

**Alice Springs Office
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Simon Rowbotham Chief Financial Officer**

The Health Council's finance and administration services (comprised of fourteen staff) are centralised in Alice Springs. Included in this number are the Patient Support Services Team (including patient transport / accommodation and social work services). Our mission is to ensure excellence in service delivery within these "back office" functions. The quality and reliability of these continues to be an important factor in the retention, productivity and job satisfaction of staff that deliver the front line services.

Along with the other members of the Alice Springs office team, I count it a privilege to be working at Nganampa Health Council. My career path to date has included 20 years of service across just three public benefit institutions (including the last 15 months with the Health Council). Here, as in previous positions, I am attracted by the opportunity to contribute to work that makes a difference in the lives of others.

Working in Central Australia has been every bit the adventure you would expect for a New Zealander with limited exposure to remote communities. It has been an emotional stretch having the rest of my family back in New Zealand but we are supported by the flexible employment practices that prevail at Nganampa Health Council which enable me to make regular visits back to family.

The Alice Springs office team continued this year to provide a range of important support services to clinical teams 'out bush' – these included the supply of pharmaceuticals and equipment, maintenance of the vehicle fleet, payroll, human resources management, e health and archived files support, mail, charter bookings, accounting and financial management services.