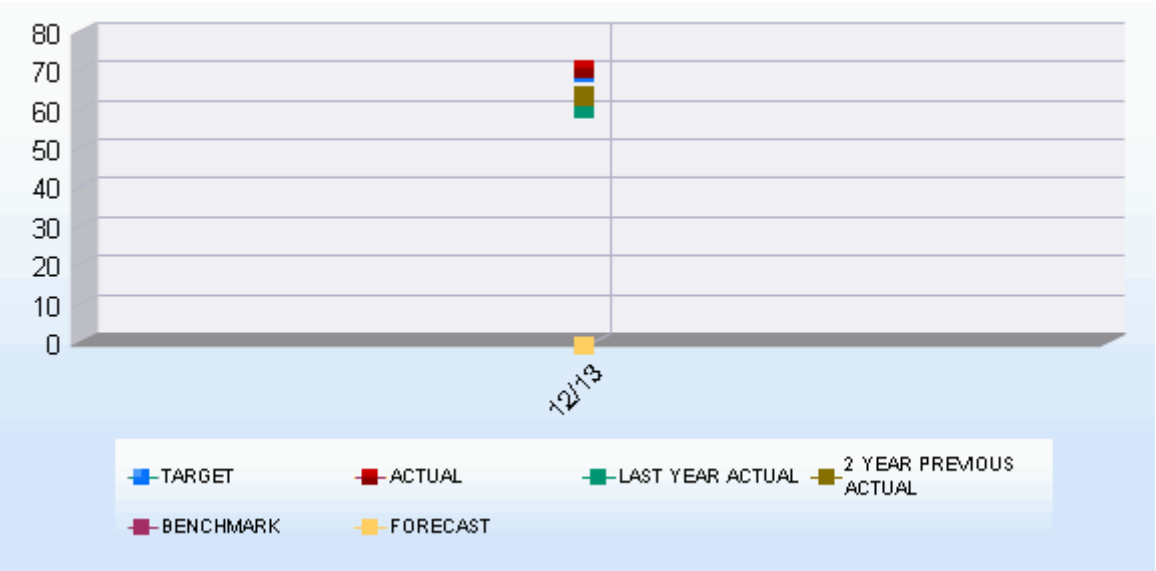
Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
Average

Reporting Period:
Half Year

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Dec-12	 GREEN	#	100.00	179.00	N/A
Jun-13	 GREEN	#	100.00	153.50	N/A


Overall satisfaction with the City of Darwin



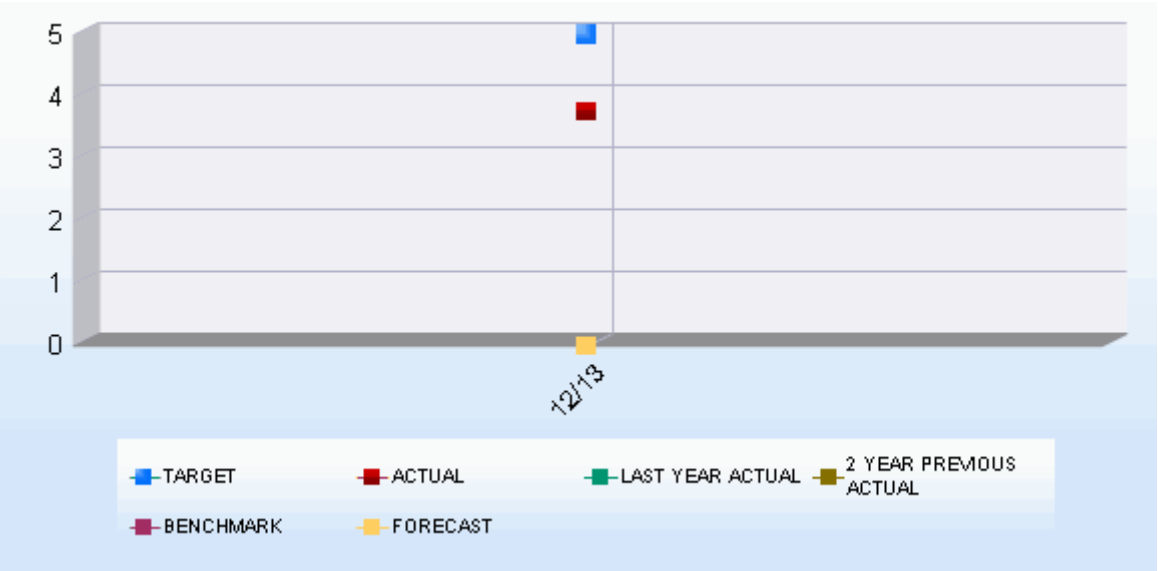
Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
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Reporting Period:
Annual

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13	 GREEN	%	70.00	71.00	N/A


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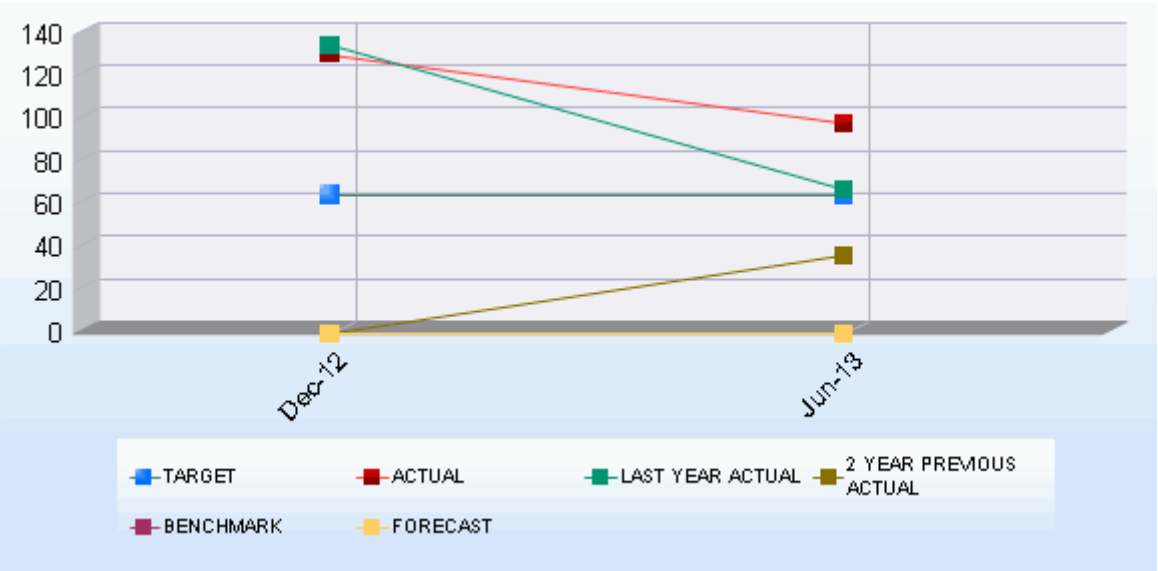
Calculation Method:
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Aggregation:
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Reporting Period:
Annual

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
12/13	 GREEN	%	5.00	3.76	N/A

Rates ratio



Calculation Method:
Goal Post

Aggregation:
Average

Reporting Period:
Half Year

Period	Indicator	Unit	Target	Actual	Period Comments
Dec-12		%	65.00	131.00	N/A
Jun-13		%	65.00	98.50	N/A

Overview – Social Indicators

As shown in **Figures 1 and 2**, the Darwin municipality (local government area), has experienced consistent population growth since 2003. The latest estimated residential population per the ABS data shows the Darwin population is currently 79,678, up from 78,684 in 2011, which represents a growth of 1.26 in the past 12 months and an average annual growth rate of 1.528% over the past 10 years¹.

The ABS's methodology has changed slightly making it difficult to accurately compare suburb data to the previous year, however there does appear to have been 'real' growth in Darwin City. According to the ABS, the fastest-growing suburbs in Darwin were Parap (up 3.7%), Fannie Bay - The Gardens (2.1%), and Woolner - Bayview - Winnellie (which contains a mixture of residential and commercial/industrial areas) and Darwin City (both 1.6%).

As at June 2013, 132,484 resided in the overall Darwin Statistical Division (SD), which incorporates Litchfield and Palmerston, representing an increase of 2,600 (2.65%) and accounts for 56% of the NT's total population. In 2011-12, the Greater Darwin Region was the second fastest growth of all the capital cities, behind Greater Perth (3.6%).

Greater Darwin had a population density of 42 people per sq km. Within the Darwin municipality, the highest population densities as at June 2012 were Nightcliff and Wagaman (both 2,800 people per sq km).

As shown in **Figure 3** at the start of the time series in 1992 there was a significant difference between the NT rate of unemployment and the Australian average (8.3% compared to 10.1%). However, as shown by the trend lines, this gap has been diminishing over time. Over the past year the unemployment rate in the NT has increased, up from 4.2% in June 2012 to 5.3% in June 2013. **Figure 4** shows a comparative number of unemployed persons in the NT against the Australian total. At the beginning of the time series the Australian number of unemployed persons was far higher than the NT, and now the most recent data shows that for the first time, the Australian comparative number is below the NT. In June 2013 there were 7,100 unemployed persons compared to 5,300 in June 2012.

Figures 5-7, show the numbers of Higher Education and Vocational Education Training (VET) students attending the Casuarina Campus. All data is supplied by Charles Darwin University, with the most recent data being as at June 2013 (therefore not a full year of enrolment data).

After a recent downturn, the number of Higher Education students has again started to rise. Since 2008 the number of international students has increased. In 2013, students from the NT make up 59% of overall students, followed by international students at nearly 27%. Students from the rest of Australia are; Victoria 4.3%, NSW 3.3%, QLD 2.3%, SA 2.5%, WA 1.6%, TAS 0.16% and ACT 0.16%.

¹ The 2011-2012 State of the Regions report recently released quotes "in Darwin the population growth accelerated to 2.6% a year (2006-11) on the basis of movements in defence personnel as well as resource investments".

Figure 8 identifies the regions from which the 2013 international students are from. The top three countries are; Philippines (18.67%), Nepal (12.16%) and India (9.21%). In total 59 different countries are represented at Charles Darwin University this year.

Overview – Economic Indicators

Figures 9 – 10 represents occupancy rates and takings for hotels, motels and serviced apartments (15 or more rooms) within the Darwin municipality. Seasonal fluctuations are expected for wet vs. dry season however, each of the last four quarters all had higher occupancy rates than ever experienced in previous years. This upward trend is also reflected in the number of persons employed and takings from accommodation.

Please note, the data is lagged therefore most recent data is as at March 2013.

Figure 11 shows that since the end of 2007, Territorians are progressively earning more than the Australian average. As at August 2007 Territorians were earning 0.36% more than the Australian average, the latest figures as at November 2012 show that Territorians are now earning an average of \$1,234.40 per week as compared to the Australian average of \$1,080.00, which is 14.26% higher.

These increases are therefore reflected in “Darwin’s Household Disposable Income” as shown in **Figure 12**. As shown in the graph and **Table 1** Household Disposable Income for the Darwin Municipality increased to \$209,353 in 2012 up from \$200,318 in 2011.

Figures 13 – 20 are based on data from the Real Estate Institute of NT’s “Real Estate Local Market” (RELM) report. Whilst the total number of recorded sale of houses within the Darwin Municipality has declined over the last quarter (down 23.2%), the 12-month figure is up by 100 properties when compared to the previous 12 months (up 8.9%). The real increase has mainly been within the Northern suburbs with the volume of house sales up by 12.47% when compared to the previous 12 months.

Median sale prices have increased since last quarter and over the 12-month period (up 2.42% and 10.54% respectively). Again, the Northern suburbs witnessed at largest growth with an 18.4% increase from the previous 12-month period with houses in Inner Darwin up by 6.1%.

For the 12-month period to March 2012, the volume of unit sales has increased significantly when compared to the previous 12 months. Total unit sales to March 2013 were 1,405 as compared to 904 to March 2012, with the most significant increase occurring in Inner Darwin (798 up from 428). Overall, the average price for unit sales for the 12-month period to March 2013 is up by 2.4% (up by 2.5% for Inner Darwin and 2.7% for Northern suburbs). Whilst Inner Darwin is currently higher than the previous 12 month period, the average price is still lower than the 2010 and 2011 figures. The average prices for the Northern suburbs has been steadily increasing every year since the beginning of the time series.

The ABS reports that preliminary estimates show that the price index for established houses for the weighted average of the eight capital cities rose 2.6% in the year to the March 2013 quarter with Darwin leading the way with an increase of 8%.

Both the house and unit vacancy rates have eased. The current vacancy rate for houses was 4.2% as at March 2013 and 3.5% for units. Whilst the average weekly rental price for houses in Inner Darwin has eased from \$972 to \$828 over the last quarter, the figure is still significantly higher than previous years. However, the price for a 3 bedroom house in the Northern Suburbs continues to rise with the average price now at \$617 which is the highest figure in the time series shown.

Unit rental prices have witnessed the similar results – a slight decrease from \$559 to \$552 for Inner Darwin and a small decrease for the Northern Suburbs from \$456 to \$452, however overall still showing an increasing trend.

Figure 21 & Table 2 looks at the Gross Regional Product (GRP) of the Darwin municipality as compared to the Northern Territory. The GRP as at June 2012 was \$6.79m, up from \$6.35m in June 2011, representing an increase of 7%. The GRP of Darwin represents 40.24% of the entire GRP for the Northern Territory.

Figure 22 displays the total value of building approvals for the Darwin municipality as at 30 April 2013. For the 2011/12 year, the value of approvals for Darwin has decreased quite significantly at a sum of \$945.3m, from \$1.3b in 2010/11. Despite this decrease approvals are significantly up as compared to a decade ago building when approvals were at \$276m. Building approvals in Darwin currently represent 58% of the NT value.

FIGURE 1: Total Residential Population
Darwin City Municipality vs Darwin Statistical Division
Source: ABS Estimated Residential Population

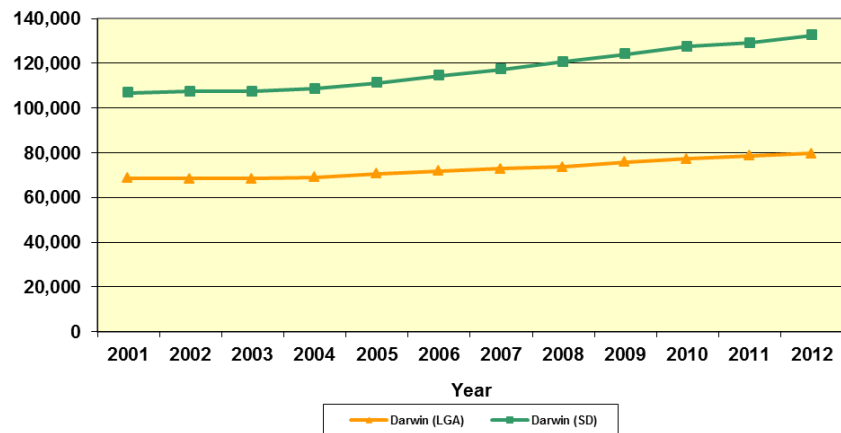


FIGURE 3: Unemployment rate NT vs. Aust
Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia

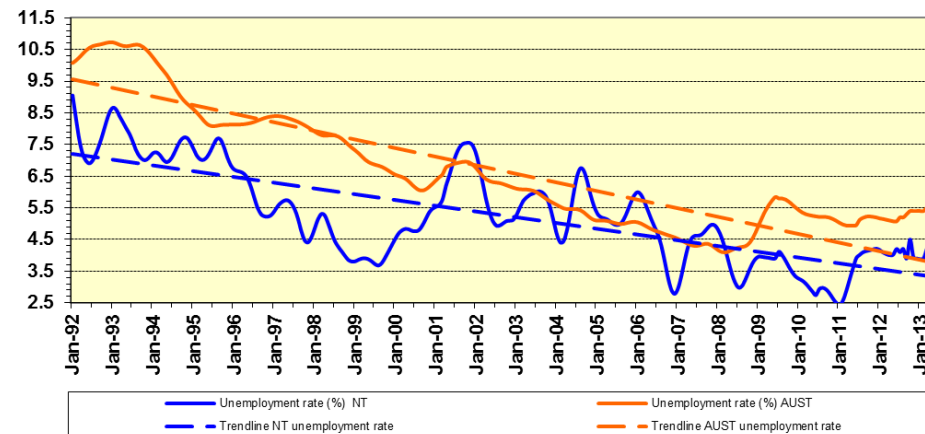


FIGURE 2: Darwin Municipality Growth vs Darwin Statistical Division Growth
Source: ABS Estimated Residential Population

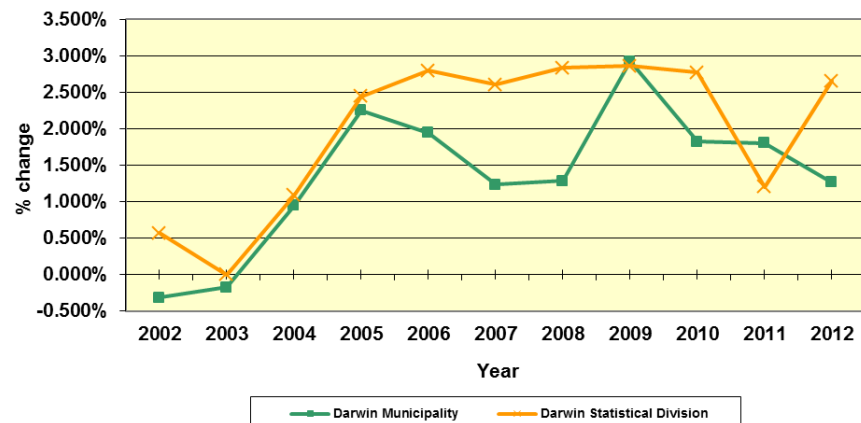
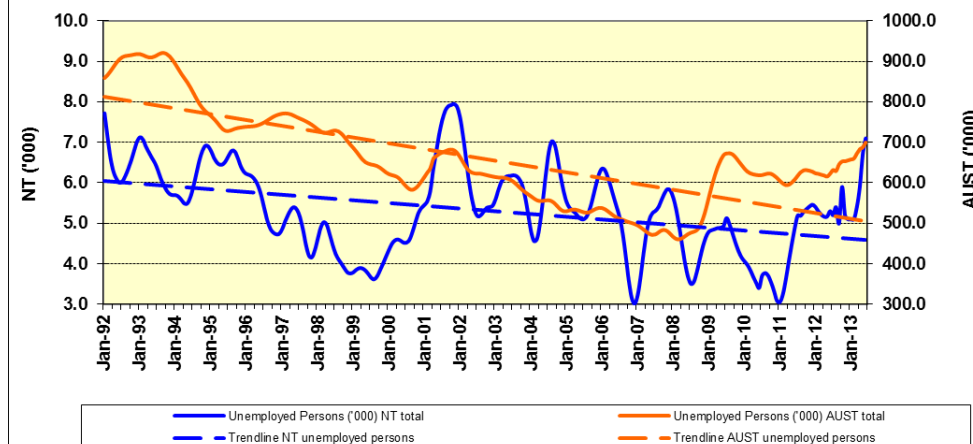


FIGURE 4: Unemployed Persons ('000) NT vs. AUST
Source: ABS Labour Force Australia



**FIGURE 5: Number of Higher Education Students
(Casuarina campus only)**

Source: Charles Darwin University

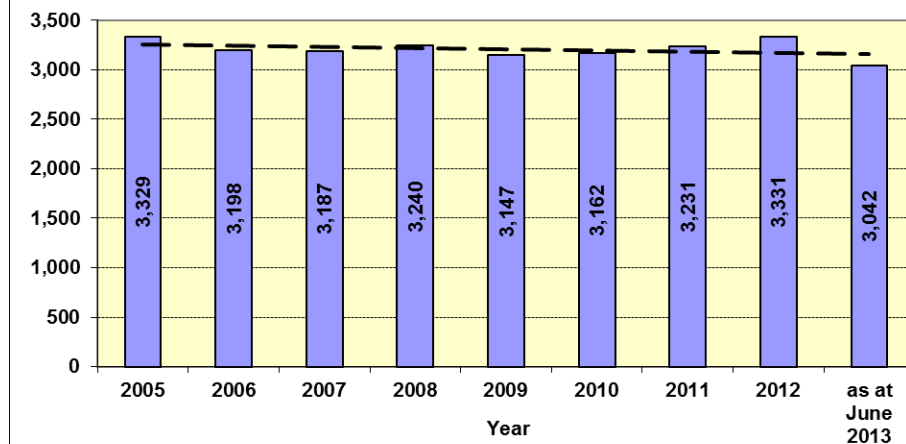
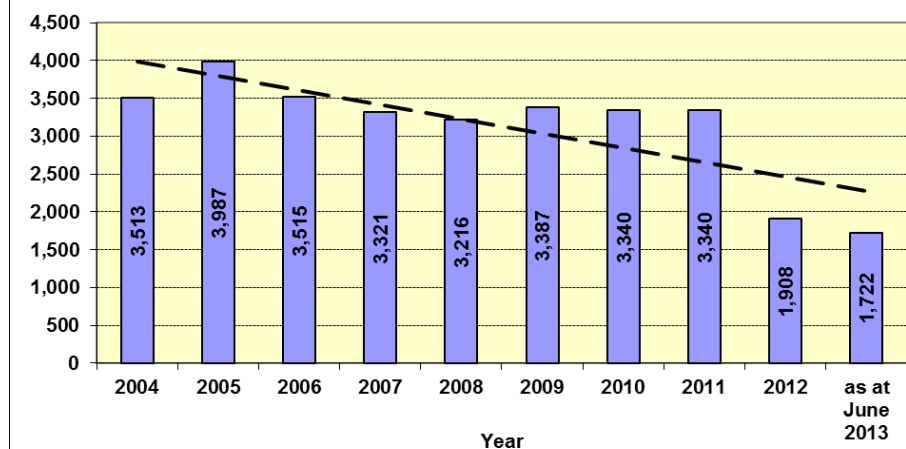


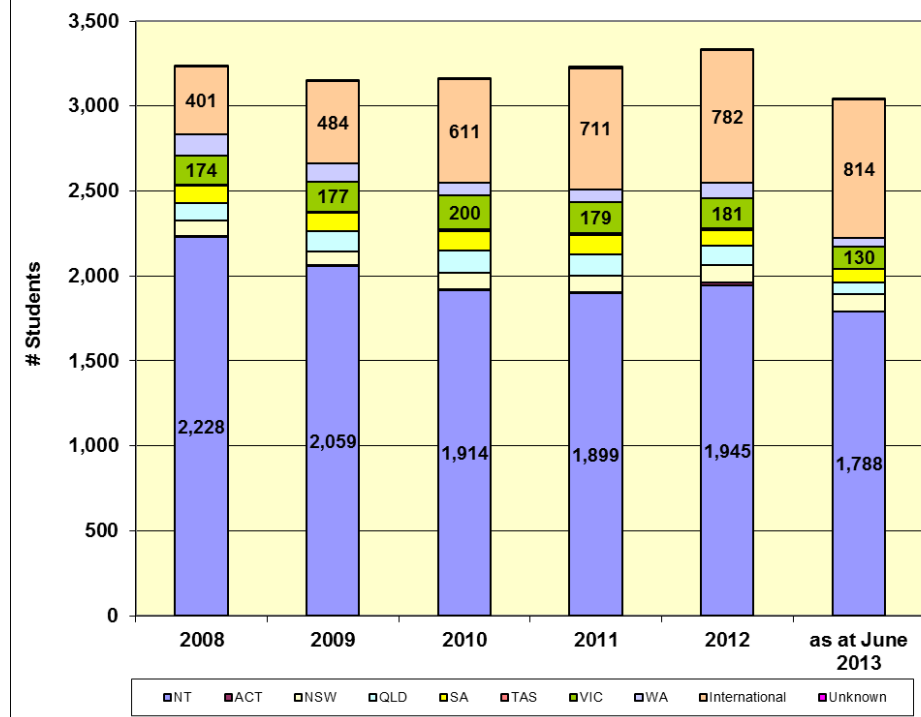
FIGURE 6: Number of VET Students (Casuarina campus only)

Source: Charles Darwin University



**FIGURE 7: Home location of Higher Education Students
(Casuarina campus only)**

Source: Charles Darwin University



**FIGURE 8: Home of International Students by Region
(Casuarina Campus only - as at June 2013)**

Source: Charles Darwin University

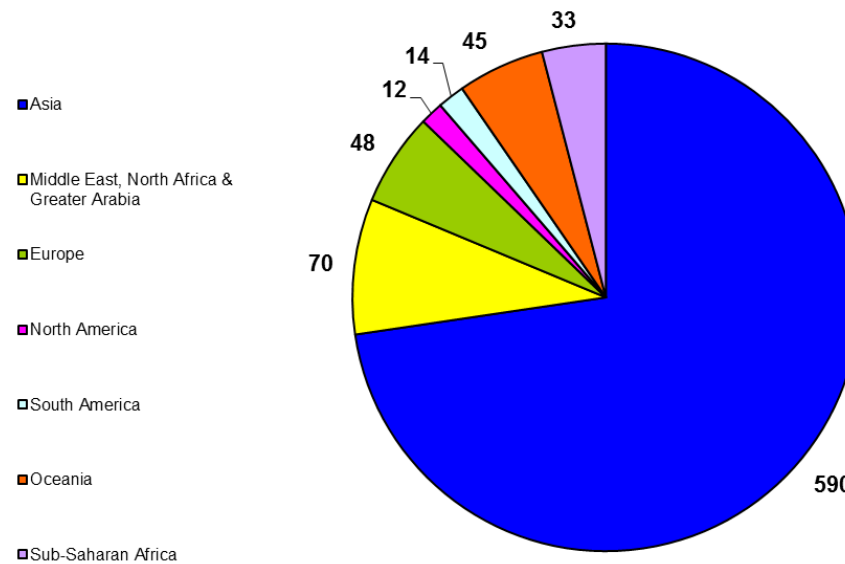


FIGURE 9: Hotel, Motel & Serviced Apartments (>15 rooms)

Source: ABS Tourist Accommodation Data

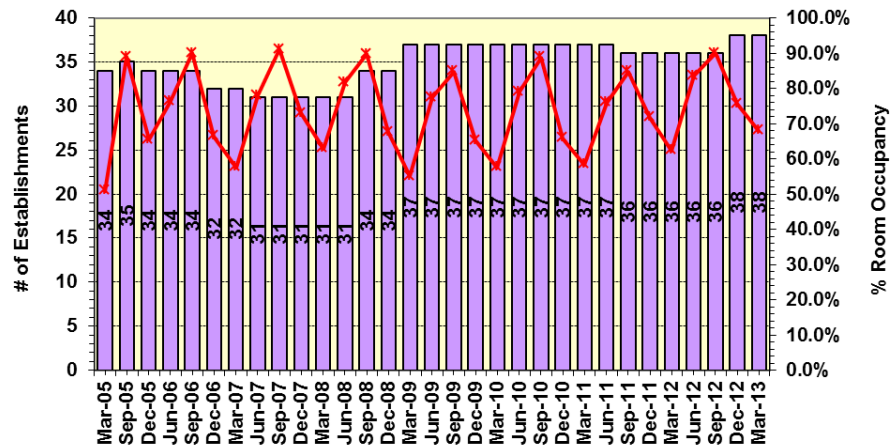


FIGURE 11: Average Weekly Earnings (NT vs. Aust)

Source: ABS Average weekly earnings trend data

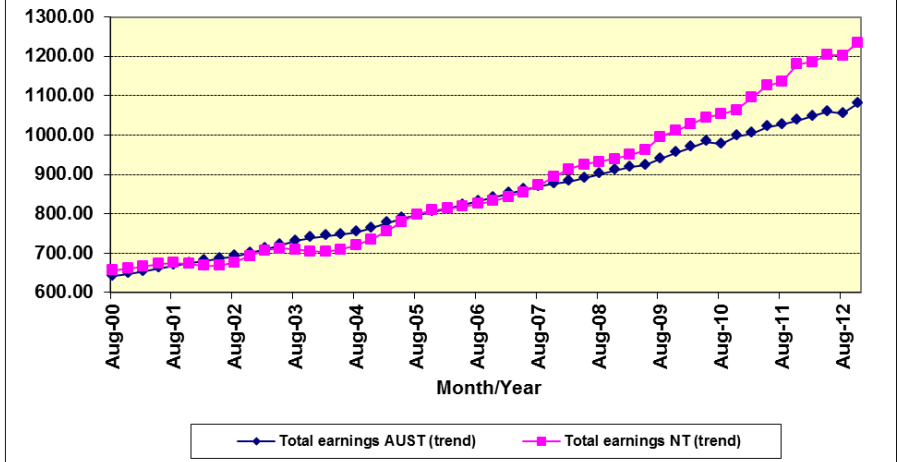


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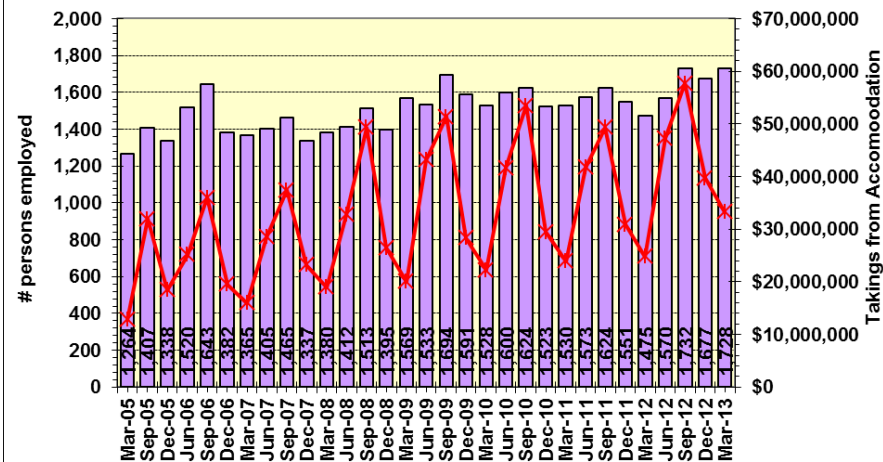


Figure 12: Household Disposable Income

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2013

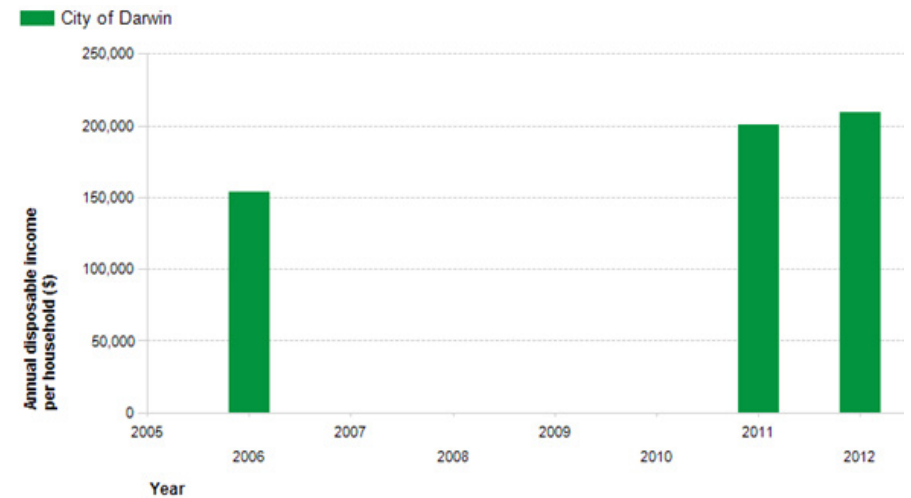


Table 1: Household Disposable Income – Darwin vs. NT
Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2013

Year (ending June 30)	City of Darwin		NT	
	\$	% change	\$	% change
2012	209,353	+4.51%	196,776	+2.45%
2011	200,318	+30.71%	192,077	+22.4%
2006	153,250	-	156,369	-

FIGURE 13: Median House Sale Price

Source: Real Estate Institute of NT

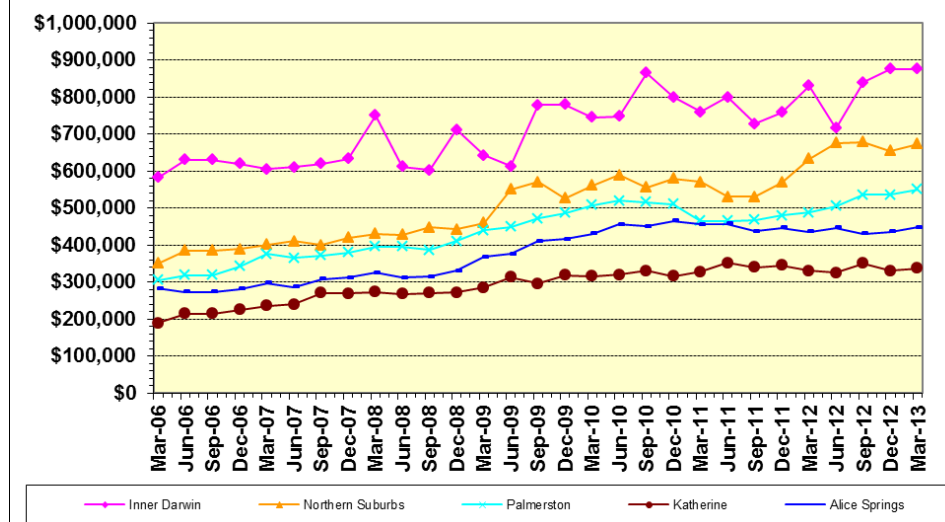
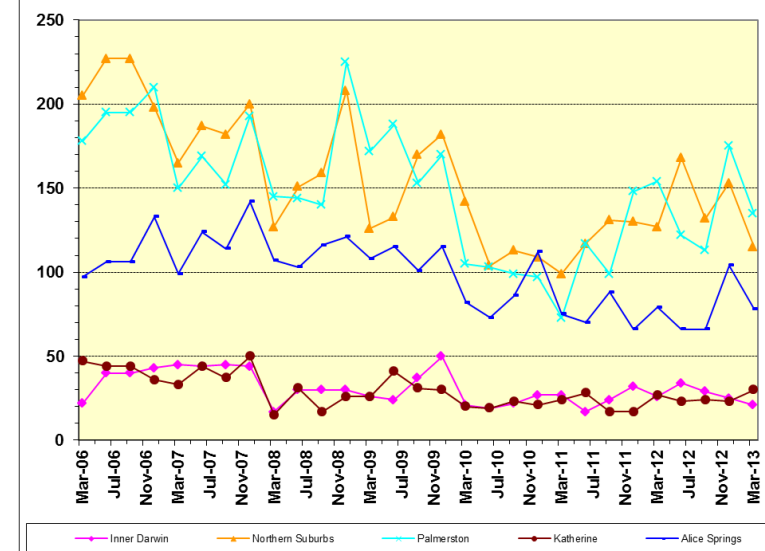


FIGURE 14: Number of House Sales

Source: Real Estate Institute of NT



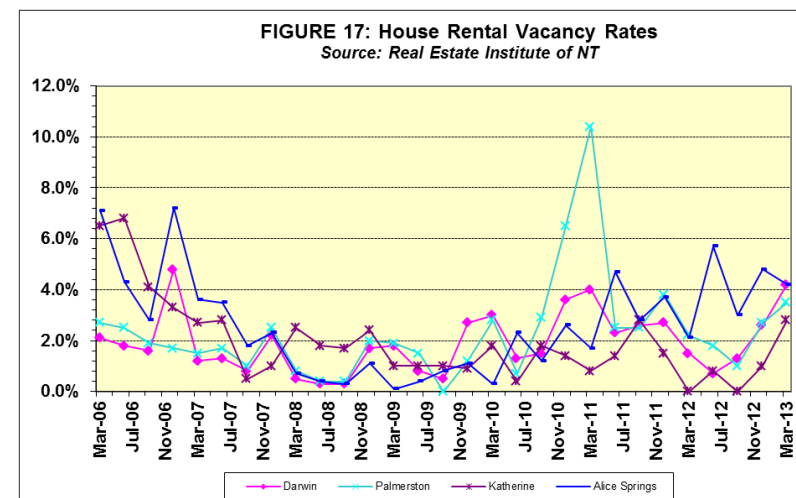
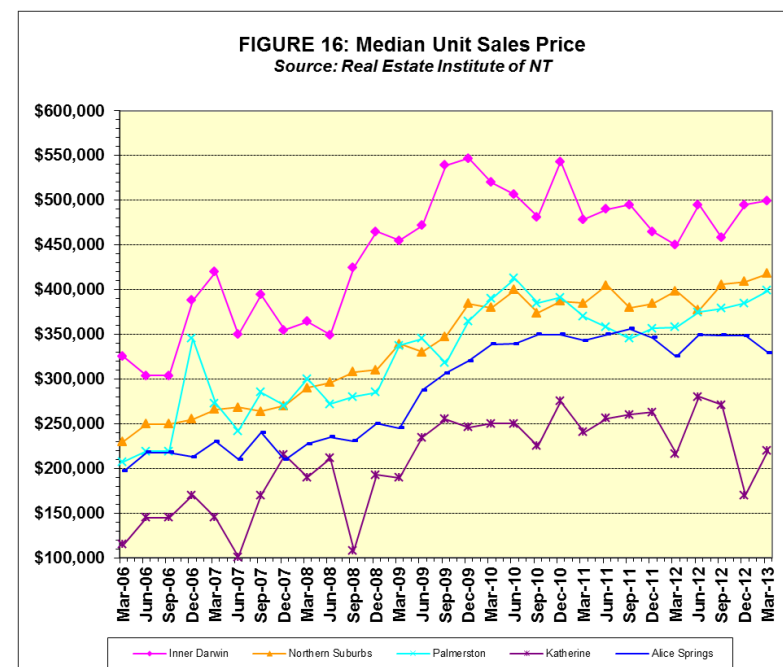
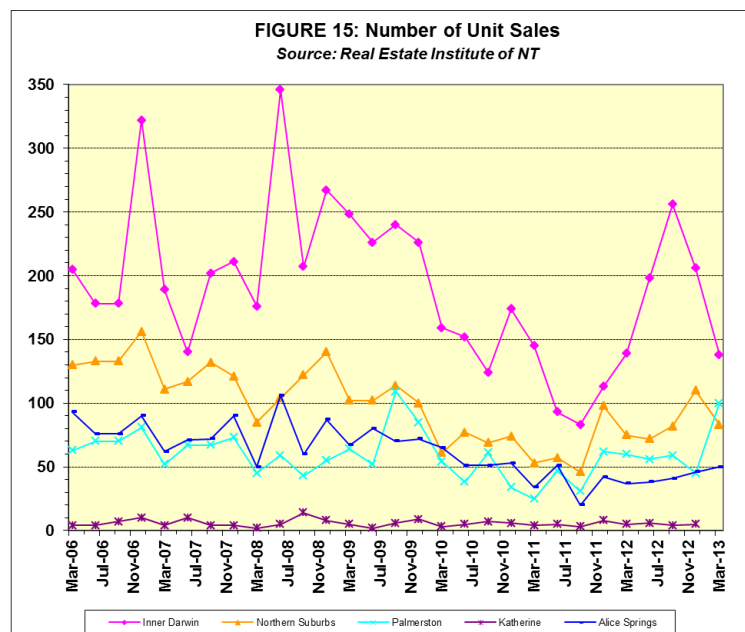


FIGURE 18: 3-Bedroom House Median Weekly Rent

Source: Real Estate Institute of NT

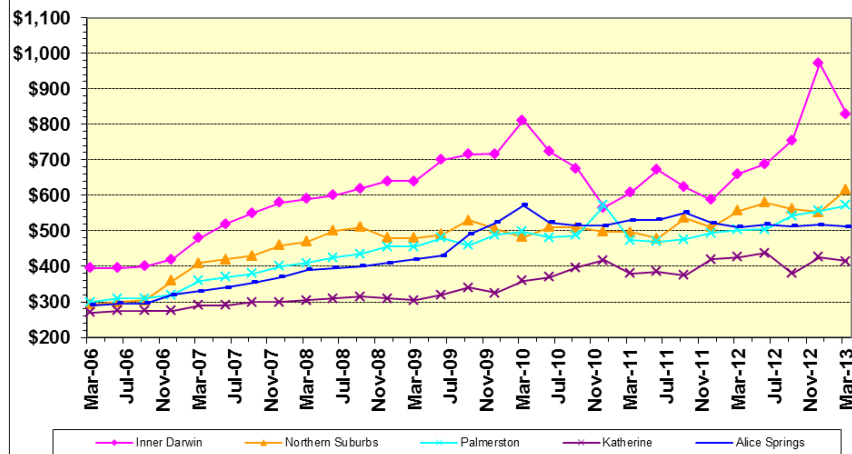


FIGURE 20: 2-Bedroom Unit Median Weekly Rent

Source: Real Estate Institute of NT

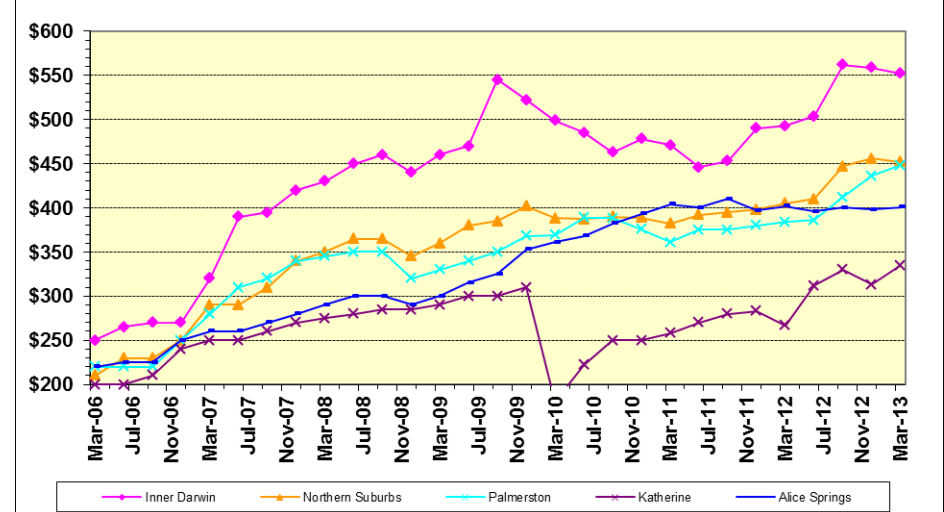


FIGURE 19: Unit Rental Vacancy Rates

Source: Real Estate Institute of NT

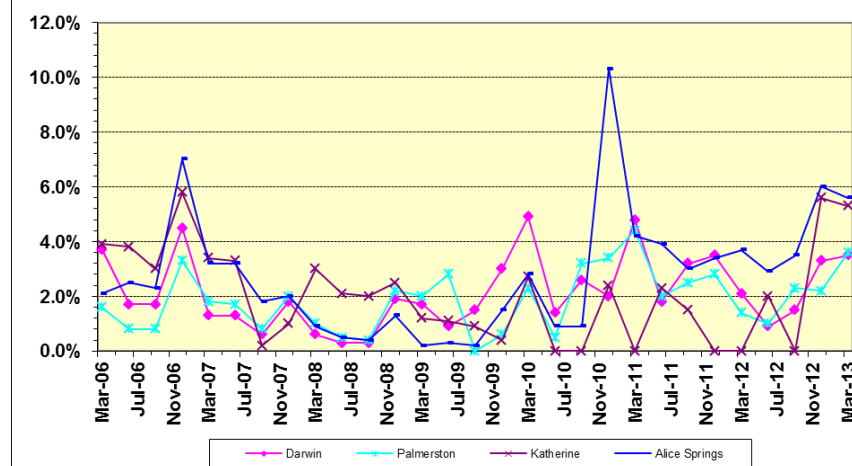


Figure 21: Gross Regional Product (GRP) – annual % change

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2013

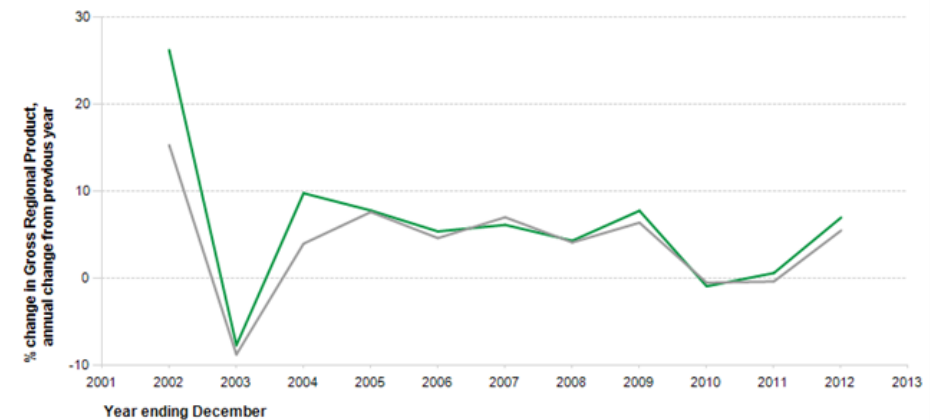


Table 2: Gross Regional Product – Darwin vs. NT
Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2013

Year	City of Darwin			NT		
	GRP \$m	% change from previous year		GRP \$m	% change from previous year	City of Darwin as a % of NT
2012	6,797	+7.0	↑	16,891	+5.5	40.24
2011	6,353	+0.6	↑	16,011	-0.4	39.68
2010	6,314	-0.9	↓	16,068	-0.5	39.30
2009	6,372	+7.8	↑	16,148	+6.4	39.46
2008	5,912	+4.3	↑	15,176	+4.1	38.96
2007	5,667	+6.2	↑	14,574	+7.0	38.89
2006	5,338	+5.4	↑	13,617	+4.6	39.20
2005	5,065	+7.8	↑	13,014	+7.6	38.92
2004	4,698	+9.8	↑	12,091	+4.0	38.86
2003	4,279	-7.7	↓	11,627	-8.8	36.80
2002	4,635	+26.3	↑	12,742	+15.3	36.37
2001	3,671			11,049		33.22

Figure 22: Value of Building Approvals
Source: ABS, Building Approvals, Australia, catalogue number 8731.0

