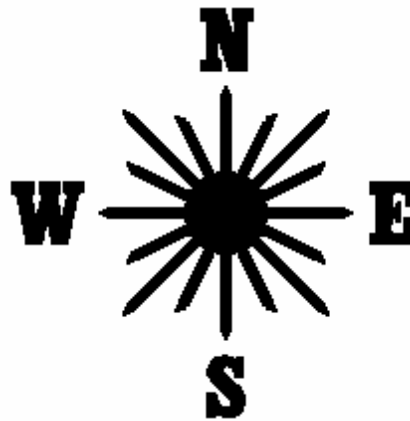


Mission Statement

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

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

of the Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 28th June 2005

at

Wilcannia

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 Council Chambers, Wilcannia on Tuesday 28th June 2005 commencing at 9:05 am.

An Australian Citizenship Ceremony was performed just before lunch at 1:00 pm for Mrs Irmhild Bakker from White Cliffs

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

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Peter Sullivan

Graham Wellings

Barbara MacMillan

Anthony Pease

Paul Brown

Moya Reid

Rick Doyle

Suzie Fisher

Clive Linnett

Robert Vagg

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr Bill O'Brien

General Manager

Mr Tim Hazell

Director of Corporate Services

Mr Russell Bow

Director of Engineering Services

Mr Gordon Scott

Mandatory Inspections Officer

Mrs Sharon Hutch

Manager of Community Development

Mrs Marilyn O'Brien

Senior Administration Officer

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Mike Arandt

Councillor Ray Longfellow

Manager of Environment Services Mrs Leeanne Ryan (Maternity Leave)

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be received and noted

***1-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,
Seconded Clr MacMillan that the apologies be
received and noted***

MOTION CARRIED

***2-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings,
Seconded Clr Linnett that Council suspend
standing orders to allow Stuart Davies from the
State Emergency Service to address Council***

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor introduced to Council Mr Stuart Davies from State Emergency Services.

Mr Davies addressed Council on the Emergency Risk Management Program. All councils need to address areas within their Shires or districts that could be vulnerable in the case of a natural disaster.

Mr Davies has been seconded to the Program to assist Councils in our region to undertake the Study to identify risks and then to put preventative measures in place. There will be a Community Consultation Day on 18th July 2005 to inform all residents.

Taking part in this study can provide project funding opportunities, for example, Coonamble received a \$70,000 grant after it was discovered that rural addressing needed to be accomplished.

It is planned the committee (still to be formed) will meet approximately 6 times over the next 12 months.

If Councils don't cooperate with this study, any claims made from Natural Disasters will be penalised 10% after August 2006 with a possibility of the penalties increasing in the future.

Mr Davies congratulated Council on winning the AR Bluett Memorial Award.

The Mayor thanked Mr Davies for his kind words and keeping Council informed on the Emergency Risk Management Study.

***3-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr MacMillan,
Seconded Clr Wellings that Council resume
standing orders***

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting be received

4-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Linnett that the minutes of the previous meeting be received

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted

5-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted with no alterations

MOTION CARRIED

2.1 Business Arising out of Minutes

2.2 Notices of Motion/Rescission

SECTION 3. MAYORAL MINUTE OR REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Report be received and noted

6-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Mayoral Report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all Council Staff on winning the AR Bluett Memorial Award. It is not an easy Award to win.

As part of a major regional tourism awareness campaign Council, along with project partners Broken Hill City Council and the Outback Area Consultative Committee, have undertaken a program designed to make people aware of the different ways tourism can benefit their own community and the opportunities for tourism promotion. As part of the program a copy of two new frontline tourism publications, "The Accessible Outback" and "A Wide Canvas" have been distributed to around 10,000 households throughout the region. Central Darling Shire residents should all have received these publications.

From the 1st July 2005 the cap will come into affect on the Darling River, this will mean that some irrigators along the river will have up to a 6.7% cut in their water allocation. The next big job after the cap is to define a Water Sharing Plan for the Barwon-Darling River System, this Plan is due for implementation by 1st July 2006.

The Barwon Darling Alliance have decided to spend no more time pursuing a Credit Union because after 5 or 6 years there has been no advancement in the application.

Cr Doyle attended the meeting at 9:47 am

Due to the fact that some Councils in the Barwon Darling Alliance are having trouble recruiting local people into administration positions the Alliance will be having talks with the Education Department, TAFE and local schools as to how schooling can be made more interesting so that students will be interested in learning.

Good rainfall across most of the Shire area during the latter half of June has put a smile on the face of the rural Ratepayers, this rain will enable the Shire to conduct a road up-grading program to have the dirt roads put into a more serviceable condition.

I am sorry to see Holly Davies has resigned her position with CDSC to take up a position with Narromine Shire. I wish Holly and Steve all the best for the future.

SECTION 4. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Manager's report be received and dealt with

7-6-05 *Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Wellings that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with*

MOTION CARRIED

4.1 Administration Matters

4.1.1 Works Engineer

It is with considerable regret that I inform Council of the resignation of Works Engineer Mrs Holly Davies effective from the 17th June 2005. Holly commenced in this position in March 2003 and leaves Council to relocate and take up a position with the Narromine Council. Holly leaves with the best wishes of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the administration report be received and noted.

8-6-05 *Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Pease, Seconded Clr Brown that the administration report be received and noted.*

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Information Items

4.2.1 A.R Bluett Memorial Award.

Central Darling Shire Council has been declared the winner of the A.R Bluett Memorial Award for members of the Shires Association of NSW for the year ending 30th June 2004. This decision was announced by the Trustees of the Award during the 2005 Shires Conference. The citation suggested Council achieved outstanding progress in the delivery of services to its residents and ratepayers and was adjudged by the Trustees to have achieved the greatest relative progress of any Shire in the State. The A.R Bluett Memorial Award is the highest accolade in Local Government.

A formal presentation of the Award will take place on Tuesday the 2nd August 2005 at the University of NSW. Council has been invited to receive the Award on this occasion. The Trustees intend to visit Central Darling Shire and re-present the Award at a community function details of which are yet to be decided.

The General Manager said he would like to publicly acknowledge staff and Councillors on winning the award. The General Manager is unable to attend the official presentation in Sydney on 2nd August, but he said Council should be well represented.

The General Manager was asked by Council to write to Jim Parkinson thanking him for his great work in putting the submission together.

The General Manager also acknowledged staff who were with Council in the 2003/04 period, and former Councillors Brennan, Astill and Bates for their input during that financial year.

4.2.2 Councils Working Together Conference

The second "Councils Working Together" Conference will be held in Moama on the 14th – 15th July 2005. The Murray Shire will host this conference. The program will include practical examples of Councils working together using NSW, Victorian and New Zealand experiences. It will include a perspective from the Department of Local Government and the Local Government & Shires Association as well as the issues being examined through the eyes of an academic.

4.2.3 Water Advisory Committee

As a condition of the merger of Australian Inland and Country Energy, the Minister for Energy and Utilities The Hon Frank Sartor MP and the Member for Murray Darling Peter Black OAM MP agreed that Country Energy would establish the Broken Hill – Menindee Strategic Water Advisory Committee to focus on securing water supply and enhancing water quality for the city of Broken hill and the town of Menindee. The General Manager has been invited to be part of this committee and the first meeting of the Water Advisory Committee took place on the 30th May 2005.

4.2.4 Wilcannia Cemetery Memorial Wall Dedication

The Wilcannia Cemetery is managed by a small but dedicated Section 355 Committee of Council. The Committee has established a Memorial Wall at the cemetery, which will allow local residents to place plaques in memory of their loved ones. The committee intend to conduct an unveiling and dedication of the Memorial Wall on Saturday the 2nd July 2005. The ceremony will be conducted by the Flying Padre, The Reverend John Blair and residents are encouraged to attend on this occasion.

4.2.5 Asset Management Report

An Asset Management Report has been completed to an operational level with estimated costings and scope of works included. A number of important items have been included in the 2005-2006 budget, for example the Menindee Homes for the Aged and Staff Housing. Senior Management are currently preparing a rolling 5-7 year asset management plan which will be considered in conjunction with future Council Management Plans.

4.2.6 Wentworth/Balranald Rural Counselling Service

Council has been advised by the Wentworth Balranald Rural Counselling Service of a Photographic Exhibition inviting residents of the Western Division of NSW to take part. The Exhibition, titled "One in 100 year Drought Photographic Exhibition" is aimed at capturing the experiences of people affected by the drought in Western Division of NSW. The initial exhibition will be located at "Gallery 25" at Mildura and it is anticipated the exhibition will tour other major centres.

RECOMMENDTION

That the information items be received and noted

9-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr MacMillan that the information items be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 Wentworth/Balranald Rural Counselling Service

Advice has been received from the Wentworth - Balranald Rural Counselling Service acknowledging Council's continued support to this service. Currently the Wentworth - Balranald Rural Counselling Service has 222 active client files and they are presently progressing third year Exceptional Circumstances Interest Subsidy applications. Last year 130 Interest Subsidy applications were completed assisting clients in receiving support totalling \$3,019,018.

The Service has also requested Council consider continuing the current funding support of \$2,000.00 in line with other Shire Councils in the area of service.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council continue to support the Wentworth Balranald Rural Counselling Service and provide the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2005 – 2006 financial years.

10-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Pease, Seconded Clr MacMillan that Council continue to support the Wentworth Balranald Rural Counselling Service and provide the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2005/2006 financial years.

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 NSW Road Classification Review

As previously advised, Council has received a copy of the NSW Road Classification Review **Interim** Report dated the March 2005. Included in the report is a recommendation that a portion of the Cobb Highway from Ivanhoe to Wilcannia be reclassified from a State Highway to a Regional Road.

Council has a clear and stated policy that the entire Cobb Highway remains a State Highway, therefore it is most disappointing that this recommendation has been made with no consultation what so ever with Central Darling Shire Council.

Hay and Carrathool Shire Councils have both expressed serious concerns with any proposed reclassification and along with Central Darling both jointly and independently have requested an urgent meeting with the Review Panel to discuss issues and any impact surrounding this recommendation. Consultation is continuing between the Shires.

The Mayor and General Manager met with the Chairman of the Review Panel, Mike Montgomery during the recent Shires Conference and Council has been assured by the Chairman that a meeting between the affected Shires and others will take place after

June 2005 which is the closure date for submissions. Mr Montgomery indicated the meeting may take place at Balranald.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the actions of the Mayor and General Manager.

The General Manager commended the Engineering Department on their road maintenance, they do an excellent job under often trying circumstances.

11-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Pease that Council endorse the actions of the Mayor and General Manager.

MOTION CARRIED

4.5 Sustainable Regions Program – Darling Matilda Way

Council has been advised by the Federal Government Department of State and Regional Development of details relating to the recently adopted Darling Matilda Way – Sustainable Region. The Australian Government has committed \$21 million dollars for the region.

Sustainable Regions is the Australian Government's flagship regional development initiative. The Darling Matilda Way Sustainable Region includes 26 Local Government areas in south west Queensland and western NSW. It covers 972,000sq kilometres and a population of around 80,000 people

A Darling Matilda Sustainable Region advisory committee has been established comprising of the following members:

Chairman	David Boyd	
	John Williams	Broken Hill
	Steven Radford	Broken Hill
	Howard Laughton	Orana
	Kym Mobbs	Central Queensland
	John Seacombe	Longreach
	Mark O'Brien	Charleville
	Jennie Baker	Brewarrina
	Scott Bucholz	Southern Inland Queensland
	Geoff Wise	Western Lands Commissioner

The Department of Transport & Regional Development proposes to support the region from its Orange office with back up from the National Office in Canberra. The region will function as per the eight existing regions and although the program is complementary to the already established Area Consultative Committees and will be brought within the Regional Partnerships program, will act independently and make recommendations direct to the Minister.

An executive staff will be appointed to support the advisory committee, departmental assessment and contract management tasks, due diligence and committee travel costs. It is expected that 7–8 percent of the overall funding will be allocated for this purpose. The program will open shortly for project applications and

major works projects with employment outcomes are particularly encouraged.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Darling Matilda Way Sustainable Region report be received and noted.

12-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr MacMillan that the Darling Matilda Way Sustainable Region report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.6 Shires Association of New South Wales – 2005 Annual Conference

The 2005 Annual Conference of the New South Wales Shires Association was conducted from the 6th - 8th June 2005 in Sydney.

Background

The Shires Association of New South Wales Annual Conference took place from the 6th – 8th June 2005 at Sydney. In excess of three hundred & fifty delegates took part. The theme for this year's conference was "Where to from here?"

The Western Division Group of Shires Mini-Conference was staged on the 5th June 2005 in conjunction with the conference.

Central Darling Shire Council was represented on both occasions by:

Mayor	Peter Sullivan
Councillor	Moya Reid
Councillor	Barbara MacMillan
Councillor	Clive Linnett
General Manager	Bill O'Brien

It is anticipated copies of Resolutions from both the Western Division Group of Shires Mini Conference and the NSW Shires Association of NSW Annual Conference will be available shortly from the General Manager and will be made available on request.

Report:

Delegations:

Minister for Primary Industries	-	The Hon Ian McDonald MP
Minister for Local Government	-	The Hon Tony Kelly MLC
Minister Energy, Utilities & Sustainability	-	The Hon Frank Sartor MP
The Attorney General	-	The Hon Bob Debus MP

Keynote Speakers

The Hon Bob Carr	-	Premier New South Wales
The Hon Craig Knowles MP	-	Minister for Infrastructure & Planning
The Hon Tony Kelly MLC	-	Minister for Local Government
The Hon Michael Costa MLC	-	Minister for Roads
The Hon John Watkins MP	-	Minister for Police
The Hon Bob Debus MP	-	Attorney General / Minister for the Environment

John Brogden M.P	-	Leader of the State Opposition
Jennifer Westacott	-	Director General – Dept of Infrastructure & Natural Resources (DIPNR)
Paul Bell	-	President of Australian Local Government Association.
Richard Atchison	-	Dept of Immigration, Multiculturalism and Indigenous Affairs.
Brett Westbrook	-	Local Government Superannuation Scheme.
Rod Greer	-	Statecover Mutual Ltd

Open:

The NSW Premier Bob Carr officially opened the 2005 Annual Conference.

Shires Association Presidents Report:

The outgoing President of the NSW Shires Association Cr Phyllis Miller addressed the conference and highlighted the following:

- o The impact of the separation of water and land rates.
- o Rate pegging – NSW the only State with a rate pegging policy.
- o Structural reform in Local Government – Sharpened Council's pencils and was certainly a wake up call.
- o The Shires Association remained opposed to forced amalgamations and the sacking of Councils.
- o The Shires Association remains opposed to Universal Postal Voting in Council Elections.
- o Planning matters attached to Catchment Management Authorities and local Environmental Plans.
- o Councillor's remuneration – No determination at this point.
- o The proposed amalgamation of the Local Government and Shires Association. Would not support such a proposal if it diminishes the Shires Association role and responsibilities.
- o Highlighted the value of the Tourism Conference held in Forbes.
- o Supported the new Code of Conduct.

Ministerial address - Minister for Local Government the Hon Tony Kelly MLC

The Minister for Local Government, The Hon Tony Kelly MLC reported on the following:

- o Local Government reform 172 Councils reduced to 152.
- o Local Government best practice review panels. Reviews undertaken of Council's performance standards – identify problems and review progress in 6 months. Emphasised good governance.
- o Resource sharing – strategic alliances. Regional Councils working together.
- o Stated not enough strategic planning and future direction:
 - Heavy reliance on grants

- Inadequate or non existent asset management plans
 - Poor complaint handling procedures
 - Training and development courses.
- Councils Codes of Conduct
- Remuneration Tribunal – Councillors expenses and facilities, the Department of Local Government will provide guidelines
- Standard contracts conditions for General Managers. This will not include the remuneration to General Managers; this will remain with individual Councils to determine.
- Councillor numbers, currently for Council to reduce or expand the number of elected members it takes around 8 years as this can only be done by referendum conducted at a Council election and can only be implemented at the next election. The Minister intends to allow Councils an opportunity to apply for a “one off” offer to alter the composition of a Council.
- Dangerous dogs – changes to the Act.
- The Water Management Act – 40 Councils have a water basis in rates evaluation, generally this is ¾ of the value of the land
- A record number of variations to rates received by the Department of Local Government.
- Review of Crown Roads being undertaken

Workshops

“Upping the ante” – Code of Conduct

A workshop covering the topics of the Code of Conduct and Pecuniary Interests was conducted by Mr Ross Woodward Deputy Director General of the Department of Local Government, The Hon Barry O’Keefe, QC, Councillor Ian Latham and Media Consultant, Ms Shelia O’Sullivan

These topics were examined in detail by all speakers and clearly outlined Councillors and Staff obligations to the Code of Conduct and in declaring Pecuniary Interests. Both topics were a major focus at this year Shires Conference and generated considerable interest and discussion from delegates.

The Deputy Director General of the department of Local Government reinforced the Departments vision: *“To foster strong and sustainable Local Government sectors that meets changing community needs”*

Ministerial address

The following NSW Government Ministers addressed the conference. The opportunity was also extended to the Leader of the State Opposition John Brogden MP to respond.

Minister for Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources	-	The Hon Craig Knowles MP.
Minister for Police	-	The Hon John Watkins MP
Minister for Roads	-	The Hon Michael Costa MP
Attorney General	-	The Hon Bob Debus MP
Opposition Leader	-	John Brogden

Shires Association Matters:

Councillor Col Sullivan from Richmond Valley Council was elected President of The Shires Association for the next two years. The possible amalgamation of the Local Government & Shires Association raised robust debate. As a result the following motion was adopted

*“That a working party be established jointly with the Local Government Association of NSW to explore the options identified in the paper titled **“options for One Local Government Association in NSW May 2005”** with a view to formulating an agreed proposal for the consideration of all Councils. Membership of the working party will be negotiated by the two Presidents”*

“That the basis for discussion between the Associations, the Shires Association believes the following matters to be essential components in the constitution of one Local Government Association in NSW”

The continuance of a Divisional or Zone structure in non-metropolitan NSW to ensure effective rural and regional representation: and

An equal split between metropolitan and non-metropolitan Executive members to ensure equal Executive representation for metropolitan and non-metropolitan Councils

This motion was carried.

Summary:

The 2005 Shires Association Annual Conference once again provided Council with the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of a range of issues currently confronting Local Government and in particular the Western Division Shires. A major focus was directed at Council's Code of Conduct and Pecuniary Interest.

The opportunity also to meet with a number of Government Ministers was valuable and certainly worthwhile in terms of outcomes.

There was a strong emphasis on the recent Legislation relating to Council's adopted Code of Conduct and the continued scrutiny of Councils performance by the Department of Local Government Review Panels

The Conference provided an important forum for debate and resolution of many vital issues affecting the operations of Shire Councils in Regional New South Wales. Unfortunately many of these issues are recurring and are no closer to resolution than they were a year ago. Nevertheless these issues continue to be raised and presented as part of a strong platform and unified response to both levels of Government.

No doubt the highlight of the conference from Council's delegate's perspective was the announcement by the Trustees that Central Darling Shire Council were the winners of the A.R Bluett Award for excellence in Local Government.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Shires Association of New South Wales 2005 Annual Conference report be received and noted.

***13-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings,
Seconded Clr Reid that the Shires Association of***

*New South Wales 2005 Annual Conference
report be received and noted.*

MOTION CARRIED

4.7 Senior Officers – Contractual Arrangements

Section 339 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that the General Manager must, at least annually, report to the Council on the contractual conditions of Senior Staff. Council currently has three senior staff members being:

- **General Manager**
- **Director of Engineering Services.**
- **Director of Corporate Services.**

Director of Corporate Services

The Director of Corporate Services is engaged on a performance based Employment Contract. In accordance with provisions contained within this Contract, an annual performance review has been conducted and as General Manager I remain satisfied that the Director of Corporate Services has carried out his designated duties and met the responsibilities of the position in a professional manner and to the required level. A new 3 year performance based Employment Contract has recently been re-negotiated and expires 19th April 2008.

Director of Engineering Services

The Director of Engineering Services is engaged under a three year performance based employment contract which expires in December 2005. In accordance with renewal conditions contained within the contract, the Director of Engineering Services has advised Council that he will not be seeking re-appointment to this position.

The Director of Engineering has however indicated that he is prepared to remain in the position for a period up to six months in order to allow any possible extension to the recruitment process that may be necessary beyond this period

Given the difficulty Council experiences generally in attracting professional staff it is recommended that the recruitment process commence shortly.

General Manager

In accordance with contract conditions, the General Manager's performance review is scheduled to be conducted in August 2005.

The current employment contract expires 24th May 2006. In accordance with Clause 3.1 Renewal of Appointment of the current Employment Contract

The General Manager *"At least five (5) months before the contract expires, shall advise the Council in writing if the Employee is seeking re-appointment"*

The Council *"At least four months before the contract expires, Council shall determine whether it proposes to offer to the employee a new contract of employment and, if so, on what terms, and shall notify the employee in writing accordingly"*

Notwithstanding the General Manager intends to seek re-appointment and if considered appropriate, would be prepared to begin any contract negotiations earlier than required. It is considered this affirmative action, irrespective of the outcome, could assist in ensuring stability and continuity within the senior management of the organisation. This is seen as vital given the recent departure from senior positions of the Works Engineer and projected resignation of the Director of Engineering Services. In order to commence this process the General Manager will formally write to Council in accordance with the provisions and terms of renewal of the contract.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Senior Staff contractual arrangements report be received and noted.

14-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Senior Staff contractual arrangements report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.8 Knox & Downs Building – Wilcannia

Further progress has been made in investigating Council's options in relation to the future of the burnt out Knox & Downs Building at Wilcannia. A meeting between senior Council staff and Council's legal advisor, Andrew Boog took place on the 27th May 2005. As an immediate outcome of that meeting the General Manager met with the Broken Hill Coroner in order to clarify various procedural matters and check progress.

It was also recommended that the General Manager continue to have dialogue with the Trustee in Bankruptcy, Ms. Hillary Orr and work closely with the Trustee to gain a clear and total understanding of the many issues associated with this matter.

As previously advised, the NSW Department of Public Prosecutions have completed its enquiry into this matter and have advised the Department does not intend to proceed with criminal charges. The case will now proceed to a Coronial Enquiry and the hearing will take place on the 2nd August 2005 at Broken Hill. It is anticipated that the Trustee in Bankruptcy and representatives of all affected parties will attend this occasion. It is highly recommended that the General Manager and Council's Legal Advisor attend this hearing and participate where appropriate at the highest possible level.

The General Manager has been in recent contact with the Trustee Ms. Hillary Orr and has been advised a comprehensive report has been prepared and will be forwarded to Council and other parties very shortly.

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Manager and Council's Legal Advisor attends the Broken Hill Coroners Coronial Enquiry scheduled for the 2nd August 2005 and participates at the highest possible level.

15-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Reid that the General Manager and Council's Legal Advisor attends the Broken Hill Coroners Coronial Enquiry scheduled for the 2nd August 2005 and participates at the highest possible level.

MOTION CARRIED

4.9 Central Darling Shire Council - Safer Community Compact

Resulting from the adoption of the Wilcannia Crime Prevention Plan by Council, the Wilcannia Community Working Party and the NSW Attorney General, Council prepared an application for funding of the Central Darling Shire Council as a Safer Community Compact in November 2004.

Council has subsequently been advised by the NSW Attorney General's Department, Crime Prevention Division that the submission has been successful and an amount of \$50,000 (plus GST) will be made available towards the Wilcannia Community Youth project.

The project consists of the following programs and activities:

○ Soundz West Music Production	\$10,000
○ Camera & Computer Workshops	\$12,000
○ Discovery Program	\$10,000
○ Blue reelers – NSW Police Service	\$ 5,000
○ Musical Instruments	\$ 5,000
○ Wings Drop In Centre – Discos	\$ 4,000
○ Drama Workshops	\$ 1,000
○ Basketball Backboard, Bike Ramp, Tennis Wall	\$ 3,000
Total	\$50,000

The programs funded under this program were originally developed by Crime Prevention Reference Group, an advisory body responsible for the development and preparation of Council's Crime Prevention Plan and presented to Council and the Wilcannia Community Working Party for endorsement. It is anticipated that the implementation of a number of these programs will be coordinated by the Wilcannia River Towns Facilitator.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Central Darling Shire Council Safer community Compact report be received and noted.

16-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Pease that the Central Darling Shire Council Safer community Compact report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

4.10 Children's (Protection and Parental Responsibility)

Act 1997 No 78 – Wilcannia

In order to further explore the possible implementation at Wilcannia of the Children's (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 No 78 Patrick Shephardson Manager, Aboriginal and Regional Programs, Attorney General's Department and Mark Shervisdeze, Director Partnerships and Planning, Department of Community Services will address Council at the June 2005 meeting.

In order to assist Council and provide a background to this matter the sections of the report prepared for the May 2005 meeting have been re-produced. The report contains relevant sections that will be addressed by both Departmental Officers.

History

Youth lawlessness in Wilcannia is an issue that Council has consistently addressed with varying degrees of success. The preparation of a Wilcannia Crime Prevention Plan which contains strategies and actions was considered a major initiative in managing this problem and programs contained within this Plan are currently being activated.

Council also resolved to support the implementation of the Children's (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 No 78 in May 2000 and this objective is contained in Council's 2003 – 2008 Strategic Plan:

Clause 1.07.03 *Support the implementation of the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 No. 78 at Wilcannia*

Priority: 1

Primary Agency: Central Darling Shire Council

Secondary Agency: NSW Police Service, Department of Community Services

Before this objective can be implemented there is a complex process that needs to be followed. There are also a number of responsibilities attached to the implementation of sections of this Act that Council should be aware of and this report will endeavour to highlight certain areas of responsibility and the possible resources that would be necessary.

The 2005 – 2006 Management Planning process is currently being undertaken and therefore it is timely that this objective and progress toward implementation of the Children (Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 No 78 be reviewed. To assist, the following information has been gathered from previous reports and has been updated as required.

Background

Youth lawlessness and anti social behaviour associated with varying numbers of young people continues to be of major concern across the community of Wilcannia. The ability of the NSW Police Service to demonstrate control; and address the many circumstances attached too much of this behaviour is severely restricted under current NSW State Government Legislation. Apart from being under staffed, (although not according to the Minister) it has become quite apparent Police have extremely limited powers in dealing with anti social behaviour in the current situation.

As a result of much of this negative behaviour Wilcannia is generally perceived or otherwise, as a troubled town and is presented in a poor light. This has had an obvious and major impact on tourism & economic and social development within the township.

In order to overcome or at minimum improve this situation, a great deal of work has been carried out and valuable contributions made by a number of local organisations and individuals who, over some considerable period introduced many positive initiatives within limited resources. For example, the recently introduced River Towns Project and the production of a Community Action Plan are recognised as a means of addressing the many issues associated with the current situation.

The Act

A simple interpretation of the Act would suggest it promotes local crime prevention and crime prevention plans. Further, it enables Police to escort certain children sixteen years and under, from public places to their parents' residence and other places.

Part 3 of the Act provides for the removal of young people from public places by Police. Such powers can only be exercised in a Local government area, or part of a Local Government area that has been declared as an **Operational Area** by the Attorney General.

In the implementation of the Act, the best interests of the child concerned are the primary factor. In dealing with offenders, the Court may enter undertakings with the child concerned and / or with the parents of that child by holding the parents of the child responsible for the actions of the child.

The geographical area covered by the Act must be declared by the Attorney General who must be satisfied that adequate crime prevention or youth support initiatives are available within the area. The Attorney General consults with the Minister for Community Services and the Minister for Police before declaring an operational area. Factors considered in this declaration are:

- *Consultation with the local community, the young people, and the Aboriginal community and the views expressed*
- *The extent and nature of crime in the area including safe and appropriate recreational areas for young people.*
- *The nature of crime prevention and youth support initiatives available*
- *The availability of safe and appropriate recreational amenities for young people in the area*

- *The practicality of applying the Act, including advice from the Commissioner of Police relating to their operational capacity*
- **The availability of safe accommodation for young people**
- *The inclusion of youth needs in Councils planning process.*

The Act applies to a child under the age of 16 years who is in a public place in an operational area if the person:

- *Who is in a public place in an operational area*
- *Who a Police Officer believes is not subject to the supervision or control of a responsible adult*

A person is in circumstances that place them at risk of:

- *Danger of being physically harmed or injured*
- *Danger of abuse (including assault, sexual assault, ill treatment, or exposure to psychologically harmful behaviour)*
- *Committing an offence*

The Act also provides for greater safety and power for the Police by enabling the Police to escort a child from a **public place**, may request their name and address, may escort a child to a **'safe place'** for supervision, may use reasonable force, and may remove concealed weapons.

Summary:

Council has adopted the Wilcannia Crime Prevention Plan which is the principal "trigger" required for the Attorney General to approve an operational area in the town to be declared. Council are then required to prepare an application to the Attorney General which includes supporting documentation that includes the following:

- Demonstrate to the Attorney General that Council has adequately informed and consulted with the local community, about becoming an operational area.
- Demonstrate affective liaison with Police, Department of Community Services, Wilcannia Community Working Party, Wilcannia Community and the NSW Attorney General
- Ensure promotion of the Act in the operational area
- Explain the extent and nature of Crime in the local area to include supporting documentation about any local crime prevention initiatives.
- Provide evidence that Council has actively engaged existing resources and initiated new strategies in a coordinated manner.
- Provide information and documentation about any local youth support and development initiatives in the area.
- Understand implementation of the Act would remain the responsibility of the NSW Police.

Should the Attorney General declare areas within the Wilcannia township operational areas this would require the ability of the Police Services to remove young people from these areas to safe accommodation, in other words a young persons "Safehouse" would need to be established which would require professional management and supervision in order to operate. Council are not

required to establish a safe house or a register of approved persons to cater for the needs of young people who are not able to be taken home. The resources required to operate and manage such a facility would remain the responsibility of the Department of Community Services.

Council has previously resolved to request that the Attorney General declare a section of the Wilcannia Township to be an operational area under Part 3 of the Act however for a variety of reasons, no formal application has been prepared and submitted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Children's (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 report be received and noted.

Council deferred this item until after the guests from the Attorney General's Department and the Department of Community Services have addressed Council.

17-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr MacMillan that Item 4.10 be deferred until after Council have been addressed by Patrick Sherherdson from the Attorney General's Department and Mark Shervashidze from Department of Community Services

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 am and resumed at 10:55 am

SECTION 5. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director of Corporate Services report be received and dealt with

18-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Vagg that the Director of Corporate Services report be received and dealt with

MOTION CARRIED

5.1 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 - May 2005					
DATE	TIME PERIOD	INTEREST RATE	DUE DATE	TOTAL (\$)	
11am Call Account					
		5.45%		\$526,744.89	
		5.30%		\$900,000.00	
Floating Rate Notes					
Wollemi Trust	85 points over 3mth BBSW	6.28%	8-Jul-05	\$1,500,000.00	
-Managed by Westpac					
Commercial Bills					
Commonwealth	28-Apr-05	28	5.54%	26-May-05	\$300,012.00
Term Deposits					
L.G.F.S.	11-Apr-05	91	5.80%	11-Jul-05	\$500,000.00
(at a margin of 15points over BBSW)					
Total Investments as at 31st May 2005					
11 am Call Account				\$1,426,744.89	
Commercial Bills and Notes				\$1,800,012.00	
Term Deposits				\$500,000.00	
				\$3,726,756.89	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schedule of Investments report be received and adopted.

19-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Schedule of Investments report be received and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Rates Collection Statement

The rate collection statement for the month of May is provided for information. As requested, more detailed figures have been provided as an attachment to this Agenda.

ITEM	ARREARS		LEVIES				INTEREST	RECEIPTS	WRITE-OFFS	GOVT SUB	OVER-PAYMENT	TOTAL
	ARREAR	INT ARREARS	RATES	WATER	DR SUPP	CR SUPP						
Wilcannia												
General	34345.81	11953.93	49957.80	-	-	1059.73	2834.24	43588.65	523.25	1047.03	-	52873.12
Special Rate	5015.03	1415.75	7903.56	-	-	128.57	409.50	7244.64	110.50	-	-	7260.13
Water	88009.47	23681.76	145120.00	-	500.00	996.89	7126.97	130964.58	1176.34	1443.75	-	129856.64
Water-Filtered	9749.49	8660.24	-	-	-	-	727.69	1855.07	266.37	-	-	17015.98
Sewer	50648.66	20646.41	92550.00	-	350.00	537.29	3644.60	89954.28	6.78	962.50	-	76378.82
Garbage	27835.18	8447.43	50245.00	-	160.00	229.49	2074.28	47241.01	395.90	1256.47	-	39639.02
Excess Water	75815.68	10457.46	23.00	110846.80	1123.50	1415.70	4110.23	119512.64	159.47	-	-	81288.86
Charge on Land	2914.88	-	-	-	240.68	-	-	619.70	-	-	-	2535.86
Overpayments Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7173.07	-7173.07
Overpayments Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-60.11	-60.11
GROUP TOTAL	294334.20	85262.98	345799.36	110846.80	2374.18	4367.67	20927.51	440980.57	2638.61	4709.75	-7233.18	399615.25
Ivanhoe												
General	21282.55	5604.63	31928.17	-	-	1956.81	1744.53	24552.90	783.21	1810.73	-	31456.23
Special Rate	5569.63	1430.13	7691.21	-	-	391.30	458.09	6329.03	145.18	-	-	8283.55
Water	34729.44	7106.71	40100.00	-	-	2860.23	2736.22	33487.03	847.61	1706.25	-	45771.25
Water-Filtered	5190.58	3529.40	-	-	-	859.91	393.29	231.95	625.19	-	-	7396.22
Garbage	16442.07	3829.53	34375.00	-	-	863.67	1389.09	26499.76	71.32	1949.98	-	26650.96
Excess Water	113532.85	8284.19	-	72204.80	15.00	710.00	2828.70	152520.63	0.10	-	-	43634.81
Charge on Land	394.00	-	-	-	608.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	1002.74
Overpayments Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2123.09	-2123.09
Overpayments Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-169.32	-169.32
GROUP TOTAL	197141.12	29784.59	114094.38	72204.80	623.74	7641.92	9549.92	243621.30	2472.61	5466.96	-2292.41	161903.35
White Cliffs												
General	8215.78	2855.54	25205.48	-	-	314.22	611.67	23435.84	1705.05	1414.18	-	10019.18
Special Rate	718.78	182.64	2828.55	-	-	11.45	55.10	2753.00	101.89	-	-	918.73
Water	15347.64	2354.19	76989.60	-	30.00	1258.75	1305.75	68636.42	2161.79	1837.65	-	22132.57
Water-Filtered	4541.01	3301.51	-	-	-	-	263.70	2480.55	1293.51	-	-	4332.16
Excess Water	10122.46	156.47	-	61606.80	1280.40	17438.32	170.33	49502.61	1.50	-	-	6394.03
Overpayments Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-598.57	-598.57
Overpayments Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6862.25	-6862.25
GROUP TOTAL	38945.67	8850.35	105023.63	61606.80	1310.40	19022.74	2406.55	146808.42	5263.74	3251.83	-7460.82	36335.85
Menindee (Environs)												
General	35817.53	10757.74	74651.16	-	415.20	1229.52	2860.78	69479.93	2.56	4358.51	-	49431.89
Special Rate	-	-	-	-	102.50	-	-	102.50	-	-	-	0.00
Garbage	5384.87	926.19	17175.00	-	80.00	327.48	479.70	13831.06	0.75	1091.29	-	8795.18
Charge on Land	227.00	-	-	-	414.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	641.92
Overpayments Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-285.36	-285.36
GROUP TOTAL	41429.40	11683.93	91826.16	-	1012.62	1557.00	3340.48	83413.49	3.31	5449.80	-285.36	58583.63
Menindee												
General	22347.92	4124.14	47279.18	-	-	128.27	2154.90	33683.42	4.02	2711.13	-	39379.30
Special Rate	3694.98	785.15	7968.15	-	-	19.83	350.01	6351.32	-	-	-	6427.14
Garbage	21095.68	2772.70	71600.00	-	700.00	550.72	2478.13	43252.33	-	4520.76	-	50322.70
Charge on Land	-	-	-	-	596.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	596.92
Overpayments Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-877.45	-877.45
GROUP TOTAL	47138.58	7681.99	126847.33	-	1296.92	698.82	4983.04	83287.07	4.02	7231.89	-877.45	95848.61
Rural												
General	28390.35	2087.47	302676.69	-	-	108.35	2459.48	273196.02	21.94	163.69	-	62123.99
Water	9.95	0.09	1200.00	-	160.00	400.00	7.33	932.40	-	-	-	44.97
Excess Water	1751.61	19.94	-	4154.60	-	318.45	47.16	5402.23	7.18	-	-	245.45
Charge on Land	500.62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.62
Overpayments Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-460.81	-460.81
GROUP TOTAL	30652.53	2107.50	303876.69	4154.60	160.00	826.80	2513.97	279530.65	29.12	163.69	-460.81	62454.22
Sundry Villages												
General	885.10	374.72	1142.33	-	-	-	35.70	1000.88	1407.83	-	-	29.14
GROUP TOTAL	885.10	374.72	1142.33	-	-	-	35.70	1000.88	1407.83	-	-	29.14
Sunset Strip												
General	6225.28	1735.13	54129.17	-	-	-	549.26	50052.20	-	2435.19	-	10151.45
Garbage	251.10	9.16	3450.00	-	-	-	28.37	2978.48	-	150.03	-	610.12
Overpayments Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-818.14	-818.14
GROUP TOTAL	6476.38	1744.29	57579.17	-	-	-	577.63	53030.68	-	2585.22	-818.14	9943.43
REPORT TOTAL	657002.98	147490.35	1146189.05	248813.00	6777.86	34114.95	44334.80	1331673.06	11819.24	28859.14	-19428.17	824713.48
TOTAL ALL RATE GROUPS												
General	157510.32	39493.30	586969.98	-	415.20	4796.90	13250.56	518989.84	4447.86	13940.46	-	255464.30
Special Rate	14998.42	3813.67	26391.47	-	102.50	551.15	1272.70	22780.49	357.57	-	-	22889.55
Water	138096.50	33142.75	263409.60	-	690.00	5515.87	11176.27	234020.43	4185.74	4987.65	-	197805.43
Water-Filtered	19481.08	15491.15	-	-	-	859.91	1384.68	4567.57	2185.07	-	-	28744.36
Sewer	50648.66	20646.41	92550.00	-	350.00	537.29	3644.60	89954.28	6.78	962.50	-	76378.82
Garbage	71008.90	15985.01	176845.00	-	940.00	1971.36	6449.57	133802.64	467.97	8968.53	-	126017.98
Excess Water	201222.60	18918.06	23.00	248813.00	2418.90	19882.47	7156.42	326938.11	168.25	-	-	131563.15
Charge on Land	4036.50	-	-	-	1861.26	-	-	619.70	-	-	-	5278.06
Overpayments Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-12336.49	-12336.49
Overpayments Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7091.68	-7091.68
TOTAL	657002.98	147490.35	1146189.05	248813.00	6777.86	34114.95	44334.80	1331673.06	11819.24	28859.14	-19428.17	824713.48

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Collections Report be received and adopted.

***20-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings,
Seconded Clr Linnett that the Rates Collections
Report be received and adopted.***

MOTION CARRIED

5.3 2005-2006 Management Plan

As Council would be aware, the Draft Management Plan for 2005-2006 has been on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, closing on Friday the 10th June 2005. At the close of the public exhibition phase only one submission had been received from Di Hoffman and this is reproduced in this report for information.

The submission does not affect the day to day operations of the Council and only calls on Council to provide a more extensive list of significant heritage items. This will be taken on board and when this information is updated, the further requirements will be noted and corrected.

Two amendments to the Draft Plan need to be noted. The inclusion of the Broken Hill Speed Boat Club Inc. with an annual grant of \$500 to assist with the maintenance of the public toilets at Copi Hollow. The inclusion of a charge of \$110 per tonne for dumping asbestos waste at the Wilcannia rubbish tip.

With these two additions the 2005-2006 Management Plan is presented for formal Council adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:-

- 1. Adopt the 2005/2006 Management Plan as presented.***
 - 2. Make the ordinary rates as follows:
Residential 6.030043 cents in the dollar
Business 5.932574 cents in the dollar
Farmland 0.3761489 cents in the dollar
With a base amount of \$102.50***
 - 3. Make the special rates as follows:
Ivanhoe 4.808476 cents in the dollar
Wilcannia 4.207359 cents in the dollar
Menindee 1.175614 cents in the dollar
White Cliffs 1.296922 cents in the dollar
With a base amount of \$2.00***
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***21-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,
Seconded Clr Pease that Council:-***

- 1. Adopt the 2005/2006 Management Plan as presented.***
- 2. Make the ordinary rates as follows:***

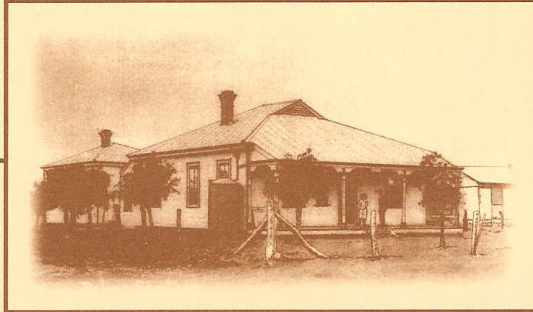
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With a base amount of \$102.50

3. *Make the special rates as follows:*

Ivanhoe 4.808476 cents in the dollar
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With a base amount of \$2.00

MOTION CARRIED

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The General Manager
Central Darling Shire Council
Mr. Bill O'Brien

Dear Bill,

I have looked at the Shire Draft Management Plan 2005-2006 which has been on display in White Cliffs and would like to express concern regarding the under representation of Heritage items listed in this Plan.

It is my view the list is minimal and can hardly be described as 'representative' of the wealth of heritage buildings/sites/streetscapes existing within the Shire. I would sincerely hope that in the very near future Public meetings would be called in ALL Shire towns to discuss Heritage issues and determine which buildings/sites/streetscapes need to be addressed in the Shire Local Environment Plan as well as the Plan of Management.

I believe it is vital that the Shire should address as far as possible the recommendations contained in the Central Darling Shire Heritage and Cultural Tourism Study undertaken in 1996-1997.

In White Cliffs alone there are many buildings of significance at State/Regional and Local level-e.g. the Post Office, School, former Police Station, former Masonic Hall (now the Anglican Church), bottle houses, unique dugouts, historic sites e.g. Clancy's Hut, the Pioneer Cemetery to list but a few.

I would urge you to discuss these concerns with Council before any final decisions are made on Heritage listings in the Plan of Management and in the development of the Shire Local Environment Plan.

Yours sincerely,
Diana Hoffman
02/06/2005

5.4 Newcastle Variety Bash 2005

As Council would be aware a donation to the extent of \$2,000 was made to allow the Director Corporate Services, Mr Tim Hazell, to participate in the 2005 Newcastle Variety Bash. This was the third year that Council has made a contribution to this charity.

The simple objective of Variety is to improve the quality of life of sick, disabled and disadvantaged children. Funding to achieve this objective is achieved in a number of ways, including sponsorship of an entrant in the annual bash. The concept of the Bash was born in 1985 and has since grown to be the largest motoring fund raising event in Australia. Since its inception the Bash has raised over \$34 million for needy children.

This year's Bash commenced from Speers Point in Newcastle, winding its way through to Coonabarabran, Moree, Lightning Ridge, to Gulgong and Singleton. The Bash took seven days to complete and concluded with participation in a street parade through Maitland. The route of the Bash took us through many back roads and tracks, some only loosely related to a road.

Meal stops were arranged around local school groups, providing the school with the opportunity to cater for the group, raising money for their projects and receiving assistance from the Variety Club when requested. Any group or individual is invited to make an application for funding to the Variety Club and will be assisted if possible. It is interesting to note, that in the past few years the Mission School in Wilcannia has received funding for school playground equipment and a school bus.

The opportunity to participate in this event is greatly appreciated and I would like to extend my thanks to the Council for assisting in this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the Newcastle Variety Bash be received and noted.

***22-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,
Seconded Clr Wellings that the report on the
Newcastle Variety Bash be received and noted.***

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 Local Government Regulation Review

Council Circular 04-62 of 23rd December 2004 advised of the review and consolidation of the local government regulations under the 2005 Staged Repeal Program. The draft Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Regulatory Impact Statement have been prepared and Councils are now invited to consider the documents and make any submissions by the 15th July 2005.

The main purpose of the new document is to consolidate the regulations into one document and as such no further comment would seem appropriate. A copy of the document is available should any Councillor wish to avail themselves of the document.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the Local Government Regulation Review be received and adopted.

23-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Doyle that the report on the Local Government Regulation Review be received and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 6. DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

24-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Vagg, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Director of Engineering Services report be received and dealt with.

MOTION CARRIED

6.1 Activity Report May 2005

Staff meeting 17th June 2005

6.1.1 Staff

Applications for Works Engineer position closed 17th June. Nine applications received.

6.1.2 Administration

Office Tasks Outstanding

Location	Task	Percent Complete
<u>Director of Engineering Services</u>		
Office / Shire	Enquiries, Supervision, RTA Invoices	
<u>Works Engineer</u>		
Office/Shire	Enquiries, Supervision	
Works Programme	Document 2004/2005 Programme, including heavy patching and reseals	100 %
SR 9	Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for Paroo crossing	20 %
<u>Contract Administration Engineer</u>		
State Roads SIC	Administer	
State Roads SIC	Works Proposals submitted	3
	Works Orders received	2
	Inspection Maintenance Program – Implementation	85%
<u>Administration Officer</u>		
Office	Engineering Enquires, filing, correspondence	

6.1.3 Depots

Installation of safety warning signs in progress at all depots

Construction of concrete bundings for waste oils and bitumen in progress

6.1.4 Plant

Wilcannia garbage truck and portable traffic signals due to arrive

6.1.5 Training

Training planned

Senior First Aid, design and audit Traffic Control Plans, other as determined from staff appraisals

Training completed

Workcover operator tickets, 2 x skid steer, 1 x backhoe

6.1.6 Housing & Community Amenity

Footpaths

Concrete segments and pram ramps replaced in Wilcannia

6.1.7 Water Supplies

Wilcannia

Separate report

Dust extraction system purchased, yet to be installed

Water meters

Next readings September

White Cliffs

Storages replenished by rain

Ivanhoe

Severe restrictions remain in place

Turbidity and salinity meters ordered

Separate report

6.1.8 Transport & Communication

General

Extensive maintenance grading in progress utilising natural moisture

State Roads - RTA Single Invitation Maintenance Contract (SIMC).

Road	Activity	Comments
SH 8	Routine maintenance (SIMC). <i>Reseals and line marking</i>	Ongoing. <i>Completed</i>
SH21	Routine maintenance (SIMC) <i>Reseals and line marking</i> <i>Maintenance grading all unsealed</i> <i>Rest area lights</i> <i>Rail crossing signs & markings</i>	Ongoing. <i>Completed</i> <i>In progress</i> <i>Replaced</i> <i>Upgraded</i>

Regional Roads

Road	Activity	Comments
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Road	Activity	Comments
MR 66 Broken Hill to MR68	Nil	.
MR67 Ivanhoe to Balranald	<u>Rail crossing markings</u>	<u>Repainted</u>
MR 68A Wilcannia To Tilpa	Nil	
MR 68B Wilcannia to Menindee	<u>Maintenance grading</u> <u>School bus signs</u> <u>Reseals & line marking</u> <u>Gravel sheeting</u>	<u>80kms Menindee end</u> <u>Erected</u> <u>Completed</u> <u>5kms completed</u>
MR 68C Menindee to Pooncarie	<u>Maintenance grade</u>	<u>31kms</u>
MR 80 Mossgiel to Hillston	<u>Maintenance grade</u>	<u>In progress</u>
MR 416 Ivanhoe to Cobar	Nil	
MR 428 White Cliffs to Tibooburra	<u>Maintenance grade</u>	<u>Full length</u>
MR 433 Ivanhoe to Menindee	<u>Maintenance Grade</u>	<u>100kms Menindee end</u>
MR 435 Wilcannia to White Cliffs	<u>Reduce speed signs at</u> <u>Bunker Creek</u> <u>110kph speed limit</u> <u>signs</u>	<u>Erected</u> <u>Erected</u>

Local Roads

Road	Activity	Comments
SR6 Mandalay	<u>Maintenance grade</u>	<u>Full length</u>
SR10 Wilc-M'dee East side	<u>Creek crossings</u> <u>Rail crossing</u>	<u>Re-gravelled</u> <u>Re-line marked</u>

Town Streets

Town	Activity	Comments
Wilcannia	Routine	
Ivanhoe	Routine	
Menindee	Routine, <u>pavement speed</u> <u>markings</u>	<u>installed</u>
White Cliffs	Routine	
Tilpa	Nil	

6.1.9 Aerodromes

Menindee

Line marking completed

White Cliffs

PAL system awaiting repair/replacement, lighting on manual only

Emmdale
Routine

6.1.10 Next meeting

8.30am Tuesday 2nd August 2005, meeting room, Engineering Office

RECOMMENDATION

That the Monthly Activity Report be received and noted

25-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Doyle that the Monthly Activity Report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Water Charges

It was resolved by Council some time ago that drought stricken rural residents not be charged for water carted from town supplies. With user pays systems now operational, it is unreasonable to expect urban rate payers to subsidise this water usage. It is proposed that rural residents be levied a charge for water sourced from town supplies at the current applicable rate.

RECOMMENDATION

That rural residents be charged for water from town water supplies at the same rate as urban consumers.

26-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Wellings that rural residents be charged for water from town water supplies at the same rate as urban consumers.

MOTION CARRIED

CR VAGG RECORDS AGAINST

6.3 Information Items

6.3.1 Motor Vehicles

As previously requested, a list of Council vehicles with allocated users is provided.

Position	Name	Vehicle	Private Use
Mayor	P Sullivan	Toyota Avalon	No
General Manager	Bill O'Brien	Fairlane Ghia	Yes
Director of Corporate Services	Tim Hazell	Landcruiser Wagon	Yes
Director of Engineering Services	Russell Bow	Landcruiser Wagon	Yes
Manager of Community Development	Sharon Hutch	Landcruiser Wagon	Yes
Manager of Environment Services	Leeanne Ryan	Landcruiser Wagon	Yes

Works Engineer	Vacant	Landcruiser Wagon	Yes
Contract Admin Engineer	Shree Shrestha	Hilux dual cab 4x2	Yes
Ranger/Animal Control	Larry Bearman	Hilux extended cab 4x4	Yes
Overseer	Geoff Sutton	Hilux dual cab 4x4	Yes
Asst Overseer	Mick Williams	Hilux dual cab 4x4	Yes
Mandatory Insp Officer	Gordon Scott	Toyota Avalon	No

6.3.2 Ivanhoe Water Supply

Installation of the emergency bore system has been delayed one week due to the recent rain. Works are now programmed to commence on Monday 20th June at the bore sites with the expectation that water will be pumping into Ivanhoe by the end of June. Until plumbing alterations are completed to pump directly into the raw water reservoir, the bore water will initially be delivered into the ground tank at the treatment plant to supplement that storage. Expectations are that the water currently in this storage is sufficient to last well beyond the time the bore production commences.

6.3.3 Wilcannia Water Supply

When the river ceases to spill over the weir, the river is backed up to Murtee homestead, approximately 30 river kms. At about 0.5m below the spillway the weir pool is reduced to 5kms by a stony bar at Gillendale. When this occurs a restriction will be placed on raw water usage within Wilcannia. The bore supply is adequate to maintain an unrestricted filtered supply.

6.3.4 Old Darling River Bridge

Subsequent to inspections and investigation as to options to repair the deck and re-open the bridge to pedestrian traffic, re-sheeting the entire centre span with 3mm checker plate steel over the existing timber with steel supports in the burnt section and replacing the existing kerb with 150mm galvanised RHS is the preferred method. Mr Jim Sammon has been engaged to place and weld the steel in position upon arrival.

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's Information

6.4 Australian Government Water Fund (AGWF) Proposal

Background:

Central Darling Shire Council (CDSC) embarked on a planned water supply improvement strategy in 2003 to make its town water supplies across the Shire more reliable.

Since then in association with the NSW State Government, drought-proof potable water supplies using ground water aquifers have been or are about to be brought online in both Wilcannia and Ivanhoe townships with considerable benefits to the communities, the ecology and the economic well being of their water dependent businesses.

However, much more improvement in water related infrastructure and services are required across the full width of the Shire and this

proposal is designed to build on and further the earlier Council water initiatives. It is structured to incorporate AGWF support by implementing the water related innovations and objectives of the National Water Initiative.

Discussion:

The attached Discussion Paper titled *“The Central Darling Integrated Water Management Project”* dated June 2005 describes the concept and the specific outcomes envisaged within this proposal.

The AGWF is competitive and requires proposals to conform to the objectives of the National Water Commission’s defined in the National Water Initiative (NWI) water reform documentation and guidelines to rank highly enough to be successful.

Therefore, the concept has to be both innovative and sophisticated in terms of global best practice and technologies if it is to win support. The benefits of success are substantial, because to win support could mean realisation of long awaited and much needed multi million dollar funding for improved water and sewer recycling services and management systems across the Shire community.

There is a significant benefit in being a smaller sized population in this instance. It is much easier and less expensive for the Federal Government to achieve the demonstrated best practice partnership models it seeks from its initiatives via smaller and more amenable communities that can quickly implement outcomes demonstrating models of best water systems and water management for the benefit of all Australian communities to see.

It is assured that almost \$2 billion will be invested in Australian community water systems in by 2010 through the AGWF. There is no reason why Central Darling should not be a successful recipient. All that is necessary for success is innovative thinking at the highest level, initiative and leadership. Central Darling has already invested substantial funding and has put outcome driven “runs on the board” in respect to its principle stakeholders by way of its water service accomplishments in recent years and in winning the coveted 2005 A. R. Bluett Memorial Award for Excellence in Local Government.

Affect on Budget & Management Plan:

The project is commensurate to Council’s management plan objectives and strategies.

The AGWF “Water Smart Australia” program is designed to fund projects in excess of \$1 million in value. This is the source of funding that is addressed in this proposal.

An initial estimate of the full Shire wide program outlined in the attached Discussion paper will cost in excess of \$10 million.

Council’s share will depend on the quality of the concept and the proportion of national benefit that can be generated through the project.

Clearly, the lateral and innovation aspects that have been built into the proposed project will determine the AGWF ranking and dollar contribution that Council will need to make.

Considering what Council and the NSW State Government has contributed to date, initial thinking is that the monetary contribution may not be to be significant and in any case what is required can be funded in a variety of ways.

Council's water managers expect to be able to conceptualise and articulate a project concept that will be of great social, ecological and economic benefit to the Shire community whilst simultaneously offering great value to the NWC in terms of its NWI objectives.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That this Australian Government Water Fund Proposal report be received and noted.***
 - 2) That Council enter into community consultation by inviting public comment on the draft Discussion Paper water services project proposal as distributed.***
 - 3) That Council consider this matter at its August 2005 meeting so action required to progress its long term strategy for enhanced water services, water efficiency and Best Practice Water Management can be developed in time to be submitted in the second Water Smart funding call expected to close in December 2005.***
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27-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings

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- 2) That Council enter into community consultation by inviting public comment on the draft Discussion Paper water services project proposal as distributed.***
- 3) That Council consider this matter at its August 2005 meeting so action required to progress its long term strategy for enhanced water services, water efficiency and Best Practice Water Management can be developed in time to be submitted in the second Water Smart funding call expected to close in December 2005.***

MOTION CARRIED

28-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Pease that Council suspend standing orders to allow Mr Patrick Shepherdson from the

Attorney General's Department and Mr Mark Shervashidze from the Department of Community Services to address Council

MOTION CARRIED

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm and resumed at 12:15 pm

The Mayor introduced Mr Patrick Shepherdson from the Attorney General's Department and Mr Mark Shervashidze from Department of Community Services who outlined to Council what the implications of introducing operational areas within Wilcannia under the Children's (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 No 78.

Mr Shepherdson explained that under the above act, Police can remove children away from certain areas at night and taken to a safe place. There is no funding to set up and staff a Children's Safehouse. The Community Night Patrols have been very successful in other towns. Parents or Guardians sign a form allowing the children to be removed from an operational area at night. On this form, parents need to nominate 3 'safe places' where the children can be taken.

Mr Shervashidze informed Council that reporting incidents is very important, failure to report incidents means they cannot be followed up. There is a 24 hr phone number that should be used if a child is in need, which can be used without reporting any child abuse/neglect.

The General consensus of Council was that the Night Patrols would be affective and worthwhile. This program would be facilitated by the River Towns Project.

The Mayor thanked Mr Shepherdson and Mr Shervashidze for informing Council of this very important program.

The Mayor introduced Ms Irmhild Bakker to Council. The Citizenship Ceremony was then conducted.

Council congratulated Ms Bakker on her new Citizenship.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm and resumed at 1:45 pm.

Item 4.10 of the General Manager's Report was then considered.

29-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Pease that the Children's (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

30-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that Council resume standing orders

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 7. MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

31-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Vagg that the Manager of Environmental Services Report be received and dealt with

MOTION CARRIED

7.1 Information Items

7.1.1 Prickly Pear – Ivanhoe

Staff recently inspected the prickly pear infestations at Ivanhoe on the Regeneration Area Reserve on the outskirts of Ivanhoe. It was noted that cochineal insects were still present on the plants however total destruction of the plants had not yet occurred. It was reported to Council recently that the plants would be sprayed in the autumn when the weather becomes cooler. Photos of the current state of the plants were recently emailed to NSW Department of Primary Industry Weeds Agronomist at Tamworth, to gain a professional opinion on the state of the plant given that some success with the cochineal bugs was evident. The agronomist responded that the bugs were doing a tremendous job destroying the pear, and not to spray at this point in time, and also that the bugs should become more active when rain is received. Staff will continue to monitor the plants in the coming months.

7.1.2 White Cliffs Community Hall

As Council would be aware, the White Cliffs Hall was damaged, most likely as a result of uplift from a wind storm.

The bottom chords of the trusses were damaged. Subsequent investigations by an engineer has recommended a course of repair and upgrading to prevent further damage. Ongoing difficulties with obtaining builders has meant that the project has been delayed for a considerable period of time, but this has now been rectified.

The repairs to the trusses have been undertaken, in part, in order to allow the hall to re-open. Further works will be required at a later date to prevent further damage in future. These works will be undertaken once the RTC projects have been completed. (Most likely in August)

7.1.3 Ivanhoe SES Headquarters

Notification has been received from Council's legal advisor that transfer of land at Ivanhoe for the future site of the Ivanhoe SES Headquarters has been finalised.

7.1.4 Wilcannia Community Hall

Due to ongoing graffiti and vandalism to the front foyer area of the Wilcannia Community Hall located on the Corner Myers and Woore

Street, Wilcannia it is proposed that steel gates will be installed in the coming weeks to provide protection to the front of the building. A suitable design is currently being undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION
For Council Information

7.2 Tilpa Fire Shed

In May 2004, Council resolved to continuing pursuing purchase of a remnant road reserve at Tilpa for tourism information bay purposes after an alternate site for the Tilpa Fire Shed was located. On this basis, to enable the land acquisition to proceed for the tourism information bay, it is necessary to rescind previous motions of Council that stipulate the land acquisition is for the purpose of a fire shed. Once these motions have been rescinded, Council can then resolve to pursue acquisition of the land parcel for the new purpose of use. On this basis, it is recommended that Council rescind resolution 7.6 dated 18th February 2003 and resolution 7.3 dated 15th July 2003.

RECOMMENDATION
That the resolutions of Council dated 18th February, 2003 and numbered 7.6 and dated 15th July 2003 and numbered 7.3 be rescinded.

32-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Linnett that the resolutions of Council numbered 31-2-03 and 28-7-03 be rescinded.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 BASIX Certificates

Further to the report to the May meeting of Council, The Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources has advised that BASIX will be implemented on the 1st July 2005.

Subsequent to the last report, staff have attended a training session at Broken Hill and the following is a summary of that session.

- In summary BASIX stands for Building Sustainability Index and requires any new dwellings erected after the 1st July 2005 to be designed and constructed with a number of energy and water efficiency measures.
- The introduction of the requirements is proposed from the 1st July 2005.
- Additions and alterations will be required to comply from the 1st October 2005.
- The energy efficiency provisions are set at 25% but this will increase to 40% as of the 1st July, 2006;
- Water provisions have been relaxed since the last training session for western regions due to the inability of designs to be able to comply, especially in rural locations.

- Council can not approve a Development Application for a new dwelling without a current BASIX certificate.
- Council does not issue the certificate but may check compliance;
- The owner may only obtain the certificate from an internet site;
- It is stated by the Department that a certificate will take about 1.5 hours to obtain, however in reality this is not achievable;
- Council will bear the brunt of frustrations with achieving compliance;
- There are currently no qualified persons capable of providing certificates in this region;

Whilst this Council does not have a large number of new dwellings and will therefore have minimal impacts from the new legislation, the problems will arise from the proposed introduction of requirements for amendments.

Although arguably a good thing for the environment, the legislation will create considerable hardship for people wanting to build or renovate within the shire.

There is no avenue for appeal against the legislation although Council has previously made submissions with some success in regards to the water requirements.

Council will need to amend much of its approval process to comply with the legislation, but this is an internal process and should prove to be of little difficulty.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the BASIX Certificates report be received and noted

33-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Brown that the BASIX Certificates report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 Menindee Lakes Caravan Park Update

Further to the ongoing problems with the Menindee Lake Caravan Park, Council had decided to assist the trust with the organizing of engineering inspections of the rigid annexes and other associated structures.

The inspections were conducted recently over three days and looked predominately at health and safety aspects so as to allow certification of the structures. The final report from the engineer will take a couple of weeks to finalize, but initial comments are that most of the structures will comply. A number of smaller ancillary structures may need remedial work or in some cases demolition.

Council may need to look at some demolition orders if owners are unwilling to follow the recommendations of the reports, however in

the initial instance it will be the responsibility of the trust to discuss these requirements with the respective van owners.

In all, the result was very pleasing and should enable Council to resolve the ongoing issues once and for all. Further information will be made available as soon as the engineer's reports are finalized.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Menindee Lakes Caravan Park Update report be received and noted

The General Manager commended the Environmental Services Department on their commitment and excellent efforts in resolving many management and compliance issues at the Park.

34-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Doyle that the Menindee Lakes Caravan Park Update report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

7.5 Old Shire Depot

Council currently lease the Old Council Depot located on the corner Bourke and Field Streets, Wilcannia to Mr J. Schofield of Wilcannia. The current lease expired on May 15th 2005, with the option to extend for a further 12 month period. Mr Schofield is keen to continue to utilise the premises. It has been noted by Council staff over the past weeks that an array of storage structures and sheds are present on the property and discussions with Mr Schofield indicate that he uses only some of these.

At present, due to the relocation of Environmental Services Department from the Westpac Bank building to the Council Chambers, and the alteration of the bank into the new Wilcannia Rural Transaction Centre, it is evident that Council has a severe lack of storage space for equipment, building materials and gear utilised by Environmental Services as the back of the bank building is no longer available.

Upon inspection of the Old Shire Depot it is noted that some storage space maybe available for storage purposes. It is also noted however that works to secure and waterproof the available structures will be required before any materials could be stored in these facilities. It is also necessary to undertake a general tidy-up of the site, and secure the perimeter of the premises where necessary. It estimated in the vicinity of \$22,000.00 will be required to carry out these works.

At present Mr Schofield rents the property under agreement for \$50.00 per week. In the event Council uses some of the structures on the property for storage space it will be necessary to review the current rent charged to Mr Schofield. It has also been indicated that he is willing to undertake caretaking duties of those structures utilised for storing Council's equipment. On the basis that Mr Schofield provides caretaking duties, it is recommended that the rent be reduced to a peppercorn rate of say \$1.00 per week, and all other requirements/provisions of the existing agreement remain.

It is also recommended that the lease be extended for a further 12 month period with the option to renew for a further 12 month period if agreed by both parties. A draft copy of the lease agreement is provided below for Council's information;

AGREEMENT TO OCCUPY THE PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF BOURKE AND FIELD STREETS, WILCANNIA OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OLD COUNCIL DEPOT

This agreement shall establish the conditions by which of Wilcannia (the Lessee) shall occupy the Old Council Depot in Wilcannia from the Central Darling Shire Council (the Lessor).

This agreement shall commence from and shall extend for a period of twelve (12) months, expiring on An option to extend this period for an additional twelve (12) months, to shall exist, subject to both the Lessor and Lessee agreeing to the extension of the agreement.

The weekly rental of the property, shall be set at \$1.00 per week, for the term of the agreement and shall be payable in advance. Should the option to extend the agreement beyond be exercised, the weekly rental shall be determined by the Lessor, and agreed to by the Lessee, before the extended period is commenced.

The Lessor shall meet the cost of council rates and charges and land taxes, if any. This does not extend to the payment of any excess water charges, which may be incurred. These will be the responsibility of the Lessee. The Lessee shall also meet the cost of any energy charges (electricity and gas), which relate to the property.

The Lessee shall ensure that any activities carried out on the property are properly approved by Central Darling Shire Council and no activities are carried out in such a way as to cause reasonable discomfort or offence to the owners and occupiers of adjoining properties. The Lessee shall not carry out physical changes to the property, without the written permission of Central Darling Shire Council. The Lessee shall also be required to undertake care-taking duties of the premises including those storage structures utilised by Council for storage of Council equipment. It is required that the Lessee will alert Council staff to any disturbances or break-ins to the property immediately.

Signed:

LESSEE

WITNESS

DATE.....

LESSOR.....

WITNESS.....

DATE.....

RECOMMENDATION

That Council renews the above lease agreement for the Old Council Depot located corner Bourke and Field Streets, Wilcannia with Mr J Schofield for a further 12 month period, including an option to renew for 12 months after that period expires if both parties agree.

That Council undertake necessary works to secure the site and relevant structures.

That Council reduces the rental on the property to a peppercorn rate of \$1 per week.

35-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council renews the above lease agreement for the Old Council Depot located corner Bourke and Field Streets, Wilcannia with Mr J Schofield for a further 12 month period, including an option to renew for 12 months after that period expires if both parties agree.

That Council undertake necessary works to secure the site and relevant structures.

That Council reduces the rental on the property to a peppercorn rate of \$1 per week.

MOTION CARRIED

7.6 National Tree Day

As in previous years, Council will be participating in National Tree Day 2005. National Tree Day is held on Sunday, 31st July 2005, with School Tree Day on Friday, 29th July 2005. To limit confusion Council will be participating in National Tree Day on Friday, 29th July 2005. It is proposed that trees will be available at various locations throughout the Shire from 25th July 2005.

This year the trees will be sourced from Dubbo State Forest Nursery. Due to the current drought only hardy drought tolerant native trees will be utilised to minimize water use and tree losses.

Some towns may wish not to participate in National Tree Day due to current water shortage and/or harsh water restrictions, but all towns and villages will be supplied trees if they wish to participate. Advice already received from local residents indicates that many ratepayers are still keen to see the National Tree Day represented throughout Central Darling Shire Council. Council has requested expressions of interest for tree numbers from local schools and community groups. To date 4 schools (Wilcannia x 2, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs) and 2 community groups have responded.

Trees will be located at the following proposed pick-up points in each locality;

Tilpa – Tilpa Hotel, Tilpa

Menindee – Menindee RTC, Yartla Street, Menindee

Wilcannia – Wilcannia RTC, Reid Street, Wilcannia

Sunset Strip – Sunset Strip Post Office, Lakeview Avenue, Sunset Strip

Ivanhoe – Ivanhoe Post Office, Columbus Street, Ivanhoe

White Cliffs – Corner Store, Johnson Street, White Cliffs

As per the usual arrangement, individual ratepayers will be offered free trees on a first in basis until Council's stockpile of trees purchased for National Tree Day is exhausted.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council participates in National Tree Day to be held on Friday 29th July 2005 and makes trees available to ratepayers, schools and community groups on a first in basis in the locations of Tilpa, Menindee, Wilcannia, Sunset Strip, White Cliffs and Ivanhoe.

36-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Vagg that Council participates in National Tree Day to be held on Friday 29th July 2005 and makes trees available to ratepayers, schools and community groups on a first in basis in the locations of Tilpa, Menindee, Wilcannia, Sunset Strip, White Cliffs and Ivanhoe.

MOTION CARRIED

7.7 Tilpa Land Acquisition

At the May 2004 Council Meeting, Council resolved to continue with the acquisition of the Tilpa Road Reserve to provide a suitable site for a tourist information bay type structure within the village of Tilpa. Information from Council's legal advisor to date suggests that conveyancing and survey matters have progressed, however it is now necessary for Council to resolve to acquire the land parcel for its future intended use. On this basis, the following recommendations are provided by Council's legal advisor for adoption to enable the acquisition process to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acquire that parcel of land detailed as Lot 7 in the plan approximately 1,218m² in area (a copy of which is tabled at this meeting) located at Tilpa in the Parish of Killara and County of Killara [hereafter called "the Acquisition Land"] by compulsory acquisition including but not limited to pursuant to the provisions of section 7A of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act, 1991 (if applicable).

That the Acquisition Land be acquired as operational land pursuant to the provisions of section 31 of the Local Government Act, 1993 for the purpose of the provision of a tourism information bay for municipal purposes.

That Council undertake all necessary processes to acquire the Acquisition Land by compulsory acquisition in respect to the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991, the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Amendment (Diligent Enquiry) Regulation 1996 and the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) [if applicable] and any other law or regulation necessary to complete the same.

That Council further determine the value of the Acquisition Land as notified by the State Valuation Office including all interests of the Crown, Native Title, leasehold, mining (if any) [hereafter called "the Land Acquisition Value"].

That the Acquisition Land Value be paid upon completion of the acquisition of the Acquisition Land to the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources on behalf of the Crown in full and final payment of all those interests including the rights of the Crown pursuant to section 104 of the Native Title Act 1994 (NSW) (if any) and section 54(2) of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

That Council sign and affix the Common Seal to appropriate documents.

37-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Vagg that Council acquire that parcel of land detailed as Lot 7 in the plan approximately 1,218m² in area (a copy of which is tabled at this meeting) located at Tilpa in the Parish of Killara and County of Killara [hereafter called “the Acquisition Land”] by compulsory acquisition including but not limited to pursuant to the provisions of section 7A of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act, 1991 (if applicable).

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That the Acquisition Land Value be paid upon completion of the acquisition of the Acquisition Land to the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources on behalf of the Crown in full and final payment of all those interests including

the rights of the Crown pursuant to section 104 of the Native Title Act 1994 (NSW) (if any) and section 54(2) of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

That Council sign and affix the Common Seal to appropriate documents.

MOTION CARRIED

7.8 Alcohol Free Zones – Wilcannia, Ivanhoe And Menindee

Council has previously approved the creation of Alcohol Free Zones within the villages of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee however these zones have now expired. The process for the creation of an Alcohol Free Zone is a long and convoluted process which involves extensive consultation. As the current zones have expired and given concerns by local police, it is considered imperative to have these reinstated as soon as possible.

Clause 16 of Part 4 of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides a mechanism for extending the period of establishment by up to three years. This process can only be used once but will allow Council to extend the approval and look at further approvals under the normal process during that 3 year period.

A resolution of Council is required to enact the extension and Council will need to replace the existing signage with up to date signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to extend the period of approval for existing Alcohol Free Zones be extended for a period of three years from the date of expiry as per Clause 16 of Part 4 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

That Council begin a process for reviewing and implementing Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee.

That all signage be reviewed and updated to comply with the new approval.

The wording on the signs will be investigated, including using the words "By Law".

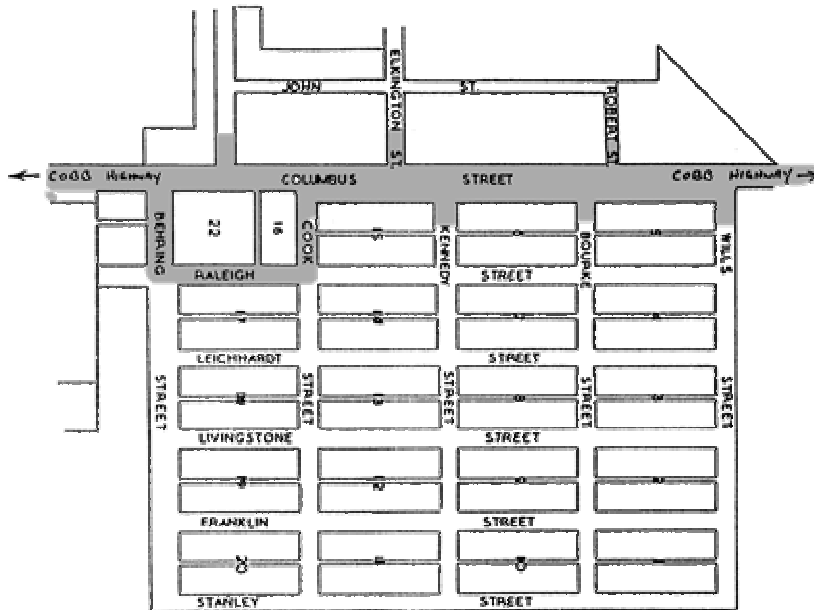
38-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Doyle that Council resolve to extend the period of approval for existing Alcohol Free Zones be extended for a period of three years from the date of expiry as per Clause 16 of Part 4 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

That Council begin a process for reviewing and implementing Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee.

That all signage be reviewed and updated to comply with the new approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Ivanhoe



Menindee



SECTION 8. MANAGER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

39-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Doyle that the Manager of Community Development's report be received and dealt with

MOTION CARRIED

8.1 Grant Writing Workshops

The Grant Writing Workshops have been successfully completed. We had extremely good attendance in both Ivanhoe and Menindee. It was disappointing that no one attended the Wilcannia Workshop. Feedback from the workshops was mainly complimentary and there were several issues raised of benefit to the attendees.

The Outback Area Consultative Committee deserves our gratitude for the facilitation of these workshops and the compilation of further feedback of information gleaned throughout the workshops.

The Manager of Community Development can re-present these workshops in the future where required.

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's information.

8.2 Website – Central Darling Shire Council

Three Council staff members attended the Local-e Workshop held in Nyngan in late May. These workshops are invaluable for our continued ability to present high quality information on our Council website. The current workshop was designed to look at the progress of Local-e since inception, the current status of Local-e and look at the future of the project.

Local-e have made available funding grants, which closed on 27 May, for providing workshops about and exposure for our Community Directory. The Community Directory will provide groups with the ability to list their available services and/or functions in an arena available to many residents and tourists. We have submitted an application for the available funds to facilitate workshops in Ivanhoe, Menindee, White Cliffs and Wilcannia. These workshops are designed to present information on how to get started, how to maintain their own entry and therefore how best to promote their organisation to interested Shire residents and any tourists which may be coming through.

Currently, we are implementing Local-e advice in terms of more widely advertising the existence of our website, which will ultimately derive less front counter enquiries and cause more

information to be uploaded to the website. We are encouraging the presence of local community members and organisations to lodge details on the website. This does include businesses, however, in line with Government requirements, these functions are not being promoted to advertise, more to notify people of the services available in localities. We are currently testing a direct approach in Wilcannia, with organisations and businesses, as well as through the interagency meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's information.

8.3 Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet

The Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet Coordinator, Mrs Adrienne Whitchurch, has been appointed and has already commenced work on meeting the organisation's responsibilities with regard to an agreement with the Department of Aging, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) and auspiced by Central Darling Shire Council.

The Coordinator is employed on a casual basis with hours worked being dependent on the budgetary allowance available.

Given the infrequency of the Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet Committee's formal meetings, it has been necessary for the Manager of Community Development, in conjunction with the Coordinator, to make managerial and operational decisions to enable the fulfilment of obligations under our funding agreement with DADHC.

A bus schedule has been planned up to December 2005, an office space/shop frontage has been acquired in Columbus Street Ivanhoe (the former Bank building), office equipment and furniture have been ordered and social services have commenced providing assessment and assistance to Home and Community Care (HACC) clients.

All services provided by the Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet are to be at full cost recovery unless the client is eligible under HACC guidelines and a price list of services has been prepared and will be continually updated with the provision of new services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Manager of Community Development's actions be endorsed.

40-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that the Manager of Community Development's actions be endorsed, that the Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet S355 Committee of Council be dissolved and the committee be thanked for their efforts

MOTION CARRIED

8.4 Ministry of Transport – Community Transport Grant

A grant has been successfully applied for through the NSW Ministry of Transport to provide affordable access to community transport in Ivanhoe for all residents. As such, all residents will be eligible for subsidised travel on the Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet bus trips.

As stated in the above report, provision of services to non-HACC clients is to be at full cost recovery. That would make the return bus trip to Griffith around \$85 per person for non-HACC clients. With the subsidy from this grant we can offer this trip for \$30 per person.

\$11,000 has been granted for 1 year with the opportunity to review after that time.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council sign the Ministry of Transport funding agreement supporting the Ivanhoe Community Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme, and affix Common Seal to appropriate documents

The Manager of Community Development informed Council that other benefits can be made available to HACC clients through this scheme, for example the Deputy Fire Control Officer in Ivanhoe has installed subsidised Fire Alarms in the houses of HACC clients.

The General Manager and Cr Linnett commended the Manager of Community Development on her efforts in implementing the Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet program in Ivanhoe.

41-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Pease that Council sign the Ministry of Transport funding agreement supporting the Ivanhoe Community Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme, and affix Common Seal to appropriate documents

MOTION CARRIED

8.5 Section 355 Committees of Council

Many Section 355 Committees are not following the guidelines as set out by Council. There is some ambiguity regarding the Rules and Guidelines and the current Policy document. The current Council policy on Section 355 Committees does not completely reflect the current Rules and Guidelines for Section 355 Committees.

I propose that the current Rules and Guidelines become the revised Council Policy on Section 355 Committees.

The Rules and Guidelines are as follows:

Section 355 Committees

The Local Government Act 1993 provides the legislative framework for each Council to operate within. Section 355 of this Act states:-

Section 355 How does a council exercise its functions?

A function of a council may, subject to this Chapter, be exercised:

- a By the council by means of the councillors or employees, by its agents or contractors, by financial provision, by the provision of goods, equipment, services, amenities or facilities or by any other means, or*
- a **By a committee of the council, or***
- a Partly or jointly by the council and another person or persons, or*
- a Jointly by the council and another council or councils, or*
- a By a delegate of the council*

Council presently has an adopted policy which states:-

- 1. Each Committee is to hold an Annual General Meeting, which is to be advertised in the local newspaper at least thirty days prior to the Meeting. The Meeting is to be held in a public place and is to be open to all members of the public.*
- 2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting should be forwarded to the Shire as soon as possible after the A.G.M. and should detail the office bearers and proposed charges for the forthcoming year.*
- 3. The audited accounts for the year ending 30th June should be sent to the Shire by 15th August each year.*
- 4. The Committee each year prior to 30th June is to advise the Council's Health and Building Surveyor of the maintenance and capital requirements of the buildings under their control. These will be considered by Council for funding subject to budgetary constraints.*
- 5. The Insurance Premium for the buildings and contents will be paid for by Council.*

If the Committee does not respond to any of the above requirements, Council, at its discretion, will advertise for the formation of a new Committee of management.

In addition each Section 355 Committee is specifically required to:-

- Elect an executive at each Annual General Meeting, consisting of a Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Mayor is to remain the ex-officio Chairperson of each committee.*
- Committee meetings are to be held at least every quarter and minutes are to be submitted to the Council for inclusion with the Council meeting agenda.*
- Council is to be represented by one Councillor, who is to present the minutes of the Committee to the Council meeting.*
- Should a member of the Committee not be in attendance for three consecutive meetings then the Council is to be informed. Council at its own discretion and in consultation with the Deputy Chairperson may declare that a casual vacancy exists and move to have that vacancy filled.*
- Council retains the right to review the existence of the Committee and will formally resolve the issue at a meeting of the Council. Typically*

this meeting of Council is the one held in September in conjunction with the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

- *Council retains the right to review the membership of the Committee and will typically conduct this review at the meeting of Council held in September each year.*

It should be clearly stated that a Section 355 Committee is a formal Committee of Council and as such each Committee member should conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Council has an adopted Code of Conduct and would expect that each Committee member would be expected to respect the terms and conditions of that Code.

The Council also retains the right to refer to the Model Rules for the Incorporation of Associations as issued by the New South Wales Department of Fair Trading and apply clauses as the Council may deem appropriate.

Council values the input from all community members and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in this matter and assure you that your input and hard work are most appreciated.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Rules and Guidelines for Section 355 Committees as the Section 355 Committee Rules and Guidelines Policy.

42-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Pease, Seconded Clr Brown that Council adopt the Rules and Guidelines for Section 355 Committees as the Section 355 Committee Rules and Guidelines Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

The Manager of Community Development informed Council that should this policy be adopted, an audit of all current S355 committees of Council will be carried out.

8.6 Rural Transaction Centres

The final acquittal to acquire the entire grant funding has been completed including invoices for the 2nd and final payments for both Wilcannia and Menindee RTCs. A verbal approval of those payments has been given by the Rural Transaction Centres Programme (Department of Transport and Regional Services) to Council.

The construction is continuing in Wilcannia and the prefabricated building has been delivered to site in Menindee with other fit-out works having commenced.

It is anticipated that the work will be completed to a standard allowing opening and operation of both RTC's by the end of July, 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rural Transaction Centres report be received and noted.

43-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Rural Transaction Centres report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

8.7 Wilcannia Telecentre Section 355 Committee

It was resolved at the meeting of the Wilcannia Telecentre Section 355 Committee dated 31st May 2005 to dissolve the committee and the managerial and operational duties be carried out by Council staff.

This already reflects the current operation of the Wilcannia Telecentre (soon to be incorporated within the Rural Transaction Centre) and would require no immediate changes to Council.

It is opportune at this time to thank the valued committee members for their assistance and hard work over the last few years.

RECOMMENDATION

That Wilcannia Telecentre Section 355 Committee be dissolved.

44-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Wellings that Wilcannia Telecentre Section 355 Committee be dissolved.

MOTION CARRIED

8.8 Wilcannia Rural Transaction Centre

The Wilcannia Rural Transaction Centre is anticipated being operational by the end of July and will furnish Council with ongoing reports on relevant projects. Menindee RTC will be providing reports on the functions of their service also.

The following report identifies projects from the Wilcannia Telecentre which will carry over into operations of the Wilcannia RTC.

Business Plan

We are in the process of developing a business plan for the Rural Transaction Centre in its move to the future.

The Business Plan will contain a survey for Council and the Coordinator to assess the qualitative use of the Telecentre at this stage and what the community would like to see moving forward into the Rural Transaction Centre format. Additionally, we would like to survey businesses currently using Telecentre Services to find out what level of service improvement could be employed to ensure patronage in the future. We are also looking at a variety of other services the Rural Transaction Centre may be able to provide to increase both the use of and income from this community service.

Let's Read

Wilcannia's 0 – 5 Year Olds are LOVING Let's Read. June saw them learning all about the Circus and making finger puppets to take home and enjoy. Let's Read provides an integrating learning platform for children in attendance and while highlighting literacy skills does also provide scope for building on themes. The Circus highlighted this through learning about two forms of performance, the circus itself and puppetry to provide kids with the ability to create their own circus.

Let's Read has also seen a few developments in terms of external sponsorship and coordination for the event. August will see NetWaste sponsor Let's Read, providing each attending child with a book and the creation of a 'No-Dig' Garden at the front of the Telecentre.

This programme is transportable and we would encourage and assist similar programmes to be established in other towns.

We would love to see kids from all localities of the Shire joining in with Let's Read. While July may not be the optimum time, being school holidays, I would be happy to provide promotional material to anyone recommended in your Ward that may be interested in attending. The provisional theme schedule is as follows:

July – Poetry

August – NetWaste – Waste Management in the Community

September – we are hoping to undertake an indigenous theme/look at the local area (hosted by local Aboriginal Elders)

October – Bugs/Insects

November – Police Are Our Friends, to be confirmed (hosted by a Youth Liaison Officer, Barrier Area Command, Crime Management Unit, NSW Police Service)

December – Christmas

Department of Transport and Regional Services

A submission in the Department of Transport and Regional Services

National Awards for Excellence in Local Government 2005, Youth Engagement section, Community Capacity Building category has been prepared for the 'Let's Read' monthly reading and craft sessions held in the Athenaeum.

The benefits of this programme provided to Wilcannia children and the future benefits Central Darling Shire Council hope to derive from such an educational programme are immeasurable.

RECOMMENDATION

That Wilcannia Rural Transaction Centre report be received and noted.

45-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Reid that the Wilcannia Rural Transaction Centre report be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

8.9 Wilcannia and Menindee Community Access Bus Tender

Tender documents in the form of a revised service contract have been issued to interested parties. The tender closes on Friday 24th June, 2005. A report on the submitted tenders will be made available to Council at the June Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's determination.

| This item was deferred to the Confidential Meeting

SECTION 9. RECEPTION OF CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence for Council Information be received and noted

*46-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,
Seconded Clr Wellings that the Correspondence
for Council Information be received and noted*

MOTION CARRIED

9.1 Media Releases

Date	Sender	Contents
7/6/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Grants to Remember 60th Anniversary of VP Day
7/6/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Local Grants to boost Community Emergency Management
1/6/2005	NSW Department of Primary Industries	Recreational fishers set to benefit from changes to licence fees
31/5/2005	NSW Department of Primary Industries	New checklist to help Mines with OH&S
30/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	New drought package welcomed
27/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Kim Beazley and Labor the only threat to Australian families
27/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Labor at its grubby worst
27/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Regional Partnerships funding for Cooranbong
24/5/2005	Local Government Association of NSW	Local Government "alarmed" at planning reports
20/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Federal Rounds
19/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Joint Media Release with Greg Hunt MP re New Meteorological office for Cobar
19/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Rainfall recorder's excellence recognised during Met Office opening
18/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Joint Media Release with John Anderson re Darling Matilda Way Sustainable region off and running
17/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	John Cobb welcomes a visit by Prime Minister
17/5/2005	Shires Association of NSW - Sydney	Shires President welcomes waiver of water charges for Lachlan Valley
12/5/2005	Premier's Department, NSW	Major new planning reforms set to cut red tape and create jobs and investment
10/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Federal Budget reaffirms Medicare funded MRI for Dubbo

5/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Labor's Transport subsidy for stock cut from 30 th April 2005
4/5/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	New Vineyard secures strong future for Murray Mallee grape industry

9.2 Circulars

Sender	Date	Contents
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	20/6/2005	05-30 - Conflict of interest and the use of Consultants
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	17/6/2005	05-29 - Local Government Regulation review
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	17/6/2005	Local Government Weekly 24/05
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	10/6/2005	Local Government Weekly 23/05
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	9/6/2005	05/27 - On-site sewage management systems survey 2005
Local Government Aboriginal Network	8/6/2005	05/26 - Goods and Services Tax - Council compliance requirements from 2004/05
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	3/6/2005	Local Government Weekly 22/05
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	1/6/2005	05/25 - Payment of gratuities and other bonuses to employees on termination
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	31/5/2005	05/24 - The need for care and attention to detail in completing Pecuniary Interest Returns
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	27/5/2005	Local Government Weekly 21/05
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	24/5/2005	05-23 - Companion Animals Pet Information Poster
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	20/5/2005	Local Government Weekly 20/05
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	18/5/2005	05/22 - Code of Accounting Practice & Financial Reporting - Update #13
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	13/5/2005	Local Government Weekly 19/05
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	11/5/2005	05-21 - Borrowing Allocations for 2005/2006 - Amounts sought
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	6/5/2005	Local Government Weekly 18/05
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	4/5/2005	05-20 - Companion Animals Act - New laws to be introduced for restricted dog breeds
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	3/5/2005	05-19 - Initiatives to address professional and para-professional skills shortages in Local Government

9.3 Letters

Date	File No	Sender	Regarding
17/6/2005	022-04 - 2/64P	Wilcannia Cemetery Steering Committee	Dedication and Official Opening of Memorial Wall at the Wilcannia Cemetery
7/6/2005	098-08 -	Local Government	Ecologically Sustainable

31/5/2005	1/7P 061-01 - 1/70EP	Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW Linnett, Clive & Fay	Development requirements Outgoing from GM re Insurance of Airstrip at Kilfera Field Day
30/5/2005	021-03 - 1/13P	Tilpa Community Committee Incorporated	Thanking Council for payment of ANZAC Day Wreath
23/5/2005	108-03 - 1/14P	Western Division Group Of Shires Association Of NSW	cc of letter from the Minister for Local Government in reply to Motion 49/05 re Swimming Pool Attendant qualifications
18/5/2005	120-12 - 1/19P	Peter Black Member for Murray Darling	Thanking GM for Correspondence re White Cliffs Water Charges
16/5/2005	022-02 - 1/32P	Peter Black Member for Murray Darling	Congratulating all concerned on the Dedication of Plaques at the Menindee Cemetery on 7th May 2005
16/5/2005	022-02 - 1/33P	Menindee Regional Tourist Association	Thanking Council and all concerned for the landscape work at the Menindee Cemetery and Cenotaph
11/5/2005	078-06 - 1/1P	Country Energy	Invitation to GM to be part of the newly formed Broken Hill/Menindee Strategic Water Advisory Committee
10/5/2005	021-03 - 1/11P	Florence Kinsela	Thanking Council and GM, and requesting chairs, tables and power connection for Reconciliation Day Celebrations

9.4 Minutes

Sender	Date	Description
Tilpa Community Committee Inc	30/5/05	Minutes of General Meeting held 14 th May 2005

SECTION 10. THE RECEPTION OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

10.1 Sunset Strip Progress Association March 05 Page 62

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Sunset Strip Progress Association Committee

These minutes have been re-presented for adoption by Council after clarification of a matter arising from the Minutes.

47-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Fisher that Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Sunset Strip Progress Association Committee

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 MANEX Minutes 1st June 2005 Page 62-64

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the MANEX Team

48-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Pease, Seconded Clr Doyle that Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the MANEX Team

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Ivanhoe Revival Group November 2004 Page 64-65

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Ivanhoe Revival Group

49-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Vagg that Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Ivanhoe Revival Group

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 Ivanhoe Revival Group 8th April 2005 Page 65-66

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Ivanhoe Revival Group

50-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Ivanhoe Revival Group

MOTION CARRIED

10.5 Wilcannia Telecentre Committee April 05 Page 66

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Wilcannia Telecentre Committee

51-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Fisher that Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Wilcannia Telecentre Committee

MOTION CARRIED

10.6 Wilcannia Telecentre Committee May 05 Page 67

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Wilcannia Telecentre Committee

52-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Wilcannia Telecentre Committee

MOTION CARRIED

10.1 Sunset Strip Progress Association

Minutes of the Meeting held at The Community Hall on Sunday 6th March 2005

Present: J Couch, M Reid, P Apinis, P & A Finch, B & L Fraser, H Teelow, N & B Landsford, J Thustain, W Heatly, G Quince, R & K Tonkin, K Reid, K Frost, J Brennan, A Woodall, R Leddra, A Minchum, N McGavish

Apologies: D Teelow. Apologies accepted B Fraser, moved L Fraser

Meeting commenced at 12.05pm EST, J Brennan presiding

Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6th February 2005 accepted on the motion of Y Couch and seconded H Teelow.

Business Arising From Minutes. A special meeting has been called for today, due to the resignation of President, Secretary & Treasure.

Position of President, Secretary & Treasure is declared vacant.

J Brennan conducted the elections:

Nominations:	BILL FRASER	PRESIDENT
	HELEN TEELow	SECRETARY
	BRENDA LANGSFORD	TREASURE
	DEAN TEELow	VICE PRESIDENT
	LORRIANE FRASER	ASSISANT TREASURE

Lorraine Fraser to take on position as Assistant Treasure left empty by Brenda Langsford.
Dean Teelow to take on position as Vice President left empty by Bill Fraser.

Treasure's Report Auditor's Report presented to members of progress association by outgoing Treasure.

Date of next meeting 12.00 pm EST Sunday 3rd April 2005

Meeting closed 12.25pm

Chairperson

Date

10.2 MANEX Minutes – 1st June 2005

MANEX Meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2005

Present:

Mr Bill O'Brien	General Manager
Mr Tim Hazell	Director of Corporate Services
Mr Russell Bow	Director of Engineering Services – Will arrive late
Mrs Leeanne Ryan	Manager of Environmental Services
Mrs Sharon Hutch	Manager Community Development

Meeting Commenced at 3:07 pm

Apologies There were no apologies

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the MANEX Meeting held on 27th April 2005 were adopted.

Rural Transaction Centres

Wilcannia building is progressing; it is on track to be completed within the time frame.

Menindee building has been delivered a week ahead of schedule. Verandas, septic tank and other extras have been ordered. It also will be very close to being completed on time.

Equal Opportunity Management Plan.

Council's adopted EEO Management Plan is very outdated and needs work. Senior Administration Officer will investigate other Council's plans and check regulations to assist in developing a new plan.

The Director of Engineering Services attended the meeting at 3:22 pm.

Staff Vacancies

Works Engineer

The Director of Engineering Services reported that the Work's Engineer Position has been advertised on two on-line services, two issues of the Australian Local Government Job Directory (Green Book), and twice in the Sydney Morning Herald. There will be a time with no-one in the position, but Geoff Sutton is capable of taking on a few extra tasks for a short period.

Menindee Rural Transaction Centre Co-ordinator

It will be a great convenience for the Menindee residents for Council to have a presence in Menindee. Advertisements to go out very soon although the position will not commence until the building is completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm to allow the General Manager to attend a fire call-out.

The meeting recommenced on Thursday 2nd June at 3:34 pm.

Ivanhoe Water Supply

The General Manager and the Mayor are to have a meeting with The Hon Frank Sartor, the Minister in charge of Water Supply, in Sydney next week. If MANEX have any matters they wish to be discussed, advise either the General Manager or Mayor.

The General Manager said he will discuss the disadvantage small communities have under the current full cost-recovery policy.

Old Wilcannia Bridge

The Director of Engineering Services has inspected the Bridge with an ex RTA Bridge Repair Foreman. The damage is not as extensive as first suspected as the framework of the bridge is steel. The Director of Engineering Services will have another inspection with Mr Jim Sammon, a local Bridge Engineer to see what can be done to allow the bridge to be open for pedestrian traffic.

Old Shire Depot

Mr John Schofield's lease is about to expire. He is happy to act as a caretaker for the property if Council wish to utilize this facility as storage. The

General Manager suggested Mr Schofield pay a peppercorn rent of perhaps \$1 per year.

The Director of Engineering Services will organise the site to be tidied up.

Other matters

- 16 people attended the clean-up day in Wilcannia (Sunday 29th May) which was a very good attendance. In excess of 4 trailer loads of rubbish was removed from the town entrance near the Mission area.
- Entrance signage on the outskirts of Wilcannia needs to be addressed. Signs are old and/or faded.
- The General Manager received a call from the Police at 1:00 am recently that someone had reported possible intruders in the Westpac Bank building. The General Manager could not do an inspection as he had no alarm code or key. It was decided by MANEX that as the Ranger has received security training and he is the first contact for an alarm callout the police will be notified that the Ranger be the contact person for any security problems for all Council property.
- The Broken Hill Speedboat Club have requested \$500 for the maintenance of the Copi Hollow amenities.
- The CDEP Training Program will be manufacturing a sculpture to be placed near the Bridge. It will depict a fish swimming upstream and a small stone wall. The Director of Engineering Services will discuss with RTA their requirement distance from the road.
- Council's Social Plan is outdated, a new one needs to be drafted.
- The Attorney General's Department and the Department of Community Services will be addressing Council at the June Meeting.

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

10.3 Ivanhoe Revival Group – 26th November 2004

MINUTES OF IVANHOE REVIVAL GROUP

HELD ON 26th NOVEMBER, 2004.

PRESENT: Fay Linnett, Clarrie Whitchurch, Ray and Meredith Hammond, & Faye Kennedy.

APOLOGIES: Clive Linnett, and Ray Longfellow. Moved by Faye Kennedy, seconded by Fay Linnett that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Moved by Fay Linnett and seconded by Clarrie Whitchurch.

BUSINESS ARISING: Fay Linnett followed up on tourist brochures, and Shire to ring back. Also rang Peter Black and couldn't get him.
Ray Hammond to contact Mal Files from RTA re position of Welcome signs.
Fay Linnett made the sign for the Craft Shop door.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance of Cheque Account - \$7250.71

Moved by Fay Linnett, seconded by Clarrie Whitchurch that Treasurer's Report be accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

SUB- COMMITTEES: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS: Clarrie Whitchurch moved that Ray Hammond see Mal Files from RTA re playground and Welcome signs.

Ray Hammond to contact Premier Nurseries to see if it was possible for them to continue growing trees and offer more money, due to drought

RSL Board gave its OK to run chicken raffles on Friday night in conjunction with other organizations. This means every third week. Meredith Hammond to make tickets instead of using bates.

Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Next meeting to be notified.

10.4 Ivanhoe Revival Group – 8th April 2005

MINUTES OF IVANHOE REVIVAL GROUP

HELD ON 8TH APRIL. 2005

PRESENT: Fay and Clive Linnett, Clarrie Whitchurch, Ray and Meredith Hammond, Faye Kennedy, Margaret McKenzie and Ray Longfellow

APOLOGIES: Erika Ford. Moved by Margaret McKenzie, seconded by Fay Linnett that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Moved by Clarrie Whitchurch and seconded by Fay Linnett.

BUSINESS ARISING:

We decided to attempt to raise funding for RTA Driver Reviver area.

Moved by Ray Longfellow, seconded Clarrie Whitchurch that a letter of thanks be written to Premier Nursery regarding trees.

Welcome signs to be erected.

Revival Group to pay Ray Hammond for the cement for signs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance of Cheque Account - \$7255.73

Jade Signs - \$96.80

Crisp & Halley - \$14.40 (Bolts)

Spectator- \$27.50 (Christmas Ad)

Ray Hammond \$112.00 (Cement)

Moved by Clarrie Whitchurch, seconded by Clive Linnett that treasurers Reports be accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Application from Central Darling Shire for Financial Assistance for 2005.

Submission to be written by Meredith and Ray and sent to the Shire, asking for help with community projects.

Letter from Health Service, re health check.

Moved by Fay Linnett, seconded by Ray Longfellow.

SUB- COMMITTEES:

Margaret McKenzie reported that Youth Centre s being well used. Possibility of Volleyball commencing.

Ray Longfellow to follow up about Boucci.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

It was decided that a letter be written to the other 12 committees re possible help with funding for RTA Reviver Area.

Moved by Margaret McKenzie, seconded by Carrie Whitchurch.

Send letter to Chairperson, Community Working Party, Box 91, P.O., Ivanhoe for possible help with funding for this project.

Decided location of sign at gazebo.

It was decided to try and hold our AGM in conjunction with Rural Fire Meeting. Clive Linnett to advise us of date.

Next meeting to be notified, and AGM to be decided.

Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

10.5 Wilcannia Telecentre April 2005

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on 21st April 2005

Meeting Opened: 5.10 pm

Present: Anthony Pease, Ian Donald, Sharon Hutch, Tim Hazell, Adelaide Middleton.

Apologies: Karin Donaldson, Pat Barraclough

Previous Minutes: Motion: That the previous minutes are a true and correct record

Moved: Tim Hazell Seconded: Sharon Hutch

Business Arising from previous Minutes: Discussion about the rural transaction centre new modified plans and youth week celebration for the shire in 2005.

General Business:

Access Bus: The expression of interest has gone out for tenders for the bus service for Wilcannia to Broken Hill and Menindee to Broken Hill. Also discussed was that employee hours may be revised when new tender was found

Telecentre Committee: Discussion took place regarding the viability of the Wilcannia Telecentre S355 Committee. Decision has not been reached as to be put in next agenda

Correspondence In: The community technology grant for next year for the access computer has been approved to the sum of \$1,000. This money pays for the use of the computer.

Correspondence Out:

Meeting Closed At 6.15pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 31st May 2005 at 5pm

10.6 Wilcannia Telecentre 31st May 2005

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on 31st May 2005

Meeting Opened: 5.15 pm

Present: Anthony Pease, Ian Donald, Sharon Hutch, Tim Hazell, Adelaide Middleton, Karin Donaldson, Pat Barraclough, Kate Stewart.

Apologies:

Previous Minutes: Motion: That the previous minutes are a true and correct record

Moved: Tim Hazell Seconded: Sharon Hutch

Business Arising from previous Minutes: Discussion regarding the viability of the Wilcannia Telecentre S355 Committee. Deferred to General Business.

General Business:

Commendation: The committee commends Adelaide for all the hard work and dedication she has provided at the Telecentre.

Moved: Tim Hazel Second: Pat Barraclough

New Rural Transaction Centre Coordinator: The committee welcomed Kate Stewart as the new coordinator.

Moved: Tim Hazel Second: Anthony Pease

Building process: Discussion took place about how quick the building for the new centre is taking place and how it looks really good.

Telecentre Committee: A recommendation was put forward that the Wilcannia Telecentre Committee be dissolved due to the impending take over by the Wilcannia RTC and as managerial and operational services are provided by Council staff. It was resolved by the committee that this would happen immediately.

Moved: Pat Barraclough Second: Karin Donaldson

Correspondence In:

Correspondence Out:

Meeting Closed At 5.50pm

SECTION 11. DELEGATES REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Delegates Reports be received and noted

53-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of , Seconded that the Delegates Reports be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

11.1 Cr Linnett

11.1.1 Long Paddock Project

The Long Paddock extends from Wilcannia to the Victorian Border along the Cobb Highway, a distance of 610 km. and has been selected for a major tourism initiative. The proposal is currently being developed by the Shires along the route, being Murray, Deniliquin, Conargo, Hay, Carrathool and Central Darling.

The initial concept began in 2000 and has evolved over the years, with new faces and organisations becoming involved in the project as it has gained momentum. Funding received by the Long Paddock Committee in December 2004 through the Australian Tourism Development Program for the interpretive panels, signage and marketing will mean that visible changes will be seen on the route in 2005 and 2006.

The Long Paddock project will link the communities along its route with a consistent theme 'transportation' and supporting themes of droving, shearing, aboriginal history and pioneering history, creative interpretation and local environment. Interpretive panels will be installed along the highway to identify significant historical sights.

In addition to the movement of stock, the project will also highlight people movements along the route of the famous coach company, Cobb & Co.

For this project to succeed we need information of any past history people may have of various points along the Cobb Highway and communities which is associated with the above themes.

Your help would be much appreciated as the time frame for this information is within 2 weeks please.

Please contact

Sharon Hutch

Manger of Community Development

Central Darling Shire Council

Fay Linnett,

Ivanhoe Tourist Association

Or

Cr. Clive Linnett,

Kilfera Stn, Ivanhoe 2878

DELEGATES REPORT

28-6-05

Cr. Clive Linnett

**SENATOR
HEARS OF
DROUGHT PAIN**

Senator Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister for Agriculture Warren Truss along with the Member for Farrar, Susan Ley, attended a special meeting of the Wentworth/Balranald Rural Financial Service at Mildura last Tuesday and they were welcomed by President Cr. Clive Linnett.

The main topic on the agenda was the drought and the ongoing need for continued financial support from the Government to keep Rural Counsellors in the various areas. Brian Dodson, Rural Counsellor, spoke of the hardship that people in the Western Division of NSW are continuing to experience as he covers an area from the Murray River almost to the Queensland Border, taking in Shires such as Balranald, Wentworth, Central Darling and the Unincorporated area along

with Broken Hill and a portion of Cobar Shire.

Several speakers spoke on the changes to the criteria for Exceptional Circumstances, Health Issues, Centrelink Payments, hardship and ongoing demands for counselling of families and the effects on local communities.

Again, time was a big factor with the Senator, however he thanked everyone for their input and said he was leaving with a clearer picture of what is happening and would be reporting to his Federal Minister.

It was mentioned after the meeting that the Prime Minister would be coming to the Western Division later in the week to see the drought first hand. Clive tried hard to get the Prime Minister to Ivanhoe but complications arose with the length of the Ivanhoe Airstrip for the Prime Minister's plane so he landed at Mildura and travelled to the Wentworth area.

17-5-05

11.2 Mayor – Exceptional Circumstances

The Mayor reported to Council that the Commonwealth have reassessed Exceptional Circumstances in Walgett, and has extended the recovery period for a further 12 months. This is a joint initiative between the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Government, and has an automatic implementation.

SECTION 12. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr MacMillan

Asked if there were any developments with the Wilcannia Post Office building.

The General Manager stated there were no developments at this stage.

Cr MacMillan received a call from a gentleman who wishes to sell fruit and vegetables from the back of his truck.

The Mandatory Inspections Officer replied that provided the truck is parked on private land Council has no objections. The gentleman has been informed of this.

Cr Reid

Asked if the Menindee Children's Centre lease could be put into the July 2005 Agenda.

The General Manager replied that a report will be brought to the July 2005 Meeting.

Cr Doyle

Asked what news there was on his earlier question of trains parking over the road crossing in Menindee.

The Director of Engineering Services said a letter has been sent to the Department of Transport, but no reply has been received to date. He will follow the matter up.

Cr Brown

Asked if the Wilcannia Pre-School could benefit from the proposal put forward for the Menindee Children's Centre.

The Mandatory Inspections Officer explained that the Department of Community Services is involved with the Wilcannia Pre-School, but the matter will be investigated.

Cr Brown asked why the front cover of the 2005-06 Management Plan had been changed.

The Director of Corporate Services said there is some confusion with all the Management Plans looking the same, it was felt a change would make locating the document easier.

Cr Linnett

Informed Council that the General Manager of Hay has not received any correspondence regarding changing the speed limit of a section of the Booligal to Hay section of the Cobb Highway from 100 kms per hr to 110 kph. Letters were to be written to both Hay and Carathool Shires.

The Director of Engineering Services said the letters were still to be written and apologised for not getting them completed earlier.

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

SECTION 14. URGENT BUSINESS

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

SECTION 15. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

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) (c) in order to discuss information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

54-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Pease, Seconded Clr Wellings 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) (c) in order to discuss information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

MOTION CARRIED

55-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Council Meeting revert to Ordinary status

MOTION CARRIED

The following are the Resolutions passed/lost during the Confidential Meeting.

56-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr MacMillan that all Resolutions passed during the Confidential Meeting be brought into the Ordinary Meeting

MOTION CARRIED

57-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Reid that Central Darling Shire Council incorporates the collected fares from the Community Access Bus Services back into funding the program

MOTION CARRIED

58-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Doyle That Council sign the preferred contracts and affix the seal on acquisition of full funding

MOTION CARRIED

59-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr MacMillan that the Community Access Bus fares be increased to \$7.50 per journey (\$15 return trip)

MOTION LOST

60-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr MacMillan, Seconded Clr Brown that Council charge the Community Access Bus Program a \$5,000 annual administration fee

MOTION CARRIED

<p>SECTION 16. FIXING DATES AND VENUES FOR NEXT MEETING</p>
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61-6-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Doyle that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 19th July 2005 at the Community Hall in Ivanhoe commencing 9:30 am

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Linnett explained to Council that the official opening of the extensions to the Ivanhoe Correctional Centre by the Minister for Justice will be held at 10:00 am on 15th July 2005 and Council has received an invitation for the opening and for Morning Tea.

Councillor Fisher has tendered an apology.

Councillor Brown has tendered a tentative apology.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:39 pm.
