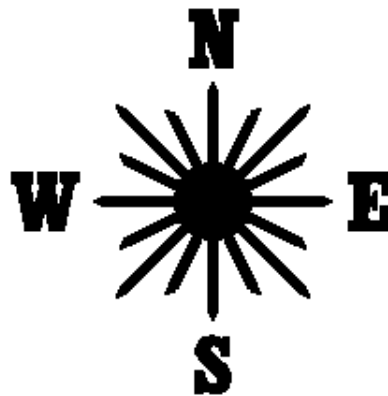


Mission Statement

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 July 2009

at

Sunset Strip

Council dedicated to serving its Communities.

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

The above-mentioned Meeting of Council was held in the Community Hall, Sunset Strip on Tuesday 21st July 2009 commencing at 10:38am.

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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.

1-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the apologies be received and noted and leave of absence be granted.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Ray Longfellow
Graham Wellings
Peter Sullivan
Paul Brown
Moya Reid
Clive Linnett
Eamon Sammon
Ron Page
Garry Astill

ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Hazell	General Manager
Reece Wilson	Acting Director of Engineering Services
Leeanne Ryan	Manager of Environmental Services
Adelaide Elliott	Administration Officer – Environmental Services

APOLOGIES:

Kym Fuller	Manager of Community and Economic Development
Mel Brown	Executive Manager

**SECTION 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS
MEETING**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting be received.

***2-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr
Brown that the minutes of the previous meeting be
received.***

MOTION CARRIED

2.1 Business Arising out of Minutes

2.2 Notices of Motion/Rescission

05-07-'09 13:41 FROM-

T-554 P301/001 F-478

NOTICE OF MOTION

IN LIGHT OF G.M. RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT THE
ISSUE OF LOAN TO LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUB WITHOUT
ADVICE TO OR APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL,
THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCT THE MAYOR TO SEEK
GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPT. LOCAL GOV. AND
REPORT BACK:

MOTION:

THAT THE MAYOR BE INSTRUCTED TO
SEEK ADVICE ON LEGALITY OF G.M.
MAKING LOANS TO ANY ORGANISATION
WITHOUT SEEKING APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL,
UNDER SECTION 377 OF THE LOCAL GOV. ACT 1993.

Clr Reid
MAYOR
C. Astill
Councillor

3-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Astill that the Mayor be instructed to seek advice on legality of the General Manager making loans to any organisation without seeking approval from Council, under Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993

MOTION CARRIED

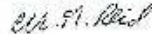
Proposed Resolution

That prior to first quarter 2009 Management Review being prepared, the General Manager will develop in consultation with Councillors, a revised Financial report which more accurately and clearly identifies Council's Incomes and Expenditures.



Moved Clr Paul Brown

Seconded Clr Moya Reid



Background

Current Financial Reports as presented in the Management Report are confusing and fail to show clearly, important financial information.

Areas that could be, (but not limited to) improved are:

- Total Salary costs per Department are not available,
- Capital Expenditure is not clearly defined,
- Income (Management fees) from auspiced Grant Funding is not clearly identified,
- Expenditure by departments on motor vehicles / housing/ other allowances are not always allocated consistently
- Recovery of Staff costs against auspiced Grant Funding is not clearly shown
- Cash Flow report

Reference to the Annual Reports prepared for submission to Govt each year give some idea of some of the increased detail that could be provided each quarter.

Improved reports would enable more informed discussion by Council, better oversight of performance against original budget and an improved understanding of the Financials of Council for future years Budgets.

The General Manager suggested the appointment of an external facilitator to conduct a finance workshop and ensured that there would be a clear understanding of operational issues.

4-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Reid That prior to first quarter 2009 Management Review being prepared, the General Manager will develop in consultation with Councillors, a revised Financial report which more accurately and clearly identifies Council's Incomes and Expenditures.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting : July 2009

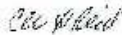
Proposed Resolution



That prior to any agreements, promises or offers being made to individuals or organisations for use of the renovated Old Wilcannia Post Office and Postmaster's Residence, consultation take place with Wilcannia residents on preferred Community uses for the premises.

Moved: Clr Paul Brown

Seconded : Clr Moya Reid



Background

The announcement of the Grant from the Minister's Office states that the restorations were to upgrade the building for "future community use".

The press reports in the Barrier Daily Truth of 26th June 2009 quote the CM as saying " It will also serve a practical purpose, as the finished Post Office building will meet the need to accommodate the service providers we expect will be based permanently in Wilcannia as part of the Government's plans to close the gap in living standards in our town."

At a meeting with the Nationals Senator John Williams, and the local Member John Williams J.P. , the Acting CM suggested that the building was to be made "commercially ready" with the comment that DAA and FaHCSIA Coordinators may be prospective tenants.

Given the loss of the Athenaeum Building to the community following the signing of a long term lease without consultation and with little prior warning, Community expectations are that the Post Office use would be Community focussed.

The Mayor highlighted the discussion at the Wilcannia Works Committee meeting held on the 3rd December 2008 regarding the leasing of the Athenaeum to DoCS/DAA

5-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Reid That prior to any agreements, promises or offers being made to individuals or organisations for use of the renovated Old Wilcannia Post Office and Postmaster's

Residence, consultation take place with Wilcannia residents on preferred Community uses for the premises.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Astill left the Hall at 11:12am

SECTION 3. MAYORAL MINUTE OR REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

6-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Longfellow, Seconded that the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Astill returned to the Hall at 11:17am

On the 22nd June the General Manager and Mayor attended the Australian Council of Local Government meeting in Canberra hosted by the Prime Minister.

On the 26th June the GM and Mayor met with Mr Alex Ryan, Senior Policy Advisor for the State Minister for Roads and the offices of the Hon. Tony Catanzariti MP. The meeting discussed the need for funding for the sealing of the Menindee – Pooncarie Road, Wool Track and Cobb Highway. Mr Ryan was interested in the project being undertaken by BEMAX using termite enzymes to 'seal' roads

Whilst in Sydney the GM and Mayor also met with Mr Cal Davis, Chief Operating Officer of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to discuss local housing issues.

On the 1st July the Mayor met with Senator John Williams in Ivanhoe.

On the 16th July the Mayor attended the Ivanhoe Community Working Party. The meeting discussed the development of a memorandum of understanding with DoCS.

Councillor Reid left the Hall at 11:33am

SECTION 4. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Managers report be received and dealt with

7-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that the General Managers report be received and dealt with

MOTION CARRIED

4.1 Administration

4.1.1 Finance Manager – Recruitment Process

Further to recent reports to Council, the recruitment process has continued for the position of Accountant/Finance Manager. As indicated, five applications have been received and upon assessment, only one applicant is considered appropriate to be interviewed for the position. It is noted that all applicants do not meet the criteria as specified by Council, that the “position of an Accountant be a fully qualified and experienced practising Accountant”.

Given this situation, it is considered appropriate to re-advertise the position.

4.1.2 Councillor Brown – Budget Questions

A number of specific questions have been raised by Councillor Brown concerning allocations in the 2009-2010 budget. To date answers to these questions are being collated.

Councillor Brown requested that his questions be listed in the minutes. The questions are as follows:

What amount has been included in the budget and where has it been included for the following:

1. Management/Admin Fee – Wilcannia Safehouse
2. Management/Admin Fee – WCMA Projects
3. Management/Admin Fee – Ivanhoe MSO
4. Management/Admin Fee – Community Transport – Wilcannia
5. Management/Admin Fee – Community Transport – Menindee
6. Management Fees – Westpac Bank Agency
7. Management/Service Fee – RTA Agency Wilcannia
8. Sale of Recycled Items – Waste Depot – Wilcannia
9. Tipping Fees – Collected – Waste Depot – Wilcannia
10. Total Contractors Expenses – Ex funds from FAG – Roads Grant
11. Total Consultants/Advisors/Expenses – Including but not limited to Medial Advisors/Strategy Advisors
12. Total Expenses – Staff Training (By Department)
13. Total Expenses – Staff Amenities/Functions

RECOMMENDATION

That the Administration Report be received and noted.

8-7-09 *Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Wellings that the Administration Report be received and noted.*

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 NSW State and Regional Development Memorandum of Understanding

Council has been invited by the NSW Department of State and Regional Development to participate in a Memorandum of Understanding with the aim of ensuring mutual support in the delivery of the New South Wales Government's business and regional development services and programs, within the geographical area administered by the Central Darling Shire Council.

Under the agreement, Central Darling Shire Council undertakes to:

- Provide timely advice to the Department of new economic activity in the Council area;
- Provide access to temporary office services when Department staff visit the region, including access to a desk, phone line and meeting room facilities;
- Work co-operatively with the Department in providing assistance to businesses expanding in or relocating to the Council area;
- Conduct and promote business workshops in conjunction with the Department;
- Provide the public with copies of program brochures/information as produced by the Department;
- Leverage the Department's Community Economic Development program for appropriate planning and project activities; and
- Submit a quarterly activity report (template attached).

Under the agreement, the Department of State and Regional Development undertakes to:

- Ensure an officer of the Department is present in the council area for at least one day in every six weeks and more frequently when major investment opportunities arise;
- Provide advice to the Council on programs and assistance available to the Council, its communities and businesses;
- Pay Central Darling Shire Council a fee of \$8,000 per annum towards the cost of meeting its responsibilities under the terms of this agreement.

The Regional Manager Western NSW Mr. Greg Beileiter and the Business Development Manger Mr. Robert Sidford have been invited to attend the Council meeting to answer any questions and to sign the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

That council sign the agreement and thank the Department of State and Regional Development for the opportunity to work more closely with the Department for the betterment of the Shire.

9-7-09 *Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that council sign the agreement and thank the Department of State and Regional Development for the*

opportunity to work more closely with the Department for the betterment of the Shire.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Reid returned to the Hall at 11:36am

4.3 Council Representations

On Wednesday the 24th June 2009 the Mayor, Councillor Ray Longfellow and the General Manager, Mr Tim Hazell travelled to Canberra to attend the second meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government. This second meeting was scheduled for Thursday the 25th June 2009 and was attended by a significant number of Councils across Australia. The meeting was addressed by the Prime Minister the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, the President of the Australian Local Government Association, Councillor Geoff Lake, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP.

In addition the meeting was also addressed by the Secretary to the Treasury, Dr Ken Henry AC and the Mayor of Labrope City Council, Councillor Lisa Price. The context of most of the addresses was the very clear need for the Federal Government to continue to engage Local Government to ensure that services are provided in the most effective and efficient manner. The Prime Minister took the opportunity to announce a further round of infrastructure funding, bringing the commitment of the Federal Government to over one billion dollars. It is anticipated that the share of this funding for the Central Darling Shire Council will amount to around \$30,000.

A number of "break out" sessions were held in conjunction with the meeting and these were designed to allow individual participation and dialogue with the Federal Government. The break out session attended by Central Darling Shire was led by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP and the Hon Warren Snowden MP. Issues canvassed ranged from building inclusive and resilient communities to responding to climate change to the global economic recession.

The opportunity was taken to discuss the issue of remote service delivery and how to maximise the effectiveness of Government service delivery in rural and remote communities.

A summary of the days activities was conducted by the Hon Anthony Albanese MP and the Hon Maxine McKew MP. It was interesting to note a statement made by the Prime Minister that every Minister that was available in Canberra on the day attended and assisted with the meeting. A clear indication of the level of support that Local Government is now enjoying.

The Mayor and General Manager took the opportunity to meet with the local member the Hon John Cobb MP, to discuss a number of local issues. On returning to Sydney representations were made to Mr Alex Ryan the policy advisor to the State Minister for Roads. The opportunity to discuss three priority roads within the Shire, being the Cobb Highway, Menindee/Pooncarie Road and the Wooltrack was taken. One page summaries were provided and a general discussion on emerging cost effective technologies were discussed. The meeting was facilitated through the Hon Tony Catanzariti MP and his office.

The opportunity was also taken to meet with the Chief Operating Officer of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council, Mr Cal Davis, to discuss local housing issues. Mr Davis provided an overview of the relevant legislation and the operations of the State Land Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Representations report be received and noted.

10-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Council Representations report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

The Acting DES left the Hall at 11:40am

4.4 Morse Financial Services - Investment Report

On the 29th of June 2009, Council received the long awaited report from Mr. Michael McKenna from Morse Financial Services. The recommendation made in the report indicates that Council should seek legal advice on the matter. The report is attached for council's reference.

RECOMMENDATION

That senior staff investigate the legal options to council and report back at a later date.

11-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that senior staff investigate the legal options to council and report back at a later date.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Astill left the Hall at 11:43am

The Acting DES returned to the Hall at 11:45am

4.5 Meeting in Wilcannia with Senator John Williams and the Member for Murray Darling John Williams MP

On Wednesday the 1st July 2009 the Acting General Manager, Mr Kym Fuller and Councillor Paul Brown along with a number of local residents met with the federal Nationals Senator John Williams and the Member for Murray Darling John Williams in the Wilcannia customer service centre. Senator Williams was on an inspection tour of the area as a guest of local resident Mr. John Elliott and was meeting with constituents to gauge the effects of the drought and in particular, the social conditions in Wilcannia. The Senator and the Member for Murray Darling were given an overview of the current activities council is involved in particular the selection of Wilcannia as one of the 26 communities selected by FaCSHIA.

RECOMMENDATION

That report on visit by Senator John Williams be received and noted

12-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Astill that report on visit by Senator John Williams be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

4.6 Community Strategic Planning

On the back of the work undertaken in the last financial year and as has been previously reported, council has been successful in receiving a grant of \$15,000.00 from the NSW Department of State and Regional Development to complete our Community Strategic Plan.

Dynamic HRM Solutions have been retained to assist council prepare the plan in accordance with the NSW Local Government Planning and Reporting Manual. A new planning and reporting framework for NSW local government has been introduced. These reforms replace the former Management Plan and Social Plan with an integrated framework including the preparation of a long-term Community Strategic Plan and Resourcing Strategy.

The new system recognises that communities do not exist in isolation; they are part of a larger natural, social, economic and political environment that influences and, to a large extent, shapes their future direction. Council plans do not exist in isolation (land use and infrastructure planning produces social, environmental and economic outcomes, and vice-versa) they are connected.

This system encourages councils to draw their various plans together, to understand how they interact and to get the maximum leverage from their efforts by planning holistically for the future. It recognises that most communities share similar aspirations: A safe, healthy and pleasant place to live, a sustainable environment, opportunities for social interaction, opportunities for employment, reliable infrastructure etc. The difference lies in how each community responds to these needs. That is what shapes the character of individual town and cities. The new system opens the way for councils and their communities to have important discussions about funding priorities, service levels and preserving local identity and to plan in partnership for a more sustainable future.

During the week of 4th August 2009 an extensive series of community meetings have been planned, (itinerary attached). These meetings will be designed to engage with the residents and encourage them to workshop ideas to establish the route council will take into the future, Councillors will be pivotal at these meetings so that they can assist with helping and expressing the needs of the residents in a relaxed but structured forum. Extensive advertising will be undertaken in the weeks leading up to the events.

Councillor Brown requested that the Councillor session be moved to the start of the week.

RECOMMENDATION

That council support the planning process and assist the staff to ensure a good participation rate from the communities.

13-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Reid that council support the planning process and assist the staff to ensure a good participation rate from the communities.

MOTION CARRIED

4.7 RTA – Road Classifications

Advice has been received from the RTA indicating that the review of the State road network has been completed. This review has resulted in a net reduction of five kilometres to the State Road network and a net reduction in the Regional Road network of 230 kilometres. The RTA has advised that no road reclassifications were applicable for the Central Darling Shire road network.

RECOMMENDATION

That the RTA Road Classifications report be received and noted.

14-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Brown that the RTA Road Classifications report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.8 Western Division – Conference Motions

Correspondence has been received from the Western Division Group of the Shires Association of NSW detailing responses received from motions put forward by the Central Darling Shire Council. The first motion 29/09 requested that the Federal Government consider extended time frames when calling for grant applications. The motion was submitted to the Local Government and Shires Association and also the Prime Minister. A response was received from the Federal Minister for Infrastructure that highlighted the grants that have been made available but without addressing the issue of the motion.

The second motion, 32/09 called on Telstra and the Minister for Communications decrying the poor mobile phone reception in rural areas. The motion was submitted to the Local Government and Shires Association and also to the Federal Minister for Communications and the area manager for Telstra. To date no responses have been received.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Western Division – Conference Motions be received and noted.

15-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Reid that the Western Division – Conference Motions be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.9 Pecuniary Interest Returns

Councillors and designated persons are reminded that pecuniary returns disclosing interests are required to be completed to the 30th June 2009. These returns, a copy included with the Agenda, are required to be completed and returned by the 30th September 2009. All returns are then required to be tabled at the October 2009 meeting of Council. The returns are required by Section 449 of the Local Government Act, 1993 which states:-

449 Returns disclosing interests of councillors and designated persons

(1) A councillor or designated person must complete and lodge with the general manager, within 3 months after becoming a councillor or designated person, a return in the form prescribed by the regulations.

(1A) A person must not lodge a return that the person knows or ought reasonably to know is false or misleading in a material particular.

(2) A person need not lodge a return within the 3-month period after becoming a councillor or designated person if the person lodged a return in that year or the previous year or if the person ceases to be a councillor or designated person within the 3-month period.

(3) A councillor or designated person holding that position at 30 June in any year must complete and lodge with the general manager within 3 months after that date a return in the form prescribed by the regulations.

(4) A person need not lodge a return within the 3-month period after 30 June in a year if the person lodged a return under subsection (1) within 3 months of 30 June in that year.

(5) Nothing in this section prevents a councillor or designated person from lodging more than one return in any year.

(6) Nothing in this section or the regulations requires a person to disclose in a return lodged under his section an interest of the person's spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on pecuniary interest returns be received and noted.

16-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the report on pecuniary interest returns be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.10 St James Church Wilcannia

Correspondence has been received from the River Ministries Rev. Dr Scott Lamshed seeking a letter of support from Council for a venture to obtain the property known as St James in Wilcannia. The letter indicates that the River Ministries have received quite a number of letters of support as well as a petition with well over 110 signatures supporting the venture.

A general discussion was undertaken regarding the Shire approach the Church with an Expression of Interest to purchase it.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide a letter of support for the River Ministries venture to obtain the Wilcannia property known as St James.

17-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Astill that Council submit a non-binding expression of interest in the property known as St James Church.

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 5. DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

18-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that Director of Engineering Services report be received and dealt with.

MOTION CARRIED

5.1 Activity Report 12th June 2009 to 12th July 2009

5.1.1 Administration

Staff Training

Dangerous Goods Licence renewal for 8 staff, 8th July

Dangerous Goods Licence for 5 staff, 8th and 9th July

Workshops, Meetings and Conferences

24th June 2009 Acting DES attended meeting at Ivanhoe, Lignum Park, with Greg Stephens, Craig McNab and Norm Barrett to discuss previously agreed terms and conditions in regards to Ivanhoe town water supply fed from new bores on Tooralee.

Draft Agreement to be drawn up.

25th June 2009 Acting DES attended site meetings with Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), Transfield, CDSC Roads Overseer and Councillor Representatives from Menindee and Ivanhoe.

Meeting outcomes discussed in 5.5

1st July Acting DES attend the Tilpa Community Meeting at the Tilpa Community Hall. Discussions included previously agreed projects and the possible programme of works, road conditions around Tilpa, CDSC correspondence, Airstrip conditions, Water supply, Playground equipment, Signs, Street Lighting, Land availability in town and the possibility of grant monies.

Investigation required and report back to the TCCI

Depot Office

Location	Task	Comments
<u>Director of Engineering Services</u>		
Office/Shire	Supervision, Enquiries, Inspections, Invoices	Ongoing
Works Programme	2009/2010 Programme	5%
Water/Sewer Asset	Capture and implement	In Progress
State Roads SIMC	Works Proposals submitted this Month	0

	Works Orders received (total for the year)	0
Regional Roads REPAIR Program	Application for funding 2009/2010	No Funding granted
Wilcannia 2 nd Bore	Survey for the location of the new bores and flood height. Detailed Plans sent to Construction Contractor for final design. DWE invoiced for 50% of monies spent to date	Completed With Contractor Received
Plant Replacement		Updated
Bonley Bridge	Bridge replacement Program, Old Bridge demolished, all timber was recovered and is stored at the Wilcannia lay down area. New piles and abutments erected. Precast deck beams lifted into place. "Bondeck" in place and steel reinforcement being placed. Deck concrete pour 16-7-09	Work in Progress – Estimated completion date 7-8-09
Lake Woytchugga	Culvert Replacement/Reconstruction , Guard rail to be installed	95% completed Under Construction
<u>Overseer</u>		
Office/Shire	Staff supervision, Enquiries, Inspections.	Ongoing
Shire Roads	Inspections	Ongoing
RTA	Ivanhoe Pedestrian crossing	RTA to start late July
	HW8 Culvert replacement	Completed 7 th July
<u>Assets Roads Manager</u>		
Assets	Wilcannia Water, Sewer	In Progress
Assets	Roads	In Progress
RTA	Works Proposals Works Orders. Routine Maintenance Register. Highway routine inspections.	Finalised Finalised Finalised On Going
<u>Technical Officer</u>		
Assets Towns	Footpath Register	Up Dating
RTA	Highway Inspections	Ongoing
Roads	Traffic Studies	Ongoing
Plant	Vehicle Inspections	Bi- Monthly

<u>Administration Officer</u>		
Office	Engineering enquires, filing,	Ongoing

5.1.2 **Community Amenity**

Public Conveniences

Wilcannia – Baker Park Toilets.

To date all blockages have been cleared, broken pipes replaced and water flows proved. Three stainless steel pans and two basins have been broken out and removed, taken to the depot and pressure cleaned with bi-carb soda. New cubicle doors have been manufactured and installed. The interior has been pressure cleaned and new tap fittings installed.

Mortar rendering needs to be done in places, electrical wires/ lights removed and floors, walls and ceilings painted. The cleaned amenities can then be reinstalled.

Once operational the toilets will be opened by council in the morning (07:30am) and closed in the afternoon (15:45pm)

5.1.3 **Water Supplies**

Wilcannia

Wilcannia Filtered Water

Water for the town is from the Darling River Weir Pool

Wilcannia Raw Water

Water for the town is from the Darling River Weir Pool

The Raw Water reservoir main inlet has a faulty flange that is currently leaking water. There is no return stop valve in place to be able to shut off the water to be able to repair this problem. The reservoir will have to be emptied, a new stop valve installed and repairs carried out to the flange.

Whilst the reservoir is empty, de-silting can be carried out prior to filling.

This operation will be best suited to be done in winter while water usage is at a minimum.

Once the date is confirmed, a letter will be drafted for Wilcannia residents information.

Water levels at the Weir

10th July 2009, Slight flow over the top of the Wilcannia concrete weir.

Pumps

Wilcannia Water Treatment Plant.

Satisfactory operation at the Water Treatment Plan.

White Cliffs

Satisfactory Operation

Water Levels, 9th February 2009.

Tank 1 = 4.5m

Tank 2 = 3.0m

Tank 3 = 8.5m (Wakefield) Supply for the Town

Ivanhoe

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

Water Levels, 11th July 2009.

Town storage 35 megalitres.

Morrison's lake storage 0 megalitres.

5.1.4 Sewerage

Satisfactory operations, general maintenance, Wilcannia.

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

5.1.5 Central Darling Shire Assets

Wilcannia Filtered and Raw Water services.

Inspected and logged into the Asset data system.

5.1.6 Transport & Communication

General

State Roads - RTA Single Invitation Maintenance Contract (SIMC)

Road	Activity	Comments
SH 8	Barrier Highway = 167.32 km Routine maintenance (RMCC)	Finalised
SH21	Cobb Highway = 219.38 km Routine maintenance (RMCC) Maintenance Grade Gravel resheet	Complete Complete
	Columbus Street – pedestrian Island	In Progress

Regional Roads

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

Local Roads

Roads	Activity	Comments
ALL = 1602.30 km	Maintenance Inspections	Ongoing
SR 2 Tilpa - Louth Rd	Maintenance Grading.	In Progress
SR 4 White Cliffs - Monolon Rd	Maintenance Grading.	In Progress
SR 7 White Cliffs - Mandalay Rd	Maintenance Grading.	In Progress

Town Streets

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

5.1.7 Aerodromes

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

Routine Inspections and maintenance.

Investigations into the suitability of Kangaroo proofing existing fence lines around the airstrips

RECOMMENDATION

That the Monthly Activity Report be received and noted

19-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Brown that the Monthly Activity Report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

The General Manager left the Hall at 12:04pm

5.2 Ivanhoe Bores Update

DES received Type A forms (bore logs) from Cresswell Drilling and have invoiced DWE of 50% of moneys spent to date.

After the bores have been licensed CDSC can then apply for grant monies to set up the infrastructure to get the bores operational. The pump and power infrastructure proposal will be compiled by specialist contractors and forwarded to Council.

Draft agreement to be drawn up

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ivanhoe Bore report be received and noted.

20-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Astill that the Ivanhoe Bore report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.3 White Cliffs Water Supply

A new Helical Rotor Pump has been installed on the pontoon at No. 3 dam. This pump was found to be pumping at too high a pressure as the existing pipeline burst in 3 places when it was first started. Different size belts and pulleys have been ordered to re adjust the flow rate.

The old, dilapidated existing water tanks have been removed from dam no. 1 and the area cleaned up in preparation for the two new 45,000 litre tanks, delivery due in three weeks time.

RECOMMENDATION

That the White Cliffs Water Supply report be received and noted.

21-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the White Cliffs Water Supply report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

The General Manager returned to the Hall at 12:08pm

5.4 Gross Pollutant Traps Menindee

The Gross Pollutant Trap adjacent to the RTC has been re seated and pipes connected. The outlet pipes from the GPT are to be extended past the Explorers tree and backfilled to make the area more attractive to Visitors.

The Gross Pollutant Trap at the end of Perry Street has had the new concrete pipes and stormwater pit delivered. Construction here is scheduled to start end of July.

RECOMMENDATION

That Gross Pollutant Traps Menindee report be received and noted.

22-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Reid that Gross Pollutant Traps Menindee report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 Rail Crossing Projects

Five sites were visited with both ARTC and Transfield.

The ARTC works involve the NSW level crossing boom gate projects that have been nominated in the Federal Governments stimulus package for active crossing protection. Menindee, Racecourse Rd, and Darnick, Darnick to Pooncarie Rd, were the two sites on the approved list. These sites were assessed and an estimate of cost to carry out works forwarded to ARTC.

Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe to Balranald Rd, was also visited to discuss the possibility of upgrading this crossing instead of Darnick. Although initial discussions appeared positive, later correspondence confirmed that Darnick holds a higher priority due to the site having three tracks and stationary trains in the sidings (high risk).

The Transfield sites have been identified as needing steel checker plate crossing upgrade by SA Rail. Menindee, Menindee to Wilcannia East Rd, and Sayers Lake were the two sites visited. These sites were assessed and an estimate of cost to carry out works forwarded to Transfield.

CDSC are now awaiting responses from both parties to enable these works to be programmed if successful.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rail Crossings Project report be received and noted.

23-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Reid that the Rail Crossings Project report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 Maintenance Grading Program June and July 2009

This program has been prepared to enable Council to follow the progress of the grading on the Shire Road network.

See attached

RECOMMENDATION

That the Maintenance Grading Program June and July 2009 report be received and noted.

24-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Reid that the Maintenance Grading Program June and July 2009 report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Reid thanked the Engineering Services Department for the works completed around Menindee.

Councillor Linnett requested a breakdown in the costing for MR67. The question was taken on notice.

SECTION 6. MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

25-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Wellings that the Manager of Environmental Services Report be received and dealt with.

MOTION CARRIED

6.1 Information Items

6.1.1 Councillor Questions

Last month Cr Wellings queried the amount of funding available for the White Cliffs pool and the works that would be completed. The funding is part of the Federal Governments Stimulus Funding and will be utilised for upgrade works to the White Cliffs Swimming Pool to the value of \$25,000. The works to be undertaken include purchase of new components for the chlorination equipment, repainting of the interior of the pool, installation of safety shower, and resurfacing of some of the pool grounds to repair/replace old and damaged concrete surfaces (pending final quotations).

6.1.2 Heritage Strategy

Council's Heritage Strategy and projects underneath this strategy are set to continue for the 3rd year running. The two projects being the Local Heritage Fund and the Heritage Advisers Service have been funded once again by the NSW Heritage Office. As per the previous years Council is required to match the funding provided by the NSW Heritage Office, valued at \$15,500. Over the 2008-09 period, a number of heritage projects were undertaken specifically stone conservation work to a number of stone buildings within Wilcannia.

6.1.3 Tree Day

Tree Day is to be held on Sunday 2nd August 2009. As previously resolved, trees are being sourced and will be available from each of our communities. Pick up will be from the following locations on Friday 31st July 2009; Wilcannia Hall, Menindee Transaction Centre, Ivanhoe Post Office, Tilpa Store, White Cliffs Post Office, Sunset Strip Hall.

6.1.4 Council Chambers Update

Underpinning work has been completed to the Council Chambers as required to stabilise footings on the northernmost wall. After jacking the wall and concreting, the structural engineer was of the view that for further increased safety that the wall required bracing. This bracing has since been completed. The next stage of work for the building will be re-pointing of cracks and stone conservation work by the stone masons. It is also planned around the end of July/start of August that structural repair work will commence on the front verandah. To enable complete refurbishment of the front and side verandah further funding will be required.

6.1.5 Scrap Metal Collection

Council has been contacted by Netwaste's Scrap Metal contractor – SIMS Metal advising that scrap metal collection from our waste depots in Menindee and Wilcannia will commence in the next couple of weeks. The funds generated from the collection will be credited into waste management for these two towns as income.

Councillor Reid requested that Sunset Strip be included in the scrap metal collection.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items be received and noted.

26-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Brown that the Information Items be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Comprehensive LEP Meetings

Over the past months, work has commenced on Council's Comprehensive LEP. To further progress this work, it is necessary for community consultation/workshops to be undertaken. As the towns of Wilcannia and White Cliffs will be having further studies done in the form of landuse surveys, community workshops will be held in these towns to seek comments from local residents on future zoning. The workshops will be run and hosted by planning consultant Ian Sinclair from EDGE Land Planning. The meetings are proposed as follows;

Councillor Workshop in Wilcannia – Tuesday 28th July at 9.00am

Community Workshop in White Cliffs – Tuesday 28th July at 6.30pm

Meeting with DPI and Miners Association in White Cliffs – Wednesday 29th July at 9.00am

Community Workshop in Wilcannia – Thursday 30th July at 1.00pm

It is expected that each workshop will run for 2-3 hours.

The workshop dates have been advertised around White Cliffs and Wilcannia. Councillors from these two towns are encouraged to attend the community workshops.

Councillors Brown and Astill noted that they would not be available to attend the LEP Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Comprehensive LEP Meetings report be received and noted.

27-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Brown that the Comprehensive LEP Meetings report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Wilcannia Post Office

As verbally reported last month, Council's application for Federal funding for the Wilcannia Post Office has been successful. Albeit very short time frames for lodgement of the submission (2 days), the application for \$360,000 was announced by the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP (Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts) on the 19th June 2009. To provide further details on the project it is noted that the following works will be undertaken;

Conservation works – stonework repairs to front of the building

Internal upgrade works – renovations to the business rooms and residential area, including toilet upgrades and installation of air conditioning

Security – installation of monitored security alarm system

Fencing – removal of the old fencing at the front of the building and reinstatement of traditional fencing (picket style)

Landscaping – landscaping of the site to improve appearance.

All works need to be completed prior to end of June 2010. Contact has commenced with suitable tradespersons to seek quotations; it is expected works will commence as soon as possible. Further updates will be provided to Council as the project progresses.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wilcannia Post Office report be received and noted.

28-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Wilcannia Post Office report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Joint Regional Planning Panels

On Monday 6th July 2009, Manager Environmental Services attended an information and education session for Council staff in the Western region on Joint Regional Planning Panels in Dubbo. The session was very informative. A number of issues listed below were raised during the discussions;

- Each LGA is required to nominate 2 nominees plus alternative representatives to sit on the planning panel.
- The planning panels will continue without Council nominees if a Council decides not to nominate anyone. This would mean the panel would consist of 3 State nominated panellists only.
- There is some conjecture as to whether planning staff involved in the assessment of a DA should be allowed to sit on the panel. Conflict of responsibilities is possible and assessing Council officers should limit their involvement regarding decision-making as a panellist. Their presence at a panel meeting maybe necessary to provide further advice on the assessment process and the development if required, but is not to interfere with the panels decision.
- If Council has a DA that requires referral to the panel it has 7 days to notify the panel secretariat.
- Individual Councillors can make a submission to the panel regarding a DA if required.

- If an appeal is lodged by an applicant against a determination on a DA, it is up to Council to defend the appeal. This is after the panel has determined whether the DA is approved or refused.
- There is a code of conduct that all panellists must follow. It is expected that training will be provided for Council nominees.
- It was stated that all DA's where Council is the applicant must be forwarded to the panel for determination. This matter requires further clarification.

No firm date on the commencement of Joint Regional Planning Panels has been set down for the Western region, however it is likely to commence before the end of 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint Regional Planning Panels report be received and noted.

29-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Reid that the Joint Regional Planning Panels report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Standing Orders suspended at 12:22pm

30-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that standing orders be suspended

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor invited Mr Robert Sidford from the NSW Department of State and Regional Development to address Council on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and Council.

The Mayor invited members of the public to address Council in Public Access. Mr John Ryan informed Council that his residence on Little Menindee Creek Road is isolated after rain. It was suggested that advice be provided to Engineering when the road is impassable.

Councillor Brown requested that Councillors be provided with a map of Menindee Environs and Little Menindee Creek.

Mr Ross Files informed Council that drainage causes an issue during periods of wet with road access.

Standing Orders resumed at 12:43pm

31-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Brown that standing orders be resumed

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 7. MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT
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RECOMMENDATION

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

32-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Reid that the Manager of Community and Economic Development's report be received and dealt with.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Astill left the Hall at 12:43pm

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 - July 2009

DATE	TIME PERIOD	INTEREST RATE	DUE DATE	TOTAL (\$)
Deposits at Call				
	Commonwealth	2.95%		\$449,230.61
	Westpac	2.80%		\$490,000.00
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 June 2009				
	11 am Call Account			\$939,230.61
	Commercial Bills and Notes			\$1,500,000.00
	Term Deposits			\$0.00
				\$2,439,230.61
<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 \$450,435.00 at the end of June 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schedule of Investments report be received and adopted.

33-7-09 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 June is attached for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Collection Report be received and adopted.

34-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Reid that the Rates Collection Report be received and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Information Items

7.3.1 Wilcannia Women's Programs

It is pleasing to report that a new program for women is being undertaken by TAFE and the Wilcannia Women's and children's Safehouse. The aims of the program are to;

- to increase the confidence of women in their ability to participate and succeed in an educational and work environment.
- To work with Job Network providers and the shire, in particular the women's refuge, to increase the participation of women in the local workforce
- To extend the skills of women already in the workforce.

Councillor Brown questioned what would be the final staffing numbers at the Safehouse.

The GM noted that one of the staff members is being utilised by DoCS.

7.3.2 NSW Government Community Broadband Development Program.

Some months ago council submitted expressions of interest to the NSW Department of Lands on behalf of all communities in the shire. On the 29th of June Council were notified that Wilcannia had been accepted into the program with 10 other NSW communities. Unfortunately no other town in the shire was selected. The program is an \$11.6 million initiative over 5 years to deliver affordable high speed broadband to some of the more isolated communities in NSW. A consultant has been engaged by the State Government and will be visiting Wilcannia in due course to start the process of developing the business case and technical plans. (copy of letter and release attached)

7.3.3 Non Recurrent Funding for Menindee Men's Social/ Educational Support Group

Council has received notification that we have received non recurrent funding of \$65000.00 for the Menindee Men's group. The funds are to be auspiced by council for the establishment of the group and to assist them with governance and purchase of materials. The MCED is currently waiting on a detailed plan from the group so that the funds can be distributed as required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items be received and noted.

35-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Reid that the Information Items be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 Community Transport Policy

As recommended at the June meeting of Council in Wilcannia the funding partners were contacted for their input into the policy. Comments have been received and the appropriate changes have been made.

Councillor Brown informed the meeting that he has viewed other transport agreements and noted that this agreement is very stringent and should be more concise and not as strict. He suggested that a more structured method of appeal be applied. He questioned if Council has sought responses from all auspicing bodies.

RECOMMENDATION

That council adopt the amended Community Transport Policy

36-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Brown that council adopt the amended Community Transport Policy

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR BROWN RECORDS AGAINST

COUNCILLOR REID RECORDS AGAINST

Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm, resuming at 1:42pm

7.5 Revision of Council's Debt Recovery Policy

A copy of the revised policy is attached for council's revision and approval. The reasons for the revised policy are as follows;

- To provide a more detailed policy that separates different individual circumstances
- Clearly separates debtors / rates recovery procedures
- Provides more detailed information for councillors and council staff in the area of debt recovery

The following options are offered for recommendation.

1. Council adopt the revised Debt Recovery Policy
2. Council reject the revised Debt Recovery Policy

| 7.5 was deferred till the August 2009 meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt option 1 and approve the changes to the Debt Recovery Policy.

7.6 Ryde City Council Staff Visit

Discussions have been held with staff from Ryde City Council following a letter of invitation sent to them about a possible visit to the shire to work with Council on some main street and park design. The City of Ryde has some of the latest software that can portray a streetscape in 3D and then be able to manipulate it so that the effects can be seen from a street level perspective. It is anticipated that from an initial visit Council will have a clearer idea of what is able to be achieved.

From the discussions it was determined that two Ryde planning staff will come to Wilcannia and Menindee, Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August. They will work with CDSC staff, view and photograph Myers and Reid St, Reconciliation Park, Yartla and Menindee Sts and Burke and Wills Park in Menindee, discuss with business owners and residents as to what their views are on a number of potential ways forward.

The themes that have been discussed and the principal objective at this early stage is to upgrade main street's and parks eg landscaping, revegetation, shop front, road and public domain improvements.

- It's an opportunity for telling the stories of the towns and recreating a sense of the past.
- to avoid temporary structures and/or "light weight" improvements. Some permanent improvements are needed, which convey a sense of optimism and pride about the towns, their past and future potential.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ryde City Council Staff Visit report be received and noted.

37-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Brown that the Ryde City Council Staff Visit report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

7.7 NSW Community Building Fund Partnership.

In late June the NSW Government announced the \$35 Million Community Building Fund Partnership which will see \$300,000 made available to each state electorate with an additional \$100,000 made available to electorates with high unemployment. The Murray Darling electorate will receive \$400,000.

From initial discussions with the Mayor and some councillors it is the intention that Central Darling Shire apply for \$30,000 under this program to go toward the installation of 2 x town entrance signs in Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe. As part of the application process which closes on August 10 2009, a council minute and a copy of the relevant development application must be included.

The proposed budget for the signs is \$60,000 of which a percentage must include an "in-kind" portion from the communities i.e. volunteer labour. Councils contribution will consist of cash and in-kind to a value of \$21,000 to come from the town improvement fund.

Site selection will be crucial and will need to meet the stringent criteria as set out by the RTA Clear Zone guidelines, initial thoughts are that the signs should be placed within the 80kph zones leading into the towns on two entrances. The entrances selected thus far are as follows;

- Wilcannia – Barrier Hwy East and West
- Menindee – Broken Hill and Pooncarie
- Ivanhoe – Hay and Wilcannia

As part of the development application process the RTA must be invited to inspect and approve the proposed sites.

The application needs to show that jobs will be an outcome, it is recommended that a local contractor be engaged to design and construct the signs. Initial thoughts are that they be made of the local sandstone and concrete with purpose built e.g “Welcome to Menindee” set in the face of the sandstone wall and that local’s in each town are engaged to assist with the construction. Work must start before the end of 2009 and be completed before the end of 2010.

Should the application be successful then it is the intention to seek public comment on the design and location of the signs.

RECOMMENDATION

That council endorse the report and apply for funding under the NSW Community Building Fund Partnership.

38-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Reid that council endorse the report and apply for funding under the NSW Community Building Fund Partnership.

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 8. RECEPTION OF CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.

39-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Sullivan that the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

8.1 Media Releases

Date	Sender	Contents
13/7/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Minister must reconsider development contribution determinations
8/7/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	Local Communities big losers in rate variation decision
8/7/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	\$151 Million Brought forward to help NSW Councils deal with global economic recession
26/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	The Fights Not Over - NSW Needs Container Deposit Legislation
25/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	Labor Should Join NSW Liberal/Nationals in Our Support of the Shooting of Feral Animals in National Parks
25/6/2009	Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	NSW Communities win under new Federal Funding Opportunities
25/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	Attorney-General Spins Again on Protective Commissioner Amalgamations
25/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	150 Years Since the Proclamation of the City of Wentworth
24/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	Finley Lions Club Fortieth Anniversary
24/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	Williams Presents Petition to Parliament for a Speech Therapist for Children of Broken Hill and Far West
24/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	The Truth is, Allied Skills are in Very Short Supply
23/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	Get on with Business Minister, and let our Shires Progress - Williams
17/6/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	NSW Budget - \$400,000 for Building Fund for Community Projects in Murray-Darling Electorate
17/5/2009	Member For Murray-Darling	NSW Coalition Promises a Full Inquiry into the 14 New Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA's)

Councillor Sullivan left the Hall at 1:49pm

8.2 Circular/Newsletters

Sender	Date	Contents
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	10/7/2009	Local Government Weekly 27/09

Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	8/7/2009	Strategic Tast Guide 2009/2010
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	3/7/2009	Local Government Weekly 26/09
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	29/6/2009	Introduction of the Local Government Amendments (Planning and Reporting) Bill 2009 to Parliament
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	26/6/2009	Local Government Weekly 25/09
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	23/6/2009	Land Under Roads
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	19/6/2009	Local Government Weekly 24/09
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	19/6/2009	Companion Animals Forms Review 2009
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	19/6/2009	Alcohol Free Zone Evaluation Report
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	16/6/2009	Allegations of a Breach of the Pecuniary Interest Provisions of the Local Government Act 1993

8.3 Letters

Date	File No	Sender	Regarding
18/6/2009	051-01 -3/3EP	Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	Letter re 2009/10 Financial Assistance Grants

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports from Committees be received and noted

40-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Page that the reports from Committees be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

9.1 MANEX Meeting 23rd June 2009

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the minutes of MANEX meeting.

41-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Sullivan that Council receive and note the minutes of MANEX meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Sullivan returned to the hall at 1:53pm

MANEX Meeting held Tuesday 23rd June 2009

Meeting Commenced at 3:10pm

Present:

Tim Hazell	General Manager
Reece Wilson	Acting Director of Engineering Services
Kym Fuller	Manager Community and Economic Development
Mel Brown	Executive Manager

Apologies

Leeanne Ryan	Manager Environmental Services
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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

i. Agenda

The MANEX ran through the Agenda for the June Council meeting.

ii. Strategic Plan

The MCED reported that Lee-Anne Drewery is currently completing a desktop audit of all Council reports relevant to the Shire.

iii. GM Leave

The GM requested that the MCED act in the GM's role whilst he is on annual leave for two weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:30pm

SECTION 10. DELEGATES REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Delegates reports be received and noted.

42-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Astill that the Delegates reports be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Reid noted that the Menindee Development Group meeting was not held due to wet weather.

Councillor Astill noted that the Menindee-Pooncarie Road Committee meeting was not held due to wet weather.

Councillor Linnett informed the meeting that the Long Paddock sculpture has been installed at Ivanhoe. He noted that discussion is underway for the installation of a chemical toilet at the 'Big Tree' site on the Cobb Highway.

Councillor Astill informed the Council of a discussion between the Menindee Councillors and the Principal of the Menindee Central School, Mr Brian Debus regarding entering into a MOU between the School and Council.

Councillor Reid reported that she attended the Sunset Strip Progress Association meeting and noted that a golf day has been organised. She noted that the AGM is set for the 16th August. The committee wanted to know whether the financial grant for the hall had gone through as they would like to enclose the verandah for a storeroom.

SECTION 11. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillors Questions without Notice be received and noted.

43-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Brown that the Councillors Questions without Notice be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Linnett requested an update on the status of the street lighting inspection in Ivanhoe.

He also questioned who has the authority to change the batteries in the smoke detectors at the Ivanhoe MSO.

The GM took questions on notice.

Councillor Sullivan noted that Schools in the Shire have been receiving Federal Government Grant funding and not employing local tradesmen to conduct works.

Councillor Sullivan questioned whether the MCED's appointment to Regional Development Australia was funded by the Government.

The GM took on notice.

Clr Sullivan questioned what was the write off from the sale of land for unpaid rates in Menindee and Ivanhoe.

The GM to investigate figures.

Councillor Linnett left at 2:08pm for the remainder of the meeting

Councillor Brown questioned where does the Shire stand with the purchase of computers and equipment for the local wifi network that was not successful.

The Gm to investigate and report.

Cr Brown noted that a tourist on a motorcycle was recently attacked by a dog leaving the Shell Roadhouse. He suggested that something needs to be done regarding this.

The MES to further investigate the issue.

Cr Brown noted that he still has not received the outstanding account for the hire of the Crane.

The GM to take on board.

Councillor Reid noted that the MCED is using a Council vehicle for attendance at a meeting for another organisation and questioned if council are to be reimbursed for the usage.

The GM took on responded that staff on employment contracts enjoy full private use of a vehicle.

Cr Reid noted two large potholes at Porters Crossing that need fixing.
The issues were taken on notice.

Councillor Astill asked whether the GM believes it is the role of staff to impede, obstruct or delay the effective roles & responsibilities of elected representatives.
The GM responded that it is not.

Cr Astill also asked does the GM condone staff being openly critical of councillors either in the workplace or in open public forums.
The GM responded that he does not condone this.

Cr Astill asked whether Council would consider entering into a MOU with the Menindee Central School to enhance the Shire's relationship with the school.
The GM took on notice.

Cr Astill asked the GM to ensure that Meals on Wheels service will continue to be provided in Menindee.
The GM assured the meeting that the service would be provided.

Councillor Page requested a short briefing on the rates write off at the next Council meeting.
The GM took the question on notice.

Councillor Wellings tabled a letter to Council regarding the possibility of a long term lease to Council for an area in White Cliffs suitable for shaded car parking.
The GM agreed to follow up.

Cr Wellings also discussed the impending closure of the White Cliffs Health Service and requested a letter opposing any reductions to this service.
The GM agreed to follow up.

Councillor Sammon asked when the nets for the Cricket Pitches would be ordered or the possibility of using the nets at the Central School.
The GM to investigate.

Councillor Reid left the Hall at 2:16pm

SECTION 12. URGENT BUSINESS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Urgent Business be received and noted.

44-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Reid that Urgent Business be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Reid returned to the Hall at 2:16pm

Councillor Page requested that the Council provide \$1000 funding to the Menindee Community Development Group for the Menindee Fishing Competition as part of the Financial Assistance Grants.

It was agreed to place request on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

45-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Astill that Council consider donating \$1000 to the Menindee Development Group for the Menindee Fishing Competition and submit for Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days.

MOTION CARRIED

The GM discussed a notification that the Shire has been successful in obtaining a grant for the NSW rural fire service under the Commonwealth Bushfire Mitigation programme.

46-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Page, Seconded Clr Brown That the NSW Rural Fire Service Agreement under the Commonwealth Bushfire Mitigation Program be signed and sealed.

MOTION CARRIED

A letter from Cheryl Johnson was tabled requesting financial assistance for \$250.00 for her grandson to attend a cross country carnival.

It was agreed to place request on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

47-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Reid that Council consider donating \$250 to Mr Elton Johnson to compete at the Eastern Creek Cross Country Carnival and submit for Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days.

MOTION CARRIED

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

SECTION 14. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

48-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Astill 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) (b) being information the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

MOTION CARRIED

52-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that the Council meeting revert to normal status.

MOTION CARRIED

49-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Wellings that the report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

50-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Astill, Seconded Clr Reid that under Section 567 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council write off the interest on the three accounts pending the payment of the balance

MOTION CARRIED

51-7-09 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Sullivan, Seconded Clr Reid that the Council approve the write off of the amounts under s607 of the Local Government Act 1993 No 30 and to change the category to non-rateable.

MOTION CARRIED

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

*The next meeting of Council will be held on the 18th August 2009 in
Ivanhoe, commencing at 9:30am*

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:23pm
