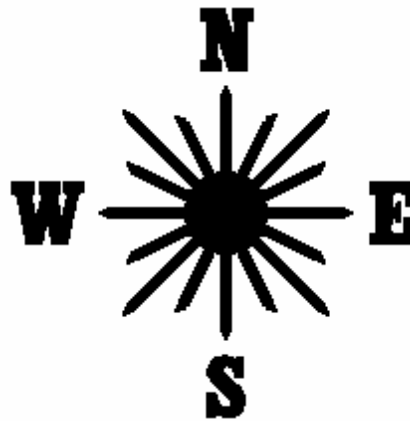


**Mission Statement**

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

# **CENTRAL DARLING**



# **SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Minutes**

**For the Ordinary Meeting**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005 commencing at 9:30 am.

The decision was made by the Mayor to relocate this meeting to Wilcannia owing to the Extensions to the Administration and Inmate Accommodation Units at the Ivanhoe "Warakirri" Correctional Centre being postponed, and the closed roads throughout some areas of the Shire.

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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

Clive Linnett

Ray Longfellow

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

Acting Manager of Environment  
Services

Mrs Sharon Hutch

Manager of Community Development

Mrs Marilyn O'Brien

Senior Administration Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Mike Arandt

Councillor Suzie Fisher

***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the apologies be received and noted***

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***1-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,  
Seconded Clr Reid that the apologies be received  
and noted***

***MOTION CARRIED***

## SECTION 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### *RECOMMENDATION*

*That the minutes of the previous meeting be received*

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*2-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr MacMillan, Seconded Clr Linnett that the minutes of the previous meeting be received*

### *MOTION CARRIED*

### *RECOMMENDATION*

*That the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted*

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Cr Linnett said there was an error in his Question without Notice. It was printed as:

*"Informed Council that the General Manager of Hay has not received any correspondence regarding sealing of the Booligal to Hay section of the Cobb Highway".*

It should have read:

**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 June 2005 Council Minutes have been amended accordingly.

*3-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Wellings that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted with amendments as stated*

### *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***

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***4-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,  
Seconded Clr Wellings that the Mayoral Report  
be received and noted***

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

The Mayor informed Council that he did not have much to report, it had been too wet to get out far, but he did thank Councillor MacMillan for her informative report.

The Mayor reiterated the items in Cr Macmillan's report on Councillors not being involved with the media, the pecuniary interest and the Code of Conduct. He said this was the main focus of the Conference.

## SECTION 4. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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*5-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Longfellow, Seconded Clr Wellings that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4.1 Administration Matters**

##### **4.1.1 Administration Officer - Resignation**

It is with regret that I inform Council of the resignation of Administration Officer – Reception, Ms Monique Townsend effective from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2005. Monique commenced duties in September 2004 and will be leaving the district to work on her parent's property in the South East of South Australia. Monique leaves with the best wishes of Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the administration report be received and noted.*

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*6-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that the administration report be received and noted.*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4.2 Information Items**

##### **4.2.1 New South Wales Department of Corrective Services**

Extensions to the Administration and Inmate Accommodation Units at the Ivanhoe "Warakirri" Correctional Centre will be officially opened by the NSW Minister for Justice The Hon John Hatzistergos on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 10am. Council has been invited to attend this occasion

| This event has been postponed to a future date.

##### **4.2.2 Murray Darling Association – 61<sup>st</sup> National Conference & Annual General Meeting.**

The 61<sup>st</sup> National Conference and Annual General Meeting will take place from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at Dubbo. Council's delegates to the Murray Darling Association are Councillor Linnett and Councillor Pease.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the information items be received and noted*

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*7-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr MacMillan, Seconded Clr Reid that Crs Linnett and Pease and the General Manager be Council's representatives to the Murray Darling*

*Association's National Conference in Dubbo on  
8th-9th September 2005*

***MOTION CARRIED***

**4.2.3 NSW State & Regional Development – Small Business Development.**

At the invitation of the Far West Regional Development Board the General Manager met with the Minister for State & Regional Development and Minister for Small Business The Hon David Campbell MP on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at Broken Hill. The Member for Murray Darling Peter Black OAM MP also attended this meeting. The principal item for discussion was the difficulty in establishing small business enterprises in the region and specifically Central Darling Shire.

The case study surrounding the establishment of the mechanical repair business at Wilcannia was used as a “model” and clearly demonstrates the constraints in establishing small business enterprises in the western region of NSW. The Department of State & Regional Development and Far West Regional Development Board have committed to pursuing this matter which may mean a shift in current Government Policy governing assistance provided to “startup” business and the introduction of specific programs relevant to the Western Division of NSW.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the regional development and small business report be received and noted.***

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***8-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Doyle that the regional development and small business report be received and noted.***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**4.3 Catchment Management Authorities**

Western Catchment management authority CEO Mr Daryl Green will address Council at the July 2005 regular meeting.

The NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources have established thirteen Catchment Management Authorities across New South Wales.

The main objective is to improve economic performance, environmental sustainability and quality of life for communities across NSW through better land use and natural resource management supported by well timed, quality infrastructure.

Central Darling Shire currently encompasses three Catchment Management Authorities being:

- **Western CMA**
- **Lachlan CMA**
- **Lower Murray Darling CMA**



It is anticipated that representatives of the Lachlan and Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authorities will be invited to address Council at a future date.

**Western Catchment Management Authority**

The Western Catchment Management Authority (WCMA) is bounded by Queensland to the north, the trans continental railway line through Broken Hill to the south, South Australia to the west, and the Barwon and Bogan Rivers to the east. The Western catchment, is not a 'catchment' in the traditional sense, as it encompasses a series of river systems — Barwon-Darling, Culgoa, Paroo, Warrego, Narran, Bokhara, Birrie, Bulloo Overflow and part of the Bogan Rivers.

The Western Catchment is the largest catchment in NSW, covering some 230,000 square kilometres in the Far West and occupies 20 per cent of Australia's largest catchment, the Murray-Darling Basin. It is one of the most diverse rangelands areas in Australia.

Ground water is an important natural resource in the Western Catchment. The Great Artesian Basin (GAB) underlies much of the northern part of the Western Catchment area. The towns of Lightning Ridge, Goodooga and Enngonia rely on the GAB for their water supply. Main uses include: stock and domestic, mining, industry and town supply.

The catchment includes the whole of Bourke and Brewarrina Shires and significant portions of The Unincorporated Area, Cobar, Central Darling and Walgett Shires. Agricultural production is inhibited by climate, which includes low and variable rainfall and high evaporation. Main land uses include grazing (sheep, cattle and goats) dryland agriculture, irrigated agriculture (cotton and horticulture), mining, tourism and nature conservation.

The CMA has its principal office in Cobar and Service Delivery Centres in Bourke. Staff are also located in Broken Hill, Walgett and Dubbo.

<b>Chairman</b>	Rory Treweeke
<b>General Manager</b>	Daryl Green
<b>Board Members</b>	Max Hams
	Jenny McLellan
	Andrew Mosely
	Justin McClure

**Funding**

Total National Action Plan/National Heritage Trust/National Landcare Plan funds approved	\$7,306,149
Expenditure plus unexpended funds as at 31 December 2004, plus funds requested by CMA to 30 June 2005	\$ 3,096,500

**Status of 2004-2007 Investment Strategy (IS)**

The strategy is being recommended to NSW and Australian Government Ministers for approval. The 3-year strategy is valued at \$19.0 million.

The WCMA greatly appreciates the Australian Government's initiative in allowing the use of NAP funds on the Darling Riverine Plain down to Menindee. This has assisted in decreasing pressure on other funds sources.

### **Major Activities**

Large scale incentive program to partner the community in addressing regional management targets such as improving uptake of sustainable agriculture practices, priority pest control, recovery of native pastures, improving riverine habitat and protecting high value ecological communities.

Establish a \$2m aquatic habitat demonstration reach between Bourke and Brewarrina to promote native fish populations by improving passage and habitat.

The WCMA has invested \$258,000 for work on management of riparian zones in the Western Catchment. This will involve a comprehensive survey of the state of riparian vegetation throughout this large area, plus protection of an initial 25 kilometres of river corridor through formal agreements with landholders (including activities such as stock control, alternative watering, and weed/feral animal control).

\$103,000 has been invested to continue current practical work on bores capping the Great Artesian Basin, to reduce wasteful outflows and increase pressure in this major groundwater resource.

\$284,000 has been allocated to trial innovative and integrated control methods of native scrub. The CMA will support landholders to undertake positive action on their properties. The target is for 20,000 hectares to be under active management to control scrub, with action to reverse encroachment on 230,000 hectares.

The WCMA has been very active in engaging local communities in the business of the CMA by:

The WCMA and the Western Division Shires Association have developed a local MoU which is finalised and ready for signing by the six member councils and a representative of the Unincorporated Area.

The WCMA met with the Dharriwaa Elders group to discuss Indigenous Natural Resource Management issues. This meeting has formed the platform for future co-operative projects.

The WCMA has established links with local branches of NSW Farmers (Ivanhoe and Nymagee) and the Pastoralists Association of West Darling.

A major initiative has been the further development of cross-border discussions with counterparts in Queensland. Continuation of discussions on target identification, collaborative projects, knowledge sharing and monitoring systems have taken place with the Qld. Murray Darling Committee, the Condamine Alliance and the South West Land Management Group (regional bodies) together with the establishment of links with the Desert Channels regional body in Qld.

The WCMA is in the process of developing its Catchment Action Plan, which will be heavily based on the previous Catchment Management Board's Blueprint.

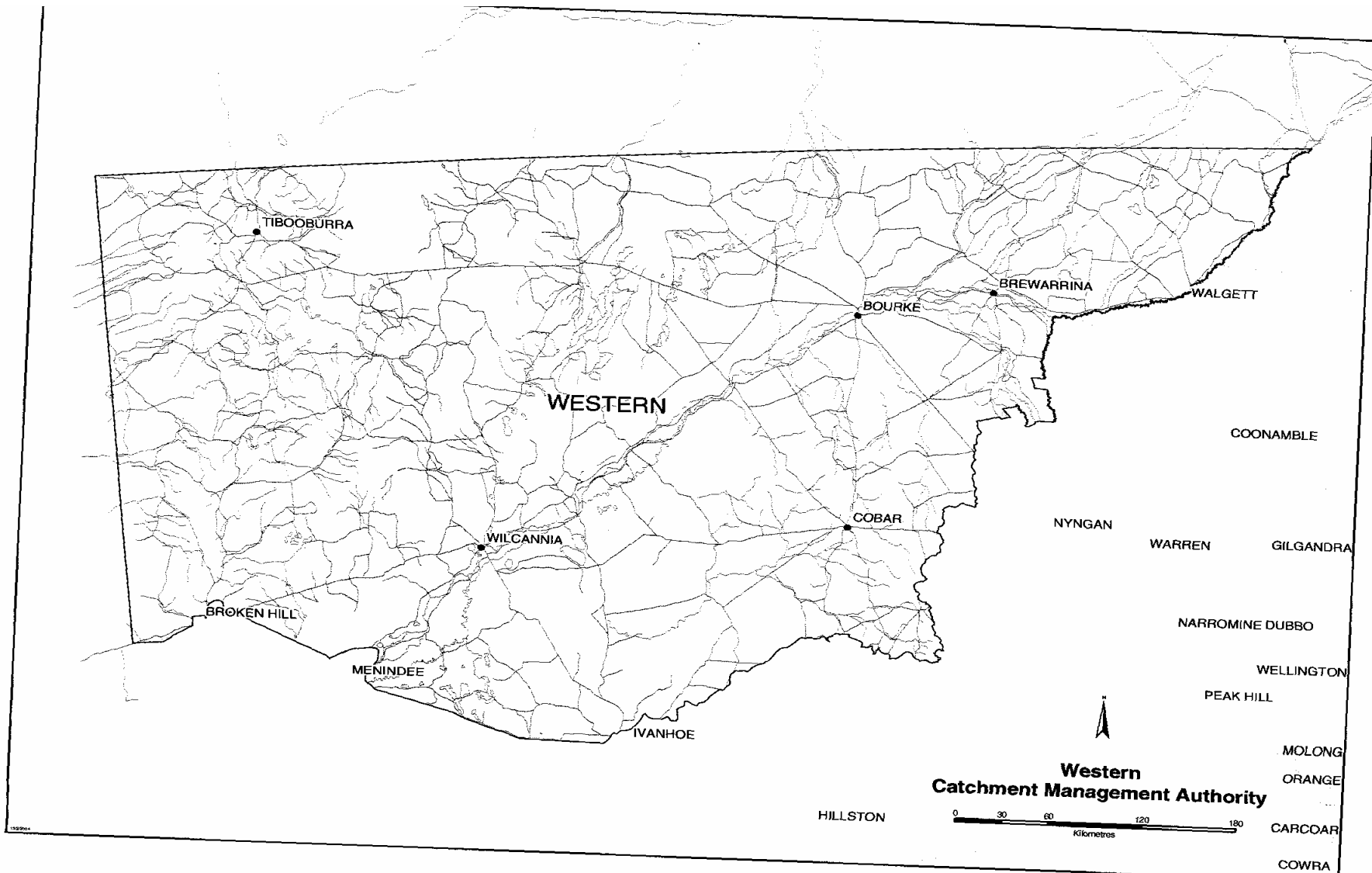
The WCMA will also shortly be facilitating the community consultation phase of the Macro Water Sharing Plan for the intersecting streams.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the NSW Catchment Management Authorities report be received and noted***

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A decision was made by Council to defer this item until after the General Manager of the Western Catchment Management Authority Mr Daryl Green's address to Council.



#### 4.4 Code of Conduct Committee

Council would be aware that as part of changes to provisions contained in the Local Government Act 1993 Councils are required to appoint a Code of Conduct Committee. It is recommended that the Committee consists of the Mayor, General Manager and at least one independent person. Council previously advertised for Expressions of Interest in the independent position. As a result no suitable candidate was identified and Council resolved to further investigate possible candidates and recommended the NSW Police Service and Principal of the Wilcannia Central School be approached.

Subsequently both the Principal of the Wilcannia Central School and the NSW Police Service Duty Officer have both expressed a willingness to be part of the Code of Conduct Committee. It is therefore recommended that both be appointed as independent members of this Committee.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That the Principal of Wilcannia Central School and the NSW Police Service Duty Officer from the Barrier Area Command be invited to be members of the Code of Conduct Committee.***

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The General Manager informed Council that Mr Peter Stewart's daughter Kate is a council employee, and therefore could be seen to have a conflict of interest. It would therefore be in Council's best interest to exclude Mr Stewart from the Committee.

The Department of Local Government have strongly advised Councils that their Legal Representatives be included on their Committees.

***9-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr MacMillan, Seconded Clr Reid that the Mayor, the General Manager, Commander Paul Smith from the Barrier Area Command and Mr Andrew Boog, Council's Legal Advisor make up Council's Code of Conduct Committee***

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

##### 4.4.1 Code of Conduct Training for Council Facilitators

The Department of Local Government in association with Local Government Learning Solutions is producing an education package on the Model Code of Conduct and misbehaviour provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

Local Government Learning Solutions will present a series of workshops for Council facilitators to support them in using the package to present training sessions to Councillors and staff. Workshops will cover the following areas:

- ❖ **Overview of the educational resource**
- ❖ **Key principles**
- ❖ **Case studies**
- ❖ **Breaches of the Code**

- ❖ **Conducting a training session for staff**
- ❖ **Conducting a training session for Councillors.**

It is vital that Council and staff have a sound understanding of the adopted Code of Conduct, it is therefore recommended two officers who have a basic understanding of the Model Code of Conduct and are capable of delivering training sessions attend a training workshop scheduled to be conducted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2005 at Dubbo. Places are strictly limited to two officers per Council. The workshops are funded by the NSW Department of Local Government.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the General Manager nominates two officers to attend a Model Code of Conduct workshop conducted by Local Government Learning Solutions on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2005 at Dubbo***

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The General Manager indicated he and probably the Director of Corporate Services would attend.

***10-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Pease that the General Manager nominates two officers to attend a Model Code of Conduct workshop conducted by Local Government Learning Solutions on the 23rd August 2005 at Dubbo***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**4.5 A R Bluett Memorial Award**

As previously advised the **formal** (black tie occasion) presentation of the A.R Bluett Memorial award will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005 at the University of NSW. Council has been invited to receive the Award on this occasion. As part of the presentation ceremony, the Trustee's have requested that Council prepare a "Powerpoint" presentation outlining Council's achievements over period 2003 – 2004. This task is currently being undertaken and on completion will remain a valuable marketing tool for Council in pursuing future Government funding opportunities.

The A. R. Bluett Awards commenced in 1945 and in those early award years the plaque presentations were made at the respective Shires & Local Government Association Conferences. Under this arrangement with only Council delegates present it was felt by the Trustees that the wider local community of the winning Councils were completely eliminated from the achievement, and congratulations and accolades to the winning Council were not shared by the Council as a whole, the staff and local community.

It was therefore decided that a heightened impact for the honour would be achieved if the Trustees presented the plaque at a local function where proper acknowledgement could be made for the contribution of staff, local organisations and citizens in taking out this prestigious award.

In order to meet with this objective and maximise publicity for Council, it is recommended that a presentation of the plaque by the Trustees takes place at a community event to be organised at Wilcannia during September 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That the presentation of the A R Bluett award plaque by the Trustees takes place at a community event to be arranged for September 2005 at Wilcannia.***

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***11-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Linnett that the presentation of the A R Bluett award plaque by the Trustees takes place at a community event to be arranged for September 2005 at Wilcannia.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

Council informed the General Manager that they wished him to attend the Sydney Presentation Dinner, along with the Senior Administration Officer, Mr Jim Parkinson, the Mayor and any Councillor who could go.

It was decided Cr Reid, Cr MacMillan, and Cr Wellings would attend.

***12-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that the General Manager, The Senior Administration Officer, Mr Jim Parkinson and the Mayor attend, along with any Councillors who are able to attend.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4.6 Knox & Downs Building – Wilcannia**

On further advice from Council's Legal Advisor, Andrew Boog it is recommended that Andrew does not attend the Coronial Enquiry into the Knox & Downs incident scheduled to be held in Broken Hill on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005. Although it could be considered contrary to the recommendation adopted at the June 2005 meeting it does not require rescission and is for Council's information only.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That the General Manager attends the Broken Hill Coroners Coronial Enquiry scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005.***

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This recommendation needed altering as the General Manager would be unavailable to attend due to his attendance at the AR Bluett Award Dinner.

***13-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Pease, Seconded Clr Brown that Council be represented at the Broken Hill Coroners Coronial Enquiry scheduled for the 2nd August 2005.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### 4.7 **Community Development Training Program- Wilcannia.**

For the past several months the Orana Employment Cooperative in conjunction with Centrelink, Sureway Employment Agency and the Murdi Paaki Enterprise Centre, Community Employment Development Program (CDEP) has undertaken a major landscaping and civil construction training program at Wilcannia. There have been around 14 CDEP participants involved in the program. The main focus of the works has centred on implementing major landscaping improvements to the amenity of the "Old Mobil Site" at Wilcannia. Council has played a significant part by providing ongoing support and assistance delivered by the Engineering and Administration areas. Project funding to develop the planned Heritage Trail beginning from this site has also been made available.

The program has been highly successful producing excellent outcomes from both an employment perspective and vastly improving the amenity of this strategic corner of the township to the point that visitors are now regularly stopping at the site, talking with participants and enjoying the facility.

The initial training program has been completed and I am pleased to report has been "rolled over" for a further period.

The Training Manager for the program Mark Horton of Orana Employment Cooperative Training has requested Council permission to continue to identify specific areas of the town and in consultation with Council, implement a tree planting, landscaping and painting program. It is intended that the Heritage Trail would be continued to completion of the first stage along the Darling River and around the town of Wilcannia. Permission is also being sought to plant a spiny of trees adjacent to the Barrier Highway behind the Waralli Drive Mission homes on the western entrance to the town and possibly extend these plantings along the established walking trail leading to the bridge and the town. It is also proposed to establish a "Welcome to Wilcannia" sign to be erected on the western approach to the town before the bridge. This sign would replace the current damaged sign. The concept is that a stone wall around a metre high and several metres long with the word Wilcannia mounted on the wall and a design of a stylised metal fish mounted above.

This particular training program has proved an outstanding success and the quality of work has been simply remarkable. It is therefore highly recommended that Council continues to support this program and works closely with the training providers to ensure all proposed works meet with basic planning approval.

#### ***RECOMMENDATION***

***That Council approves the landscaping and tree planting program and continuation of the Heritage Trail as proposed under the Orana Employment Cooperative training program.***

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Cr Brown asked about the \$20,000 funding that was available from Tourism NSW for Wilcannia Town Beautification.



The Manager of Community Development said Premiers Department are endeavouring to get those funds for this Wilcannia Project.

The General Manager reported that investigation is underway to put a bridge over the gully near the hospital as part of the Heritage Trail. Engineers reports are currently being sought.

The Mayor suggested a report come to Council each month on the progress of this project.

The General Manager suggested he would liaise with Ms Karen Riley, Manager of the CDEP and the Program Managers, and will keep Council informed.

***14-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Reid that Council approves the landscaping and tree planting program and continuation of the Heritage Trail as proposed under the Orana Employment Cooperative training program.***

***MOTION CARRIED***

## SECTION 5. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

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

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***15-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Reid 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.

<b>Schedule of Investments - June 2005</b>					
DATE	TIME PERIOD	INTEREST RATE	DUE DATE	TOTAL (\$)	
<b>11am Call Account</b>					
	Commonwealth	5.45%		\$526,744.89	
	Westpac	5.30%		\$2,000,000.00	
<b>Floating Rate Notes</b>					
	Wollemi Trust	85 points over 3mth BBSW	6.28%	8-Jul-05	\$1,500,000.00
	-Managed by Westpac				
<b>Commercial Bills</b>					
	Commonwealth	26-May-05	56	5.55%	21-Jul-05
					\$300,012.00
<b>Term Deposits</b>					
	L.G.F.S.	11-Apr-05	91	5.80%	11-Jul-05
		(at a margin of 15points over BBSW)			
					\$500,000.00
<b>Total Investments as at 30th June 2005</b>					
	11 am Call Account				\$2,526,744.89
	Commercial Bills and Notes				\$1,800,012.00
	Term Deposits				\$500,000.00
					\$4,826,756.89

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the Schedule of Investments report be received and adopted.***

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***16-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Longfellow 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 June is provided for information.

ITEM	ARREARS		LEVIES				INTEREST	RECEIPTS	WRITE-OFFS	GOVT SUB	OVER-PAYMENT	TOTAL
	ARREAR	INT ARREARS	RATES	WATER	DR SUPP	CR SUPP						
<b>Wilcannia</b>												
General	34345.81	11953.93	49957.80	-	-	1059.73	3182.47	44675.92	523.31	1047.03	-	52134.02
Special Rate	5015.03	1415.75	7903.56	-	-	128.57	459.36	7427.54	110.50	-	-	7127.09
Water	88009.47	23681.76	145120.00	-	500.00	996.89	8019.53	134523.11	1176.34	1443.75	-	127190.67
Water-Filtered	9749.49	8660.24	-	-	-	-	806.43	1895.07	266.37	-	-	17054.72
Sewer	50648.66	20646.41	92550.00	-	350.00	537.29	4083.94	92309.93	6.78	962.50	-	74462.51
Garbage	27835.18	8447.43	50245.00	-	160.00	229.49	2331.56	48346.09	395.90	1256.47	-	38791.22
Excess Water	75815.68	10457.46	23.00	159535.65	1123.50	1415.70	4749.37	126484.52	159.89	-	-	123644.55
Charge on Land	2914.88	-	-	-	240.68	-	-	619.70	-	-	-	2535.86
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8056.24	-8056.24
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.43	-0.43
<b>GROUP TOTAL</b>	<b>294334.20</b>	<b>85262.98</b>	<b>345799.36</b>	<b>159535.65</b>	<b>2374.18</b>	<b>4367.67</b>	<b>23632.66</b>	<b>456281.88</b>	<b>2639.09</b>	<b>4709.75</b>	<b>-8056.67</b>	<b>434883.97</b>
<b>Ivanhoe</b>												
General	21282.55	5604.63	31928.17	-	-	1956.81	1965.70	26584.97	783.21	1810.73	-	29645.33
Special Rate	5669.63	1430.13	7691.21	-	-	391.30	516.17	6889.33	145.18	-	-	7781.33
Water	34729.44	7106.71	40100.00	-	-	2860.23	3067.67	36085.55	847.61	1706.25	-	43504.18
Water-Filtered	5190.58	3529.40	-	-	-	859.91	432.31	281.95	625.19	-	-	7385.24
Garbage	16442.07	3829.53	34375.00	-	-	863.67	1579.76	28225.58	71.32	1949.98	-	25115.81
Excess Water	113532.85	8284.19	-	72204.80	15.00	710.00	3159.27	152604.86	0.10	-	-	43881.15
Charge on Land	394.00	-	-	-	608.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	1002.74
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2148.39	-2148.39
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-169.32	-169.32
<b>GROUP TOTAL</b>	<b>197141.12</b>	<b>29784.59</b>	<b>114094.38</b>	<b>72204.80</b>	<b>623.74</b>	<b>7641.92</b>	<b>10720.88</b>	<b>250672.24</b>	<b>2472.61</b>	<b>5466.96</b>	<b>-2317.71</b>	<b>155998.07</b>
<b>White Cliffs</b>												
General	8215.78	2855.54	25205.48	-	-	314.22	680.48	24244.56	1705.05	1414.18	-	9279.27
Special Rate	718.78	182.64	2828.55	-	-	11.45	61.42	2848.70	101.89	-	-	829.35
Water	15347.64	2354.19	76989.60	-	30.00	1258.75	1470.32	71108.77	2161.79	1837.65	-	19824.79
Water-Filtered	4541.01	3301.51	-	-	-	-	284.09	2480.55	1293.51	-	-	4352.55
Excess Water	10122.46	156.47	-	76341.30	1280.40	17438.32	218.79	54540.86	1.50	-	-	16138.74
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-492.33	-492.33
Unallocated Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-159.93	-159.93
<b>GROUP TOTAL</b>	<b>38945.67</b>	<b>8850.35</b>	<b>105023.63</b>	<b>76341.30</b>	<b>1310.40</b>	<b>19022.74</b>	<b>2715.10</b>	<b>155223.44</b>	<b>5263.74</b>	<b>3251.83</b>	<b>-652.26</b>	<b>49772.44</b>
<b>Menindee (Environ)</b>												
General	35817.53	10757.74	74651.16	-	415.20	1229.52	3201.81	71610.17	2.56	4358.51	-	47642.68
Special Rate	-	-	-	-	102.50	-	-	102.50	-	-	-	0.00
Garbage	5384.87	926.19	17175.00	-	80.00	327.48	545.99	14509.52	0.75	1091.29	-	8183.01
Charge on Land	227.00	-	-	-	716.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	943.76
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-290.97	-290.97
<b>GROUP TOTAL</b>	<b>41429.40</b>	<b>11683.93</b>	<b>91826.16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1314.46</b>	<b>1557.00</b>	<b>3747.80</b>	<b>86222.19</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>5449.80</b>	<b>-290.97</b>	<b>56478.48</b>
<b>Menindee</b>												
General	22347.92	4124.14	47279.18	-	-	128.27	2445.19	36602.91	4.02	2711.13	-	36750.10
Special Rate	3694.98	785.15	7968.15	-	-	19.83	395.94	6904.79	-	-	-	5919.60
Garbage	21095.68	2772.70	71600.00	-	700.00	550.72	2852.59	48814.35	-	4520.76	-	45135.14
Charge on Land	-	-	-	-	596.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	596.92
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1229.44	-1229.44
<b>GROUP TOTAL</b>	<b>47138.58</b>	<b>7681.99</b>	<b>126847.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1296.92</b>	<b>698.82</b>	<b>5693.72</b>	<b>92322.05</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>7231.89</b>	<b>-1229.44</b>	<b>87172.32</b>
<b>Rural</b>												
General	28390.35	2087.47	302676.69	-	-	108.35	2795.37	298648.25	21.94	163.69	-	37007.65
Water	9.95	0.09	1200.00	-	160.00	400.00	7.33	972.40	-	-	-	4.97
Excess Water	1751.61	19.94	-	5724.75	-	318.45	49.41	5402.23	7.18	-	-	1817.85
Charge on Land	500.62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.62
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-460.81	-460.81
<b>GROUP TOTAL</b>	<b>30652.53</b>	<b>2107.50</b>	<b>303876.69</b>	<b>5724.75</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>826.80</b>	<b>2852.11</b>	<b>305022.88</b>	<b>29.12</b>	<b>163.69</b>	<b>-460.81</b>	<b>38870.28</b>
<b>Sundry Villages</b>												
General	885.10	374.72	1142.33	-	-	-	35.91	1000.88	1407.83	-	-	29.35
<b>GROUP TOTAL</b>	<b>885.10</b>	<b>374.72</b>	<b>1142.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35.91</b>	<b>1000.88</b>	<b>1407.83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29.35</b>
<b>Sunset Strip</b>												
General	6225.28	1735.13	54129.17	-	-	-	621.27	51536.52	-	2435.19	-	8739.14
Garbage	251.10	9.16	3450.00	-	-	-	32.38	3134.76	-	150.03	-	457.85
Unallocated Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-969.46	-969.46
<b>GROUP TOTAL</b>	<b>6476.38</b>	<b>1744.29</b>	<b>57579.17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>653.65</b>	<b>54671.28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2585.22</b>	<b>-969.46</b>	<b>8227.53</b>
<b>REPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>657002.98</b>	<b>147490.35</b>	<b>1146189.05</b>	<b>313806.50</b>	<b>7079.70</b>	<b>34114.95</b>	<b>50051.83</b>	<b>1401416.84</b>	<b>11819.72</b>	<b>28859.14</b>	<b>-13977.32</b>	<b>831432.44</b>

### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That the Rates Collections Report be received and adopted.***

*17-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,  
Seconded Clr Brown that the Rates Collections  
Report 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.*

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*18-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Vagg that the Director of Engineering Services report be received and dealt with.*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **6.1 Activity Report June 2005**

Staff meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005

##### **6.1.1 Staff**

Ten applications were received for Works Engineer position, two to be interviewed during week of Council meeting.

##### **6.1.2 Administration**

#### **Office Tasks Outstanding**

Location	Task	Percent Complete
<b><u>Director of Engineering Services</u></b>		
Office / Shire	Enquiries, Supervision, RTA Invoices	
<b><u>Works Engineer</u></b>		
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 %
<b><u>Contract Administration Engineer</u></b>		
State Roads SIC	Administer	
State Roads SIC	Works Proposals submitted	2
	Works Orders received	0
	Inspection Maintenance Program – Implementation	85%
<b><u>Administration Officer</u></b>		
Office	Engineering Enquires, filing, correspondence	

##### **6.1.3 Depots**

Old Wilcannia dog pound converted to small plant storage shed

##### **6.1.4 Plant**

Wilcannia garbage truck and portable traffic signals delivered

## 6.1.5 Training

### Training planned

Senior First Aid, design and audit Traffic Control Plans

### Training completed

Water treatment – two Ivanhoe employees

Myers Street toilet block Wilcannia painted by CDEP

## 6.1.6 Water Supplies

### Wilcannia

Darling River flow expected later this month

### Pumps

Foot valve suction extended to deeper water via pontoon

### Water meters

Next readings September

### Ivanhoe

Bores pumping to town storage, restrictions lifted

## 6.1.7 Transport & Communication

### General

Signs maintenance ongoing

Maintenance grading in progress between rain events utilising natural moisture

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

Road	Activity	Comments
SH 8	Routine maintenance (SIMC). Mitchell Rest Area	Ongoing. Completed
SH21	Routine maintenance (SIMC) Maintenance grade	Ongoing. 90kms completed

### Regional Roads

Road	Activity	Comments
MR 66 Broken Hill to MR68	Nil	.
MR67 Ivanhoe to Balranald	Nil	
MR 68A Wilcannia To Tilpa	Nil	
MR 68B Wilcannia to Menindee	Maintenance grading	20kms
MR 68C Menindee to Pooncarie	Maintenance grade	Full length
MR 80 Mossgiel to Hillston	Nil	

Road	Activity	Comments
<b>MR 416</b> Ivanhoe to Cobar	Nil	
<b>MR 428</b> White Cliffs to Tibooburra	Nil	
<b>MR 433</b> Ivanhoe to Menindee	Nil	
<b>MR 435</b> Wilcannia to White Cliffs	Nil	

### Local Roads

Road	Activity	Comments
SR3 Tilpa-Tongo	Maintenance grade	50kms
SR4 Monolon	Maintenance grade	40kms
SR19 Mossgiel-Clare	Maintenance grade	10kms
20 Springdale - Cultowa	Maintenance grade	8kms

### Town Streets

Town	Activity	Comments
Wilcannia	Routine	
Ivanhoe	Routine	
Menindee	Routine	
White Cliffs	Routine	
Tilpa	Nil	

#### 6.1.8 Aerodromes

##### **Menindee**

Fence repaired entire perimeter

##### **White Cliffs**

PAL system repaired

#### 6.1.9 Next meeting

8.30am Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005, meeting room, Engineering Office

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the Monthly Activity Report be received and noted***

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***19-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Longfellow that the Monthly Activity Report be received and noted***

***MOTION CARRIED***

## 6.2 Naming of Roads

The RTA's Safety and Traffic Officer, Mr Mal Files, has requested that Council revise the naming of Local Roads joining the State Highways within its area so that signage can be updated. This will also assist with Council's Rural Addressing when it is designed and implemented. There are three roads joining the Barrier Highway and four joining the Cobb, one is common to both. The Rural Names Board of the Department of Lands is not inclined to accept hyphenated names and has a strong preference that roads common to more than one Shire have the same name for their entire length. The roads affected are listed in below with suggested name changes.

SR No	Current Name	Neighbouring Council Name	Proposed Road Name	Remarks
21	Cultowa-Trevallyn	N/A	<b>Cultowa</b>	Locally accepted
20	Springdale-Cultowa	Springdale Cultowa (Cobar)	<b>Baden Park</b>	Locally accepted also joins Cobb
7	Dry Lake	N/A	<b>Dry Lake</b>	Acceptable as is
19	Mossgiel - Clare	Balranald (C'thol) Clare-Mossgiel (Balr'ld)	<b>Clare</b>	Destination from Cobb
33	Abbotsford-Lake Morrison	N/A	<b>Morrison's Lake</b>	Locally accepted
12	Cowary-Terawynia	N/A	<b>Terawynia</b>	Locally accepted

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

***That Council adopt the names as proposed for these six Local Roads.***

***20-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr MacMillan that Council adopt the names as proposed for these six Local Roads.***

### ***MOTION CARRIED***

Cr Longfellow asked the Director of Engineering Services how often the filtered water was checked. Sometimes the chlorine smell was very strong.

The Acting Manager of Environment Services replied that the testing was done regularly, and the chlorine smell can sometimes be caused by not enough chlorine in the water, which can make low chlorine levels react with other chemicals and create Chloramines which causes the strong smell.



The Director of Engineering Services informed Council that the bore is now pumping into Ivanhoe. The boggy ground caused a few delays, but it is working now.

Cr Doyle commended the Engineering Department on the new fence surrounding the Menindee Airstrip.

The naming of the new roadside stop was discussed, with the resulting resolution.

***21-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Pease, Seconded Clr MacMillan that Council write to the RTA suggesting the new roadside stop within the Shire not be called Major Mitchell Reserve***

***MOTION CARRIED***

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*The Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am and resumed at 11:22 am*

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## **SECTION 7. ACTING MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

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

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***22-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Longfellow that the Acting Manager of Environmental Services Report be received and dealt with***

### ***MOTION CARRIED***

#### **7.1 Transfer Of Land – Reid Street Wilcannia**

Council has previously adopted a resolution at the September, 2003 meeting of Council to transfer land being lots 1-16 DP 1522 and Lots 15 & 16 DP 2809 in exchange for lot 21 DP 599893. The process has been ongoing since that time but has been delayed for numerous reasons.

Recently Council's solicitor asked staff to provide details of the property titles and searches to enable the process to proceed. During the search of these records, a number of inconsistencies were discovered which need to be resolved prior to transferring any titles to the land.

- The major problem discovered is that the formed road known as Parundji Drive is not a gazetted road and is in fact located on 5 or 6 of the lots proposed to be transferred to the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council. This in effect would result in the road being on privately owned land.
- As a further complication, both Hood and James Streets are gazetted roads but do not actually exist.
- Barkindji Drive also does not exist as a gazetted road. It traverses land owned by the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council but is maintained by Council.

Whilst Council has previously agreed to provide the land to the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council, it is likely that an alternative agreement would not create many difficulties. Discussions in this regard have been commenced.

Whilst the problem is a long term and potentially tricky issue, it is not considered to be an overly difficult problem to solve. The easiest method of resolving this problem once and for ever, is as follows: -

- An agreement needs to be reached with the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Council needs to undertake road closures over the land currently gazetted as Murray and James Street
- Council needs to compulsorily acquire the land which is covered by Murray and James Street

- Council needs to dedicate the land under the road known as Parundji Drive as a public road and have this gazetted accordingly
- Council needs to acquire the land under the road known as Barkindji Drive and have this land gazetted as a public road
- Council needs to have the land surveyed to identify the boundaries accurately.

This problem needs to be resolved as a matter of urgency, as Council's public liability position is unclear and potentially could result in considerable costs to Council in the event of an accident. Council's insurers have been placed on notice as a matter of potential concern.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

***That the Acting Manager of Environmental Services report be received.***

***That Council's General Manager be authorised to negotiate an alternative agreement with the Wilcannia Aboriginal Lands Council***

***That Council resolve to commence proceedings for the closure of James Street and Murray Street Wilcannia as per the attached diagram.***

***That Council commence proceedings to have an area of land, being Parundji Drive, dedicated for the purpose of a public road***

***That Council begin the process of compulsory acquisition of land for the purpose of dedicating Barkindji Drive as a public road.***

***That Council obtain a quotation for the necessary survey works to complete recommendations 2 – 4 above.***

***That Council consider the process of obtaining easements over Council services on lands adjacent to Parundji and Barkindji Drive.***

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The General Manager commended the Acting Manager of Environmental Services on his clear report on how to overcome these difficult issues.

***23-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Brown, Seconded Clr Longfellow that Council's General Manager be authorised to negotiate an alternative agreement with the Wilcannia Aboriginal Lands Council***

***That Council resolve to commence proceedings for the closure of James Street and Murray Street Wilcannia as per the attached diagram.***

***That Council commence proceedings to have an area of land, being Parundji Drive, dedicated for the purpose of a public road***

***That Council begin the process of compulsory acquisition of land for the purpose of dedicating Barkindji Drive as a public road.***

***That Council obtain a quotation for the necessary survey works to complete recommendations 2-4 above.***

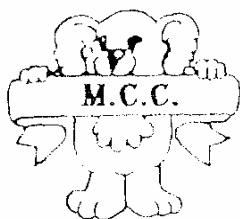
### ***MOTION CARRIED***

## **7.2 Proposed Changes To Lease Arrangements – Menindee Pre-School**

The Menindee Children's Centre has sent correspondence to Council requesting that Council relinquish its trusteeship of Special Reserve 230014. They have decided that it would be preferable for the Menindee Children's Centre Committee to become the Trustee for the site and discussions with The Department of Planning & Natural Resources has indicated no problems with this approach. A copy of the MCC's correspondence is attached for Council's information.

The building used for the purpose of a Children's Pre School is currently owned by Council albeit on Crown Land. Council maintains the building at present and under the terms proposed, the MCC will take possession of the building for a peppercorn sum of say \$1.00, and will then be responsible for all future maintenance of the site.

Council could also cover itself for future changes by including a clause within the contract that in the event that the Committee folding, that the building return to Council's ownership for community use.



# Menindee Children's Centre

**Menindee Children's Centre**  
**PO Box 221, Menindee, NSW 2879**  
**Phone/Facsimile (08) 8091 4246**

To The Manager, Environmental Services

Re; Lease agreement for Menindee Children's Centre

Dear Leeanne,

Our committee has contacted the Department Of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources through the contact details provided by you, and they have been very helpful in explaining the situation we are now in regards to our occupation of the Special Reserve 230014. The discussion informed us on why the current arrangement with the Central Darling Shire Council is not adequate, and we were informed of the options available to us from this point on.

Therefore, at the suggestion of DIPNR, the Menindee Children's Centre Committee requests that the Central Darling Shire Council relinquish their management of the Menindee Child Care Centre Reserve Trust, on the understanding that the Menindee Children's Centre Committee will undertake the management of the reserve as the trustee.

Once the MCC Committee is appointed as the trustee of the Reserve and already being the occupier, this would give the Committee the most secure tenure possible over the Centre and also deal with all the associated issues of expending grant money on capital improvement of property which the Committee has no legal control over.

The Central Darling Shire Council would benefit from relinquishing their management of the trust by being released from all the maintenance and reporting requirements and their associated costs. As a Reserve, all income from the Reserve can only be spent on its maintenance and these costs would easily exceed its income placing an extra burden on the Council which is not necessary. The draft Lease Agreement is in effect asking the MCC Committee to become the pseudo trustees as we feel the draft Lease Agreement Clauses 2-5, 7-10, 12, 14, and 16 are all the direct responsibility of the Reserve Trustee.

The MCC currently meet all the requirements to become the Reserve Trustee, and our audit and annual reporting regime means the information that would be required by DIPNR is already being collected and only needs to be reproduced in their format.

***RECOMMENDATIONS:***

***That the report of the Acting Manager Environmental Services be received.***

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*That Council resolve to agree to the proposed transfer of the trusteeship of Special Reserve No. 230014 to the Menindee Children's Centre Committee.*

*That Council agree to the sale of the buildings on the reserve to the Menindee Children's Centre Committee for the amount of \$1.00.*

*That a clause be included in the contract stating that in the event of the Committee folding, that the ownership of the building be returned to Council.*

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

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*24-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Reid That Council resolve to agree to the proposed transfer of the trusteeship of Special Reserve No. 230014 to the Menindee Children's Centre Committee.*

*that Council agree to the sale of the buildings on the reserve to the Menindee Children's Centre Committee for the amount of \$1.00.*

*That a clause be included in the contract stating that in the event of the Committee folding, that the ownership of the building be returned to Council.*

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

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **7.3 Waste Disposal Agreement Wilcannia Tip**

Council may be aware that an agreement was previously signed with NetWaste NSW for the collection and disposal of scrap steel from the Wilcannia Tip. The agreement was that Net Waste's agent would collect all separated steel and transport it for recycling and pay Council \$151.00 per tonne for the waste.

NetWaste has recently contacted Council expressing a desire to begin the removal of waste in the near future and providing a number of options and costing proposals for removal of the waste. The contractor indicated a desire to start immediately, however the decision to proceed was deferred pending a report to Council, as the terms of the agreement are considerably different from the initial understanding of the agreement.

The proposal as currently outlined is as follows: -

- The initial agreement to pay \$151.00 per tonne for waste still applies for loose waste;

- An inspection by NetWaste revealed that there was between 500 and 1,000 tonnes of steel waste within the tip but much of it was covered with dirt and other waste;
- The use of excavators and electro magnets would be required to remove the waste and enable its recovery;
- The recovery firm would, as part of the process, re-profile the tip and effectively increase its lifespan. This has been done for a number of other Councils in the region and their comments in regard to the success of the process is being sought;
- The re-profiling of the tip would result in a considerable long term saving to Council in regard to establishment of new areas for a tip. Accurate costing is not available for this, however depending on various environmental factors, the costs would be considerable;
- Option 1 – based on Council paying for setup costs as detailed below and running costs for the duration of the project. Council to receive full price for waste sold;
- Option 2 – The operator to cover all costs and retain material recovered for sale. They would value the waste recovered at \$125.00 per tonne and Council would receive the difference between this and the rate agreed with NetWaste i.e. \$26.00.

<b>Option 1</b>		
Setup costs	Locate machinery	\$6,000.00
Operating Costs for 8 hours per day for 20 days est.	2 x 25 tonne excavators \$130/hr 1 x front end loader \$130/hr	\$62,400.00
Recovery based on		
500 tonnes	\$151 per tonne	\$75,500.00
1000 tonnes	\$151 per tonne	\$151,000.00
<b>Less costs of production</b>	<b>For 500 tonnes</b>	<b>For 1000 tonnes</b>
	<b>\$7,600.00</b>	<b>\$82,600.00</b>

<b>Option 2</b>	For 500 tonne	For 1000 tonne
Access Recycling to recover material at their cost – Council to receive \$26.00 per tonne	<b>Council to receive \$13,000.00</b>	<b>Council to receive \$26,000.00</b>

Should the amount of waste be 500 tonnes, the best option would appear to be option 2 which would result in Council receiving approximately \$13,000.00 as well as having re-profiling works carried out on its tip. Clarification of exactly what the re-profiling entails is an important part of the proposal and will require confirmation prior to any decisions.

Should the amount of waste be 100 tonnes, as believed by NetWaste, option 1 would provide the best return to Council i.e. \$82,600.00 approximately and re-profiling of the tip.



Should any financial returns be received, it is necessary for those funds to be spent on domestic waste disposal. This may allow Council to carry out much needed remedial works at the tip without the need to increase waste management charges. Details of possible projects will need to be provided as a separate report once details of the amounts available are known.

Further details are currently being sought and will be provided verbally in support of this report at the July meeting.

At this point only Wilcannia Tip is under consideration, however other tips are being discussed for similar proposals.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

***That the report of the Acting Manager Environmental Services be received.***

***That Council agree to the proposal for the recovery of waste from the Wilcannia Tip and the re-profiling of same i.e. Option 1;***

***That the General Manager be authorised to sign any contracts in this regard and to attach the seal of Council if necessary.***

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Cr Brown asked if we could set up a recycling system at the same time.

The Acting Manager of Environment Services explained that there was not time to complete a Management Plan for recycling, but recycling will be addressed as soon as possible. Some work has already been done. NetWaste are encouraging Council's to recycle waste.

The Acting Manager of Environment Services also reported that NetWaste would look at the Menindee Waste Depot while they are in the area.

***25-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Doyle that Council agree to the proposal for the recovery of waste from the Wilcannia Tip and the re-profiling of same i.e. Option 1;***

***That the General Manager be authorised to sign any contracts in this regard and to attach the seal of Council if necessary.***

***MOTION CARRIED***

## SECTION 8. MANAGER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

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

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***26-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Vagg, Seconded Clr Linnett that the Manager of Community Development's report be received and dealt with***

### ***MOTION CARRIED***

#### **8.1 Local Government Week 2005**

Local Government Week this year is scheduled for the first week in August. Due to the A R Bluett Award Presentation commitments of senior staff and Councillors we have moved Central Darling Shire Council's celebration of this event to 8 – 14 of August. The week-long celebrations are being organised by the Wilcannia RTC. The theme for this year's Local Government Week is Sustainable Communities. To foster this theme we have included a 'Clean Up Day' for each town and a discussion with each of the schools on what Council does, how to get involved and what Council can do for it's younger residents.

The celebrations will also include three debates between the schools on Sustainable Communities and a postcard competition open to all.

Sustainability involves all generations, but particularly children hence our inclusion of activities that foster participation by children.

The tentative programme is as follows:

#### **Monday 8 August 2005**

Two debates by students of Ivanhoe, Menindee, White Cliffs and Wilcannia Schools

Topic: 'That youth are important to sustain the community'

Opening display of entries in Central Darling Shire's Postcard Competition – Wilcannia Telecentre.

#### **Tuesday 9 August 2005**

##### **Ivanhoe**

Manager of Community Development and Ivanhoe Councillors to talk to Ivanhoe Central School students about:

- Civics and Citizenship
- What does Council do?
- How can kids get involved?
- What can Council do for kids?

MCD, Ivanhoe Councillors, teachers and students of Ivanhoe Central School and business and community members to 'Clean-Up Ivanhoe Day', followed by a sausage sizzle.

### **Wednesday 10 August 2005**

#### **Menindee**

Manager of Community Development and Menindee Councillors to talk to Menindee Central School students about:

- Civics and Citizenship
- What does Council do?
- How can kids get involved?
- What can Council do for kids?

MCD, Menindee Councillors, teachers and students of Menindee Central School and business and community members to 'Clean-Up Menindee Day', followed by a sausage sizzle.

### **Thursday 11 August 2005**

#### **AM – White Cliffs**

Manager of Community Development and Cr Graham Wellings to talk to White Cliffs Public School students about:

- Civics and Citizenship
- What does Council do?
- How can kids get involved?
- What can Council do for kids?

MCD, Cr Wellings, teachers and students of White Cliffs Public School and business and community members to 'Clean-Up White Cliffs Day', followed by a sausage sizzle.

#### **PM – Wilcannia**

Manager of Community Development and Wilcannia Councillors to talk to Wilcannia Central School and St Therese's Community School students about:

- Civics and Citizenship
- What does Council do?
- How can kids get involved?
- What can Council do for kids?

MCD, Wilcannia Councillors, teachers and students of Wilcannia Central School, St Therese's Community School and business and community members to 'Clean-Up Wilcannia Day', followed by a sausage sizzle.

### **Friday 12 August 2005**

#### **Debate Finals**

The two winners from Monday morning to debate in the final of Central Darling Shire Council's debating competition. Topic to be released at the conclusion of debates on Monday 8 August.

Winners to be announced with winners and commendations for the Postcard Competition.

Rules and guidelines for debating and postcard competition can be obtained from the Wilcannia RTC Coordinator.

Ward councillors are requested to advise the Manager of Community Development of a suitable area for the Clean-up and their availability for the school visits.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the Local Government Week 2005 report be received and noted.***

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***27-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of , Seconded that the Local Government Week 2005 report be received and noted.***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**8.2 Australia Day Awards Program 2006**

Nominations are open for Central Darling Shire's Citizens of the Year, Young Citizens of the Year and Community Events of the Year. Nominations are to be made in writing to Central Darling Shire Council. Nominations close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005

Expressions of Interest for a Central Darling Shire township to host an Australia Day Ambassador are also open. Only one Ambassador is allocated to each local government area. Expressions of Interest close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***For Council's information.***

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There was discussion on this matter, and the Manager of Community Development will bring a report to Council in August 2005.

## SECTION 9. RECEPTION OF CORRESPONDENCE

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Correspondence for Council Information be received and noted*

*28-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,  
Seconded Clr Longfellow that the  
Correspondence for Council Information be  
received and noted*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.1 Media Releases**

Date	Sender	Contents
6/7/2005	Peter Black Member for Murray Darling	cc from Deputy Premier Anthony O'Brien - Land Tax - a fair system
6/7/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	New Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
4/7/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Cobb thanks communities for taking charge of their own futures
1/7/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	VP Medals an important thanks to our Veterans
1/7/2005	Peter Black Member for Murray Darling	Black: Rainfall makes me want to break out in song
30/6/2005	Peter Black Member for Murray Darling	cc from Darling River Food & Fibre - Urgent final appeal to Government - Barwon-Darling Water Reform
29/6/2005	Central Darling Shire Council - Wilcannia	Outgoing Media Release - Council takes the Federal water funding plunge
23/6/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	John Anderson leaves lasting legacy as Leader of the Nationals
23/6/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Equipment to support our local volunteers
22/6/2005	John Cobb - The Hon MP - Federal Member for Parkes	Regional Partnerships helping all Communities
21/6/2005	The Nationals	State Government must bear some blame for Rate rises
17/6/2005	The Hon Jim Lloyd MP - Federal Minister for Local Government	Federal and State partnership assisting communities in bushfire preparedness

#### **9.2 Circulars**

Sender	Date	Contents
Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	8/7/2005	Local Government Weekly - 27/05
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	8/7/2005	05/31 - Changes to Land Valuation and Rating arising from the implementation of the "Water Management Acr 2000"
Local Government (NSW Dept Of)	4/7/2005	05/32 - Model Code of Conduct Training for Council Facilitators
Local Government Assoc of NSW	1/7/2005	Local Government Weekly - 26/05

& Shires Assoc of NSW Local Government Assoc of NSW & Shires Assoc of NSW	24/6/2005	Local Government Weekly - 25/05
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### 9.3 Letters

Date	File No	Sender	Regarding
5/7/2005	013-03 - 1/6P	Office of the Mayor – Broken Hill City Council	Congratulating Council on winning the AR Bluett Memorial Award
5/7/2005	013-03 - 1/8EP	Jim Parkinson and Associates	Outgoing from GM re AR Bluett Award Submission
4/7/2005	013-03 - 1/5P	Mayor's Office	Formal congratulations from Leo Kelly - Mayor of Blacktown
3/7/2005	073-03 - 1/47P	Irmhild Bakker	Presenting the book "White Cliffs - A Jewel in the Outback of Australia" to Council to mark the Citizenship Ceremony held on 28th June 2005
1/7/2005	073-03 - 1/46P	White Cliffs Village Fire Brigade	Thanking the Director of Corporate Services for auditing books
28/6/2005	083-03 - 2/31P	Peter Black Member for Murray Darling	Thank you reply to GM letter of thanks for Ministerial Delegations
24/6/2005	013-03 - 1/4P	Clarence Valley Council	Congratulating Council on winning the AR Bluett Award
23/6/2005	073-03 - 1/45P	Florence Kinsela	Appreciation of Council's Financial Assistance Program
23/6/2005	013-03 - 1/3P	Hay Shire Council	Congratulating Council on winning the AR Bluett Award
21/6/2005	073-03 - 1/44P	Florence Kinsela	Thanking Council for contribution to "Reconciliation Day", 31st May 2005
15/6/2005	073-03 - 1/43P	Far Western Regional Development Board	cc of letter to Murdi Paaki congratulating participants involved with the Old Mobil Site in Wilcannia

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**10.1 Sunset Strip Progress Association-June 2005 Page 40**

*RECOMMENDATION*

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

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*29-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Reid, Seconded Clr Doyle that Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the Sunset Strip Progress Association Committee*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**10.2 MANEX Minutes – June 2005**

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*RECOMMENDATION*

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

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*30-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Pease, Seconded Clr Brown that Council adopt the Minutes and endorse the actions of the MANEX Team*

*MOTION CARRIED*

## 10.1 Sunset Strip Progress Association- 6<sup>th</sup> June 2005

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUNSET STRIP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005

**Present:** D & G Spain, T Brewer, N Edgecombe, D & S Crombie, N & B Langford, G Quince, M & G Zammit, A & P Finch, John Hall son in law of O Frances, W White, A Woodall, Y Couch, P Apinis, N McGavish, K Tonkin, K Reid, B & L Fraser, H Teelow, B Allen, K & Pascoe, J Brennan.

**Apologies:** Dick & Jan Thustain, Dean Teelow, K Frost, R Tonkin. Apologies accepted. B Fraser moved H Teelow.

**Meeting commenced at 11.55am EST:** Bill Fraser presiding

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2005** accepted on the motion of Y Couch and seconded N Langford.

**Business Arising from previous meeting:** Bill has spoken to gaming and racing regarding children under 18 years in the bar. Under the Liquor Act 1982 – Sect 51A 3E ( j ) The licensee must ensure that adequate supervision is maintained, at any time when any persons under the age of 18 years are on the premises. A photocopy of the Email with information was given to members at the meeting. Bill has spoken to Mr Bill O'Brien from the Central Darling Shire Council regarding this matter. Mr O'Brien has told Bill the Shire is 100% happy with the way Bill has handled, the running of the bar. Mr O'Brien said that Counsellor Reid was concerned about the insurance side of things. This matter has been going on for the last 12 months. Bill Fraser the licensee has asked, that this matter be dealt with once and for all.

John Brennan suggested we make a firm resolution to solve this matter. Martin Zammit made a resolution that children be allowed in the bar under the supervision of their parents. The motion was seconded by Terry Brewer. It is noted that K Tonkin, K Reid and J Brennan oppose the resolution.

#### **Correspondence In**

- Email from Gaming and Racing regarding children in the bar.
- Letter from Dept of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources. Information provided was unsatisfactory, requesting more information on the Plantation Reserve Trust. An to complete a report.
- Letter from Dept of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resource, regarding Water Licence.

#### **Correspondence Out**

- E-mail Minutes to Central Darling Shire

Correspondence moved N Langford seconded Y Couch.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Moved P Apinis Seconded M Zammit.

**General Business** Country Energy to address Sunset Residents regarding water.

**Date of next meeting:** AGM Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2005 12pm EST



## 10.2 MANEX Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005

### MANEX Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Sharon Hutch	Manager Community Development
Mrs Marilyn O'Brien	Senior Administration Officer

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*Meeting Commenced at 3:07 pm*

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Apologies	Mrs Leeanne Ryan	Manager of Environmental Services
	Mr Gordon Scott	Mandatory Inspections Officer

#### **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the MANEX Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005 were adopted.

#### **June Council Meeting Agenda**

The Agenda for the June Meeting was discussed. Topics included:

- Wilcannia Footbridge open to pedestrian traffic
- Rural Transaction Coordinators to write an item for inclusion with the Manager of Community Development Report to Council
- AR Bluett Award presentation in Sydney, General Manager unable to attend as the Coronial Enquiry into the Knox and Downs Fire is on the same day. The GM would like to see a good representation in Sydney.
- Successful Shires Conference and Ministerial Delegations.
- Late report to be tabled re Community Access Bus as Manager of Community Development has a meeting in Broken Hill on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> with Cathy Dyer from Health Service and Vicky McPherson from Dept of Transport.

#### **Menindee SES Vehicle Purchase**

The General Manager received a phone call from Menindee SES. They require a new trailer. Council will need to purchase to add to the Fleet. They have approx \$7,000 in budget and would like to spend \$3,000 on Trailer.

#### **Clearing of paperwork to end of June 2005.**

The Director of Corporate Services asked MANEX to ensure all paperwork was given to the Accounting Section to be processed at the end of the financial year.

#### **Rural Transaction Centre**

The final two payments have been approved.

Broadband will be commencing in Wilcannia in July, the packages will be sold from the RTC in Wilcannia. Telstra will put all their applications through the RTC.

Furniture to be taken to both Menindee and Ivanhoe (Multi-Service Outlet). Manager of Community Development asked Director of Engineering

Services if the Town Truck can be utilised as the furniture is too large to fit into the Landcruiser.

The Director of Engineering Services approved the suggestion.

The General Manager commended the Director of Engineering Services, the RTCs have given his department extra work and they have coped admirably.

The Director of Engineering Services will pass the commendation on to the Outdoor Staff.

**General Business**

- Senior Staff leave discussed and arranged.
- Peter Black MP to have discussions with GM re Wilcannia Housing Project.
- Peter Black MP is also interested in the Copi Hollow Road. The General Manager suggested he talk with the Broken Hill Speedboat Club.

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*There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:35 pm*

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Cr MacMillan asked the General Manager if he has had the discussions with Peter Black MP regarding the Wilcannia Housing Project?

The General Manager informed Council that he has not, and would appreciate Council's direction in preparing a report.

***31-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr MacMillan, Seconded Clr Brown that Council assist the General Manager prepare a written report to be provided to the Member for Murray-Darling, Mr Peter Black MP on the Wilcannia Housing Project***

***MOTION CARRIED***

## SECTION 11. DELEGATES REPORTS

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Delegates Reports be received and noted*

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*32-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr MacMillan,  
Seconded Clr Reid that the Delegates Reports be  
received and noted*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **11.1 Cr Barbara MacMillan - Shires Association of NSW Annual Conference 2005**

**Venue:** Wentworth Hotel, Sydney.

**Attended by:** Bill O'Brien, Peter Sullivan, Moya Reid, Clive Linnett, Barbara MacMillan.

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – WD Mini Conference**

Lunch was at the League's Club and then we proceeded to Parliament House for the Western Division Mini Conference where we were welcomed by Premier Bob Carr.

Peter Black and Duncan Gay were present also.

Various motions were discussed and debated in preparation for the following 2 days.

The theme throughout the three days was lack of water and the problems arising from same.

One of the motions put forward from Cobar was to build a pipeline from the Gulf through Queensland to augment the water in the Barwon/Darling system.

When you consider that we cannot get a release of any water from "Cubby" and Premier Beattie's attitude towards assisting and "loving his neighbour" this suggestion of a pipeline is ludicrous.

I was surprised (given the age of most of the delegates) that no one suggested a re-examination of the Bradfield Scheme

The Welcome Cocktail Party was held on Monday night, well catered for, usual crush with sound decibels off the scale. Clover Moore made a valiant attempt to welcome us, but was defeated by the noise.

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Day 1**

We registered, then were welcomed by the MC – Peter Fitzimmons, Clover Moore again (could hear her this time).

Bob Carr gave us a welcome and spoke of the problems with the Grants Commission. Goulburn has a water problem so \$7.5m will help them out; also, \$8.2 billion will be spent on infrastructure for NSW, most of it to provide another tunnel to the North Shore because the Sydney commuters are finding life hard.

Phyllis Miller (outgoing President) spoke re cost shifting and rate pegging.

Tony Kelly – covered many subjects:-

- Resource Sharing
- Long-term asset managing plans
- Training courses
- GM – standard contracts
- A referendum re ratios for Councillor elections:
  - \* Legislature of a one-off application to reduce the number of Councillors.
  - \* Suggested five (5) Councillors at next election.
  - \* Vacancies to be filled statim
- Breeds specific legislation
- Rates and land valuation, including water licences
- Reform of Crown Lands and enclosed road problems.

We were then told the result of the AR Bluett award. The awards were won by Blacktown for the City Council and Central Darling Shire Council for the Shire Council. Due credit must go to Jim Parkinson and all who were involved.

The Treasurer gave his report and informed us that the new premises are in Margaret Street and we have a healthy balance.

Discussion then took place re the proposal that the Shires Association and the Local Government Association amalgamate; an ongoing theme.

After lunch we listened to Rod Geer, Director of State Cover Mutual Ltd. He outlined the history of State Cover Mutual, then touched on the subjects of OH&S; feedback; resources and use of; and claims management.

“Where to from here”, a workshop with four speakers was the next item on the programme.

Ross Woodward from Housing was the first speaker. He gave a very detailed talk covering the vision and role of Councils, the current skill shortage, community expectations, Governance models, the Model Code of Conduct for all Councils, and the key issues involved which are:-

- When to disclose
- Overall conduct
- Reporting
- Procedural fairness
- Use and abuse of media
- Rules versus flexibility
- Abuse of due process.

He stated that the keys to success are:-

- Commitment
- Transparency

- Honesty
- Fairness
- Understanding of roles

To bring all the above about becomes a three stage process:-

1. Project proposal
2. Pre-EOI market testing
3. Pre-contract

The ensuing steps are:-

1. Amendment of the Act
2. Proclamation of the Act
3. Formation of the regulations
4. Release of guidelines

The next workshop member to speak was the Hon. Barry O’Keefe QC (now with Clayton Nents).

He outlined the use of ICAC and the Ombudsman (since 1974).

ICAC is wider than the Ombudsman and has a three prong approach

1. Investigation
2. Prevention of corruption
3. Educative – to ensure a culture free of corruption

The Ombudsman by contrast deals with matters such as:

1. Rudeness to Public
2. Undisclosed conflicts of interest
3. Suspicion of corruption

The impact following ICAC investigation usually follow the same pattern

1. Anger against ICAC
2. Anger against management
3. Anger against “dobber”
4. Anger against person/s involved

Good leadership is essential in cases involving ICAC and the Ombudsman.

The General Manager must be open, plan well, completely honest, supportive of staff and work for closure.

Councillors must refrain from butting in, co-operate, avoid gossip and the media, don’t judge, speculate or go political and work for closure.

Ian Latham brought forcefully to our attention the subject of pecuniary interest.

He stated: “If in doubt – declare”.

The obligation of Councillors exists and the obligation is broad.

The onus of proof in these cases exists with the Tribunal.

If proven the P.I.T.D. can and will:

- Counsel
- Reprimand

- Suspend person for six months
- Disqualify person
- Suspend Councillor's fee for six months.

However, the loss of public trust is ongoing and difficult to re-establish.

The final speaker in this workshop was Sheila O'Sullivan who gave us advice on "Managing the battered image of Councils".

The basics are:

1. Behaviour of all concerned
2. Council's Code of Practice and adherence to same
3. Performance of Council Officers
4. Understanding of the Media
5. Keep the Media on side

The Conference adjourned and we had a crowded "Happy Hour" followed by the Conference Dinner.

Great dinner, good eating, good entertainment.

Between speakers on both days we went through all the proposed motions many of which have appeared on a regular basis annually.

This area of the Conference seems to be rushed with little debate on some of these subjects or proposals. It is felt that with many of these repetitive motions examination is required and the motion cancelled or attacked from a different angle.

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Day 2**

The Ministerial address was delivered by the Hon. Craig Knowles.

Mr Knowles is now the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources. Mr Knowles is to be assisted by the Hon. Tony Kelly in the Natural Resources Portfolio.

Mr Knowles spoke of the plans for water management and of his aim to drive forward regional development.

The Hon. John Watkins MP address the subject of transport.

The Australian Rail Track Corporation has the brief of promoting a National Rail Network. He spoke of the Goulburn Workshop re transport, of the eleven co-ordinators set up to oversee transport, of the introduction of an Enngonnia to Bourke bus, of a bus for Cessnock, and of the possibility of a grant for the Wilcannia to Broken Hill bus.

Sandra Nori (Deputy John O'Neil)

Tourism was the subject here, it's importance and it's dependence on roads, therefore the need for road maintenance and improvement throughout New South Wales.

The Hon. Bob Debus MP – Attorney General and Minister for the Environment.

He emphasised the following points:

1. Legislation combining the Environmental Trust Fund and the Waste Fund.
2. Economic impact of National Parks in 1995 maintenance and animal control was \$15.00 per annum per hectare and in 2005 \$34.00.
3. 162 jobs created at Mutawinji. Farmers to be given a plan on land care.
4. Land and Environment Court reform
5. New rules re awarding of costs to be introduced.

At the stroke of noon, John Brogden MP Leader of the Opposition gave us a few pointers to think about.

- The effect of Brigalow
- Wooing of the Greens by the Government
- No 1 issue should be infrastructure
- Unfairness of GST
- Triplication of Government Services
- Overlapping of Federal and State and its cost.
- Unfairness of the Grants Commission formula
- Need to encourage people to the country

Our next speaker was Richard Acheson, a Director of the Community Relations Commission.

Richard expounded on the subject of Migration to regional NSW.

Levels appear to be set by the Federal Government through D.I.M.I.A. The structures involved are:

1. Commonwealth and W.D. of NSW
2. NSW Government
3. D.I.M.I.A. - The impression was given that this is a lost cause.

Paul Bell, President of the Australian Local Government Association gave us views on:

1. National Priorities
2. Fair share and cost shifting
  - Fair go with tax wealth
  - Cost shifting should end
  - Build a new Federal Partnership
  - Work towards implementation of the Hawker Report
  - The need for Constitutional recognition.

Brett Westcott, CEO Local Government Superannuation Scheme.

- Assets of scheme are up 16%
- Memberships are up 6%

- From 1997-2004 the scheme has met with predictions.
- The Scheme is tied in with equity markets and property securities.

On the subject of NRM and Planning, Jennifer Westacott, DG, DIPNR addressed the meeting.

The water reforms mooted are:

1. Water sharing
2. Ground water sharing
3. 9,000 water access licenses
4. Department of Land to issue certificates
5. A National Water initiative
6. Push the Living Murray programme
7. Produce macro water sharing plans
8. Look at perpetual water licences
9. Vegetation management
10. Clearing of scrub
11. Service Level Agreements for CMAs.
12. Create new position of Drought Co-ordinator.

NSW Planning Reforms.

Stage 1

- Prioritise regions
- Simplify planning
- Streamline assessment

Strategy

- Metropolitan
- Far North Coast
- Lower Hunter
- Illawarra
- Sydney-Canberra corridor.

There needs to be a speeding up of control in LEP.

The final speaker was the Hon. Michael Costa MLC, Minister for Roads.

Michael stated that \$2.9 billion allocated this year with 62% to be spent on rural and regional areas.

The Timber Bridge programme is to be resurrected.

Speed areas are being examined.

Speeding fines to be halved.

Attention placed on P plate drivers.

Road Funding:

- AusLink funding unfair
- Weight on roads to be examined
- Bridges to be examined



- Funding not indexed
- Legal costs not met
- Project costs limited
- Withdrawal from contracts
- Timing of package poor
- Feds want their way
- Heavy vehicles need regulations

All in all the conference was enjoyable and informative, however more question time of all speakers particularly Politicians should be allowed.

Went out Wednesday night on the town, arrived home at half-past.

Cr Barbara MacMillan

## SECTION 12. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

### Cr Longfellow

Asked when repairs would be undertaken on the toilet block and the Air Conditioner at the Ivanhoe Hall? There is a function there at the end of July and it would be desirable to have them completed before then.

The Acting Manager of Environment Services said these matters are to be attended to under the current program, and he will now make them a priority. We have a staff member who can attend to these matters, we do not have to wait for contractors now.

Cr Longfellow also mentioned there are ramps and grids in the Shire that need updating. There is more traffic now than when the ramps were installed.

The Director of Engineering Services will prepare a report to Council with various options.

### Cr Brown

Asked if the sandstone recovered from the Waste Depot in Wilcannia when it is re-profiled can be re-used?

The Acting Manager of Environment Services said it can be.

Cr Brown also asked if the pool of water sitting in the dip on the Tilpa Road could be repaired?

The Director of Engineering Services informed Council that it will be attended to as soon as the equipment is available.

### Cr Doyle

Asked if the Menindee Town streets repaired? There are several that need attention.

The Director of Engineering Services said that when a grader was in the area they will be attended to.

Cr Doyle also asked for an update on the runway lighting at Menindee Airstrip?

The Director of Engineering Services reported that the lights were about to be ordered.

### Cr Reid

Asked how much has been spent on the Talyawalka Bridge, how much is left and what was done to the Bridge?

The Director of Engineering Services replied that \$130,000 was spent on the bridge. Neither he nor the Director of Corporate Services could advice what was left, but the question will be taken on notice.

### Cr MacMillan

Asked if the Post Office Building in Wilcannia had been broken into?

The General Manager replied that not as far as Council is aware, no report has been made. The General Manager also went on to inform Council that National Parks and Wildlife have expressed some interest in leasing the Post Office from Council for their offices in Wilcannia for the Discovery Guides. The General Manager asked Council to allow him to be flexible with regards to rent and lease agreements.

Cr MacMillan also asked if the money owing to Council for the Wilcannia Caravan Park has been received?

The General Manager replied that nothing has been received from the departments involved.

Cr MacMillan also asked for an update of the catering van for use in Wilcannia.

The General Manager said it had been intended to use the one currently housed in Menindee, but it needs a truck to pull it and needs extensive work, however another one has been sourced in Bourke that can be pulled with a vehicle which Council will purchase.

**Cr Vagg**

Asked if the copies of the AR Bluett Award submission have been received?

He was advised they are currently being printed.

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*The meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm and resumed at 12:50 pm*

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***33-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Wellings, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council suspend standing orders to hear from Mr Daryl Green, General Manager of the Western Catchment Management Authority***

***MOTION CARRIED***

The General Manager introduced Mr Daryl Green, General Manager of the Western Catchment Management Authority.

Mr Green outlined to Council the area is CMA covers and what their focus is, which is principally to ensure the local community has a significant say in how natural resources (land, vegetation, rivers, groundwater and biodiversity) are managed.

The Authority is run by a Board, made up of:

Mr Rory Treweeke – Chair, from a station near Lightning Ridge,

Mrs Jenny McLennan, from a station near Brewarrina,

Mr Max Hams, from a property near Broken Hill,

Mr Justin McClure, from a grazing property near Tilpa,

Mr Andrew Mosely, from a property near Cobar, and

Mr Sam Jeffries, who is also Chair of the Barwon Darling Alliance.

Mr Green announced an Incentive Funding Scheme which will see the CMA provide \$2 for every \$1 contributed by individuals, groups and organisations for projects that best contribute towards meeting the WCMA targets, and cover the areas of:

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Native Pasture Recovery

- Pest Management
- Riverine Habitat
- Water Quality
- High Value Ecological Community

The Mayor thanked Mr Green for addressing Council

The General Manager's Item 4.3 was then returned to with the following resolution:

***34-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett,  
Seconded Clr MacMillan that the NSW  
Catchment Management Authorities report be  
received and noted***

***MOTION CARRIED***

***35-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Longfellow,  
Seconded Clr Linnett that the meeting resume  
standing orders***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**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

Cr Doyle asked if Council would donate \$750 to enable participation in the City to Surf Fun Run

*36-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Doyle, Seconded Clr Linnett that Council donate \$750 to the Department of Rural Health to enable students of the Wilcannia and Menindee Central Schools to enter into the City to Surf Fun Run*

***MOTION CARRIED***

**SECTION 15. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING**

**SECTION 16. FIXING DATES AND VENUES FOR NEXT MEETING**

*37-7-05 Resolved On the Motion Of Clr Linnett, Seconded Clr Wellings that the next Council Meeting be held in the White Cliffs Community Hall on 16th August 2005 commencing at 9:30 am*

***MOTION CARRIED***

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*There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1:54 pm.*

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