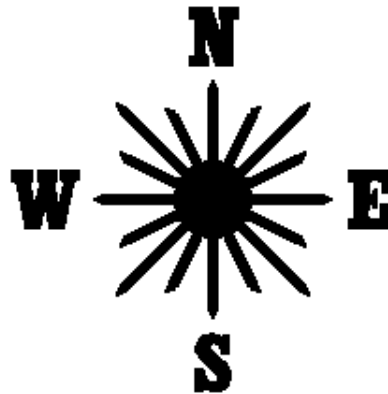


Mission Statement

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 21st April 2009

at

Menindee

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 will be held in the Community Hall, Menindee, on Tuesday 21st April 2009 commencing at 9:48am.

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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.

1-4-09 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

ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Hazell	General Manager
Leeanne Ryan	Manager of Environmental Services
Kym Fuller	Manager of Community and Economic Development
Mel Brown	Executive Manager

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Garry Astill
Greg Stephens Director of Engineering Services

SECTION 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting be received.

2.1 Business Arising out of Minutes

Councillor Brown requested that the Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting be deferred until the Confidential section of the meeting has been dealt with.

2.2 Notices of Motion/Rescission

Standing Orders suspended at 9:51am

*2-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,
Seconded Clr Reid That standing orders be suspended
to consider Public Access*

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor invited members of the Public to Address the Council in Public Access.

There were 17 members of the Public present at the meeting and a number of issues were raised, the issues included the following:

Allegations of Gallery stacking from one Councillor to another, call for the Councillor in question to be stood down or sacked.

Menindee Waste Depot and strategy

Sale of Land for unpaid rates

Road Sealing

Alleged unfair distribution of services

Follow-up of outstanding rates

Motor Home sewerage dumping points

Mr Looney presented the Council with a video presentation showing the differences in streetscape between the towns of Menindee, Pooncarie and Wilcannia.

The Mayor informed the community that all questions would be taken on notice and answers would be provided to residents through the Menindee RTC, an advertisement in the Menindee School News and a mail out to Menindee Environs residents living in Broken Hill.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:53am, resuming at 11:15am

***3-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr
Sammon that standing orders be resumed***

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 3. MAYORAL MINUTE OR REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

4-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Longfellow, Seconded that the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

On the 18th March the Mayor, Councillors Sullivan and Sammon together with the GM met with the Hon. Linda Burney MP, Minister for Community Services. At this meeting the Minister was presented with the 'Remote Control Communities' report.

Councillor Brown noted that he was not informed of this meeting taking place.

On the 25th and 26th of March the Mayor travelled to Sydney with the General Manager and Manager of Community and Economic Development to attend a Media Skills presentation as well as a seminar on Effective Chair in Local Government.

Whilst in Sydney the delegation met with the Indigenous Affairs reporter Joel Gibson from the Sydney Morning Herald and a reporter from the Daily Telegraph.

The delegation also met with the Member for Wagga Wagga, Mr Daryl McGuire, the Member for Murray Darling, Mr John Williams and the Hon. Tony Catanzariti.

The Mayor attended the Executive Meeting for the Local Government and Shires Association on the 1st and 2nd April in Sydney where the budget for the upcoming financial year was discussed. It was noted that the accommodation for members of the executive has been moved to a different hotel to save on costs.

On the 8th April the Mayor travelled to Wilcannia to meet with the General Manager. He apologised for not being able to meet with Councillors Sammon and Brown who requested a meeting with him due to other commitments at the office.

On the 9th April he travelled to Menindee and met with Councillors Reid and Page and had a private discussion with Councillor Astill on issues that remain confidential.

The Mayor informed the Councillors of an email that he had received from Mr Bryce Wilson from the Office of Senator Mark Arbib regarding the Rural financial Counselling Service Program and the extension of funding of the program until 2010.

The Mayor noted that the presentation for the Cultural Awards will be held in Sydney on Friday 1st of May and the Central Darling Shire Council is in the running for an award.

Councillor Sullivan requested that the Council send correspondence to the Premiers Department regarding the Wilcannia School Principal as a result of discussions held during the Minister for Community Services visit.

The GM noted that correspondence has already been sent to the Premiers Department and the Minister for Education and that the result is pending the decision of the incumbent headmaster.

It has been brought to my attention that the employment contract of the General Manager requires the Council seal to be affixed. In order to correct this situation it is necessary to have Council formally resolve to affix the Council seal to the document.

Councillor Brown questioned why the Council Seal was not affixed to the General Managers' contract when it was first signed.

The Mayor apologised for this error and thanked Councillor Brown for bringing the matter to his attention.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council affix the Council Seal to the employment contract of the General Manager.

5-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Ctr Wellings, Seconded Ctr Sammon that Council affix the Council Seal to the employment contract of the General Manager due to this matter being overlooked at the time the contract was originally signed

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 4. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Managers report be received and dealt with

6-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Page that the General Managers report be received and dealt with

MOTION CARRIED

4.1 Administration

4.1.1 Australian Local Government Association

The President of the Australian Local Government Association, Councillor Geoff Lake, has produced an update on issues facing the Local Government industry from a Federal perspective. A copy is attached for information.

4.1.2 Publications

As Council would be aware, a consultant – Mr Bob Nairn, has been appointed to conduct an Economic Analysis of the viability of sealing the “Wool Track” in Western NSW. A draft report has been produced and is included with this Agenda for information purposes. It is proposed that a public meeting is to be held in Ivanhoe on the 22nd April 2009 to discuss this report and generally consult with the public. This meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:00am and be held in the Ivanhoe RSL. All interested Councillors are invited to attend.

Councillor Brown requested that attachments to the Agenda be circulated earlier than the Agenda to allow Councillors time to read them. He noted that there are a number of issues that require further explanation in the ‘Wool Track’ report for example if it doesn’t address the benefits to the Shire and the improvements of income generated.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Administration Report be received and noted.

7-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Administration Report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Mission Australia – Far Western NSW

Mission Australia – Far Western NSW has approached Council to provide services to the Wilcannia community under the banner of Home Visiting and Parenting Program. These programs are part of the larger Brighter Futures Program and have been provided by staff at the Wilcannia Women's and Children's safehouse in the past. Mission Australia wishes to extend the contract for these services which are based on delivering programs to community members. A fee is recoverable for each service and Mission Australia has indicated that the programs can be depended further by staff on the ground.

Councillor Reid asked what the cost of this is to Council.

The GM noted that there is no cost to Council and that it would be an income stream to Council to provide extra services.

Councillor Brown questioned whether this funding would conflict with any other funding arrangements we have in place for the Safehouse.

The GM informed Council that he would follow up the issue with DoCS to confirm no conflict.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council contract with Mission Australia – Far Western NSW for the provision of the Home Visiting and Parenting Program and affix the Council seal to all relevant documents.

8-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Sammon that Council contract with Mission Australia – Far Western NSW for the provision of the Home Visiting and Parenting Program and affix the Council seal to all relevant documents.

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 NSW Local Government Grants Commission

The NSW Local Government Grants Commission has the responsibility of distributing the Financial Assistance Grants to NSW Councils on an annual basis. The Commission has a charter to visit all NSW Councils on a regular basis to explain the calculation of the Financial Assistance Grants and to allow Councils to make appropriate representations if considered appropriate. The Commission has contacted Council and wishes to visit Council on Thursday the 30th April 2009 at the Administration Centre in Wilcannia.

Members of the Commission that will be attending include:

- Mr Richard Colley, Chairperson
- Mr Grahame Gibbs, Deputy Chairperson
- Dr Elizabeth Coombs, Commissioner
- Mr Frank Pangallo MBE, Commissioner
- Mr Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer

The presentation is set to take one hour and will discuss the following issues:

- Background of the Commission
- The basis of the grant distribution
- Grants for 2008-2009
- A presentation showing Council's grant calculation
- Answers to common questions
- Discussion of methodology and issues

The Commission encourages as many elected members and senior staff attend the session which should be open to members of the public. Advance notice, for catering purposes, of those attending would be appreciated.

RECOMMENDATION

That the NSW Local Government Grants Commission report be received and noted.

9-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Brown that the NSW Local Government Grants Commission report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

The Manager Environmental Service declared and interest in this matter and left the hall at 11:34am

4.4 Sale of Land – White Cliffs

Further to the Council meeting held in Tilpa on the 17th March 2009 where a request to purchase land in White Cliffs was put before Council, the issue has been placed before the White Cliffs Community Association who have indicated they have no objections to the proposed sale. Mr Greg and Mrs Leeanne Ryan have indicated a willingness to purchase Lots 30, 200, 277 in DP 757488 which are located between the Blocks and Turleys Hill on the northside of the township. While an initial offer of \$150 per block has been made, it is noted that the valuations applicable to the blocks are \$400 per block. It has been Councils past practice to sell land at the valuation applicable to the land.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council sell Lots 30, 200,277 in DP 757488 to Mr and Mrs Ryan at a valuation of \$400 per block, sign and attach the Council seal to all relevant documents.

10-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Page that Council sell Lots 30, 200,277 in DP 757488 to Mr and Mrs Ryan at a valuation of \$400 per block, sign and attach the Council seal to all relevant documents.

MOTION CARRIED

The Manager of Environmental Services returned to the Hall at 11:34am

4.5 2009 Election – Executive Members and Office Bearers of the Shires Association of NSW

Information has been received from the Shires Association of New South Wales advising of an election for various positions within the Shires Association and forwarding nomination forms.

The positions include:

- Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President General and for member of the Executive Committee close on the 4th May 2009
- Vice President – closes 10:00am, 3rd June 2009
- Treasurer – closes 10:00am, 3rd June 2009

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2009 elections for the Shires Association of NSW report be received and noted.

11-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that the 2009 elections for the Shires Association of NSW report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.6 2009 Shires Association Annual Conference

Advice has been received that the 2009 Shires Association Annual Conference is to be held in Sydney from the 1st – 3rd June 2009. Registrations are being called, with a deadline of Friday the 29th May 2009. A copy of the Draft Conference Program is attached for Councils reference.

Council's policy provides for attendance at this conference by the Mayor or nominated delegate, General Manager and one Councillor from each ward along with their spouse or partner.

Councillors are reminded that the Mini Conference of the Western Division Shires Association will be held on the afternoon of Monday 1st June.

On this occasion the attendance of the Executive Assistant, Ms Mel Brown would also be necessary due to the Western Division Mini Conference Commitments.

The following Councillors expressed interest to attend the Shires Conference:

A Ward: Councillor Wellings and Councillor Brown. Councillor Brown informed Council that he would be covering his own travel and accommodation costs and would only require the conference fee to be paid by Council.

B Ward: Councillor Linnett

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider representation at this Conference in line with the adopted Council policy.

12-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Sullivan that Council consider representation at this Conference in line with the adopted Council policy.

MOTION CARRIED

4.7 National Broadband Network

On the 7th April 2009, the Federal Government announced plans to build and operate a new National Broadband Network. As part of the process a discussion paper called Regulatory Reform for 21st Century Broadband was released. Comments of the discussion paper have been called and are due by the 3rd June 2009.

Preliminary advice indicated that the rollout of the National Broadband Network will be to towns and cities with a population exceeding 1000 people. Obviously towns within the Central Darling Shire council area will not be included at this stage.

Councillor Sullivan suggested that Council push to make representations for towns under 1000 people and noted that in the future service centres coming to small towns will need the ability for increased communication methods.

Councillor Brown moved an amendment that the Council is to report back with any comments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the National Broadband Network Report be received and noted.

13-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Reid that the National Broadband Network Report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.8 Wilcannia Women's and Children's Safehouse

The service provided by Wilcannia Women's and Children's Safehouse staff continues to exceed the expectations of the community and the Department of Community Services. This service has engaged in an extensive review of services over the past few years and has grown from just providing crisis accommodation to being accepted as a community centre and valuable resource to the community. This extension of services, which now includes a child support worker, has seen many new programs included in the service. This has been reflected in the additional funding that has been made available, extending from around \$120,000 a few years ago to now being the vicinity of \$350,000 for 2009-2010.

In line with this expansion of services, a number of operational changes have also taken place. Additional staff training has taken place which has meant that the skills set of staff in this area have increased significantly. To this end it is considered appropriate to increase the level of responsibility of staff in this area and have Council consider certain amendments to policy and practice. It is proposed to issue a credit card to the Co-ordinator of the Safehouse Ms Virgean Wilson to allow the service to arrange their own expenses without reliance on the administrative centre. This will require the addition of this position to the list of positions afforded a credit card under Council's policy.

It is also considered appropriate to provide a further vehicle to the service to enable greater efficiencies in service delivery. The service currently has a Ford Transit 12 seater bus, which is appropriate for transporting larger groups, but not appropriate to transport small numbers of staff and clients. It is proposed that a small A4D vehicle such as a Subaru Forrester be leased on a monthly basis. Funding can be provided from existing budgets.

The General Manager requested an addition to the existing recommendation to include the signing and sealing of a funding variation to the value of \$145,000 per annum for a period of three years.

Councillor Brown questioned if all costs associated with the Safehouse were coming out of the funding provided and asked whether given the increased activity would there be any suggestion/possibility that the Safehouse would be pulled away from the Shire and auspiced directly.

The GM responded that all costs associated with the Safehouse come directly out of the funding available and that he had not heard anything in relation to the Safehouse being auspiced directly. He noted that Shire has been well recognised through the Safehouse and the extra funds have attributed to this.

Councillor Brown also requested the justification of a Credit Card for the Safehouse.

The GM responded that due to the amount of training conducted and the need for emergency funds, a credit card would alleviate some of the difficulties that have been experienced in the past.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the actions contained in this report and amend the appropriate policies and practices accordingly.

14-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Sammon that Council endorse the actions contained in this report and amend the appropriate policies and practices accordingly, accept the funding variation and affix the Council seal to appropriate documents.

MOTION CARRIED

The GM informed the Council of the phone hook up that the Mayor and himself took part in before the meeting. He noted that FACSHIA have given a 5 year commitment to developing an economic development hub in Wilcannia.

4.9 Council Celebrations – 50 Years

At a recent meeting of Council, the issue of community celebrations to highlight the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Central Darling Shire Council were considered. At that meeting a number of options were considered with the consensus that a celebration be held in each town. Staff were requested to arrange a budget for the celebrations. At a recent MANEX meeting the issue was discussed and a budget of \$3,000 was suggested for each event in each town. Following representations from a number of sources, it was also considered appropriate for local Councillors to call upon interested community representatives to arrange for an appropriate celebration. This advice was issued to all Councillors with the request that work commence on the celebrations.

A general discussion was held surrounding the 50 year Celebrations for Council. It was agreed for each Councillor to conduct community consultation and bring back suggestions to the next meeting of Council.

Subsequently this item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Celebrations – 50 years be received and noted.

4.10 2009-2010 Draft Management Plan

As Council would be aware, the Local Government Act, 1993 requires Council to prepare and consider an annual management plan. This plan is to comprise many sections, designed to provide transparency and show the community and various stakeholders what services the Council proposes to conduct in the upcoming year. The Act requires that the management plan contain a number of sections, the first being the principal activities that the Council proposed to conduct in the forthcoming year. These principal activities are to be listed together with a statement of aims and objectives that support the activities. The Council is also required to provide detailed performance measures or a statement on the means to achieving the goals and objectives.

While the Central Darling Shire Council has traditionally considered it appropriate to place activities into one of thirteen different principal activities the opportunity was taken in the current management plan to align these activities to the concept of triple/quad bottom line reporting.

The principal activities of Council are divided into four distinct areas being:

- **Statutory** – this section highlights the level of compliance that is required, on an annual basis, for Councils to meet the legislative requirements of an extensive array of State and Federal legislation. This section shows the work that is required to be carried out before any service can be delivered to the community.
- **Core Activities** – this section represents the services that are to be delivered to the community. Any additional services or changes to levels of service delivery are to be separately highlighted.
- **Political Projects** – designed to detail those projects that will require extensive political lobbying from the organisation and the Councillors to achieve the overall outcome required.
- **Partnerships** – highlights the extensive network of partnerships that the organisation is involved with in delivering services to the community.

By the slight realignment of the Councils principal activities it is anticipated that a more direct focus on the business of the organisation can be provided.

In preparing the principal activities for the next management plan, the MANEX team was mindful to consider the work already done by the various working parties throughout the Shire. Activities from each of the Community Action plans have been included in the principal activities, where Council has a role to play. In a similar manner, deliberations and considerations of Council's various Works Committee's have also been included.

This first draft is submitted for comment from Council, with a view to producing the draft management plan for Council consideration at the May meeting of Council.

Councillor Brown requested a complete document of the Principal Activities and requested a detailed workshop including the detailed document and detailed budgeted.

The GM agreed to provide Councillors with a complete document and suggested that a workshop will be held as soon as possible prior to the next meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report on the 2009-2010 Draft Management Plan and utilise the attached Principal Activities as the basis of preparation for the 2009-2010 Draft Management Plan.

15-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that Council receive and note the report on the 2009-2010 Draft Management Plan and utilise the attached Principal Activities as the basis of preparation for the 2009-2010 Draft Management Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

4.11 Organisational Structure

Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Councillors and MANEX of the Central Darling Shire Council adequate information to make an informed decision on the future organisational structure of the Council staff.

At the March 2009 meeting of Council, Council resolved to:

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

Council felt that there was inadequate information surrounding the proposed structure as presented by the General Manager and requested that a thorough break down of further information was required.

This report will provide comparisons from the organization structure as previously adopted by Council in 2004, the current 2008/2009 Management Plan adopted structure and the structure proposed by the General Manager in March 2009.

Further details surrounding position descriptions and gradings will also be supplied together with the necessary supporting documentation.

2004 Organisational Structure

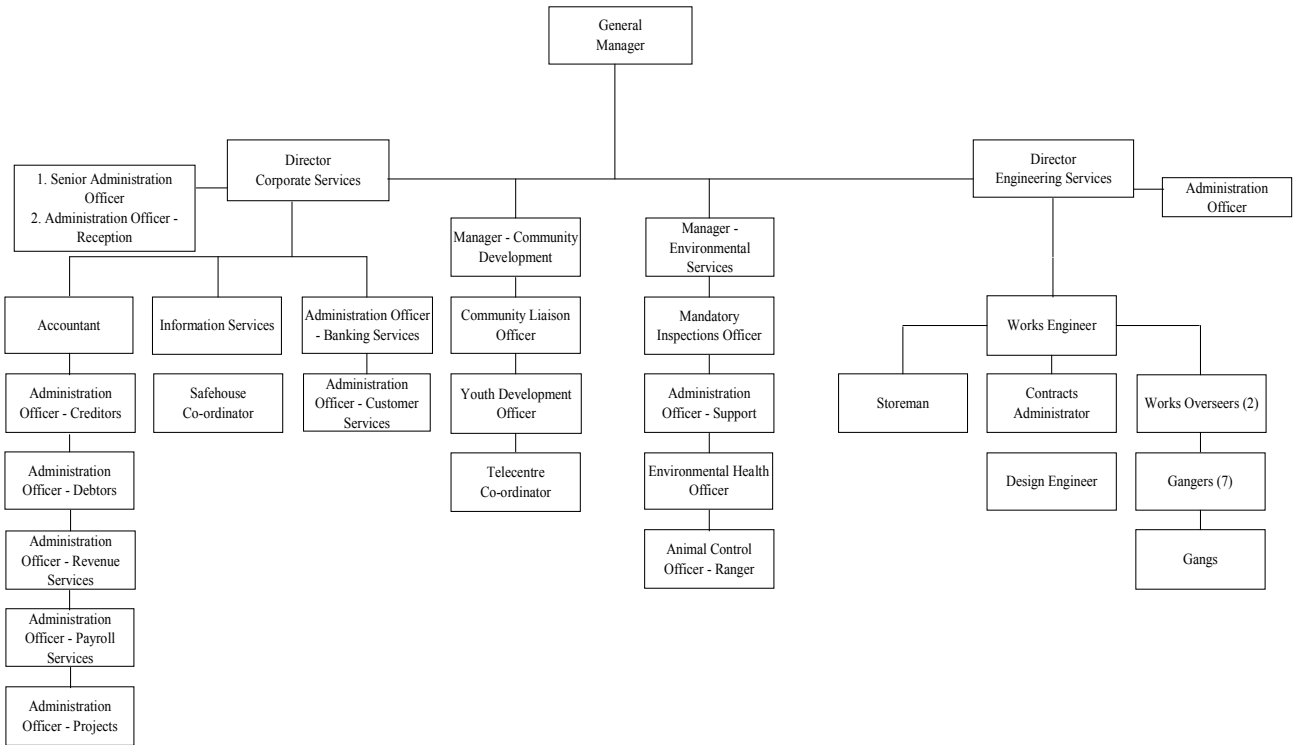
Following a review by consultants Collins Anderson Management in October/November 2003, the following structure was adopted by Council in May 2004,

40-5-04 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that the Staff Structure as presented be included in the 2004-05 Draft Management Plan

MOTION CARRIED

CR VAGG RECORDS AGAINST

Below is a copy of the staff structure as adopted by Council in 2004.



The structure represents an effective full time equivalent staff number of 53.17 which was slightly greater than previous years. The casual staff members were retained from time to time to assist in times of excessive workload, vacancies or during periods of leave.

Due to the complexity of obtaining relevant data relating to position holders and gradings from 5 years ago, this information has not been supplied.

2008/2009 Organisational Structure

The 2008/2009 organisational structure was adopted by Council in June 2008,

10-6-08 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council:-

1. Adopt the 2008/2009 Management Plan as presented.

2. Make the ordinary rates as follows:

Residential 7.13122882 cents in the dollar

Business 7.64477479 cents in the dollar

Farmland 0.40182154 cents in the dollar

Farmland Other 0.42352575 cents in the dollar

with a base amount of \$102.50

3. *Make the special rates as follows:*

Ivanhoe 6.3450505 cents in the dollar

Wilcannia 5.7081774 cents in the dollar

Menindee 1.6992465 cents in the dollar

White Cliffs 1.751938 cents in the dollar

with a base amount of \$2.00

MOTION CARRIED

The 2008/2009 structure represents an effective full time equivalent staff number of 60.19 which was a marginal increase over the past year. The increase was a result of the need to employ a person to control the gate at the Ivanhoe Waste Depot and also reflected the addition of a Child Support Worker at the Wilcannia Safehouse.

Again, Casual staff were retained from time to time, to assist in times of excessive workload, vacancies or during periods of leave. The total cost of salaries and allowances were estimated to be \$3.115 million for the 2008/2009 year which did not include casual staff retained during periods of leave.

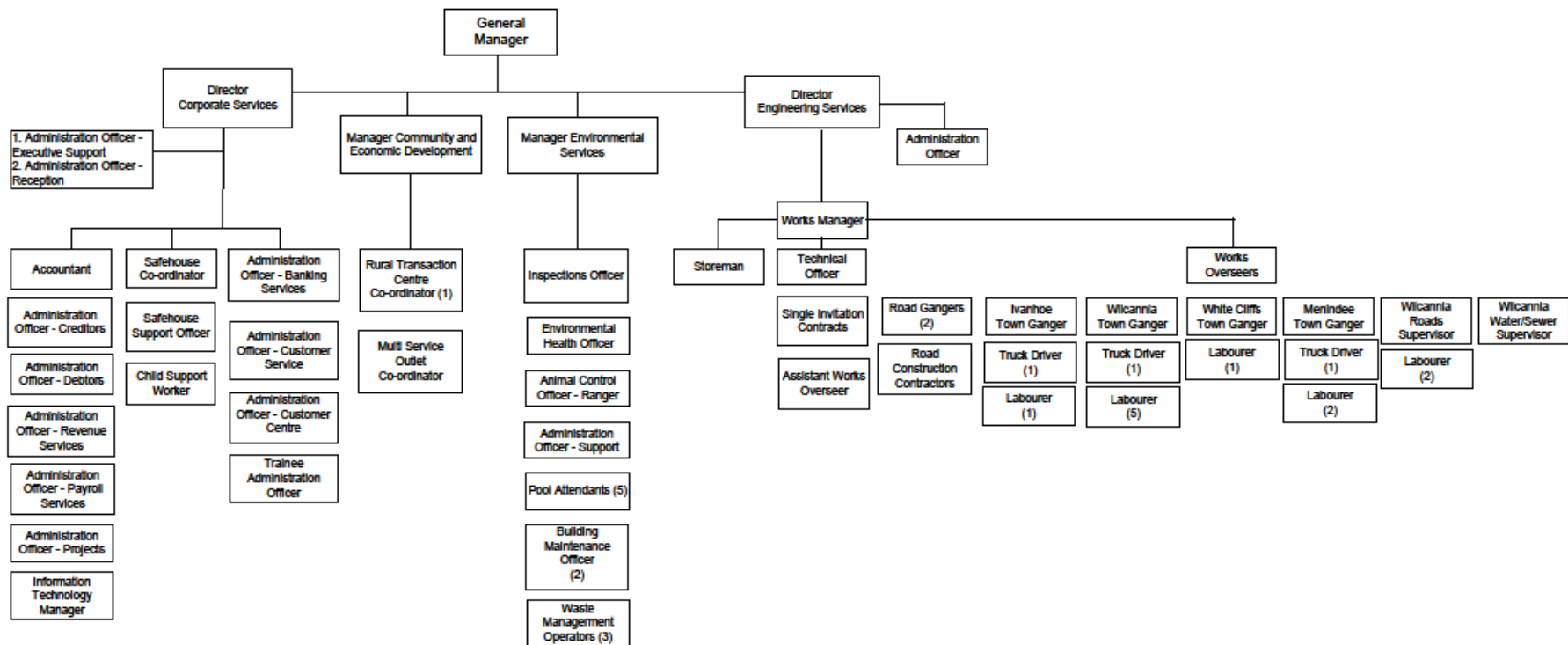
Changes to the structure from that of previous years were a result of discussions at a MANEX level where was considered appropriate to utilise the position of Administration Officer – Projects in a community liaison / youth coordination role for a temporary period for the purposes of a possible forerunner to current proposals to examine employing youth coordinators throughout the Shire.

A copy of the current staffing structure is provided on the following page for Council's reference.

Although not included in this structure is the position of Projects Engineer as adopted at the March meeting of Council.

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



Employment Statistics

(As at 1st April 2009)

	Number	%
Total Staff	62	100
Permanent Staff	50	80.65
Casual Staff	12	19.35
Number of Staff with > 10 years service	6	9.68
Number of Staff with 5 -10 years service	16	25.81
Number of Staff with < 5 years service	40	64.52
Number of Staff aged < 20 to 25	8	12.90
Number of Staff aged 26 to 35	13	20.97
Number of Staff aged 36 to 45	11	17.74
Number of Staff aged 46 to 55	22	35.48
Number of Staff aged >56	8	12.90
Number of Staff in Corporate Services	16	25.81
Number of Staff in Engineering Services	28	45.16
Number of Staff in Environmental Services	14	22.58
Number of Staff in Community and Economic Development	4	6.45

General Managers Organisational Remodel

As presented at the February 2009 meeting of Council, the General Manager proposed to restructure two departments of the Central Darling Shire Council, the Corporate Services and the Community and Economic Development departments. A section of that report is presented as follows:

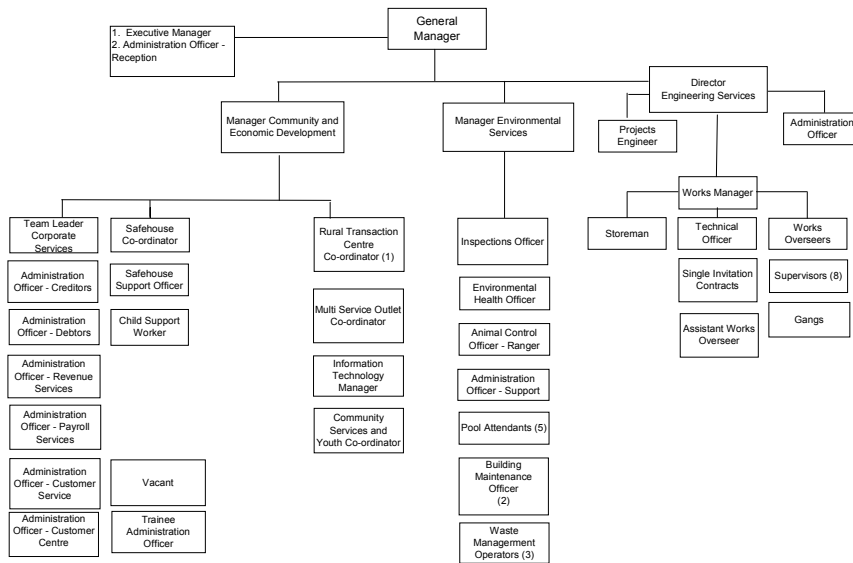
'Current Situation

A number of significant movements have occurred over the past twelve months. Obviously the appointment of an existing staff member to the position of General Manager has created a vacancy that has not been filled. In addition attempts to recruit an accountant, externally, to the organisation were not successful. To this end, the customer service team and the finance team were joined to form the corporate services team with an existing staff member becoming the team leader.

The reporting structure was then altered to have the Corporate Services team reporting to the Manager Community and Economic Development. This has provided existing staff members with an opportunity to take on further responsibility within the organisation and to further their individual careers. This move has been supplemented with additional staff training in areas of skill shortages and with the provision of using external resources for specific purposes. The completion of the Annual Financial Reports is an example where external resources have been utilised to supplement existing staff in the past.

The obvious flow on effect is a potential saving to the Council without the employment of a senior officer at Director level and the associated resources. These savings are partially offset by increased staff training during the initial stages.'

A copy of the General Manager's revised organization structure is presented below. The vacant position in this structure is a result of the Accountant and AO – Banking Services positions becoming the Team Leader Corporate Services position and the removal of a Director of Corporate Services.



Conclusion

It is now a decision of Council based on the evidence contained in this report as to whether they agree to adopt the organizational structure as presented by the General Manager or continue to use the structure as resolved with the 2008/2009 Management Plan.

Councillor Brown noted that there was the position of Accountant was not included in the GM's organisational flow chart model, he stated that he cannot accept and document that does not include an Accountant and can not accept the Shire not employing an Accountant.

The GM informed the Council that the duties of the Accountant are now being taken care of the Team Leader – Corporate Services.

Councillor Brown suggested that the position of an Accountant be a fully qualified and experienced practising Accountant.

The GM noted that the current occupant of the TL – CS position has a Bachelor Degree in Business with a Major in Banking and Finance and that is currently being up skilled to gain further knowledge for this position. He informed Council that previous attempts to recruit for this position have failed and that the current incumbent is a qualified person lacking practical experience. He also informed the Council that the previous Shire Accountant lacked practical experience and Council trained him up and that he is currently trying to provide the same opportunity for another staff member.

Councillor Linnett suggested that the Council continue to advertise for an Accountant.

Councillor Brown suggested that the Accountant should hold the position of Public Officer and the judgement of this should be based on experience.

The GM informed the Council that the position of Public Officer is one that only the General Manager could appoint in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993.

Councillor Sullivan asked for clarity on the grading of the positions within the Council.

The GM gave a brief description of how Council's adopted salary grading system works. He also described the performance review process. He noted that all position descriptions are currently up to date.

Councillor Brown moved and Councillor Reid seconded an amendment that the matter of the organisational structure be deferred until the position of Accountant be reviewed, determined and incorporated within the Council's organisation structure.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Adopt the General Managers Organisational Model as shown above with the addition of the Director of Corporate Services position and the inclusion of a Projects Engineer.

16-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Reid that the matter of the organisational structure be deferred until the position of Accountant be reviewed, determined and incorporated within the Council's organisation structure.

MOTION CARRIED

**SECTION 5. DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
REPORT**

*Due to the Director of Engineering Services being on Leave, there will
be no report for the month of April.*

SECTION 6. MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

17-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Manager of Environmental Services Report be received and dealt with.

MOTION CARRIED

6.1 Information Items

6.1.1 Councillor Questions

Council Housing - Last month, Cr Reid requested a list of Council owned houses and flats in Wilcannia. The list is provided as follows:

Property	Status	Tenant
63 Woore St, Wilcannia	Rented	Director of Engineering
59 Woore St, Wilcannia	Rented	Youth Development Officer
57 Woore St, Wilcannia	Rented	Works Engineer
44 Woore St, Wilcannia	Rented	Safe-house Manager
28-30 Field St, Wilcannia	Rented	Inspections Officer
47-49 Hood St, Wilcannia	Rented	Creditors Officer
16 Ross St, Wilcannia	Rented	Maari Ma Aboriginal Health
6-8 Reid St, Wilcannia	Rented	Team Leader - Finance
Caretakers Residence, Victory Park Caravan Park	Rented	Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corp.
Flat 1, Ross St, Wilcannia	Rented	Trainee Technical Officer
Flat 2 Ross St, Wilcannia	Rented	Labourer
Flat 3 Ross St, Wilcannia	Rented	Maintenance Officer
Flat 4 Ross St, Wilcannia	Rented	Administration Officer
Flat 5 Ross St, Wilcannia	Rented	Manager Community & Economic Development
Flat 6 Ross St, Wilcannia	Rented	Environmental Health Officer

Sewerage Complaint – Cr Brown also raised the issue of a report he had received regarding sewerage leaking from Council's sewer system. Investigations indicate the problem was due to an electrical problem, and this matter has been rectified.

6.1.2 Swimming Pool Update

Due to the cooler weather over the past weeks, limited patrons have been attending Council's swimming pools. It is envisaged the pools will close for the season towards the end of April 2009, apart from the Ivanhoe Pool which has closed early due to pump failure and resignation of the Casual Swimming Pool Attendant. The White Cliffs Pool has also closed temporarily due to chlorination equipment problems and at this stage may reopen again prior to the end of April pending availability of parts for the chlorination system.

6.1.3 Menindee Waste Depot

Costings for the purchase of a loader are being sought by Council's Engineering Department for the Menindee Waste Depot. Leasing options are also being explored. Once further information is available a further report will be presented to Council. The scrap metal pile will be recycled in the near future using Netwaste contractors, and ways to manage greenwaste (including mulching) are being explored.

6.1.4 Ivanhoe School Recycling Project

Council has been contacted by the Ivanhoe Central School, seeking assistance to introduce recycling of cans and bottles. The initial request was for the purchase of different coloured wheelie bins. The students will be educated regarding the need for recycling and its importance to the environment. Sale of the items is being managed and organised by the school through recyclers in Mildura.

6.1.5 Environmental Trust Restoration & Rehabilitation Grant

Applications are being called for funding available through the NSW Environmental Trust for Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation projects. Last year Council applied under the same grant to undertake rehabilitation works at three waste depots located at Menindee, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe. The application was unsuccessful. On this basis, a further application will be lodged again this year to undertake rehabilitation works. The funding application will be valued at approximately \$100,000, and closes in early May 2009.

6.1.6 Dog Health Clinic

On the 6th, 7th and 8th April 2009 NSW Health, the RSPCA and Council held a dog desexing and health clinic in Wilcannia. In total, 76 health checks were completed, and 47 dogs were desexed. The team were very busy during their three days in Wilcannia and were pleased with the project and the patronage by local residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted

***18-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan,
Seconded Clr Linnett that the Information Items
report be received and noted***

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Women's Conference - Queanbeyan

On Friday 20th and Saturday 21st March the Manager Environmental Services attended the annual Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference in Queanbeyan. The theme of the conference was Women in Leadership – the Roadmap. There were a number of keynote speakers including Verity Frith MP – Minister for Women, Major General Elizabeth Cosson, Barbara Perry MP – Minister for Local Government and Brigadier Lyn McDade. The focus was on encouraging more women to become leaders in their communities and careers, and to be more involved in decision making. A number of key points regarding leadership were shared by the keynote speakers including;

- Good leaders are not popular.
- When people stop coming to you, you have stopped leading.
- Keep it simple, so others can understand.
- Listen to people.
- Focus on the people that work for you, focus down, not up.
- Leadership is about others.
- Learn to communicate in all forms.
- Walk the talk; if you want people to do things, you must be able to do it yourself.
- Don't make decisions until every consequence has been thought of.

Overall, the conference was very beneficial and worthwhile. A number of Councillors and Senior Staff from other Shires were present and provided an ideal opportunity for networking. It is proposed next years conference will be hosted by Moree Plains Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Women's Conference report be received and noted

19-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Reid that the Women's Conference report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Crick Park – Menindee Heritage Trail Project

Following on from the report presented to Council in February 2009 regarding Crick Park and the Menindee Heritage Trail Project contact has been made with Silverlea Employment and Training Services regarding the project. Correspondence from Silverlea outlines a series of events and history of the project including the following;

- Silverlea – Picton Plants did enter into an arrangement with the Council to undertake works at Menindee on a project named the “Menindee Heritage Trail Project” Negotiations on this project commenced in 2000 and works commenced in 2002.
- A considerable amount of work was undertaken by a Supervisor contracted by Silverlea and the local CDEP. Earthworks were performed to the entrance and actual area which was to be planted with bush tucker/plants traditionally used by indigenous aboriginals.
- An entrance gate and a sign designed by a local aboriginal person were erected at the entrance
- Extensive edging was installed to define the gardens and comprehensive irrigation system was installed to water the proposed plantings. The next step in the project was to have a water main extended in Nora Street to the site before any further work could be undertaken as it was not sensible to perform plantings with no irrigation.
- During 2003 it was agreed that it would be prudent to put the project on hold due to the drought and water restrictions. This gave Council the ideal opportunity to have the water supply completed but unfortunately nothing happened. When the project was to be revitalised in 2004 further consultation on the water supply took place.
- After extensive consultation with the Broken Hill Water Board and engineers at the Council an assurance was given by the then General Manager that the water would be connected as soon as possible.
- This matter was followed up by Silverlea, mostly by phone discussions, on many occasions with no result and after some time and much frustration it was decided to let the Council contact Silverlea when it had occurred. Unfortunately this never happened.
- Silverlea now have serious concerns as to being able to complete this project without a further injection of funds from Council due to the amount of time that has lapsed and the state of the original works due to vandalism, theft and lack of maintenance.
- At the cessation of the works due to the lack of a water supply, Silverlea-Picton Plants had an outstanding liability to Council of \$9000 for further works; this being the last progress payment which they asked not to be paid, but which was paid anyway. At this stage they had sourced approximately \$2000 worth of “bush tucker” tubestock which eventually all died due to not being planted in the ground.
- Silverlea would be happy to negotiate arrangements to finalise this matter up to the amount of \$7000 (their liability less tubestock losses). The potential exists at some stage in the future for them to provide labour and available plant stock but are not in a position to provide materials which invariably will be needed to complete the project to its original design.

It would seem from the details provided by Silverlea that the project ceased due to lack of action from the Council to provide a reliable water supply for the project. Correspondence between Council and Silverlea indicates that Council agreed to supply a 50mm poly line and 50mm water meter (after consulting with Australia Inland), however this never occurred.

As the project had ceased a number of years ago, it is unknown the amount or condition of the infrastructure remaining on the site, whether the irrigation lines are still present and operational, or what materials are required to finish the project. If it is the view of the Council that the project should be finished, budget allocations will need to be provided under the new management plan. It is likely that due to extended time lapses that the project should probably be abandoned.

Councillors Page, Reid and Astill to complete a full inspection of Crick Park and provide a report back to the next meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Crick Park – Menindee Heritage Trail Project report be received and noted

20-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Crick Park – Menindee Heritage Trail Project report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Comprehensive LEP

As previously reported, Council resolved to prepare a Comprehensive LEP as required under the new Standard Instrument Order as legislated by the Department of Planning. To assist fund the formation of Council's Comprehensive LEP, a joint funding application between Bourke, Brewarrina and Central Darling was lodged to the Department of Planning under the Planning Reforms fund, seeking \$100,000. The application was successful, and a steering committee made up of representatives from each Council and the Department of Planning to oversee the project.

As previously reported to Council in February 2009 a technical brief was prepared to advertise for a suitable planning consultant, whereby 13 quotations were received. The quotes have been reviewed, and assessed by the steering committee based on technical skills, appropriateness of the methodology, prior knowledge demonstrated through experience in similar analysis – examples of successful projects consistent with the proposed project, experience, time performance – demonstration of an ability to satisfactorily meet nominated timeframes, capacity for technology transfer and price. After reviewing the quotes the committee agreed that the preferred tender was received from Edge Land Planning. The quote from Edge Land Planning in total for roll out of the Comprehensive LEP's for the three Council's was \$67,100.00. This does not include the additional study required to be undertaken in Central Darling for our additional work including a Dugout Study at White Cliffs (to investigate feasibility of rezoning new hill for new dugouts opposite Smith's Hill) - the cost for this is \$13,200; and to consider a Wilcannia Land Use Study (for town rezoning and rural residential areas) - the cost for this being \$30,000.

The recommended firm, Edge Land Planning, is headed by Ian Sinclair, who is a highly respected planner who is/has undertaken works for many regional and rural NSW Councils. Edge Planning are currently preparing the Walgett LEP, DCP and maps, and his experience and understanding of rural issues combined with the price that is well within budget, seen his submission ranked the highest.

It is also timely for Council to consider allocation of funding for undertaking the additional studies as noted above, costing \$13,200 and \$30,000 respectively. Where able, these studies will be undertaken in-house, which may assist to lower the cost. These studies need to be undertaken in the near future to ensure inclusion in the new Comprehensive LEP if it is the wish of Council that these planning matters still be considered.

On this basis it is recommended that Council resolves to the Steering Committee that Edge Land Planning be recommended to the NSW Department of Planning as the principal planning firm to undertake preparation of the new LEP, DCP and maps for Council's Comprehensive LEP. It is also recommended that Council make provision in its 2009-2010 budget for \$50,000 to be made available for town planning and LEP studies.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to the Steering Committee that Edge Land Planning be recommended to the NSW Department of Planning as the principal planning firm to undertake preparation of the new LEP, DCP and maps for Council's Comprehensive LEP.

That Council make provision in the 2009-2010 budget for \$50,000 to be made available for town planning and LEP landuse studies.

21-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council resolves to the Steering Committee that Edge Land Planning be recommended to the NSW Department of Planning as the principal planning firm to undertake preparation of the new LEP, DCP and maps for Council's Comprehensive LEP.

That Council make provision in the 2009-2010 budget for \$50,000 to be made available for town planning and LEP landuse studies.

MOTION CARRIED

6.5 Baker Park, Wilcannia

Council has received correspondence from Senior Sergeant Hurst from the Wilcannia Police requesting that Baker Park (and the rear of Baker Park), Wilcannia be designated as non alcohol areas. At present, the area is signposted as a "Drinking Area", however is surrounded by Alcohol Free Zones. It is stated in the correspondence that the police have encountered a number of issues during licensing enforcement operations such as:

1. Community members are being located walking to and from the "Drinking Area" whilst consuming alcoholic beverages in the surrounding Alcohol Free Zone. During the licensing enforcement it is clear that many community members are using the excuse that they are walking to this "Drinking Area".
2. Towards the end of each day after community members have been consuming alcohol in the designated "Drinking Area", police are encountering anti-social behaviour which includes Assault, Affray and Offensive Language. Police are also encountering community members leaving the "Drinking Area" whilst consuming alcohol. After the community members leave the "Drinking Area", the anti-social behaviour is shifted towards the CBD where the remainder of the community and passing motorists through the town witness or have to deal with these community members.
3. The excessive amount of rubbish and debris consisting of beer cans, beer packaging, food scraps and other general rubbish that is left behind after the community members have finished consuming alcohol is detrimental to the local community and a poor image for visitors to the town.

4. It is the firm opinion of police that this "Drinking Area" should be included in the Alcohol Free Zone area surrounding Baker Park which will prevent anti-social behaviour from occurring. Local police have recently increased licensing enforcement which will continue to focus on Alcohol Free Zones into the future. The benefit of having a designated "Drinking Area" bounded by an Alcohol Free Zone is negligible for the wider community.

As previously reported to Council in July 2008, an Alcohol Free Zone may only be established over a public road or part of a public road, or a public place that is a car park or part of a car park. However there is provision under Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993 to enable Council to erect signage within a park indicating that the area is an Alcohol Prohibited Area. If the signage is disobeyed there is provision for on the spot fines to be issued by enforcement agencies. The Act is silent regarding community consultation to erect signage to under Section 632. To assist the police in their deliberations, it is recommended that Council place signage in the Baker Park area stating that the area is an Alcohol Prohibited Area.

Councillor Brown requested that this suggestion be put out for public comment and advice around Wilcannia.

Councillor Brown moved and Councillor Sullivan seconded and amendment that the proposed changes to Alcohol Prohibited Areas in Baker Park and including Ray Hunter Park be put out for public exhibition for a period of 28 days and a further report be presented to a future Council meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council erect signage under Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993 indicating that Baker Park is an Alcohol Prohibited Area

22-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the proposed changes to Alcohol Prohibited Areas in Baker Park and including Ray Hunter Park be put out for public exhibition for a period of 28 days and a further report be presented to a future Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6.6 White Cliffs Depot

Sometime back it was brought to Council's attention that the White Cliffs Depot was located on land belonging to Country Energy. Contact was made with Country Energy regarding this issue a number of months ago, and correspondence has since been received from their Leasing Department providing an option to resolve this matter. Country Energy are proposing to offer Council a peppercorn lease (\$1 per annum) over the land subject to conditions including the following;

- Council is to maintain the leased area including weed control, security and pest control.
- The former Solar Power Station is to be retained by Country Energy as a tourist attraction for White Cliffs. However the site is to be maintained by the Council, weed control, security, pest control, cleaning of amenities and ensure the tourist facility continues to be acceptable in it's presentation to the public.
- Council is to provide a water service to the former Solar Power Station toilet block.

The former Solar Power Station is located on the same parcel of land as the White Cliffs Depot, and the two facilities are within close proximity to each other. It is unlikely that Country Energy would agree to sale of the land to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council enter into a peppercorn lease agreement with the inclusion of the above lease conditions with Country Energy for the continued use of the site known as the White Cliffs Depot.

That the Council sign and seal documents relevant to this lease.

23-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Reid that Council enter into a peppercorn lease agreement with the inclusion of the above lease conditions with Country Energy for the continued use of the site known as the White Cliffs Depot.

That the Council sign and seal documents relevant to this lease.

MOTION CARRIED

6.7 Scrap Metal Contract – Netwaste

Netwaste have renegotiated scrap metal contracts with SIMS Metal. The old contract expired on the 4th March 2009, and a new one has now been entered into. Netwaste are seeking confirmation from Councils as to whether they wish to participate in the new scrap metal contract. The price offered per tonne until the 30th June 2009 is \$115 per tonne + GST. This price may or may not alter after this date. It has been confirmed that there is no charge for freight. At present Council has quite an extensive pile of scrap metal at Menindee Waste Depot and also at the Wilcannia Waste Depot. Timeframes for pick-ups are soon to be scheduled for the western areas of NSW.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council participate in the Netwaste Scrap Metal Contract and sign and seal the relevant documents.

24-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Brown that Council participate in the Netwaste Scrap Metal Contract and sign and seal the relevant documents.

MOTION CARRIED

6.8 Menindee – Infrastructure Funding Report

As requested through Questions Without Notice last meeting, Manager Environmental Services attended an onsite meeting at Menindee on the 31st March 2009 with Cr Page to review the proposed location of a shelter and BBQ area, as well as a new playground. The proposed site for the structures is on part of Burke and Wills Park near the corner of Perry and Yartla Streets. It is proposed that as much of the project as possible be funded out of the \$25,000 allocation for Menindee out of the Federal Infrastructure Grants. However, the initial resolution for Menindee (as per the December 2008 Council Meeting) suggested that the money be spent on the following projects:

1. BBQ Area with shade cloth at the swimming pool complex with the inclusion of a beach volleyball court
2. Upgrade works at the community hall (with any left over funds)

Although the above proposed project covers part of the funded project, there is no reference to construction of a playground. The concept of a playground certainly has merit, and could be ideally placed in the selected location. As it does not fit the original resolution, Council could chose to change this if they wish to fund the proposed playground from these funds.

At the time of writing this report, prices on shade shelters, BBQ's, playground equipment and soft-fall were still being sought.

It was the wish of the Menindee Councillors that all funds be allocated to an upgrade of the playground as a number one priority.

The GM agreed to check if there were any variations in the clauses of the funding agreement to alter it to be purely spent on the playground.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Menindee Infrastructure Funding Report be received and noted

25-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Menindee Infrastructure Funding Report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm, resuming at 2:01pm

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.

26-4-09 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 - March 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)				
	Castlereagh 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
				<u>\$2,035,302.19</u>
<p>At Call refers to funds held at a financial institution that can be recalled within 24 hours.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>				

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schedule of Investments report be received and adopted.

***27-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan,
Seconded Clr Reid 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 March is provided for information:

RATES REPORT												as at 1 April 2009	
ITEM	RATES	INTEREST	RATES	WATER	DR SUPP.	CR SUPP.	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	WRITE OFFS	GOVERNMENT	RECEIPTS	BALANCE	
Wilcannia													
General	33,524.19	12,543.04	45,450.86	-	-	-	2,466.68	31,906.47	12,292.72	909.16	-	48,876.42	
Special Rate	3,998.41	1,129.33	8,100.64	-	-	-	325.14	5,573.88	616.53	-	-	7,363.11	
Water	80,904.18	20,773.09	147,785.00	-	530.00	815.00	6,358.88	102,653.86	9,681.44	1,268.75	-	141,932.10	
Water-Filtered	2,463.13	3,675.21	-	-	-	-	156.13	165.57	2,773.10	-	-	3,355.80	
Sewer	34,094.59	11,227.52	96,240.00	-	-	-	2,947.87	66,910.56	-	787.50	-	76,811.92	
Garbage	32,497.84	7,104.98	102,360.00	-	-	110.00	2,841.40	68,732.48	2,568.74	2,175.00	-	71,218.00	
Excess Water	107,849.38	18,589.96	-	170,784.00	-	1,731.00	6,598.01	112,662.06	-	-	-	189,428.29	
Charge on Land	1,791.66	-	-	-	4,596.95	-	-	762.33	-	-	-	5,626.28	
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-14,516.97	-14,516.97	
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1,096.42	-1,096.42	
GROUP TOTAL	297,123.38	75,043.13	399,936.50	170,784.00	5,126.95	2,656.00	21,694.11	389,367.21	27,932.53	5,140.41	-15,613.39	528,998.53	
Ivanhoe													
General	27,478.32	10,466.79	26,604.38	-	-	-	1,874.33	23,580.70	-	1,316.92	-	41,526.20	
Special Rate	7,564.10	2,809.35	8,061.99	-	-	-	506.74	7,427.74	-	-	-	11,514.44	
Water	42,565.61	14,480.15	48,130.00	-	-	315.00	1,929.61	42,798.69	-	1,487.50	-	63,504.18	
Water-Filtered	2,047.97	3,294.61	-	-	-	-	125.59	801.87	-	-	-	4,666.30	
Garbage	27,040.98	8,439.98	56,040.00	-	-	-	1,994.15	46,035.37	-	2,713.16	-	44,766.58	
Excess Water	69,147.53	15,579.91	-	93,916.55	-	4,872.00	3,040.71	79,312.75	-	-	-	97,499.95	
Charge on Land	5,882.60	-	-	-	2,496.40	-	-	1,038.05	-	-	-	7,340.95	
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-413.45	-413.45	
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	
GROUP TOTAL	181,727.11	55,070.79	138,836.37	93,916.55	2,496.40	5,187.00	10,471.13	200,995.17	-	5,517.58	-413.45	270,405.15	
White Cliffs													
General	9,968.98	2,813.36	31,649.25	-	-	-	660.98	25,331.21	-	2,090.85	-	17,670.51	
Special Rate	808.88	203.39	3,100.41	-	-	-	53.61	2,651.04	-	-	-	1,515.25	
Water	22,803.25	4,166.23	80,900.00	-	800.00	1,200.00	1,480.51	67,662.33	-	2,143.75	-	39,143.91	
Water-Filtered	2,176.12	2,157.62	-	-	-	-	158.59	-	-	-	-	4,492.33	
Garbage	378.90	26.85	4,040.00	-	-	-	32.29	3,053.24	-	245.00	-	1,179.80	
Excess Water	14,421.77	935.42	-	41,157.60	-	504.90	468.23	37,687.78	-	-	-	18,790.34	
Charge on Land	811.50	-	-	-	3,113.04	-	-	1,053.12	-	-	-	2,871.42	
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-832.86	-832.86	
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-140.26	-140.26	
GROUP TOTAL	51,369.40	10,302.87	119,689.66	41,157.60	3,913.04	1,704.90	2,854.21	137,438.72	-	4,479.60	-973.12	84,690.44	
Menindee (Environ)													
General	40,036.18	13,684.32	55,180.06	-	-	1,408.21	2,631.07	46,180.92	5,100.77	2,828.10	-	56,013.63	
Garbage	18,558.16	2,784.50	50,280.00	-	-	2,050.00	1,132.54	41,846.14	519.95	3,500.99	-	24,838.12	
Charge on Land	3,588.96	-	-	-	3,051.97	270.50	-	1,152.49	369.07	-	-	4,848.87	
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,655.48	-2,655.48	
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-50.00	-50.00	
GROUP TOTAL	62,183.30	16,468.82	105,460.06	-	3,051.97	3,728.71	3,763.61	89,179.55	5,989.79	6,329.09	-2,705.48	82,995.14	
Menindee													
General	55,441.97	13,600.46	55,323.54	-	-	70.19	3,840.88	51,420.25	-	2,908.05	-	73,808.36	
Special Rate	7,343.42	1,946.78	8,199.76	-	-	11.12	508.14	7,822.83	8.69	-	-	10,155.46	
Garbage	83,467.47	18,038.06	75,390.00	-	-	2,038.41	5,715.01	69,497.19	749.18	4,199.43	-	106,126.33	
Charge on Land	11,918.40	-	-	-	3,999.32	-	-	2,012.58	-	-	-	13,905.14	
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-478.68	-478.68	
GROUP TOTAL	158,171.26	33,585.30	138,913.30	-	3,999.32	2,119.72	10,064.03	130,752.85	757.87	7,107.48	-478.68	203,516.61	
Rural													
General	59,188.16	12,212.42	315,999.12	-	-	762.55	4,320.60	258,954.66	13.10	142.62	-	131,847.37	
Water	10.95	0.08	-	-	-	-	0.18	11.21	-	-	-	0.00	
Excess Water	0.83	155.36	-	-	-	-	0.07	-	-	-	-	156.26	
Charge on Land	374.00	-	-	-	1,449.10	-	-	701.85	-	-	-	1,121.25	
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-418.86	-418.86	
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-98.90	-98.90	
GROUP TOTAL	59,573.94	12,367.86	315,999.12	-	1,449.10	762.55	4,320.85	259,667.72	13.10	142.62	-517.76	132,607.12	
Sundry Villages													
General	284.69	23.02	2,220.15	-	-	-	34.51	1,977.62	-	-	-	584.75	
GROUP TOTAL	284.69	23.02	2,220.15	-	-	-	34.51	1,977.62	-	-	-	584.75	
Sunset Strip													
General	5,418.63	592.64	63,182.28	-	-	-	325.56	51,414.06	-	3,138.76	-	14,966.29	
Garbage	269.19	31.02	4,050.00	-	-	-	18.47	3,181.21	-	222.89	-	964.58	
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,367.11	-2,367.11	
GROUP TOTAL	5,687.82	623.66	67,232.28	-	-	-	344.03	54,595.27	-	3,361.65	-2,367.11	13,563.76	
REPORT TOTAL	816,120.90	203,485.45	1,288,287.44	305,858.15	20,036.78	16,158.88	53,546.48	1,263,974.11	34,693.29	32,078.43	-23,068.99	1,317,361.50	
Summary													
General	231,341.12	65,936.05	595,609.64	-	-	2,240.95	16,154.61	490,765.89	17,406.59	13,334.46	-	385,293.53	
Special Rate	19,714.81	6,088.85	27,462.80	-	-	11.12	1,393.63	23,475.49	625.22	-	-	30,548.26	
Water	146,283.99	39,419.55	276,815.00	-	1,330.00	2,330.00	10,769.18	213,126.09	9,681.44	4,900.00	-	244,580.19	
Water-Filtered	6,687.22	9,127.44	-	-	-	-	440.31	967.44	2,773.10	-	-	12,514.43	
Sewer	34,094.59	11,227.52	96,240.00	-	-	-	2,947.87	66,910.56	-	787.50	-	76,811.92	
Garbage	162,212.54	36,425.39	292,160.00	-	-	4,198.41	11,733.86	232,345.63	3,837.87	13,056.47	-	249,093.41	
Excess Water	191,419.51	35,260.65	-	305,858.15	-	7,107.90	10,107.02	229,662.59	-	-	-	305,874.84	
Charge on Land	24,367.12	-	-	-	18,706.78	270.50	-	6,720.42	369.07	-	-	35,713.91	
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-21,683.41	-21,683.41	
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1,385.58	-1,385.58	
SUMMARY TOTAL	816,120.90	203,485.45	1,288,287.44	305,858.15	20,036.78	16,158.88	53,546.48	1,263,974.11	34,693.29	32,078.43	-23,068.99	1,317,361.50	

Councillor Brown requested a review be carried out on the effect of perennial non payment of rates in order to target the group for early collection.

The GM took this on notice.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Collection Report be received and adopted.

***28-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan,
Seconded Clr Wellings that the Rates Collection
Report be received and adopted.***

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Information Items

7.3.1 Menindee Youth Centre update

At the March Menindee Community Working Party meeting attended by Clr. Page and the MCED there were representatives from the Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) from Dubbo and Murdi Paaki. The issue of the youth centre funding was raised and it was brought to the attention of the meeting that the funding that had been previously approved was apparently only an in principle agreement. The message delivered to the ICC representatives that this was not satisfactory and that the youth centre was of the highest importance for the community.

The representatives noted the community concern and have undertaken steps to identify alternative funding sources, a suggestion to them being that the funding be split over two financial years.

An outcome of the meeting was the undertaking by one of the community members to approach the presidents and chairs of all the community groups/ associations in Menindee and Sunset Strip to have a workshop to address and prioritize community projects. Staff at the transaction centre will assist with the coordination of the workshop.

7.3.2 Southern Region Rural Financial Counselling Service in Ivanhoe

Mrs. Linda McLean is now operating in Ivanhoe on Monday and Tuesday each week she will be servicing the Ivanhoe, Mossgiel and Roto areas. Mrs. McLean is from the NSW Southern Region Rural Financial Counselling Service and whilst not from the same region as Brian Dobson does the same job. At present she has office space at the Ivanhoe MSO but is only using it as a base to make on farm appointments. Mrs. McLean can offer the following assistance;

- Analysis of current business activities and financial position
- Cash flow budgeting
- Business assessment
- Support during debt mediation
- Assistance with loan applications and debt reviews

7.3.3 War Memorial Registrations

Council has received notification that the Wilcannia and Tilpa War Memorials are now on the state register. The NSW State Library are currently working through a backlog of applications and expect that Ivanhoe and Menindee will soon be registered, to view the listings please go to <http://www.warmemorialsnsw.asn.au/> and do a town or postcode search.

7.3.4 Year to date Funding Applications

This financial year to date council has made in excess of 35 applications for funding, currently the status is as follows;

Successful applications = \$698,359.00

Pending applications = \$1,271,140.00

Expressions of Interest for funding = \$1,140,000.00

Unsuccessful applications = \$136,561.00

GRANTS APPLICATION TABLE

DATE	GRANT	AMOUNT	STATUS
1/07/2008	Wilcannia Menindee Health Buses	\$330,000	Successful
21/07/2008	HACC non recurring Ivanhoe MSO	\$40,000	Successful
30/09/2008	DSRD Community development	\$30,000	Successful
15/11/2008	DADHC non recurrent Ivanhoe MSO	\$350,000	Pending
10/12/2008	HACC NSW non recurrent Menindee	\$55,000	Pending
10/01/2009	Federal Gov Infrastructure funding	\$100,000	Successful
12/02/2009	DV- NSW Office for Women	\$275,000	Pending
20/02/2009	Building the Country Broadband Wilcannia	\$285,000	EOI
	Building the Country Broadband Menindee	\$285,000	EOI
	Building the Country Broadband Ivanhoe	\$285,000	EOI
	Building the Country Broadband White Cliffs	\$285,000	EOI
25/02/2009	BTC Community Halls Wilcannia	\$50,000	Pending
	BTC Community Halls Menindee	\$50,000	Pending
	BTC Community Halls Ivanhoe	\$50,000	Pending
	BTC Community Halls White Cliffs	\$50,000	Pending
	BTC Community Halls Tilpa	\$20,000	Pending
	BTC Community Halls Darnick	\$20,000	Pending
	BTC Community Halls Sunset Strip	\$20,000	Pending
3/03/2009	BTC Community Awareness Wilcannia	\$5,000	Pending
	BTC Community Awareness Menindee	\$5,000	Pending
	BTC Community Awareness Ivanhoe	\$5,000	Pending
	BTC Community Awareness White Cliffs	\$5,000	Pending
	BTC Community Awareness Tilpa	\$5,000	Pending
	BTC Community Awareness Sunset Strip	\$5,000	Pending
10/03/2009	BTC Small Chambers Wilcannia	\$5,000	Pending
	BTC Small Chambers Menindee	\$5,000	Pending
	BTC Small Chambers Ivanhoe	\$5,000	Pending
	BTC Small Chambers White Cliffs	\$5,000	Pending
27/03/2009	Federal Attorney G, Crime Prevention	\$385,000	Pending
3/04/2009	NRMA community grants, Ride Safe	\$5,000	Pending
8/04/2009	DOC's Safehouse increase	\$144,849	Successful
Total		\$3,164,849	
	Successful	\$644,849	
	Pending	\$1,105,000	
	Expression of interest	\$1,140,000	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

29-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Wellings that the Information Items report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 Councilor Questions regarding the Graffiti Control Act 2008

The *Graffiti Control Act 2008* was passed by Parliament and assented to on 3 December 2008. It is anticipated that the provisions of the Act will be proclaimed to commence early in 2009. The Act is administered by the Attorney General.

The Act follows a review of all graffiti-related legislation by the Anti-Graffiti Action Team, chaired by the Attorney General's Department. The review recommended that all relevant legislation be consolidated into a graffiti specific Act, including relevant provisions under the *Local Government Act 1993*:

- graffiti removal work by agreement with owner or occupier (s67A) – now section 11 of the Graffiti Control Act
- graffiti removal work without agreement of owner or occupier (s67B) – now section 12 of the Graffiti Control Act
- register of graffiti removal work (s67C) – now section 13 of the Graffiti Control Act.

The Graffiti Control Act also includes existing graffiti related offences:

- a person must not, without reasonable excuse, wilfully damage or deface any premises or property by means of any graffiti implement (section 4). The maximum penalty is 20 penalty units (\$2,200) or imprisonment for 6 months. This expands a previous offence under the Summary Offences Act that was limited to spray paint.
- a person must not have any graffiti implement in their possession where it is intended to be used to damage or deface premises or other property (section 5). This offence has a maximum penalty of 10 penalty units (\$1,100) or 3 months imprisonment. This also expands a previous offence under the Summary Offences Act that was limited to spray paint.
- a person must not affix a placard or paper on any premises; or wilfully mark, by means of chalk, paint or other material, any premises, so that the placard, paper or marking is within view from a public place unless the person first obtained the consent of the owner or occupier (section 6). The maximum penalty is 4 penalty units (\$440).

In the Summary Offences Act 1988 the penalties for graffiti vandalism are:

- Section 7 - damaging fountains erected in a public place, maximum penalty \$440.
- Section 8 - damaging or desecrating protected places, maximum penalty \$2200.
- Section 9 - wilfully marking, by means of chalk, paint or other material, any premises, where the marking is within view from a public place unless the consent of the occupier or person in charge of the premises is first obtained. The maximum penalty is \$440.
- Section 10A - damaging and defacing property by means of spray paint, maximum penalty \$2200 or imprisonment for 6 months, or a period of community service work.
- Section 10B - possession of spray paint, maximum penalty \$1100 or imprisonment for 3 months, or a period of community service work. In addition:
 - The Anzac Memorial Act allows a fine of up to \$2,200 (20 penalty points) for damage to the Anzac Memorial;
 - The Transport Administration Act 1998 allows for a maximum fine of \$220 (two penalty points) for possessing anything, with the intent to damage property.

Where a young person commits an offence involving graffiti vandalism and that young person appears before the Children's Court, the Court is able to make an Order under section 5 of the *Children (Community Services Orders) Act 1987* requiring the person to perform community service work. The Order may also require the young person to:

- Remove graffiti from buildings, vehicles, vessels and places; and
- Restore the appearance of buildings, vehicles, vessels and places after removal of the graffiti vandalism.

What can we do about graffiti vandalism?

There are a number of ways you can assist in combating graffiti vandalism in your local area. These include:

- Reporting graffiti vandalism and graffiti vandals to NSW Police through the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.police.nsw.gov.au
- Removing graffiti from your own property quickly (within 24-48 hours) as rapid removal significantly reduces the chance of graffiti vandalism reoccurring. For more information go to [Removing graffiti](#)
- Using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies to minimise the likelihood of your property being damaged by graffiti vandalism. For more information go to [Preventing graffiti vandalism](#)
- Participating in volunteer programs to remove or manage graffiti vandalism.

Council is currently negotiating with the Juvenile Justice department to implement a youth graffiti team, cost to council is being established and will be presented as part of the 2009/10 management plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That council via the council ranger and reports from members of the public refer all graffiti matters as per the Summary Offences Act to the police for immediate action.

30-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Reid that council via the council ranger and reports from members of the public refer all graffiti matters as per the Summary Offences Act to the police for immediate action.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5 Broken Hill 25th Best Town in Australia

Australian Traveller magazine has released the “100 Best Towns in Australia” Yamba on the north coast of NSW was first but Broken Hill was voted 25th.

RECOMMENDATION

That council write to Broken Hill City Council congratulating the city on its achievement.

31-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Reid that council write to Broken Hill City Council congratulating the city on its achievement.

MOTION CARRIED

7.6 Remote Control Communities report

On Monday 6th April the “Remote Control Communities” report was released to the media, the press release stated;

‘Fly-in, Fly-out’ model broken; call for local government to take stronger role co-ordinating services in the bush

Social services in Australia’s most remote and economically depressed regions are poorly co-ordinated, duplicated or ad hoc because they are too often delivered by agencies without a physical presence on the ground.

That is the implication of a new study – *Remote Control Communities* - into services in the local government region of Central Darling Shire in the far west of New South Wales.

Conducted in conjunction with Charles Sturt University, *Remote Control Communities* found that up to 46 different agencies were providing services to the Shire’s mostly indigenous population of 2,000, dispersed over an area the size of Tasmania.

With few exceptions, services including health, housing, education, domestic violence support and child protection were provided by people who did not live in the Shire and visited only infrequently. This led to duplication, inhibited co-ordination of services, and meant some services were not made available at all to the Shire, the study found.

Central Darling Shire General Manager, Tim Hazell, said the study was a wake-up call to the many government and charitable agencies providing services in remote Australia, and pointed to a greater role for local government streamlining service delivery.

“Remote Control Communities is an important contribution to the ongoing debate around the how best to deliver services in remote Australia,” Mr Hazell said.

“While the study is unique to the Central Darling region, its findings will come as no surprise to many other remote regions,” he said.

“They suggest strongly the current ‘fly-in, fly-out’ model of remote service delivery is broken, too often resulting in a mish-mash of services that lack leadership, long-term planning or co-ordination, and waste money.

“The study reveals the need for a stable presence on the ground to co-ordinate, and in some cases deliver, services in remote areas. There is a strong case for local government to play this role. We are the only permanent presence in many remote areas, we live and work in the towns and we know what they need.”

Central Darling Shire spans the townships of Wilcannia (population 700), Menindee (680), Ivanhoe (350) and White Cliffs (260).

According to the most recent Census data¹, Central Darling ranks as the second most disadvantaged local government area in New South Wales. Average weekly family income across the Shire is \$518 less than the national average, local measures put the unemployment rate at up to 60%, and incidences of social dysfunction among the Shire’s indigenous population are high.

The study, which commenced in July 2008, was a detailed analysis of the work being undertaken by 46 federal and state government and non-government community service agencies operating within the Central Darling Shire. Among findings:

- With few exceptions, services were provided by outreach, or ‘remote control’ from regional centres such as Broken Hill, Dubbo, Griffith and others even further removed. Reasons given for agencies not basing themselves in the Shire included a lack of housing and available staff.
- Few agencies co-ordinated their work with other providers, resulting in duplication, conflict between agencies and confusion among residents.
- Many services were provided on short-term funding cycles – for example, annually - inhibiting long-term planning
- Some services, such as vocational rehabilitation and disability employment, were not made available at all even though agencies were funded to do so.

¹ ABS Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage, 2006

A key theme emerging was the lack of a connection between many service providers and the Shire population, owing to the lack of a physical presence on the ground.

Study recommendations include appointing of a regional human services co-ordinator to work with service providers; co-locating service providers as a way to strengthen a physical presence on the ground; and funding programs over cycles no shorter than three to five years.

The Shire has also called on the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), the primary funding body for many of the services delivered in the region, to conduct its own study of service delivery in the Central Darling, possibly as a model for other remote and disadvantaged regions.

"It is timely to rethink the model under which services are delivered to remote areas and this study provides a roadmap for such a rethink," Mr Hazell said.

"The study raises important issues that deserve further analysis. We now want to work with the Minister, Jenny Macklin, and her department to undertake that analysis and make necessary changes to address the shortcomings," he said.

Author of the study, *Remote Control Communities – Action Agendas to Improve the Delivery of Human Services in the Central Darling Shire*, Lee-Anne Drewery, was awarded Charles Sturt University's prestigious Lila Kirilik Prize for social science. Copies of the report are available on request.

As a result of the release numerous media interviews have been conducted by local, state and national media outlets.

Councillor Brown noted that the first he saw of the Remote Control Communities report was in the Barrier Daily Truth.

The GM responded that the Youth and Community Services Officer addressed Council on the report at a previous meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council fully support the report and encourage partnerships with government agencies to ensure the future growth and direction of the shires communities.

32-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Ctr Sullivan, Seconded Ctr Reid that Council fully support the report and encourage partnerships with government agencies to ensure the future growth and direction of the shires communities.

MOTION CARRIED

7.7 Barwon Darling Alliance

The Barwon Darling Alliance has released new research that supports the socio economic model trial in Western NSW. The research undertaken by the Western Research Institute of Charles Sturt University shows that socio-economic conditions in the Far West of NSW have declined significantly over recent years.

A copy of the press release and full report is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barwon Darling Alliance report be received and noted.

***33-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan,
Seconded Clr Wellings that the Barwon Darling
Alliance report be received and noted.***

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 8. RECEPTION OF CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.

***34-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,
Seconded Clr Wellings that the Correspondence
for Council be received and noted.***

MOTION CARRIED

8.1 Media Releases

Date	Sender	Contents
7/4/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	National broadband network to bring Australia up to par
3/4/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Pegged rate increase consigns communities to restricted services
1/4/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Housing Code report card raises Council concerns
1/4/2009	Anthony Albanese MP	Australia's First Centre of Excellence for Local Government
30/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Council Superannuation slug still painful
27/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Funding Commitment Welcome
12/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Strong foundations built at Tourism Conference
11/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Applications for Water Loss Management Program closing soon - Apply Now!
11/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Governments and communities urged to band together to benefit from NSW tourism opportunities
11/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Councils call for direction on climate change
10/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Local Government concerns vindicated as elections referred to Inquiry
9/3/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Nation's Food Bowl Further Guttled by Water Buyback Scheme
23/2/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Local Culture Makes its Mark

8.2 Circular/Newsletters

Sender	Date	Contents
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	9/4/2009	Local Government Weekly 14/09
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	3/4/2009	Proposed Borrowing Return 2009/2010

Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	3/4/2009	Variation of General Income
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	3/4/2009	Local Government Weekly 13/09
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	27/3/2009	Local Government Weekly 12/09
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	25/3/2009	Official Notification of the Making of Statutory Instruments - Parliamentary Counsel's Office
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	23/3/2009	Local Government Filming Protocol
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	18/3/2009	Fee for Section 603 Certificates
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	17/3/2009	Recognition of Certain Assets at Fair Value
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	13/3/2009	Local Government Weekly 10/09

SECTION 9. THE RECEPTION OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports from Committees be received and noted

35-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the reports from Committees be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

9.1 Menindee Pooncarie Road Committee Meeting 10th February 2009 Page 51

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Menindee Pooncarie Road Committee meeting.

36-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Page that Council receive and note the minutes of the Menindee Pooncarie Road Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Menindee Pooncarie Road Committee Meeting 24th February 2009 Page 52 - 53

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Menindee Pooncarie Road Committee meeting.

37-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Reid that Council receive and note the minutes of the Menindee Pooncarie Road Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 Menindee Common Statement of Receipts and Expenditure **Page 54 - 56**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Menindee Common

38-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Page that Council receive and note the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Menindee Common

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 Wilcannia Cemetery Committee **Page 57**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the minutes of Wilcannia Cemetery Committee AGM.

39-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Brown that Council receive and note the minutes of Wilcannia Cemetery Committee AGM.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Reid asked about forming Section 355 cemetery committees in the other towns.

The GM responded that there was not problem with this and Expressions of Interest were to be sent out in each town to gauge interest.

9.5 MANEX Meeting 12th March 2009 **Page 58 - 59**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the minutes of MANEX meeting.

40-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that Council receive and note the minutes of MANEX meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the minutes of MANEX meeting.

41-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council receive and note the minutes of MANEX meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Menindee Pooncarie Road Committee Meeting held Tuesday 10th February 2009 at the Menindee RTC

Meeting Commenced at 10:00am

Present:

Mayor Ray Longfellow
Councillor Garry Astill
Councillor Moya Reid
Councillor Ron Page
Mrs Patrina Williams
Mr John Coombes
Mr Tim Hazell – General Manager
Mr Greg Stephens – Director Engineering Services

Apologies

Mr Richard Unsworth

Business

i. Deputy Chairman

Councillor Astill was elected to the position of Deputy Chairman.

ii. Feasibility Study

The General Manager provided an introduction for the Committee, noting that two papers had been commissioned from the Western Institute. The first was produced in 2000 and was updated in 2006. It was agreed that copies of these documents would be provided to the Committee members. These papers are to be reviewed, updated where necessary and made available for any future funding applications.

iii. Media

Councillor Astill informed the Committee that the Menindee Central School was looking to produce a video/DVD, consisting of interviews with

community members on what the sealing of the road would mean to them. Funding applications have been sought.

iv. One Pager

It was agreed by the Committee that the one pager that was developed as part of the Council's strategic review should be forwarded to the local member's office.

v. Letter of Support

It was agreed by the Committee that letters of support were vital to the success of this project. Members are encouraged to look for any information that may still be available.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:30am

**Menindee Pooncarie Road Committee Meeting held Tuesday 24th
February 2009 at the Menindee RTC**

Meeting Commenced at 10:30am

Present:

Mayor Ray Longfellow
Councillor Garry Astill
Councillor Moya Reid
Councillor Ron Page
Mrs Petrina Williams
Mr John Coombe
Mr Richard Unsworth
Mr Tim Hazell – General Manager
Mr Greg Stephens – Director Engineering Services

Apologies

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February 2009 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Business

vi. Media

Councillor Astill provided an update of meetings held with the Central School, noting that the school and the community were in support of this project.

vii. One Pager

A copy of the one pager was provided to the committee members.

viii. Letter of Support

It was agreed by the Committee that letters of support were to be sent to all landholders on the Menindee/Pooncarie Road. It was also agreed that a survey of this group be also conducted. The questions included:

Would the sealing of the Menindee/Pooncarie road reduce your production and transport costs? Yes/No

If the Menindee/Pooncarie road was sealed would that open up more markets for you? Yes/No

If the Menindee/Pooncarie road was sealed would you financially benefit? Yes/No

Would the sealing of the Menindee/Pooncarie road be beneficial for you in accessing specialist medical care? Yes/No

Do you have any further comments?

ix. State Labor Party

Councillor Page informed the Committee that the local branch of the State Labor Party had passed a resolution supporting the sealing of the Menindee/Pooncarie road. It was suggested that the branch be requested to provide a letter of support.

x. Tourism Survey

It was agreed that a tourism survey should be conducted in the Broken Hill Tourism Centre, Menindee Tourism Centre and at Pooncarie shop. The following was suggested:

Due to the fact that the Menindee/Pooncarie road is unsealed has that influenced your decision on which route you travel?

xi. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Thursday the 12th March 2009 in the Menindee RTC.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:10am



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The General Manager
Central Darling Shire
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Wilcanonia 2836

Mr Hazell, Please find enclosed statement
of receipts & expenditure for Merinda Common.
2008.

L Looney (Sec)

Statement of receipts & expenditure 31/12/08
 Merivindee Common

Balance 31/12/07	2915-60
Adjustment banked 26/2/08	591-00
Adjustment banked 24/6/08	226-00

Expenditure

Secretary fees	00
Herdsman's fees	00
Other items of expenditure	
Rural Land Protection Board	164-30
Wardle Co.	194-00
Balance as at 31/12/08	\$3,373-80

Assets

Balance sheet	Cash in hand.	232-00
	Bank	\$ 3,373-80
	Total Assets	\$ 3,605-80

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Statement of Accounts

MEMBER 59968

STATEMENT NO. 22

31 DEC 2008

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From March 2009, your account will be charged automatically by another financial organisation if you use their ATM. A radiATM is the only place to avoid Direct Charge fees. radiATMs are easy to find and will soon be in more places than ever before.

DATE	EFFDATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Account 37705463 (S1 - Redicash)					
Menindee Common Trust					
01JUL2008		OPENING BALANCE			3,457.80
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For Home Loans please note that the Discharge of Mortgage fee will increase to \$226.70 on the 1st January 2009.

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Minutes of the AGM cemetery committee 2009.

Meeting held at the Wilcannia cemetery on the 7-3-2009. meeting opened at 11.00am.

Present.

S.Evans, P.Edwards, T.Kennedy, J.Pineo, V.Edwards, D.Evans, M.Pearce, J.Edwards.

Apologics.

E.Fotopoulos, B.Elliott, C.Elliott.

Minutes of last meeting were read.

Matters arising.

Discussion of the marking of graves which was done by Murdi Paaki, committee generally happy with this work. No other matters arising.

General business.

Secretary reported that Murdi Paaki are looking to put a shelter shed somewhere at the cemetery. A building application has been lodged with the shire. Committee expressed concern as to why a shelter shed needs to be built and that it may simply end up as a gathering place for people to drink and leave rubbish about. Also matter of who will clean and maintain it. Committee generally feels that it would be better to locate the shelter shed elsewhere in the town. Motion moved by S.Evans and seconded by P.Edwards that the secretary write to the shire expressing the committee's objection to a shelter shed been built. Motion moved unanimously.

Discussion on other jobs that the committee would like to see done, I.E. Gravel been placed in low spots within the internal roads. Development of the proposed extra car park facilities near the side entrance to the cemetery. Delineation of the internal roads with post and rail bollards to stop people driving in to the grave areas at the cemetery. No further general business.

Election of office bearers. All positions declared vacant.

Chairman. Dulcie Evans re-nominated and accepted the position.

Secretary. John Pineo re-nominated and accepted the position.

Committee. Shirley Evans, Phillis Edwards, Tom Kennedy, Maureen Pearce.

No further business the meeting closed at 11.35am.

Pineo

MANEX Meeting held Thursday 12th March 2009

Meeting Commenced at 10:30am

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

Nil

Occupational Health and Safety

Nil

Other Business

xii. Roads

The GM discussed with the meeting a fibre that is available for road sealing made from the enzymes of termites with a cost of two thirds less than the conventional road base.

Further investigation required on the issue.

xiii. Delegations of Authority

The GM suggested a review of the Delegations of Authority was necessary and requested that the document be passed around to all managers for review.

xiv. Housing

The GM suggested that Council need a rolling housing strategy and that funding opportunities should be investigated.

xv. 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.

He requested that each manager allocate their staff to the 3 days.

xvi. Work Requests

The GM requested that all staff be made aware that any work requests for other departments must go through the departmental head first.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:35am

MANEX Meeting held Thursday 2nd April 2009

Meeting Commenced at 3:35pm

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	Executive Assistant

Apologies

Nil

Outstanding Council Resolutions

Outstanding Questions Without Notice from Councillors

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

Staff Issues

Attendance

The GM reminded the MANEX that all staff are required to be at work from 8:45am to 5:00pm unless otherwise agreed.

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The GM requested that members of the MANEX appoint a second in charge when they are out of the office or on leave and that this is made clear to all staff.

Occupational Health and Safety

Nil

Other Business

xvii. Staff Training

The GM ran through the proposal received from MJ regarding the upcoming staff training in May.

He noted that the EA is still waiting on the staff listings for the 3 all staff days.

He requested that each manager allocate their staff to the 3 days.

xviii. Minutes

The GM ran through the minutes of the previous meeting.

xix. Council Minutes

The GM ran through the minutes of the March meeting of Council.

xx. Achievements

The GM requested that the members of the MANEX prepare a list of achievements by Council over the last 12 months.

xxi. Confidentiality

The GM reiterated that all discussions at a MANEX level are to remain confidential.

xxii. Federal Infrastructure Grants

The GM informed the MANEX that the works on the Wilcannia tennis courts and cricket pitch are to commence next week using the grant funding from the federal government.

The GM requested that the EA email all MANEX with a list of what projects are to be conducted in the individual towns.

xxiii. Policies

The GM presented the MANEX with the Communications Devices and Business Ethics Policies and requested that the policies be reviewed by the MANEX.

He noted that the policies will go to the Staff Consultative Committee for endorsement.

He informed the MANEX that he has requested that the Youth and Community Services Officer prepare a Customer Service Policy.

xxiv. 50 Year Celebrations

It was agreed that a letter will be sent to all Councillors informing them that \$3,000 has been allocated to each town for the 50 year celebrations and it will be the responsibility of each Councillor to form a committee and arrange the celebrations.

xxv. Internal Booking Arrangements

The MCED requested that a formal booking process be implemented for requesting Shire vehicles.

The DES agreed to have the Works Engineer look into preparing a form and process for requesting vehicles.

xxvi. Office Spaces

The GM spoke of the need for staff to utilise all the office spaces in the main office. He suggested that the MES move into the old GM's office and the Inspections Officer move into the MES office.

He also requested that the AO-ExS move into the old Rates office and that himself and the MCED swap offices.

xxvii. Drug & Alcohol Testing

The MES questioned where the drug and alcohol testing process was up to and requested that testing begin as soon as possible for all staff.

xxviii. Menindee Tip Loader

The MES questioned the next step in the purchasing process of the loader for the Menindee Tip. The DES agreed to get the Works Engineer to obtain a leasing price for this machinery and provide a monthly figure to the GM before getting the vehicle.

xxix. Sport & Rec Grants

The MES questioned as to whether any other members of the MANEX had heard anything about the availability of Sport & rec grants.

The GM responded that he had heard nothing in relation to this.

xxx. Vehicles

The MES requested that the new vehicle for the Inspections Officer be made a priority.

The DES reported that this vehicle will be made available next week.

xxxi. Rubbish Bins

The MES was informed that the rubbish bins outside the Red Sands Takeaway shop in Menindee are not getting regularly cleaned out.

The DES to follow up.

xxxii. Ivanhoe School

The MES reported that she has been approached by the Ivanhoe Central School regarding recycling of cans and bottles.

The noted that she has arranged for recycling bins to be made available to the school to begin with recycling.

The GM noted that there are a number of students from the Ivanhoe school who have taken up the offer of a cadetships with the Rural Fire Service.

xxxiii. Scrap Metal

The MES reported that the Environmental Department has a contract with Netwaste for the removal of scrap metal.

The DES to contact the MES to utilise this contract.

NSW Environment Grants

The MES informed the MANEX that she has recently applied to grant funding for a mulcher/grinder for the clean up of the tips as part of this program.

xxxiv. Grant Funding

The GM requested that all MANEX members prepare a listing of all grant funding applied for in the past 12 months and provide the list to the MCED.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:15pm

SECTION 10. DELEGATES REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Delegates reports be received and noted.

***42-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan,
Seconded Clr Linnett that the Delegates reports
be received and noted.***

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 11. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillors Questions without Notice be received and noted.

43-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Councillors Questions without Notice be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Linnett asked if the fees for the Development Application for the Long Paddock Sculptures could be waived as has been done in other Shires.

The GM responded that the Shire required the fees to be paid and the funds could be donated back to the project.

Councillor Sullivan informed the meeting that he acquired a copy of the post office caravan report and passed it onto the GM.

He noted that he had had a request for a meeting regarding this projects and suggested that a meeting with the General Manager and Mayor would be more appropriate but he would be happy to be involved.

Councillor Brown referred to the clean up of blocks in Wilcannia and requested some back ground on what it was conducted an how it was funded.

The GM responded that the Rural Fire Service allocated \$20k to clean blocks identified in the town.

Cr Brown was concerned how the 2 blocks opposite westpac bank cleaned up and considerable amounts of landfill were cleaned up. He referenced the policy on fire mitigation Section 3/2005 stating that funds cannot be used on any shire owned land or private land.

He also asked as to the status of the wireless internet in Wilcannia.

The MCED reported that the technician should be in town today to fix the transmitter on the water tower and that the other two transmitters are working fine. He informed Council that another transmitter is to be installed into the window at post office, council flats and at the mission.

Cr Brown questioned what are the final costs for the renovations at the Athenaeum.

The GM reported that the costs have not yet been finalised.

Cr Brown asked what efforts have been made to retract the Council Logo that was rejected by Council and how widely has it been distributed.

The GM stated that the Logo was attached to certain documents internally and all official documentation that leaves the office has the old logo attached.

Councillor Page tabled the 'wish list' received from members of the public gallery for review by Senior staff.

Councillor Reid informed the Council that the Council rejected logo was on the top of a petition for the Menindee Pooncarie that was placed at the Menindee post office.

She also requested a progress update on the post coding for sunset strip.

The GM responded that he is still waiting on a response from Australia Post.

Cr Reid reported that the McGinnus road sign has been stolen.

The GM to take on board.

Cr Reid questioned what unfunded liabilities the Shire had.

The GM took on notice.

Councillor Sammon asked when the lights will be installed at the Wilcannia football oval.

The GM reported that they are trying to get it done as soon as possible.

SECTION 12. URGENT BUSINESS

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

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

SECTION 14. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Confidential Meeting be received and noted.

44-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett 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 and Section 10A (2) (e) being information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

MOTION CARRIED

All Staff remained in the Hall

All staff left the hall at 3:24pm

The General Manager remained in the Hall

The General Manager left the Hall at 4:00pm

All Staff returned to the Hall at 4:16pm

47-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council meeting revert back to normal status

MOTION CARRIED

48-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Linnett that the minutes of the previous meeting be received.

MOTION CARRIED

45-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Wellings that Council approve the original course of action as outlined in the March

*Council report providing the delegations to the
General Manager to resolve the issue.*

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR PAGE RECORDS AGAINST

*46-4-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan,
Seconded Clr Linnett that the Nyampa
Aboriginal Housing Company Ltd report be
received and noted.*

MOTION CARRIED

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

*The next meeting of Council will be held on the 19th May 2009 in
Darnick, commencing at 9:30am*

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:17pm
