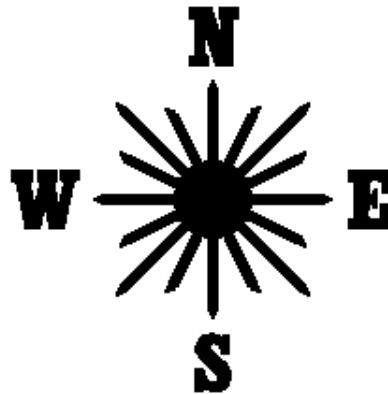


Mission Statement

To promote the Central Darling Shire area by encouraging development through effective leadership, community involvement and facilitation of services

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 17th March 2009

at

Tilpa

Council dedicated to serving its Communities.

Any public discussion of Council or Committee reports and recommendations is on the basis that such reports or recommendations do not have effect until adopted by a full meeting of Council.

The above-mentioned Meeting of Council was held in the Community Hall, Tilpa, on Tuesday 17th March 2009 commencing at 9:36am.

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**SECTION 1. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES AND THE
GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be received and noted and leave of absence be granted.

1-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the apologies be received and noted and leave of absence be granted.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Ray Longfellow

Graham Wellings

Peter Sullivan

Paul Brown

Moya Reid

Clive Linnett

Eamon Sammon

Ron Page

Garry Astill

ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Hazell

General Manager

Greg Stephens

Director of Engineering Services

Leeanne Ryan

Manager of Environmental Services

Kym Fuller

Manager of Community and Economic
Development

Mel Brown

Administration Officer – Executive Support

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies

SECTION 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

2-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Astill that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

2.1 Business Arising out of Minutes

Councillor Brown requested that his question with regards to whether the Council had done anything about the removal of graffiti in its towns be included in the February minutes together with the response from the MCED who noted that an approach had been made by the Department of Juvenile Justice for a Graffiti Removal Program.

2.2 Notices of Motion/Rescission

SECTION 3. MAYORAL MINUTE OR REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

3-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Longfellow, Seconded That the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

On the 24th February the Mayor attended the Menindee – Pooncarie Road Committee Meeting chaired by Councillor Astill.

It was noted that the Committee applied for \$15,000 funding but the application has been rejected.

On the 24th February the Mayor and Councillor Astill attended the Traffic Committee meeting in Ivanhoe. Topics of discussion included the easement at the Menindee Preschool, the Balranald road crossing and the School crossing in Ivanhoe. A request was also made at the meeting for the speed trailers to be placed in the Shire towns.

Councillor Astill noted that he raised the concern of the lack of speed trailers in the Western Division with Mr John Williams MP who will inturn discuss the issue with the Minister for Transport.

The Mayor acted in his capacity as President at the Western Division of the Shires Association of NSW Annual Conference in Balranald from the 1st to 3rd March. He noted that it was a very successful conference with a wonderful venue.

4-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Page That a letter of thanks be written to the Balranald Shire Council thanking them for hosting the Western Division Shires Association of NSW Annual Conference from the 1st - 3rd March 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 4. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Managers report be received and dealt with

5-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the General Managers report be received and dealt with

MOTION CARRIED

4.1 Administration

4.1.1 Questions

At a recent meeting of Council, a number of questions were raised and the following is provided:

- An amount of \$749.17 shown as a write off in the rates report – was a write off of interest on an overdue garbage charge that had been incorrectly levied as an occupied charge when it should have been charged as vacant land.
- Income from rental properties is shown in the quarterly Management Plan review in the Corporate Services area – rent recovery.

4.1.2 Council Representations

The General Manager, Mr Tim Hazell and the Manager of Community and Economic Development, Mr Kym Fuller met with the Minister for Climate Change and Water, The Hon. Penny Wong in Broken Hill on the 4th March 2009. Representatives from the Darling River Water Savings Committee, Broken Hill City Council and Country Water were also present at the meeting.

The Minister was provided with an overview of the Committees work to date.

Councillor Page questioned as to whether it is common practice for Council to send the Deputy Mayor to meetings in the absence of the Mayor.

The Mayor noted that this is the normal procedure.

Councillor Page also requested that correspondence be forwarded to Senator Wong inviting her to travel to Menindee to view the Menindee Lakes system.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Administration Report be received and noted.

6-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Page that the Administration Report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Brown moved that 4.2 be deferred following the outcome of 4.5.

7-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Page, Seconded Clr Astill that Council form into a Committee of Council comprising the whole of the Council according to the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A (2) (a) in order to discuss personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

MOTION CARRIED

All Staff left the Community Hall at 9:55am

9-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Sullivan that Council meeting revert to normal status

MOTION CARRIED

8-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Astill that Council form a sub-committee to develop procedures for the reiew of the General Managers performance in accordance with clauses 7.5 and 7.8 of the General Mangers contract.

That the sub-committee also prepare for a future review in accordance with the General Managers performance criteria.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45am, resuming at 11:11am

4.2 Engineering Administration Matters

The recruitment process for the position of Works Engineer has progressed. Formal interviews were held in the past few weeks and two exceptional applicants were identified. The first applicant has been appointed to the position of Works Engineer and has verbally agreed to accept the position with a start date in early May. The second applicant has extensive experience in road works/bridges and in Local Government. Council has recently been undertaking a significant amount of external works for the Catchment Management Authorities in the area. This work had placed additional strains on the engineering management staff and for that reason no further works were to be considered. Advice from the Catchment Management Authorities indicate that significant works are still to be undertaken, with a preference to utilise the services of Local Government. In this context, it is considered appropriate to appoint a Project Engineer to manage these projects over the next twelve to twenty four months. This will ensure a stream of income to Council over this period of time, will ensure a number of important works are conducted and will be cost neutral to Council. The second applicant has indicated a willingness to consider a term contract and will be well utilised in this role.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council establish the position of Projects Engineer for a period of two years to undertake external engineering works.

4.3 Western Division – Conference

The Annual Conference of the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW was held in Balranald from the 1st – 3rd March 2009. The Central Darling Shire Council was represented by the Mayor and President of the Division Councillor Ray Longfellow, Councillors Garry Astill, Clive Linnett, Ron Page, Moya Reid and Peter Sullivan. Also in attendance was the General Manager Mr Tim Hazell and Executive Assistant Ms Mel Brown.

The conference was addressed by a number of speakers who included:

- Ms Barbara Perry – Minister for Local Government
- Mr Kevin Humphries – Shadow Minister for Western NSW
- Councillor Bruce Miller – President Shires Association
- Mr John Williams – State member for Murray-Darling
- Father Chris Riley – Youth Off The Streets
- The Hon. Susan Ley – Federal member for Farrer
- Mr Scott Dunn – Heart Foundation
- Mr Geoff Woods – Western Lands Commissioner
- Ms Lillian Tiddy – Workplace Solutions
- Mr Brian O'Mara – Local Government Procurement
- Mr Paul Smith – Rural Fire Service
- Mr Doug Walsham – Department of Lands
- Mr Jeff Caldbeck – Central West Counselling Service
- Mr Peter Dearden – RTA
- Mr Derrick Hines – Country Energy

- Mr Andrew Cottrill – Telstra
- Commander Ian Dickson – NSW Police

The conference was well attended and informative.

Councillor Astill questioned if the Administration had followed up on the community concerts that Father Riley discussed at the conference.

The MCED noted that the information has been passed onto the Community Services Project Officer.

Councillor Sullivan noted that he discussed the issue of the Highway Patrol police being present at the Local Traffic Committee meetings and noted that if these members are not in attendance then the matter needs to be followed up with the Local Area Commanders.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Western Division report be received and noted.

10-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Brown that the Western Division report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 Councillor Development Strategy

Advice has been received from the Department of Local Government of an additional Councillor Information Seminar scheduled to be held in Dubbo on the 2nd April 2009. The Department is recommending that all Councillors attend the seminar. The seminar is the same as the one previously held in Wilcannia on the 7th November 2008.

The availability of these Councillors to attend this training session is as follows:

Councillor Page – will have to check if he is available on that day

Councillor Reid – medical appointments

Councillor Astill – unavailable on this day

Councillor Linnett – carting stock and unavailable

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be represented by the General Manager and Councillors Reid, Astill, Page and Linnett at the Councillor Information Seminar in Dubbo subject to availability.

11-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Brown that Council be represented by the General Manager and Councillors Reid, Astill, Page and Linnett at the Councillor Information Seminar in Dubbo subject to availability.

MOTION CARRIED

4.5 Organisational Structure

Section 353 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (The Act) requires that a Council must re-determine its organisational structure within twelve months of a general election. A report to that end was submitted to the February 2009 meeting of Council where it was resolved to:

Resolved On the Motion Of Cllr Wellings, Seconded Cllr Sullivan that Council adopt the organisational structure as shown in table two.

MOTION LOST

In giving effect to this resolution advice was sought from the Department of Local Government who indicated that it was appropriate to provide a copy of the staff structure without the salary gradings for each position. This advice indicated that while Council has determined a salary system, the application of that system was an operational matter.

Staff at the Central Darling Shire Council are employed under the Local Government State Award. This award is skills based with salary movements based on the acquisition of skills appropriate for the position. The award requires that a Council have a salary system, a performance based assessment system and a Staff Consultative Committee representing all staff.

This Council has a 22 grade salary system that provides four steps in each grade. These steps are linked to key competencies for each position and staff are formally assessed against these competencies on an annual basis.

The staff structure as determined by Council in the adoption of the 2008/2009 Management Plan is provided as the first table. The second table indicates the current structure as considered by Council in a report to the November 2008 meeting and resolved at 5-11-08.

Councillor Brown informed the meeting that the gradings for all positions were required to determine the appropriateness of the proposed structure to ensure there is effective and efficient use of resources. He also requested to view the organisational structure that was approved by Council 4 years ago and the determination of part time and full time positions.

He noted that there was no definitions against the vacant positions or no details on accounts and finance. He requested a two line description be placed against all positions detailing roles and responsibilities of the positions to ensure that the proper tasks are being performed together with how many employees were employed in the gangs and what positions are currently vacant.

Councillor Astill asked who holds the position of Public Officer. The GM noted that the Administration Officer – Executive Support currently holds this position and that the Council has a responsible accounting officer in accordance with the Act.

Councillor Sullivan requested that the position of the Director of Corporate Services be left in the structure.

Councillor Astill asked if it was common practice for Councils not to employ a Director of Corporate Services.

The GM noted that he could not speak with any authority on this issue but most Councils across NSW would probably have a DCS or finance person. He also noted that some Councils have moved away from Director positions and have flattened their organisational structures by employing only Managers.

Councillor Brown asked how many Councils do not have a qualified Accountant.

The GM responded that he had no answer for this question but employee who is in the position of Team Leader – Corporate Services has a Bachelors Degree in Business majoring in Banking and Finance.

Councillor Brown moved and Councillor Reid seconded an amendment to include more information to enable Council to be more comfortable with the structure.

Councillor Sullivan noted that the amendment will not give Councillors the information that they require and advised them if they did not agree with the proposal to vote against the recommendation.

The mover and seconder of the amendment acknowledged this suggestion.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the organisational structure as shown in table two.

12-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Sullivan that Council adopt the organisational structure as shown in table two.

MOTION LOST

Councillor Brown moved and Councillor Reid seconded a motion that the General Manager be requested to provide a staff organisational chart as determined following the previous organisational review conducted in May 2004 and provide a current organisational structure detailing each positions roles and responsibilities, salary grading, full and part time positions and incorporate the provision of a strengthened financial controller.

13-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Reid that the General Manager be requested to provide a staff organisational chart as determined following the previous organisational review conducted in May 2004 and provide a current organisational structure detailing each positions roles and responsibilities, salary grading, full and part time positions and incorporate the provision of a strengthened financial controller.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Engineering Administration Matters

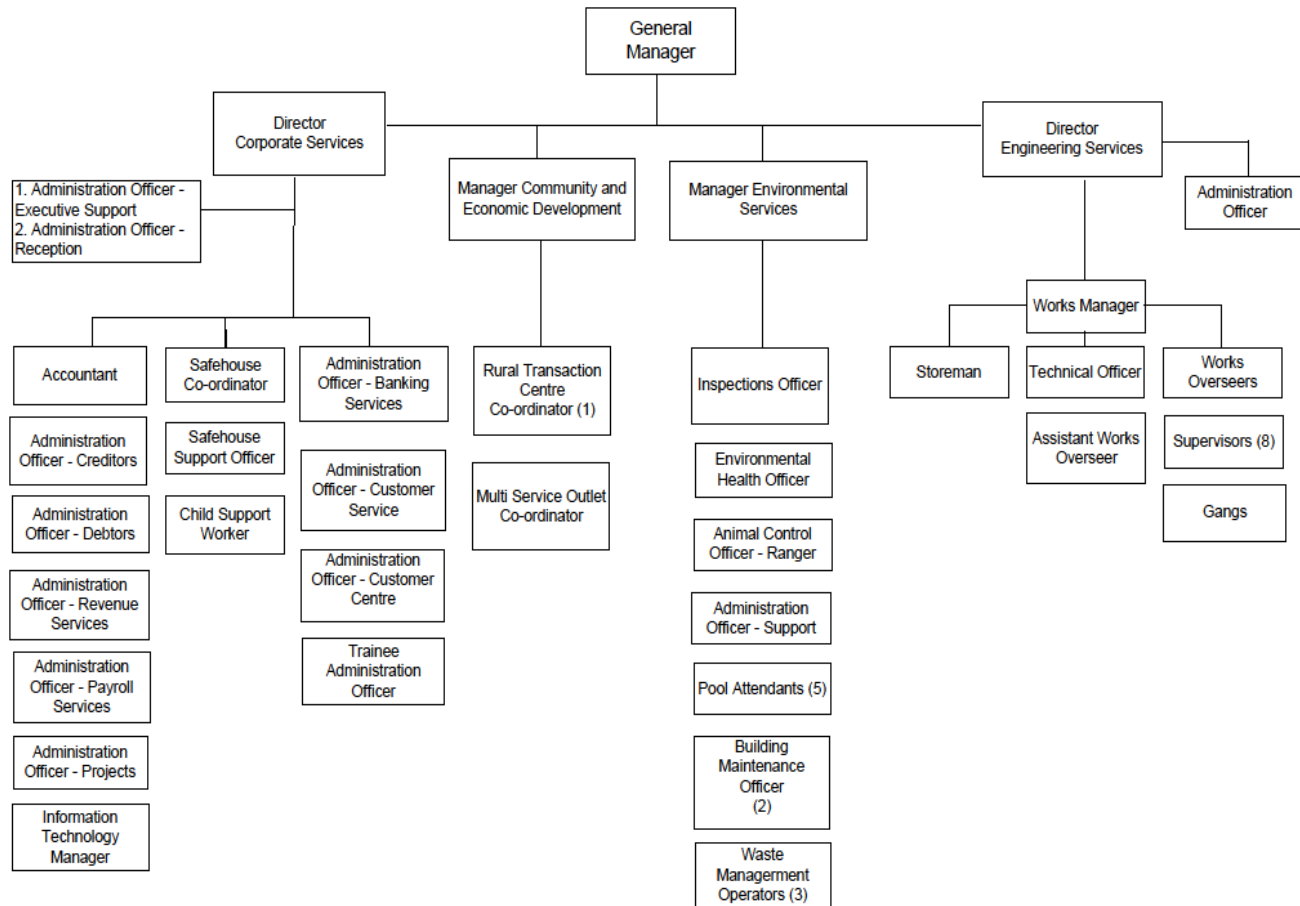
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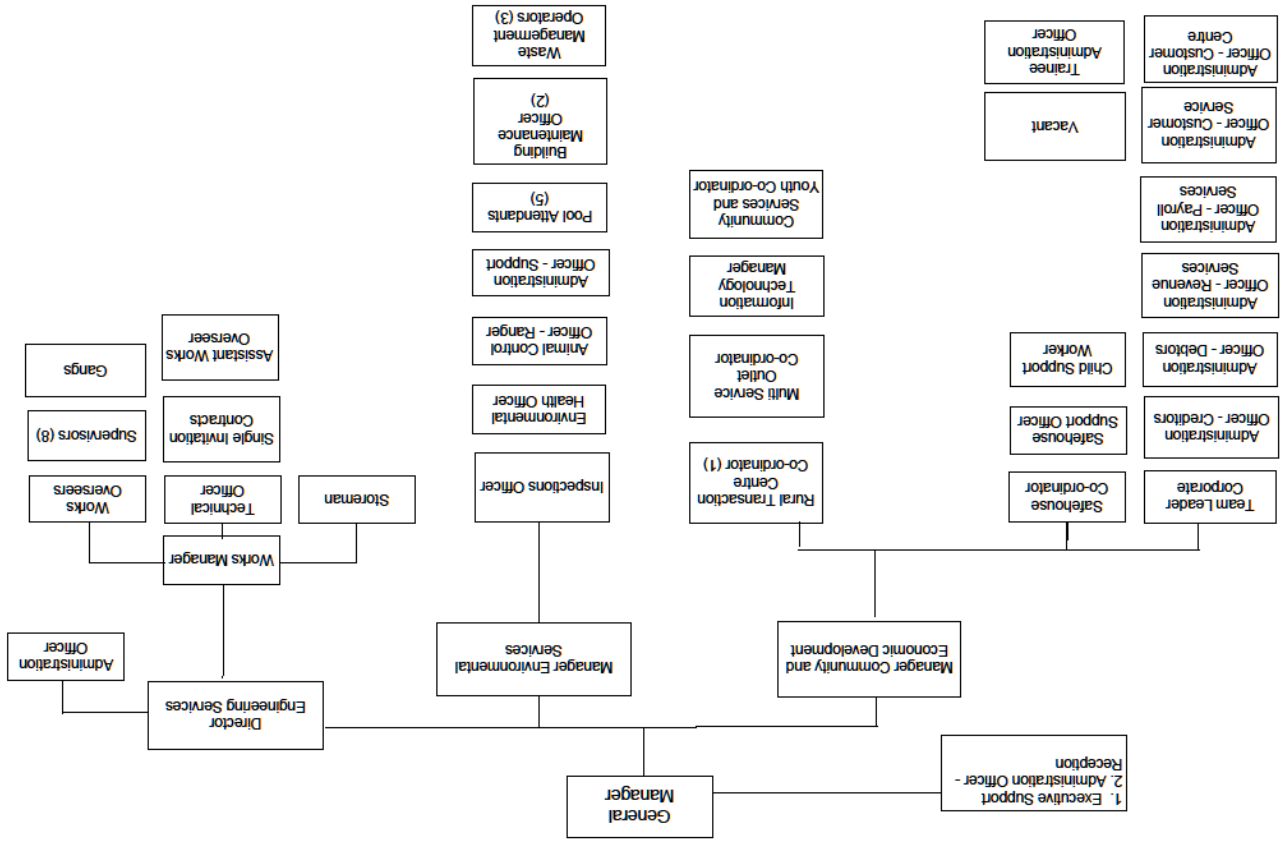
RECOMMENDATION

That Council establish the position of Projects Engineer for a period of two years to undertake external engineering works.

14-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that Council establish the position of Projects Engineer for a period of two years to undertake external engineering works.

MOTION CARRIED





SECTION 5. DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director of Engineering Services report be received and dealt with.

15-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Ctr Sullivan, Seconded Ctr Astill That the Director of Engineering Services report be received and dealt with.

MOTION CARRIED

5.1 Activity Report 9th February 2009 to 9th March 2009

5.1.1 Administration

Staff Training

Traffic Control Engineering Staff

Blue Card Stop/Slow Bat and Yellow Card Introduction to Traffic Control

Depot Office

Location	Task	Comments
<u>Director of Engineering Services</u>		
Office/Shire	Supervision, Enquiries, RTA, Inspections, Invoices	Ongoing
Works Programme	2008/2009 Programme	80%
Water/Sewer Asset	Capture and implement	In Progress
State Roads SIMC	Works Proposals submitted	3
	Works Orders received	8
	RTA Management Plans (update 2008/09)	90%
White Cliffs Floodway/Drainage Reconstruction	Reconstruct floodway and road to address storm water drainage issues	Completed
RTA	Works Proposals and Works Orders. Routine Maintenance Register. Highway routine inspections.	On Going On Going On Going
Wilcannia 2 nd Bore	Survey for the location of the new bores and flood height. Detailed Plans sent to Construction Contractor for final design.	Completed With Contractor
	Plant Replacement	Updated

Bonley Bridge	Bridge replacement Program,	Design Plans in Progress Start Site works 12 th March 2009
Lake Woytchugga	Culvert Replacement/Reconstruction	Under Construction
<u>Works Overseer</u>		
Office/Shire	Staff supervision, Enquiries, Inspections.	Ongoing
Shire Roads	Inspections	Ongoing
RTA	Reseals State Highways	Completed
White Cliffs Floodway/Drainage Reconstruction	Reconstruct floodway and road to address storm water drainage issues	Completed
<u>Assets Roads Manager</u>		
Assets	Wilcannia Water, Sewer	In Progress
Assets	Roads	In Progress
RTA	Works Proposals and Works Orders. Routine Maintenance Register. Highway routine inspections.	On Going On Going On Going
<u>Technical Officer</u>		
Assets Towns	Footpath Register	Up Dating
RTA	Highway Inspections	Ongoing
Roads	Traffic Studies	Ongoing
Plant	Vehicle Inspections	Bi- Monthly
<u>Administration Officer</u>		
Office	Engineering enquires, filing,	Ongoing

5.1.2 Community Amenity

Public Conveniences

General maintenance all Towns

5.1.3 Water Supplies

Wilcannia

Wilcannia Filtered Water

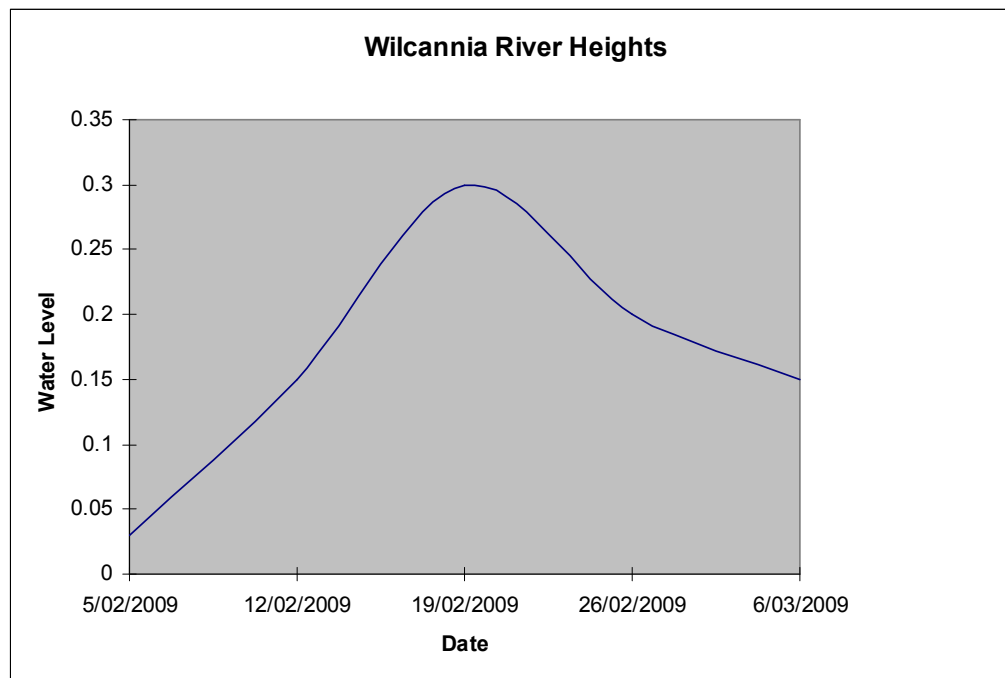
Water for the town is from the Darling River Weir Pool

Wilcannia Raw Water

Water for the town is from the Darling River Weir Pool

Water levels at the Weir

9th March 2009, 0 = top of the Wilcannia concrete weir.



Pumps

Wilcannia Water Treatment Plant.

Satisfactory operation at the Water Treatment Plan.

White Cliffs

Satisfactory operation

Water Levels, 9th March 2009.

Tank 1 = 4.0m

Tank 2 = 1.4m

Tank 3 = 8.0m (Wakefield) Supply for the Town

Ivanhoe

Satisfactory Operation, water supplied from the bore field's storage; Flow rate is steady at 4.5 l/sec

Water Levels, 9th March 2009.

Town storage 11 megalitres.

Morrison's lake storage 7 megalitres.

5.1.4 Sewerage

Satisfactory operations, general maintenance, Wilcannia.

Routine Maintenance and inspections on the pump stations and pump wells.

New pumps installed in Hood Street and Martin Street wells

5.1.5 Central Darling Shire Assets

Wilcannia Filtered and Raw Water services.

Inspected and logged into the Asset data system.

5.1.6 Transport & Communication

General

State Roads - RTA Single Invitation Maintenance Contract (SIMC)

Road	Activity	Comments
SH 8	Barrier Highway = 167.32 km Routine maintenance (RMCC)	Ongoing
SH21	Cobb Highway = 219.38 km Routine maintenance (RMCC) Maintenance Grade Works program. Columbus Street – pedestrian Island	Ongoing In Progress Design and Set out. Start Construction late March 2009

Regional Roads

Road	Activity	Comments
MR66 = 6.38 km Menindee To Broken Hill	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance	Ongoing
MR67 = 34.75 km Ivanhoe to Balranald	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance	Ongoing
MR 68A = 127.66 km Wilcannia To Tilpa	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance	Ongoing
MR 68B = 154.42 km Wilcannia To Menindee	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance, Maintenance Grading.	Ongoing In Progress
MR68C = 69.80 km Menindee to Pooncarie	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance	Ongoing
MR 428 = 34.91 km White Cliffs - Kayrunnera	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance	Ongoing
MR80 = 3.99 km Mossgiel to Hillston	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance	Ongoing
MR 416 = 65.72 km Ivanhoe to Cobar Shire	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance Maintenance Grading.	Ongoing In Progress
MR 433 = 199.87 km Ivanhoe to Menindee	Routine Inspection/ Maintenance Maintenance Grading.	On Going In Progress
MR435 = 93.14 km Wilcannia to White Cliffs	Routine Maintenance/ patching	On Going

Local Roads

Roads	Activity	Comments
ALL = 1602.30 km	Maintenance Inspections	Ongoing

SR 2 Tilpa - Louth Rd	Maintenance Grading.	In Progress
SR 4 White Cliffs - Monolon Rd	Maintenance Grading.	In Progress
SR 7 White Cliffs - Mandalay Rd	Maintenance Grading.	In Progress

Town Streets

Town	Activity	Comments
Wilcannia	Street Amenity	Ongoing
Ivanhoe	Street Amenity	Ongoing
Menindee	Street Amenity Pamamaroo Street Resurface	Ongoing Completed
White Cliffs	Street Amenity	Ongoing
Tilpa	Street Amenity	Nil

5.1.7 Aerodromes

Menindee, Wilcannia, White Cliffs, Ivanhoe, Tilpa and Emmdale

Routine Inspections and maintenance.

Tilpa Airstrip inspection on lighting and runway, (DES and Technical Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Monthly Activity Report be received and noted.

16-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Astill that the Monthly Activity Report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Ivanhoe Bores

Background

The water level in Morrison's Lake storage dropped to unusual levels, the existing intake structure at the pump station could not function and Council was required to implement some temporary measures to supply the town's filtered water supply.

A letter dated October 2007 was sent to the Minister for Water and Energy and the Local member for the Murray Darling requesting for Financial Assistance to explore for water for Emergency Drought Relief measures for Ivanhoe Township.

Council seeks financial assistance to drill for additional bores for the town's water supply. It is estimated costs would be in the vicinity of \$400,000.00. This upgrade is not achievable by Council alone and assistance is sought from the Department of Water and Energy.

Council constructed 2 bores as an emergency supply without this action council could not have been able to maintain a continuous supply of water to this township of over 350 people.

Although the emergency bore is keeping up with the towns needs at this time there is the danger that the bore will become saline or the supply diminish leaving the town without water, Council is utilising all of its resources at this time in maintaining the essential water supply services to the community. We are however in continual contact with the Department of Water and Energy who was made aware of our proposed actions and intention to seek financial assistance through the office of Nathan Rees MP Minister for Water Utilities. Council was seeking financial assistance to construct additional bores for the town's water supply. It is estimated the total costs would be approximately \$400,000.00.

Received was funding of up to \$200,000 from the Department of Water and Energy on a 50/50 basis (Council would have to match the funding).

It was requested that up to \$200,000 be released from the restricted asset in the Ivanhoe water reserve to match the funding provided by the Department of Water and Energy to progress with the drilling for water in the Ivanhoe area for emergency water supply.

Summary

Central Darling Shire Council undertook the project delivery of the above project in conjunction with its NSW State Government partner – the Department of Water and Energy.

A drilling contractor was engaged to do exploration drilling to further assist in the supply of water to Ivanhoe in drought conditions.

Twelve holes were drilled in the location of Morrisons lake Storage (Tooralee Station), 10 holes produced water whilst two were non-water bearing.

A total of 570 meters was drilled, 480 meters collared and cased.

All water Bearing test holes were cased as requested by the Department of Water and Energy, test pumped and Electricity Conductivity measured, water samples have been sent to determine the analysis for Gross alpha and beta (radioactivity), Sodium, Chloride, Aluminium, Aesthetic, Total hardness, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS).

There is to be an agreement put in place with the owner of Tooralee Station on the usage of the bores, litres per second drawn from the bores, what bores will be in council control and usage of bores that Council will not use and other issues in relation to this project.

This will be discussed when the results have been assayed.

All drill sumps are to be re instated to the natural condition and ground regeneration works to all sites are to be completed prior to further works.

Financial Considerations

The cost to drill and case the project to date is \$105,000.

Councillor Linnett requested an update on the status of the bores in Ivanhoe.

The DES informed the meeting that the Drillers need to come back to Ivanhoe and conduct pump testing, that all bores are cased with screens and all holes have been tested for salinity.

Councillor Sullivan requested a copy of the bore log books for himself and Councillor Linnett.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ivanhoe Bore report be received and noted.

17-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Ivanhoe Bore report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.3 Water Monitoring/Gauging Station Wilcannia

The Director Engineering Services was contacted last month by the Department of Water and Energy in regards to moving the water monitoring station from the East side to the West side of the Darling River.

The proposed location is at the river end of Cleaton Street site location (see on Map).

In addition to having the Gauging station in the down stream side of the weir in the new location the Department of Water and Energy will fix the leak in the eastern bank where the rock bar is (down stream between Cleaton street and Martin Street).

This will mean that there will be say 0.750m to 1.00meters of water in the down stream weir pool from the concrete Weir wall (main Weir).

Determination of works

1. Dig 2 trenches approx. 300mm deep, supply, and lay 50mm PVC pipe, Lines are to be from the proposed shelter site to the waters edge (Darling River) at normal low/no flow. Backfill trenches and repair to as was condition.
2. Install a concrete pad (CDSC) and concrete bunker shelter approximately 2meters x 2 meters (supplied DWE),
3. Install a 4-metre mast. Set the mast up for a 30-watt solar panel [DWE to supply] and Next G aerial. Provision for a satellite dish at the top of the mast, [specification/design supplied DWE].
4. The solar panel is to be protected by 10mm mesh or similar.
5. Enclose the shelter and mast structure inside a security fence with gate.
6. Repair the control (Rock Bar) using rock and gravel together with any other materials (Stabilising agents).

7. DWE to supply the aerial, solar panel and a satellite dish for mast fabrication.

Once the new gauging station is up and running the existing station site East bank of the Darling River (at the caravan park) will be de-commissioned and removed.

Councillor Brown questioned as to whether these works would be contrary to the weirs policy. He noted that upon contacting the Department of Primary Industries they have requested to be advised of the outcome of the recommendation. He informed Council that he would not be happy to put his name against these works until all appropriate approvals have been received.

RECOMMENDATION

Council agrees with the new Monitoring/gauging placement at the proposed location and reestablishment of the works to the weir pool down stream from the concrete weir wall.

18-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Page Council agrees with the new Monitoring/gauging placement at the proposed location and reestablishment of the works to the weir pool down stream from the concrete weir wall.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR BROWN RECORDS AGAINST

5.4 Bonley Bridge (RTA Timber Bridge Replacement program)

Background

In July 2007, Council submitted a application to replace the timber bridge at an estimated cost of \$800,000 on a 50/50 basis, councils share up to \$400,000. This was subject to grant funding from the RTA for the timber Bridge replacement program, which has subsequently been provided.

A tender for bridge was advertised late in August and closed on the 26th September 2008.

Summary

The contractor engaged to remove the existing structure and construct the new concrete bridge (Bonley Creek Bridge) 50km south of Wilcannia on the Menindee Road (West) will be on site Thursday 12th March 2009, the existing wooden structure will be removed with all the reusable timber relocated to Wilcannia, the rest will be placed at the land fill site Wilcannia.

The project is expected to take 3 months to complete.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bonley Bridge (RTA Timber Bridge Replacement program) report be received and noted.

19-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Astill that the Bonley Bridge (RTA Timber Bridge Replacement program) report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 Gross Pollutant Traps Menindee

Two Gross Pollutant Traps have been installed in the Menindee Township, issues arose when the existing pipe work was exposed to link in with the new traps, it was discovered that the pipes were full of dirt. Two cells from each line were removed to clear the compacted dirt from the pipes, still there was dirt $\frac{3}{4}$ filling the up stream pipes.

Rectification

The pipes are to be flushed out with water to clear the dirt and pipes reinstated and connected to the Gross Pollutant Traps, it is intended to flush the pipes out next week and plumb the traps into the existing structure as soon as the pipes are cleared.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Gross Pollutant Trap Menindee report be received and noted.

20-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Gross Pollutant Trap Menindee report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 Catchment Management Authority Lake Woytchugga Culverts

Background

Central Darling Shire was engaged by the Catchment Management Authority to construct a passage on the Menindee/Wilcannia Road MR 68b from Lake Woytchugga to the Darling River.

Summary

42 – 2.100m x 2.100m x 2.500m Box section culverts were installed on the original alignment of MR 68 B, a local contractor was engaged to construct the footings, base slab and wing walls and to install the culverts, and Central Darling Shire's Works Engineer project managed the construction.

Construction of the culverts are near complete, guard rail and sand bagging and bitumen sealing still to be completed, this will be done in conjunction with the earth works R2R project MR 68b Construction.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Catchment Management Authority Lake Woytchugga Culverts report be received and noted.

21-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Cr Sullivan, Seconded Cr Reid that the Catchment Management Authority Lake Woytchugga Culverts report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.7 Fleet Management (Council Owned Fleet)

A question was raised February 2009 Council Meeting by Cr Astill in regards to the "large number of vehicles currently in the Shire fleet".

Listed is the light plant owned by Council, and operated by Council Officers.

Wilcannia Light Plant

5056	Toyota Hilux Extra Cab 4x4 Diesel	AH25YF	Building Maintenance
5058	Nissan X Trail	AI 60 AB	Tech Officer RTA
5059	Ford Courier GL 4WD Twin Cab	AH33AA	EH&B I/Officer
5067	Ford Courier 4x2 Tray back	AL14HP	Spare Ute
5068	Ford Courier 4x2 Tray back	AL12HP	Roads Ganger
5069	Ford Courier 4x2 Tray back	AL15HP	Wilcannia F/P
5070	Ford Courier 4x2 Tray back	AL16HP	Storeman
5071	Ford Courier 4x2 Dual Cab	AK70HZ	Assets Manager
5076	Toyota Hilux 4x4 Dual Cab	AO67XI	Overseer
5077	Holden Rodeo 4x4 Duel Cab	AP02PN	Assistant Overseer
5079	Toyota Land cruiser	AO22VJ	Works Engineer
5080	Toyota Land cruiser	AP54MA	DES (LEMO)
5081	Toyota Land cruiser	AP56MA	MCED
5082	Toyota Land cruiser	AP64MA	MES
5084	Holden Rodeo 4x4 Dual Cab	AT40HL	Ranger
5085	Holden Commodore	AT41HL	General Manager
5086	Mitsubishi Pajero Wagon	AT72KZ	Mayor

Menindee Light Plant

5064	Toyota Hilux SR 4x4 Tray back	AI52FW	Menindee Ganger
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Ivanhoe Light Plant

5066	Ford Courier GL 4x4 Tray back	AH28AA	Ivanhoe Ganger
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White Cliffs Light Plant

5065	Ford Courier GL 4x4 Tray back	AH39AA	W/Cliffs Ganger
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Construction Vehicles

5075	Holden Rodeo 4x4 Tray back	AN98SE	Construction Ganger
5083	Holden Rodeo 4x4 Tray back	AJ14TX	Construction Ganger

RECOMMENDATION

That the Fleet Management (Council Owned Fleet) report be received and noted.

22-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Fleet Management (Council Owned Fleet) report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.8 Plant Replacement Skid Steer Loader

The Ivanhoe skid steer Loader was purchased in 1996 and is Council's oldest machine. It has clocked the most hours (2,600), has become unreliable and is the most troublesome. It has been transported away at least three times for workshop repairs and is to be replaced. The preferred changeover, \$69,100, is as recommended on attachment T1 – 2009.

The original replacement estimate was \$35,000 and the additional funds can be sourced from overall savings within the plant replacement schedule.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council purchase a Caterpillar 262C from Cavpower Broken Hill for \$77,900, and trade the existing Mustang to Cavpower Broken Hill for \$8,800.

23-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Astill that Council purchase a Caterpillar 262C from Cavpower Broken Hill for \$77,900, and trade the existing Mustang to Cavpower Broken Hill for \$8,800.

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 6. MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Manager of Environmental Services Report be received and dealt with.

24-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Sullivan That the Manager of Environmental Services Report be received and dealt with.

MOTION CARRIED

6.1 Information Items

6.1.1 Councillor Questions

Wilcannia Waste Depot – last month Cr Brown raised concerns regarding the plastic bags and untidiness of the tip face of the Wilcannia Waste Depot. The area had become untidy due to the loader being unavailable for use for a number of weeks and the recent windy weather. The site has since been cleaned, and plans have been made to restrict the size of the tip face to lessen the untidiness of the area. Menindee Waste Depot has been facing similar problems, and has experienced wind borne litter due to the recent winds. Progress is being made on seeking quotes for a loader for the Menindee Waste Depot.

6.1.2 Waste Operator – Ivanhoe

Mr Adrian Forbes has been appointed as the Waste Operator for at the Ivanhoe Waste. This is a part-time position. It is proposed this position will commence in the around mid March.

6.1.3 State of the Environment

The State of the Environment report has been produced and has currently been submitted for a period of public exhibition. Copies of the report are available for public viewing at Council's Administration Office.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted

25-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Linnett That the Information Items report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Council Policy – Dogs and Cats Permitted – Number Of

Last month, Cr Astill raised concerns regarding one of Council's policies titled *Dogs and Cats Permitted – Number Of*. It was questioned whether this policy had been implemented. This policy had not been implemented as it is unworkable, unachievable and out-dated (being generated in 1995). It is recommended that the policy be removed from Council's policy register.

Councillor Astill questioned as to why the policy was so difficult to implement.

The MES noted that it is difficult to staff members to endorse the policy. The GM informed the Council that the Shire has a proactive stance with the RSPCA who run free desexing clinics in Wilcannia.

Councillor Brown agreed that the policy is a difficult one to implement but suggested that t policy on Dogs and Cats roaming around town streets be included.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Policy – Dogs and Cats Permitted – Number Of be removed from Council's Policy Register

26-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Reid That the Council Policy – Dogs and Cats Permitted – Number Of be removed from Council's Policy Register

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR ASTILL RECORDS AGAINST

6.3 Copi Hollow Toilet Block

Last month it was reported that work had been completed to upgrade the Copi Hollow Toilet Block. Concerns were raised by a number of Councillors regarding ownership of the toilet block and asked that ownership details of this facility be checked to determine who in fact owns the facility. Upon inspection of Council's records it has been determined that the toilet block belongs to the Copi Hollow Speedboat Club and not Council. On the other hand, over the past years Council has provided assistance to the Broken Hill Speedboat Club to maintain and look after the toilet block. It is also noted that Council had contributed \$500 a year to the club towards the cleaning of the facility. It should be noted that Council looks after many toilet blocks throughout the Shire, and in particular there may be others that do not belong to Council (eg toilets at Wilcannia Health Service), however the toilets are provided for the general public, passing visitors and tourists.

Councillor Astill asked how much money had been spent on the refurbishment of the toilet facility.

The MES took this question on notice.

Councillor Brown requested that the GM follow up whether the Shire can conduct works on private property and make an approach to the Broken Hill Speed Club for the reimbursement of funds spent on the facility.

Councillor Astill requested that a letter be written to the Broken Hill Speed Club informing them that we will carry out no further works on this facility.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Copi Hollow Toilet Block report be received and noted

27-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Copi Hollow Toilet Block report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Dog De-sexing Program

As held in previous years, once again the NSW Health in conjunction with the RSPCA will be holding a dog de-sexing/animal health clinic at Wilcannia on the 6th, 7th and 8th April 2009. NSW Health has indicated that they do not have the funding to hold the clinic in the other towns within the Shire, and have chosen to focus on Wilcannia only this year. Council staff will assist with the clinic where possible.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Dog De-sexing/Animal Health Clinic report be received and noted

28-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Page, Seconded Clr Reid that the Dog De-sexing/Animal Health Clinic report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

6.5 White Cliffs Gymkhana Temporary Licence

The annual White Cliffs Gymkhana and Rodeo will be held on the 25th and 26th April 2009. The White Cliffs Gymkhana Club has sought approval for use of the White Cliffs Racecourse for the event under a temporary licence. Council is Trust Manager of the racecourse being located on Crown Land. Under delegated authority, Manager Environmental Services has approved the temporary licence for the event.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the actions Manager Environmental Services

*29-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings,
Seconded Clr Reid that Council endorse the
actions Manager Environmental Services*

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Astill left the Hall at 12:12pm

**SECTION 7. MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Manager of Community and Economic Development's report be received and dealt with.

30-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Brown that the Manager of Community and Economic Development's report be received and dealt with.

MOTION CARRIED

7.1 Schedule of Investments

The following schedule of investments is provided in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, and associated Regulations.

Schedule of Investments - February 2009

	DATE	TIME PERIOD	INTEREST RATE	DUE DATE	TOTAL (\$)
Deposits at Call					
Commonwealth			3.20%		\$445,302.19
Westpac			4.05%		\$90,000.00
Australian Corporate Mortgage Backed Securities (Face Value)					
Castleregh Trust	90 points over 3mthBBSW		8.74%	23-Jun-08	\$1,500,000.00

Total Investments as at 30th July 2008

11 am Call Account	\$535,302.19
Commercial Bills and Notes	\$1,500,000.00
Term Deposits	\$0.00
	\$2,035,302.19

At Call refers to funds held at a financial institution that can be recalled within 24 hours.

The Mortgage Backed Security is a longer term investment with a floating interest rate on the Notes.

The rate is adjusted every 3 months. Council classifies this facility as 'available for sale' which requires measurement at fair value at the end of the year.

Commercial Bills and Term Deposits are short term investments issued by a bank with a promise to

pay a specified amount on settlement (being the face value plus interest).

The Collateralised Debt Obligation that Council holds with the Westpac Bank and Castlereagh Trust was valued at \$147,945 at the end of February 2009.

Councillor Brown requested details on the current rate of interest for the Collateralised Debt Obligation that council holds.

The MCED to report back on this at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schedule of Investments report be received and adopted.

31-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Schedule of Investments report be received and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Rates Collection Statement

The rate collection statement for the month of February is provided for information:

RATES REPORT													as at 2 February 2009	
ITEM	RATES	INTEREST	RATES	WATER	DR SUPP.	CR SUPP.	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	WRITE OFFS	GOVERNMENT	RECEIPTS	BALANCE		
Wilcannia														
General	33,732.74	12,562.59	45,555.25	-	-	-	1,967.86	28,236.77	-	909.16	-	64,672.51		
Special Rate	3,998.41	1,129.33	8,100.64	-	-	-	246.94	4,944.31	-	-	-	8,531.01		
Water	80,904.18	20,773.09	147,785.00	-	530.00	815.00	4,840.50	89,274.51	-	1,268.75	-	163,474.51		
Water-Filtered	2,463.13	3,675.21	-	-	-	-	137.66	127.35	-	-	-	6,148.65		
Sewer	34,094.59	11,227.52	96,240.00	-	-	-	2,170.56	60,019.04	-	787.50	-	82,926.13		
Garbage	32,497.84	7,104.98	102,360.00	-	-	110.00	2,105.04	61,602.03	-	2,175.00	-	80,180.83		
Excess Water	107,849.38	18,589.96	-	96,217.80	-	531.00	4,841.00	88,236.22	-	-	-	138,730.92		
Charge on Land	1,791.66	-	-	-	4,497.95	-	-	762.33	-	-	-	5,527.28		
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-11,457.93	-11,457.93		
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-596.00	-596.00		
GROUP TOTAL	297,331.93	75,062.68	400,040.89	96,217.80	5,027.95	1,456.00	16,309.56	333,202.56	-	5,140.41	-12,053.93	538,137.91		
Ivanhoe														
General	27,478.32	10,466.79	26,604.38	-	-	-	1,444.51	18,314.08	-	1,316.92	-	46,363.00		
Special Rate	7,564.10	2,809.35	8,061.99	-	-	-	390.40	5,799.18	-	-	-	13,026.66		
Water	42,565.61	14,480.15	48,130.00	-	-	315.00	2,258.83	31,914.26	-	1,487.50	-	73,717.83		
Water-Filtered	2,047.97	3,294.61	-	-	-	-	99.95	791.97	-	-	-	4,650.56		
Garbage	27,040.98	8,439.98	56,040.00	-	-	-	1,528.75	34,621.93	-	2,713.16	-	55,714.62		
Excess Water	69,147.53	15,579.91	-	48,673.50	-	-	2,317.49	75,373.85	-	-	-	60,344.58		
Charge on Land	5,882.60	-	-	-	2,430.40	-	-	287.51	-	-	-	8,025.49		
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-413.03	-413.03		
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-49.20	-49.20		
GROUP TOTAL	181,727.11	55,070.79	138,836.37	48,673.50	2,430.40	315.00	8,039.93	167,102.78	-	5,517.58	-462.23	261,380.51		
White Cliffs														
General	9,968.98	2,813.36	31,649.25	-	-	-	508.08	22,453.95	-	2,090.85	-	20,394.87		
Special Rate	808.88	203.39	3,100.41	-	-	-	41.15	2,333.18	-	-	-	1,820.65		
Water	22,803.25	4,166.23	80,900.00	-	800.00	1,200.00	1,138.80	60,159.56	-	2,143.75	-	46,304.97		
Water-Filtered	2,176.12	2,157.62	-	-	-	-	122.21	-	-	-	-	4,455.95		
Garbage	378.90	26.85	4,040.00	-	-	-	23.75	2,691.42	-	245.00	-	1,533.08		
Excess Water	14,421.77	935.42	-	25,637.70	-	445.50	351.96	31,752.52	-	-	-	9,148.83		
Charge on Land	811.50	-	-	-	3,080.04	-	-	860.28	-	-	-	3,031.26		
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-808.25	-808.25		
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-215.78	-215.78		
GROUP TOTAL	51,369.40	10,302.87	119,689.66	25,637.70	3,880.04	1,645.50	2,185.95	120,250.91	-	4,479.60	-1,024.03	85,665.58		
Menindee (Environs)														
General	40,036.18	13,684.32	55,180.06	-	-	-	2,060.51	42,506.62	-	2,826.46	-	65,627.99		
Garbage	18,558.16	2,784.50	50,280.00	-	-	630.00	883.75	35,495.09	-	3,496.52	-	32,884.80		
Charge on Land	3,588.96	-	-	-	3,018.97	-	-	1,116.44	-	-	-	5,491.49		
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,197.36	-2,197.36		
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-50.00	-50.00		
GROUP TOTAL	62,183.30	16,468.82	105,460.06	-	3,018.97	630.00	2,944.26	79,118.15	-	6,322.98	-2,247.36	101,756.92		
Menindee														
General	55,441.97	13,600.46	55,323.54	-	-	-	3,006.33	41,212.43	-	2,771.35	-	83,388.52		
Special Rate	7,343.42	1,946.78	8,199.76	-	-	-	397.34	6,300.17	8.69	-	-	11,578.44		
Water	83,467.47	18,038.06	75,390.00	-	-	1,955.92	4,472.92	57,063.91	749.17	4,098.43	-	117,501.02		
Charge on Land	11,918.40	-	-	-	3,867.32	-	-	1,120.51	-	-	-	14,665.21		
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-322.36	-322.36		
GROUP TOTAL	158,171.26	33,585.30	138,913.30	-	3,867.32	1,955.92	7,876.59	105,697.02	757.86	6,869.78	-322.36	226,810.83		
Rural														
General	58,979.61	12,192.87	315,894.73	-	-	-	3,316.94	212,607.86	-	142.62	-	177,633.67		
Water	10.95	0.08	-	-	-	-	0.18	11.21	-	-	-	0.00		
Excess Water	0.83	155.36	-	-	-	-	0.05	-	-	-	-	156.24		
Charge on Land	374.00	-	-	-	1,416.10	-	-	430.14	-	-	-	1,359.96		
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-318.86	-318.86		
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-98.90	-98.90		
GROUP TOTAL	59,365.39	12,348.31	315,894.73	-	1,416.10	-	3,317.17	213,049.21	-	142.62	-417.76	178,732.11		
Sundry Villages														
General	284.69	23.02	2,220.15	-	-	-	27.36	1,977.62	-	-	-	577.60		
GROUP TOTAL	284.69	23.02	2,220.15	-	-	-	27.36	1,977.62	-	-	-	577.60		
Sunset Strip														
General	5,418.63	592.64	63,182.28	-	-	-	266.47	41,447.84	-	3,059.65	-	24,952.53		
Garbage	269.19	31.02	4,050.00	-	-	-	14.91	2,556.43	-	215.39	-	1,593.30		
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,110.55	-2,110.55		
GROUP TOTAL	5,687.82	623.66	67,232.28	-	-	-	281.38	44,004.27	-	3,275.04	-2,110.55	24,435.28		
REPORT TOTAL														
	816,120.90	203,485.45	1,288,287.44	170,529.00	19,640.78	6,002.42	40,982.20	1,064,402.52	757.86	31,748.01	-18,638.22	1,417,496.74		
General	231,341.12	65,936.05	595,609.64	-	-	-	12,598.06	408,757.17	-	13,117.01	-	483,610.69		
Special Rate	19,714.81	6,088.85	27,462.80	-	-	-	1,075.83	19,376.84	8.69	-	-	34,956.76		
Water	146,283.99	39,419.55	276,815.00	-	1,330.00	2,330.00	8,238.31	181,359.54	-	4,900.00	-	283,497.31		
Water-Filtered	6,687.22	9,127.44	-	-	-	-	359.82	919.32	-	-	-	15,251.16		
Sewer	34,094.59	11,227.52	96,240.00	-	-	-	2,170.56	60,019.04	-	787.50	-	82,926.13		
Garbage	162,212.54	36,425.39	292,160.00	-	-	2,695.92	9,029.12	194,030.81	749.17	12,943.50	-	289,407.65		
Excess Water	191,419.51	35,260.65	-	170,529.00	-	976.50	7,510.50	195,362.59	-	-	-	208,380.57		
Charge on Land	24,367.12	-	-	-	18,310.78	-	-	4,577.21	-	-	-	38,100.69		
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-17,628.34	-17,628.34		
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1,009.88	-1,009.88		
SUMMARY TOTAL	816,120.90	203,485.45	1,288,287.44	170,529.00	19,640.78	6,002.42	40,982.20	1,064,402.52	757.86	31,748.01	-18,638.22	1,417,496.74		

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Collection Report be received and adopted.

32-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Sammon that the Rates Collection Report be received and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Information Items

7.3.1 Councilor Questions

Councillor Brown asked about Interest on rates, interest starts accruing 21 days after the due date as resolved by Council at resolution 21-12-03.

Councillor Brown requested from the Mayor permission to forward copies of personal rates notices where he has been receiving interest on rates due within the 21 days after the due date.

The GM will follow up with the Rates Officer and noted that the system may need a review.

Councillor Reid asked as to the current state of play with Ryde City Council, MANEX is currently compiling a list of actions regarding some assistance with the LEP and some street scaping, Ryde has offered the assistance of the senior planner and a landscape planner. A visit by Ryde staff is tentatively planned for late April 09.

7.3.2 Media Coverage

The Shire has featured in the Sydney Morning Herald three times over the last two weeks. The first article on the 27th of Feb featuring Brenda Mitchell and her grandkids from Menindee about the 12-month anniversary of the Federal Governments apology, the second on 2 March in the tourism section featuring an article about White Cliffs titled "No Stone Left Unturned". The third appeared on 3 March and is a front-page story on the Wilcannia Central School. The articles are attached for councils reference.

7.3.3 Social Justice Award

Council employee Ms Lee-Anne Drewery has won the 2009 Social Justice Award for her work on the Human Services Mapping Project.

Each year Charles Sturt University has a number of prizes for exceptional students. Students of Human Services have the additional opportunities of being considered for a prize for practicum work that demonstrates social action and a grant to assist them to pursue a teaching and learning initiative with a social justice focus. A memorial to a past academic colleague who died in 2002, Ms Lila Kirilik, these awards reflect her teaching ideology.

Lila Kirilik – Social Action Prize

Lee-Anne is the winner of the social action prize of \$500.00 the prize is awarded annually to a student who has completed a practicum subject in human services.

Students initiate an application in consultation with their, University Liaison person, Subject Co-ordinator and Course Co-ordinator, and need to demonstrate:

- a) merit in practical work
- b) social action outcomes
- c) benefit to an individual, group or community
- d) application of principles of social justice, equity, empowerment and self-determination.

The application includes the views of referees as well as evidence of outputs and outcomes, specifically:

- a) referees will commentate on the professional, client group and academic perspectives of the student's practice
- b) evidence of outputs will be diverse media, including written documentation, photographs, video, audio, media coverage, records of agendas or programs or training
- c) evidence of outcomes can include referee reports, testimonials, evidence of before and after materials, and should be clearly expressed.

33-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Page that a letter be written on behalf of Council to Ms Lee-Anne Drewery offering congratulation upon receiving a Social Justice Award

MOTION CARRIED

7.3.4 Long Paddock ARTback Sculpture Ivanhoe

Correspondence has been received by council from the President of the Long Paddock Committee expressing some concerns over the proposed sculpture to be installed in Ivanhoe as part of the ARTback sculpture program which is part of the federally funded Australian Tourism Development Program. The concerns raised are over the materials that the artist is planning to use to construct the artwork, specifically that it would not withstand vandalism and that it would be very easy to chip and mark. Because of this fact it will be up to council to maintain and repair the sculpture as necessary. Information received that is not in the correspondence, from the artist indicates that a "budget of approximately \$1000pa will be required to maintain the artwork. Any repairs required can easily be performed by the nearest surfboard maker." The letter is attached for reference.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

34-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Information Items report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 2009 Financial Assistance Grants

The Central Darling Shire Council recognises a need to assist non-profit community groups, organisations and individuals who are interested in and are working toward the enhancement and well-being of its residents and the Shire.

As per Council Minute 25-02-95 Section 355 committees that have not submitted their end of year financials and reports will be ineligible.

Council encourages equity and fairness in the allocation of funds and invites application for financial assistance under Section 356 of Council's Donation Policy. Advertisements declaring applications are open will be placed before the end of March 2008. Applications will close Thursday 30th April 2009 for inclusion in the 2009-10 Management Plan.

Councillor Sullivan requested information on how many state and federal grant applications the Council have applied for over the last 12 months.

The GM noted that approximately 21 applications have been completed and approximately \$750,000 has been received, however will provide a comprehensive list at the next Council meeting.

Councillor Brown expressed concern that the Council had not applied for the \$250million funding round offered by the Federal Government.

The GM responded to Council's concerns giving accurate details of application opening and closing dates together with the issuing of guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council actively encourage eligible Community Groups to apply for Council's Financial Assistance Grants.

35-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council actively encourage eligible Community Groups to apply for Council's Financial Assistance Grants.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5 Menindee Regional Tourist Association Inc.

As discussed by Clr Page at the last council meeting, correspondence has been received from the MRTA requesting funding assistance from council of \$5000 to assist them to achieve the tourism development plan goals which are;

- Enhanced Menindee tourism products and experiences
- Productive marketing of Menindee
- Infrastructure that supports tourism
- Supporting tourism operators to deliver quality products and services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the request from the Menindee Regional Tourist Association be considered as part of the planning for the 2009/2010 management plan.

36-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Brown that the request from the Menindee Regional Tourist Association be considered as part of the planning for the 2009/2010 management plan.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Astill returned to the Hall at 12:20pm

7.6 Community Transport

The MCED held discussions with representatives of the NSW Ministry of Transport regarding the possibility of setting up a community transport service for Menindee and Sunset Strip. The need for residents that do not have access to transport to and from their homes and various shopping / health precincts has been identified on a number of occasions. As there are no taxi services in the area people are always reliant on friends and relatives to get them around.

The representatives from the Ministry have agreed to look at a proposal from the shire to introduce a fee for service community transport service similar to the Ivanhoe service.

The next step is for the shire to conduct a survey of the residents of Sunset Strip and Menindee. This will determine the need for a service that could run for a period of 3 hours per day, Monday to Friday to pick up people from their homes and deliver them to the shopping precinct in Yartla St and or to the health service or alternatively around a pre determined route around the town.

RECOMMENDATION

That a resident survey of Menindee and Sunset Strip be conducted to determine the viability of a community transport service.

37-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Brown that a resident survey of Menindee and Sunset Strip be conducted to determine the viability of a community transport service.

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 8. RECEPTION OF CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.

*38-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,
Seconded Clr Sammon that the Correspondence
for Council be received and noted.*

MOTION CARRIED

8.1 Media Releases

Date	Sender	Contents
2/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Nation's Food Bowl Feels Effect of Water Buyback Scheme
24/2/2009	Minister Phillip Costa MP	Funding for Local Infrastructure to Drive Business Investment
23/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Coordinated Approach to Climate Change Key to Finding Solution
23/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	State Government Housing Code Strikes Again
18/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Rees Acts to Deliver Nation Building Package
18/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	LGSA Welcomes Funds for Local Communities
16/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Risky Developments Must Halt Until Lessons Absorbed
13/2/2009	Anthony Albanese MP	Rudd Government Secures Extra \$500 Million for Local Community Infrastructure - No Thanks to Liberal and National Parities
12/2/2009	Anthony Albanese MP	Liberals and Nationals Stop \$500 Million for Local Community Infrastructure
11/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Local Councils Offer Help to Victorians
9/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Shires Gather for Lowdown on 2009 - Thursday 12 February
9/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	NSW Councils Offer to Help Victorians

8.2 Circular/Newsletters

Sender	Date	Contents
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	6/3/2009	Local Government Weekly 09/09
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	27/2/2009	Local Government Weekly 08/09
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	20/2/2009	Local Government Weekly 07/09
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	19/2/2009	Companion Animals Amendment (Reporting Dog Attacks) Regulation 2009
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	18/2/2009	Applications for Ministerial

Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	16/2/2009	Approval for a Special Variation to General Income
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	13/2/2009	Retirement of the Director General Local Government Weekly 06/09

**SECTION 9. THE RECEPTION OF REPORTS FROM
COMMITTEES**

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports from Committees be received and noted

***39-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded
Clr Linnett that the reports from Committees be
received and noted***

MOTION CARRIED

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RECOMMENDATION

***That Council receive and note the minutes of MANEX
meeting.***

***40-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded
Clr Linnett that Council receive and note the
minutes of MANEX meeting.***

MOTION CARRIED

MANEX Meeting held Thursday 9th February 2009

Meeting Commenced at 3:05pm

Present:

Tim Hazell	General Manager
Leeanne Ryan	Manager Environmental Services
Greg Stephens	Director of Engineering Services
Kym Fuller	Manager Community and Economic Development
Mel Brown	Administration Officer – Executive Support

Apologies

Nil

Outstanding Council Resolutions

Outstanding Questions Without Notice from Councillors

- Wilcannia Weir – DES to obtain written confirmation from State Government

Staff Issues

Ivanhoe Waste Operator

The MES reported that Mr Adrian Forbes has been appointed the Waste Operator for Ivanhoe.

Community Services Project Officer

The MCED reported that Miss Lee-Anne Drewery has been awarded a Social Justice Award from Charles Sturt University for her recent project work.

Annual Leave

The GM listed members of staff who currently have Annual Leave owing.

Occupational Health and Safety

Nil

Other Business

i. Copi Hollow Toilets

The MES reported that the Shire has maintained the public toilet facility at Copi Hollow for a considerable period of time and that the Shire are responsible for maintaining all other public toilets in the area. The refurbishment of the facility is consistent with Councils approach to public toilets.

ii. Wilcannia Post Office

The MES reported that the tiles from the front step of the old Post Office have been removed and it has been discovered that the original sandstone still exists.

The MES informed the meeting that a grant funding application has been prepared to \$160,000 internal upgrade works to the building.

iii. Expressions of Interest

The GM reported the EOI's have been received for the whole area of the Knox & Downs building.

iv. Staff Training

The GM informed the meeting that staff training will be scheduled for the week commencing 18th May and that no staff members are to be excused from this training. The 18th, 19th and 20th May will be for all staff members and the 21st and 22nd May would be for the MANEX.

v. Brolga Project

The GM has received correspondence from the Charles Sturt University through the Community Services Project Officer regarding the possibility of supporting University students to come to the Shire to undertake projects and case studies with the hope of encouraging the students back to the area once they have completed their studies.

vi. Assets Framework

The GM requested an update listing of the Assets Framework from the DES as soon as possible.

vii. Pay Days

The DES requested that the MANEX look into changing the staff Pay Days to a Friday to reduce the number of staff who are absent from work on a Friday. The GM noted that the staff payday is supposed to be on a Friday but due to funds not hitting all accounts in time. It was agreed that a discussion be held with the Team Leader Customer Services in relation to the holding back of funds until the Friday.

viii. Server Upgrade

The MCED presented a proposal regarding the Server Upgrade that the IT Manager has obtained. The GM agreed to review this proposal.

ix. Generators

The DES informed the meeting that he will be investigating the costs of purchasing generators to assist in times of power blackouts. The GM agreed that this issue was important especially for the Westpac Banking Service.

x. Fleet

The DES has agreed to report to the MANEX the change over figures for the vehicles used by the MANEX.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:50pm

SECTION 10. DELEGATES REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Delegates reports be received and noted.

41-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Delegates reports be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

On the 9th March Councillor Reid attended the Sunset Strip Progress Association Annual General Meeting held at the Community Hall. The minutes from the meeting were tabled. Points of interest out of the meeting included a Social Committee being formed and the production of a Sunset Strip Community Newsletter in which the Council feedback and input was requested.

Councillor Sullivan informed the meeting that the Minister has reappointed the old National Parks and Wildlife Committee and that there was a request for Council to take over the management of the road through Kinchega National Park. A formal request is to be made to Council.

42-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that standing orders be suspended to consider Public Access

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor invited Mr Michael McInerney, Secretary of the Tilpa Community Committee Inc. to address the Council in Public Access.

Mr McInerney made the following points during his presentation to Council and the GM ensured that a formal response to questions would be provided at a latter date to the Tilpa Community Committee Inc.

1. Thank you to Council for the contribution of \$250 towards maintenance of the Tilpa weir area.
2. Thank you to the Manager of Environmental Services for assistance with the purchase of two Bain Maries.
3. Urgent works need to be completed at the Tilpa Airstrip, this includes fencing and replacing 3 lights that have been defective for a period of 4 months.
4. What is the status of the request for an easement to be placed around the old Tilpa Post Office kitchen building?
5. An update of the Water Filtration Plant in Tilpa was provided.
6. Thank you for the purchase of the fax/scanner/copier for the use of the RFDS personnel at the Tilpa Clinics.

7. The TCCI have received \$1,000 towards the restoration of the Old Post Office Kitchen building and Jessie's grave.
 8. Thank you to Terry Bloomfield and Harry Kennedy for the works carried out at on the Community Complex.
 9. The Rural Fire Service has delivered a rainwater tank to Tilpa to be connected to the Fire Shed. There is a possibility that this tank may be connected to the filtration plant.
 10. What 'tourism funding' is available to assist the TCCI in providing facilities to tourists in Tilpa?
 11. Thank you to the Council staff for liaising with the TCCI to formulate a long-term plan to Tilpa.
 12. Would the Shire be able to purchase fittings for the provision of a tap for outside use by tourists and locals?
 13. Can Council assist the TCCI in naming and sign position local landmarks?
 14. A petition supporting the sealing of the Tilpa – Barnato 52mile road to be named and known as the 'Captain Starlight track' was tabled.
 15. Are we able to use the Hall Hire Agreement Form that was forwarded to Council for approval?
 16. A working bee will be conducted by the TCCI in the near future.
 17. Would the Council consider assisting the TCCI both financially and with expertise in the contraction of a new ablution block for Tilpa to ensure adequate facilities for Tourists?
 18. Would the Council be able to provide the TCCI with a material to line and seal the existing toilet block behind the hall?
 19. Thank you for the traffic signs provided
 20. Is the Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Group still active?
 21. Why does the DES report list the Tilpa Street Amenity as Nil?
 22. Was the Public Gates, Grids, Ramps and Stock Races Policy advertised in Tilpa, if so where?
 23. The signage recently provided by the Western Catchment Management Authority is good but Tilpa is marked on the sign on the wrong side of the river.
 24. Was the Events Management Policy notice advertised in Tilpa?
 25. Was the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program suggestions notice advertised in Tilpa?
 26. How will the new Weir Policy affect Tilpa?
 27. Is there any further town lighting planned for Tilpa?
 28. What is the progress of the Rural Addressing Project for Tilpa
- Mr McInerney concluded by thanking the Council for travelling to Tilpa to hold the Council meeting.

The Mayor invited Mr Justin McClure, Chairperson of the Tilpa Community Committee Inc to address the Council. Mr McClure began by thanking Council for its ongoing support of Tilpa and the Community for the last 12 months. He then made the following requests to Council.

- The town blocks in Tilpa that are habitable are nearly exhausted and requested if Council would be able to resume some land to make blocks available to ensure that Tilpa has a change to grow as a town. He noted that there is currently a high demand for blocks in Tilpa with the price around \$20,000.
- Whether it was possible for Council to investigate gravelling the road heading upstream of Tilpa to provide potential residents all weather road access in the event of rain.
- Could the Tip be pushed up.
- The fence around the Tilpa Airstrip needs to be repaired and the TCCI would be interested in tendering for the construction of the fence to provide further financial assistance to the Committee.
- There are 4 car Rallies programmed to come through Tilpa this year and so far they have raised around \$10,000 for the construction of an ablution block for tourists. It was noted that the rallies bring between 160-200 people to Tilpa.
- The TCCI will be meeting next weekend and will have a formal motion requesting that Council match the TCCI funding for this facility dollar for dollar.
- It has been noted that the Shire have supported the sealing of the Wool Track and would like to see every opportunity put to Bourke Shire Council for the sealing of this road.
- The water supply is an ongoing issue and requires the support of Council.

Finally Mr McClure noted that it is his belief that the purchase of any ongoing water along the Darling river stream is a benefit for residents downstream of Wilcannia and that a water sharing plan is required for the Darling River.

Councillor Page thanked Mr McInerney and Mr McClure for coming to the meeting and also thanked the Management team for working so closely with the TCCI.

The Mayor thanked both Mc McInerney and Mr McClure for their attendance at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm, resuming at 2:03pm

The Mayor invited Mr Jeff Caldbeck, Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Financial Counselling Service to address Council. Mr Caldbeck discussed the current issues surrounding the future of the Service.

***43-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan,
Seconded Clr Linnett that standing orders be
resumed***

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 11. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillors Questions without Notice be received and noted.

44-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Councillors Questions without Notice be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Linnett noted that he has been informed that the Road Gangers have been driving around the Shire and camping in Wilcannia and not on site as required.

The DES noted that both Gangers have been informed they are to camp on site with the crews but for a period of time one Ganger was operating two crews.

Councillor Sullivan questioned why the road out the front of the BP Service Station is not completely sealed.

The DES informed the Council that this will be completed shortly.

He also inquired as to the outstanding rates owed by the Lands Council.

The GM noted that the Lands Council is still the registered owner of the properties and that Council has the ability to approach the State Lands Council.

Cr Sullivan also noted that when the Shire lodged an application to reform the rockbars along the river they were declined due to the lack of fish ladders. He noted that the Bourke Shire Council are currently applying for some rockbars to be reinstated. He questioned as to whether there has been any communication between the Bourke Shire Council and Central Darling regarding this matter. He suggested that if the two Shires joined forces on the issue then they may progress the issue further.

The GM responded that he was unaware of the movements of the Bourke Shire Council but was happy to make contact with the General Manager.

Councillor Brown asked for an estimated completion date for the toilet facility at Baker Park to be reopened.

The DES reported that the Inspections Officer had a plumber in town to prepare quotations and are currently waiting on this information.

Councillor Astill requested anti graffiti paint for the dressing sheds at the ovals and for the street furniture to be provided ASAP.

Cr Astill also requested that the Manager Environmental Services and the Maintenance Officer visit Menindee to assist in drawing designs for the new playground.

The MES suggested a date be set in the next fortnight.

Cr Astill requested confirmation that the letter regarding the formation of a swimming club had been sent to the Menindee Rugby Club.

The MES confirmed this.

Councillor Page requested that the Shire consider requests by Mr John Kelly and Mrs Lorraine Looney to join the Menindee – Pooncarie Road Committee.

Councillor Astill noted that the EOI's were advertised for 8 weeks prior to the Committee being formed. He suggested that the people be encouraged to apply in September when the Committee is reviewed.

Councillor Reid requested a list of all Council owned houses and flats in Wilcannia.

Councillor Wellings noted that the White Cliffs Gymkhana Club is continuing to be sent rate notices and that staff have advised them they are to pay the fee.

The GM agreed to follow up the issue again.

Councillor Brown questioned as to whether the lease for the Athenaeum had been signed.

The GM noted that the agreement has been signed.

SECTION 12. URGENT BUSINESS

Any other matter which the mayor may allow to be brought forward

RECOMMENDATION

That Urgent Business be received and noted.

45-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Reid that Urgent Business be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

The GM read out a letter received from Tri State Safaris requesting that the Shire donate \$1000 towards the attendance of Mr Mark Sutton at Australia Fair held in the Netherlands.

Cr Astill moved a motion that due to the current economic situation, Council write to Tri State Safaris informing them that we are unable to assist.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Councillor Page moved that the Shire donated \$1000 toward the attendance of Mark Sutton at Australian Fair in the Netherlands.

46-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Page, Seconded Clr Reid That Council donate \$1000 toward the attendance of Mark Sutton at Australian Fair in the Netherland.

MOTION CARRIED

It was requested that the \$1000 be taken out of the Financial Assistance Grants budget.

The Manager Environmental Services declared an interest in the matter and left the Hall at 2:58pm

The GM read a letter received from Mr and Mrs Ryan of White Cliffs requesting to purchase 3 blocks of land to locate horses in White Cliffs. Councillor Wellings moved a motion that the issue be taken back to the White Cliffs Community Association for further discussion.

47-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Page That Councillor Wellings take the request to purchase blocks of land in White Cliffs to the White Cliffs Community Association for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

The Manager Environmental Services returned to the Hall at 3:04pm

Councillor Page tabled a letter from the Menindee Regional Tourist Association with regards to the Application for Financial Assistance.

The GM read out the following information received from Mrs Chris Elliott with regards to the Wilcannia War Memorial.

"As an information item for the Shire Council: the Wilcannia War Memorial Committee has received a Grant of \$2,800 from the Department of Veteran Affairs to restore the lettering on the Wilcannia Memorial. Following articles about the project in the paper, we have received notification that 2 names are missing from the Memorial, both of these are from the Great War. It has been verified that these names are not on any other memorial within the Shire or in any towns that the servicemen had any relationship to. There is also one name with the incorrect initials.

George Zanon from Broken Hill has undertaken to complete the work in time for Anzac Day.

On completion of the project the committee will provide council with copies of the grant application, acquittal and budget, as well as the changes made as above.

It has also been brought to our attention that the Municipality of Wilcannia was allocated a "War Trophy" in 1920 of a German machine gun. Inquiries have produced no information on it's possible whereabouts."

**SECTION 13. PUBLIC ACCESS - QUESTIONS AND
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

SECTION 14. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Confidential Meeting be received and noted.

48-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Page that Council form into a Committee of Council comprising the whole of the Council and the General Manager according to the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A (2) (g) in order to discuss information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Astill left the Hall at 3:05pm and returned at 3:09pm

Councillor Linnett left for the remainder of the meeting at 3:40pm

51-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that Council meeting revert back to normal status

MOTION CARRIED

49-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett That the action and resolutions as detailed in this report be taken and the appropriate authorisations be granted to the General Manager.

MOTION CARRIED

50-3-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Page, Seconded Clr Sullivan That Council receive and note this report.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR PAGE RECORDS AGAINST

**SECTION 15. FIXING DATES AND VENUES FOR
NEXT MEETING**

*The next meeting of Council will be held on the 21st April 2009 in
Menindee, commencing at 9:30am*

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:52pm
