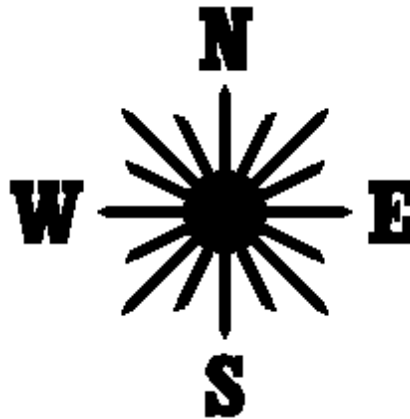


Mission Statement

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

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda

For the Ordinary Meeting

9:30am Tuesday 20th August 2013

at

Ivanhoe

Council dedicated to serving its Communities.

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

The above-mentioned Meeting of Council will be held in the RSL, Ivanhoe on Tuesday 20th August 2013 commencing at 9:30am.

Morning Tea is scheduled to be served at 10:30am and Lunch at 12:00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Room.

There will a citizenship ceremony to take place at the commencement of the Council Meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

SECTION 2. PUBLIC ACCESS – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council's policy in regards to public access to Council Meetings states:

- Public access to meetings of the Central Darling Shire Council are to be listed on the agenda following the Mayoral Minute.
- Each member of the public who wishes to address Council is to register with Management prior to the commencement of the meeting, listing their name and the general topic or topics they wish to raise. Those who register will have precedence.
- Each address will be limited to five (5) minutes at the discretion of the Chair.
- All matters raised by members of the public will be recorded and actioned within one month of the meeting.

SECTION 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 16th July 2013, copies of which were circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.2 STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - AUGUST 2013

Status of Council Resolutions - August 2013

Minute Number	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Action Taken
13-9-11	Inform Councillors and Staff of the changes and Council's new policy "Public Interest Disclosures Act : Internal Reporting Policy".	AGM	EA	To be completed.
19-02-12	White Cliffs Water Supply - Glen Hope Agreement, too seek urgent legal advice regarding the original agreement	MTES	WE	Draft agreement sent 6-2-13. Awaiting reply
45-06-12	That Council prepare a detailed submission to the Minister for Roads in relation to the sealing of Pooncarie Rd.	MTES	AGM	In Progress
40-09-12	That Council inform Essential Energy that Council accepts the proposal offered regarding the White Cliffs Solar Power Station and will negotiate further the method of transfer.	MES	AGM	Essential Energy dealing with transfer
7-11-12	That the Central Darling Shire Council sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Central Darling Shire, the Lands Councils and the Working Parties of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee.	AGM	EA	In progress
8-11-12	That the Central Darling Shire Council seek grant funding from both State and Federal Governments to build housing for the aged in Menindee	MES	AGM	In progress
9-11-12	That the Central Darling Shire Council arrange a date for a training workshop on how to Chair Council Meetings and update our policy on meeting procedure.	AGM	EA	In progress
15-12-12	That the Draft Employee Housing Policy report be received and noted and further: 1. That the Draft Employee Housing Policy be adopted and publicly advertised for 28 days; 2. That a further report be submitted to Council after the closure of public submissions;	MES	AGM	Exhibition period completed and report to be presented to Council
23-12-12	That Council adopt the draft Street Tree policy and draft Verge Maintenance Policy including the following amendments, Point 3. Number of trees per allotment – 2 trees per 20m allotment frontage and increased pro-rata for wider allotments. Point 4. Where planting of street tree/s are approved, trees will be placed on a tree planting program. Tree planting will be undertaken during March to August of each year. Point 8. Endemic tree species will generally be preferred.	MTES	WE	In progress, Points 3,4,8 need to be added to the existing policy.

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	That Council consider a Comprehensive Review of the Street Trees, Streetscape and Verge Maintenance Policies following consideration by Manex and quantification of resources required.			
54-12-12	That the policy register have the inclusion of the grids policy incentive agreement.	MTES	WE	In progress
45-02-13	That identified Aboriginal organisations across the Shire be invited to enter into MOU's with Council individually.	AGM	EA	In progress
21-03-13	That Council receive and note the Rail Road Interface Agreement That Council endorses the Interface agreement in the manner required, and authorizes the Acting General Manager to sign and seal the document as required.	AGM	MTES	In progress
10/04/2013	That the Athenaeum Building, Reid Street, Wilcannia report be received and noted, and further; That investigations into the possible return of the building to its former use as a Rural Transaction Centre be undertaken and reported back to Council.	AGM	IO	To be progressed
16/04/2013	That Council write to the relevant Minister to have Menindee included in the Remote Communities Water Supply and Sewerage Program.	AGM	EA	In Progress
9-06-13	That this motion be deferred until the August meeting of Council with input from the Wilcannia Works Committee with public consultation prior to the Wilcannia Works Committee meeting.			In Progress

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14-06-13	That the Draft Complaint Handling Policy be received and noted; and further That the Draft Complaint Handling Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.			Report prepared for August Meeting
48-06-13	That Council request that the project be re-tendered, but only if funding is sought and received by NOW from the Federal Government to cover the cost of the project, and further; That the previous conditions Council requested through resolutions from May 2013 Ordinary Meeting relating to this project remain.			In Progress
9-07-13	That the Draft Work Health & Safety Policy be received and noted; and further That the Draft Work Health & Safety Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and a report be presented to Council after this period.			On Public Exhibition
24-07-13	That the Sunset Strip Waste Depot report be received and noted, and further; That Council request the Sunset Strip Progress Association provide a written proposal advising services to be provided at the Sunset Strip Waste Depot. That Council seeks advice from Statewide regarding any insurance and risk requirements that maybe required if the Association takes over the day to day maintenance of the waste depot. That a further report to Council be provided once the abovementioned information has been obtained.	MES	EHO	In Progress
27-07-13	That a report be submitted to Council on the process involved for sale of land for unpaid rates and a draft listing of properties for inclusion in the sale be provided for Council's approval. That the above report be prepared for the meeting of Council in October 2013	RATES	MCCS	In Progress
31-07-13	31-07-13 resolved That a letter be sent to John Williams MP regarding the Sport and Recreation Grant Funding advising that a fairer application submission system needs to be developed.	AGM	EA	In Progress

40-07-13	<p>1 Accepts the proposal from Transport for NSW for the funded provision of two buses for the Wilcannia and Menindee services to Broken Hill.</p> <p>2. Enters into a contract with Transport for NSW for the provision of health bus services for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2015.</p>	MCCC	FM	In Progress
42-07-13	<p>That the Acting General Manager continue to investigate the situation and bring a further report back to Council.</p>	AGM	MCCS	In Progress

RECOMMENDATION

That the Status of Council Resolutions be received and noted.

SECTION 4. MAYORAL MINUTES OR REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

SECTION 5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

RECOMMENDATION

That the Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary be received and noted.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTIONS

SECTION 8. ACTING GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 INFORMATIONS ITEMS

8.1.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFERENDUM

ATTACHMENT 1

Correspondence has been received from Local Government NSW (LGNSW) to advise the referendum to financially recognise Local Government in the Constitution will no longer proceed alongside the Federal election. Further advice from LGNSW is expected in the future to advise Councils on 'where to from here', including the outcomes for council contributions towards the campaign and the possibility of a referendum in the future. Council will be kept updated in relation to this matter.

8.1.2 CRISTAL MINING

On 1 August 2013, the Mayor, Acting GM and MTES met with representatives from Cristal Mining to discuss the proposed Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands project with particular focus on the Ivanhoe-Balranald Road. Discussions on road maintenance agreements are continuing. Road pavement adequacy tests and investigations are still being carried out. Consideration for the reclassification of the above road as a State Road is being investigated (as to whether or not it is possible) through RMS and the Department of Planning.

8.1.3 AMENDMENTS TO S296 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

ATTACHMENT 2

A circular has been received from the Division of Local Government informing Councils of recent amendments to section 296 relating to the conduct of Council elections. Key changes include:

- Councils are able to decide up to 18 months prior to an ordinary election to enter into a contract with the NSWEC to conduct all of their elections, referendums and polls and to enter into any such contract up to 15 months before the election.
- The contract may be terminated by either party at any time following the ordinary election and will expire 18 months prior to the next ordinary election unless terminated earlier.
- Councils may also enter into a contract with the NSWEC to conduct their individual elections (other than ordinary elections), referendums and polls at any time.
- In exceptional circumstances the NSWEC may agree to conduct an ordinary election at any time.
- Councils that have already resolved to engage the NSWEC to conduct a by-election under section 296 within 12 months of the 2012 ordinary election will not be obliged to use the NSWEC to conduct other elections, referendums or polls.

8.1.4 SUBMISSIONS – OLD WILCANNIA POST OFFICE

ATTACHMENT 3

During July 2013 Council called for submissions from the local community for suitable uses for the Old Wilcannia Post Office building. A total of 9 submissions were received, and a petition with 63 signatures. Most of the submissions indicated they would prefer to see the post office business returned to the Old Wilcannia Post Office building, with an alternate use as tourist information centre. The petition reiterated the same views.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

8.2 DRAFT COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT POLICY

Summary

This report presents the Draft Complaints Management Policy for formal adoption by Council.

Commentary

At the June Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted a draft Complaints Management Policy to assist manage complaint handling within the Council. The policy particularly relates to external complaints lodged by the general public. The document has been placed on public exhibition for 28 days, and no submissions were received during this period. The document will provide a guide for staff to handle complaints in an appropriate and consistent manner.

(a) Policy Implications

Council does not currently have a policy dealing with complaint handling however it is highly recommended that Council proceeds with adoption of such a document to enable complaints to be tracked and actioned as required.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultations

Draft policy has been placed on public exhibition for 28 days, no submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Draft Complaints Management Policy report be received; and further,

That council adopt the document titled Draft Complaints Management Policy as the Council's Complaint Management Policy.

8.3 SWITCHOVER TO DIGITAL TELEVISION

ATTACHMENT 4

Summary

This report provides information on the switchover to digital television and assists to answers questions raised by Councillors at the last Council meeting.

Commentary

Correspondence has been received from Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy regarding the Digital Switchover. Analog TV services in Remote Central and Eastern Australia (RCEA) switchover region (see map as part of attachment), which includes large areas of NSW will cease on **10 December 2013** and only digital services will be provided from that date.

A significant proportion of households in RCEA receive digital TV by direct-to-home satellite. There are two satellite services currently providing TV services in RCEA: the analog Aurora service and the new Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service. The Aurora service will cease on 10 December 2013. This means that anyone in the RCEA switchover region who currently receives TV through the Aurora service will need to make arrangements to move to the VAST service by 10 December 2013.

Information for residents on how to access digital TV services is available from the *mySwitch* tool on the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au

In some areas, analog television services have been provided through 'self-help' retransmission sites. No self-help sites in RCEA are being upgraded to digital by broadcasters. People living in these areas will be able to receive digital television services from the VAST service. They will also be eligible for assistance to move to the VAST service under the Government's Satellite Subsidy Scheme. The closing date for the subsidy is 10 January 2014.

It is recommended that Council assist to inform local residents of the switchover date and encourage use of the subsidy scheme in required locations.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

In relation to Council owned properties, residences in Wilcannia have access to a broadcaster site and do not require VAST. However, Menindee Community Houses will require upgrade to the VAST system.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Switchover to Digital Television report be received, and further;

That Council assist where possible to inform local residents of the need to switchover to digital television and the continuation of the Satellite Subsidy Scheme until 10 January 2014.

Summary

This report provides information on a meeting held in Cobar to enable the Western Division Shires to provide a joint submission to the Independent Review Panel.

Commentary

On Wednesday, 17 July 2013 the Mayor, Cr Astill and Acting GM attended a meeting held in Cobar of the Western Division Councils. A facilitator was present to guide the discussion about the

Independent Local Government Review Panel's paper, *Strengthening NSW Remote Communities-The Options*.

Joint President of LGNSW, Cr Keith Rhoades, Executive Member Cr Rex Wilson, and Director of Policy Noel Baum were in attendance. Representatives from other Western Division Councils were present, and considerable discuss and debate occurred amongst the group. A copy of the comments and discussion points is attached for Councillors information.

The objectives of the meeting were as follows:

1. To gather feedback from affected Councils about the establishment of a Western Regional Authority
2. Agree a position on a preferred model for future regional effectiveness, what will work for you and your communities?
3. Determine the process for furthering the agreements from today's consultation

The group formed the following recommendations from the meeting to the LGNSW and the State Government's Independent Local Government Review Panel:

1. To Reject Western Regional Authority model in the NSW Government's Strengthening Remote Communities in NSW - The Options paper.
2. That three or four groups of Councils, within the Western Division, with a strong community of interest, hold further discussion with regards more extensive strategic resource sharing and expansion of council/locally based NGO service delivery.
3. That the opportunity for Federal and State government funding bodies partner with these council groups for a more integrated service delivery model for remote communities be investigated.
4. That all Western Division Councils remain autonomous as elected Council representatives of their communities.
5. That opportunities for increased funding through abolishing rate pegging, changes to the Financial Assistance Grants funding formula/disability allowance distribution, subsidised infrastructure loans and integrated Government Service Delivery be further investigated.

Observations

At this stage it would be timely for Council to consider (as noted in recommendation 2 above) the direction of any link in relation to communities of interest. That is, whether Central Darling has an alliance to the east or south, or with Broken Hill. This matter requires further discussion by CDSC Councillors.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Western Division Shires Meeting report be received and noted.

8.5 LONG PADDOCK ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

ATTACHMENT 6

Summary

This report advises Council that correspondence has been received from the Long Paddock Committee seeking Council support through provision of an annual contribution to the Long Paddock project.

Commentary

As per past practices, this report provides Council with information regarding a request for financial assistance from the Long Paddock Committee. Council is a member Shire of The Long Paddock and has supported this group for a number of years providing an annual contribution. Last year the annual contribution was \$5,000. This year, the committee have requested the same amount for the 2013/14 financial year.

The committee have worked on a number of different projects relating to The Long Paddock over the past 12 months including;

- the Tribute to Timber sculpture project has been completed.
- production of a new Long Paddock mobile application (or "App").
- representation at the Caravan and Camping shows.
- visitor surveys undertaken.
- proactive promotion of events throughout the region.
- Implementation of the Strategic Plan.

The annual contribution request is the same as last year, and Council has supported this group for a number of years through provision of an annual contribution.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

\$5,000 annual contribution is as per usual practices undertaken in previous years.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Long Paddock report be received, and further;

That the Long Paddock project be supported through provision of \$5,000 as Council's contribution for the 2013/14 financial year.

8.6 REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Summary

This report provides information about a request for funding for the Ivanhoe Bush Ride event to be held in Ivanhoe.

Commentary

Correspondence has been received from the Ivanhoe Bush Ride Committee seeking financial assistance from Council for a bush ride to be held in Ivanhoe. The ride is being held to raise money for the McGrath Foundation to assist with cancer research. The committee are seeking funding from Council to assist cover insurance costs as the ride will tract across a number of land areas, some being Crown Land and some belonging to Council. Quotes for insurance cover are being sought, however it is requested that Council fund the cost of the insurance cover up to an amount of \$3,000, or lesser amount if the quote is less than \$3,000.

Generally requests for financial assistance are dealt with under Council's Financial Assistance Grant scheme. Each year Council allocates \$25,000 under the budget to be utilised for small financial assistance grants requested throughout the Shire. To date \$13,300 has been utilised of the \$25,000. As there is still funding available, it is recommended that the request be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, with a report being brought back to Council after this date.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Under Council's Financial Assistance Grant for 2013/14 there is sufficient funds remaining to assist with this request.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultations

The request for financial assistance is to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Request for Funding report be received, and further;

That the request for funding be placed on public exhibition for 28 days with a further report being presented to Council after this timeframe.

Summary

This report is provided for Councils consideration and appointment of members to Council's panel of Code of Conduct reviewers.

Commentary

As previously reported to Council it is necessary for formation of a Code of Conduct Review Panel. In previous years, Council has utilized the same panel members as Broken Hill City Council and this arrangement has worked well. Central Darling was invited during May, to join with Broken Hill City Council to undertake the appointment process at the same time.

Advertisement for Council's panel of Code of Conduct reviewers was undertaken jointly by the Broken Hill City Council and Central Darling Shire. Advertisements were placed in the Barrier Daily Truth and the Sydney Morning Herald. Advertisements and supporting information was also placed on both Council's websites.

Expressions of Interest opened on Friday, 14 June 2013 and closed on Thursday, 25 July 2013. At the end of the Expressions of Interest period 17 interests were received.

A summary of interests received and selection criteria is provided in the attached table. Due to the excessive amount of submissions received each one was carefully reviewed. Five were selected as being the most suitable for appointment to Council's Review Panel, these being in order:

Kathy Trane (Train Reaction Pty Ltd) – worked with significant number of Councils, investigations, mediation, training and assessment.

IAB – Extensive LG experience with up to 30 NSW Councils.

Jeremy Kennedy – Experienced Industrial/Employment Law, WHS, and extensive experience with Councils.

InConsult – Extensive LG experience consulting to over 40 Councils.

BDO (Steve Kent) – LG Subject matter expert, managed significant number of Local and State Govt investigations.

LKA Group – seven conduct reviewers on staff and are practising lawyers with significant experience in public sector investigations.

To be eligible to be a member of a panel of conduct reviewers, a person must, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

- a) An understanding of Local Government; and
- b) Knowledge of investigative processes including but not limited to procedural fairness requirements and the requirements of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994*; and
- c) Knowledge and experience of one of more of the following:
 - i. Investigations; or
 - ii. Law; or
 - iii. Public administration; or
 - iv. Public sector ethics; or

- v. Alternative dispute resolution; and
- d) Meet the eligibility requirements for membership of a panel of conduct reviewers, as set out below

A person is not eligible to be a member of the panel of conduct reviewers if there are:

- a) a Councillor; or
- b) A nominee for election as a Councillor; or
- c) An Administrator; or
- d) An employee of Council; or
- e) A member of the Commonwealth Parliament or any State Parliament or Territory Assembly; or
- f) A person who has a conviction for an indictable offence that is not an expired conviction

An "Understanding of Local Government" has been assessed using the following:

- Extensive: Current / previous experience with a large number of Councils being more than 20.
- Moderate: Current / previous experience with a moderate number of Councils being 10-20.
- Basic: Current / previous experience with a small number of Councils being less than 10.
- Not Stated: Specific current or previous experience in Local Government not stated

A person is not precluded from being a member of the Council's panel of conduct reviewers if they are a member of another Council's panel of conduct reviewers.

The panel of conduct reviewers is to have a term of up to four years. The Council may terminate the panel of conduct reviewers at any time by resolution.

(a) Policy Implications

Council adopted the new Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code in February 2014.

(b) Financial Implications

A copy of the rates is provided as part of the attachment. Indicative rates have not formed part of the selection process. In most instances the approach will be to use a sole reviewer wherever possible, selected in order indicated and based on availability. A fee for service will be negotiated with the sole reviewer and/or panel based on the services required at the time.

(c) Legal Implications

It is compulsory for Council to appoint a Code of Conduct Review Panel.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Code of Conduct Review Panel report be received, and further;

That Council appoints Kathy Trane (Train Reaction Pty Ltd), IAB, Jeremy Kennedy, InConsult, BDO (Steve Kent) and LKA Group to its panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers for the period 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2017.

SECTION 9. MANAGER TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

9.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1.1 GRADING PROGRAM

The Yearly Grading Program has been included to enable Council to follow the progress of the grading crews working throughout the Shire. Any changes will be presented on a monthly basis.

9.1.2 SH21 COBB HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS

The Cobb Hwy construction works were completed, including sealing, in the week ending 9/8/2013.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

9.2 ROADS REPORT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of the 2013/2014 Roads section of the Engineering Department for the previous month.

Council currently has three grading crews operating with priorities being on the RMS Ordered Works completion.

Commentary

State Roads:

- 2013/2014 RMCC works estimated cost for Routine Maintenance Works on both highways is \$514,000.
- 0 Works Orders received this financial year to date.
- 0 Works Orders remaining from 2012/13 financial year.
- White Elephant Tank Construction works order received \$1,064,953 and construction is largely complete.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
RMCC (ROUTINE WORKS)	\$514,000	\$472,880	92%
SH21 Capital Works (2012/13)	\$1,064,953	\$0	100%

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Regional Roads:

- 2013/14 Regional Road Block Grant including traffic and supplementary components is yet to be confirmed. Amount shown below reflects the 2012/13 allocation. MR67 Balranald Rd Reconstruction Works has been allocated \$540,000 from the Block Grant.
- Roads to Recovery (R2R 2013/14) portion of \$353,770 has been allocated to Yampoola Crossing Upgrade Works, MR68C

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,459,000	\$1,919,000	22%
MR68C Yampoola Crossing (R2R 13/14)	\$353,770	\$353,770	0%
MR67 Balranald Rd Reconstruction	\$540,000	\$444,951	18%

Local Roads:

- 2013/14 Local Roads Component (FAG) is yet to be confirmed. Amount shown below reflects the 2012/13 allocation. Works Committee allocation this year is \$450,000.
- Roads to Recovery (R2R 2012/13) allocation of \$703,770 for SR1 Tilpa East Rd works are in progress. Foundation works on both bridges underway with reinforced concrete pad footings completed.
- Roads to Recovery (R2R 2013/14) portion of \$350,000 has been allocated to SR3 Tongo Rd Flood Mitigation Works.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$1,374,991	\$924,991	33%
SR1 Bridges (R2R 12/13)	\$703,770	\$255,800	36%
SR3 Flood Mitigation Works (R2R 13/14)	\$350,000	\$350,000	0%

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

various as displayed in the above table.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

Town Improvement Funds:

- \$90k per town to be funded from Untied Local Road (FAG) Funds
- **Wilcannia** - \$90,000 To be determined
- **White Cliffs** - \$90,000 To be determined
- **Menindee** - \$90,000 To be determined
- **Ivanhoe** - \$90,000 To be determined
- **Sunset Strip** - \$25,000.

Note: Works Committee Meetings will be scheduled ASAP to determine 2013/14 projects for each community. Recommendations from August Works Committee Meetings to be presented to September Council Meeting.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Wilcannia	\$90,000	\$90,000	0%
White Cliffs	\$90,000	\$90,000	0%
Menindee	\$90,000	\$90,000	0%
Ivanhoe	\$90,000	\$90,000	0%
Sunset Strip	\$25,000	\$25,000	0%

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Various as displayed in the above table. Funds sourced from the Financial Assistance Grant – Local Roads Component.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Roads Report be received and noted.

9.3 SERVICES REPORT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the services expenditure to 30 June 2013. The Notes are provided to enable Council to identify the areas of expenditure for each activity.

Commentary

Town Maintenance:

- General routine inspections and maintenance
- The table below references Parks and Gardens which include mowing, buildings and toilets. The Ancillary Works include Kerb and Gutter, Footpaths, Trees, Signs and Street lighting.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended	Notes
Parks & Gardens	\$137,500	\$119,994	13%	
Ancillary Works	\$150,000	\$126,342	16%	
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$113,500	\$101,369	11%	
Aerodromes	\$68,000	\$54,912	19%	
Public Conveniences	\$37,250	\$31,001	17%	

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is currently being sourced from the Emergency Bore Supply.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from ground tanks current levels detailed below:
Tank 1 =4.5 m, Tank 2 =3.0m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) 8.25m
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrisons Lake reservoir. Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 220 megalitres, town storage dam 40 megalitres.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended	Notes
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Wilcannia Water	\$308,250	\$271,384	12%	
Wilcannia Sewer	\$81,000	\$71,474	12%	
White Cliffs Water	\$113,500	\$99,503	12%	
Ivanhoe Water	\$151,500	\$120,837	20%	

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Services Report be received and noted.

9.4 PROJECTS REPORT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of projects being undertaken by the Engineering Department.

Commentary

Project	Comments	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Remote Communities Water & Sewer Project	Reservoir Relining works completed. Treatment Plant Upgrade works in progress. Internal raw water pipeline completed between raw water reservoir and aerator. PAC works underway.	\$3,030,000	\$2,610,865	14%

	<p>Resurfacing works underway.</p> <p>Civil works, Council resolved that the project be retendered subject to conditions. Awaiting advice from NSW Office of Water concerning availability of funding and the new financial year.</p>			
Aboriginal Communities Water	<p>Ongoing. Interim arrangements end 30 June 2013. An additional \$59k has been approved for filtered water pipeline over the Old Wilcannia Bridge. This work will proceed and be completed prior to summer 2013. Council have resumed provision of water and sewer services from July 1 2013.</p>	\$243,000	\$242,000	0.5%
SR1 Bridge Replacements	<p>Tenders Closed. Reported to Feb 2013 Council Meeting. Works have commenced with concrete foundations poured during week commencing 5/8/13.</p>	\$703,770	\$255,800	36%
MR67 Balranald Rd Construction 2013/14	<p>Works commenced as scheduled for July 2013.</p>	\$540,000	\$540,000	0%

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Various as displayed in the above table.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

As required

RECOMMENDATION

That the Projects Report be received and noted.

SECTION 10. MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

10.1 INFORMATION ITEM

10.1.1 NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day was celebrated on Friday 26 July 2013. Trees in Wilcannia were very popular and were picked up by residents early in the day, with all stocks being depleted. Other towns had varying success, with minimal trees remaining.

10.1.2 ASBESTOS REGISTER & INSPECTIONS

Council's Inspections Officer, Mr Gordon Scott has been undertaking inspections of all Council owned and operated buildings for the presence of asbestos. This information is required for Council's Asbestos Register. Any buildings noted with asbestos will be identified and recorded.

10.1.3 2013-14 SWIMMING SEASON

Staff once again are commencing preparations for the oncoming swimming season. Casual pool attendants will be recruited shortly, along with any interested volunteers that are prepared to undertake the Pool Lifeguard Licence training. Engineering staff will assist with water balancing and management of chlorination and filtration as the season approaches.

10.1.4 MENINDEE MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE

ATTACHMENT 8

Correspondence has been received from Department of Regional Australia stating that the funding for the Menindee Multipurpose Centre is currently on hold due to Caretaker Period conventions. This means the funding agreement cannot be finalised until after the election. Further information will be provided as to whether the original approval of funding will be honoured (or not) after the election.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

10.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPT STATICS FOR JULY 2013

Summary

This report provides a statistical summary of legislative activities undertaken by Environmental Services within July 2013.

Commentary

The statistics will be provided to Council on a monthly basis. The below table demonstrates results for July 2013.

<u>Statistics for July 2013</u>	
Number DA'S Approved for July 2013	Nil

Total Value of DA's approved for July 2013	Nil
Food Premises Inspected in July 2013	Nil
Animal Control Activities for July 2013	Impounded = 8, Rehomed = 6, Returned to Owner = 0, Euthanized = 2 Registrations = 0, Microchipped = 2, Penalty Notices Issued = 4
Water Sampling for July 2013	Microbiology Samples Collected = 11 Chemistry Samples Collected = 0 Disinfection By Products = 0 Non-compliant Samples = 0

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environmental Services Department Statistics for July 2013 report be received and noted.

10.3 GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY 2013

Summary

This report provides information on Graffiti Removal Day 2013.

Commentary

Correspondence has been received from The Hon Don Page MP and The Hon Greg Smith SC MP in relation to Graffiti Removal Day 2013. The NSW Government indicates it is committed to reducing the incidence of graffiti vandalism and to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. To support this goal the Government has established a State wide graffiti removal and prevention day known as "Graffiti Removal Day".

The aim of Graffiti Removal Day is to encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. To deliver and promote Graffiti Removal Day the NSW Government has partnered with Rotary Down Under. This year the event will take place on Sunday **20 October 2013**.

People can nominate clean-up sites which have been vandalised by graffiti through the Graffiti Removal Day website (www.graffitiremovalday.org.au). The aim is to select at least three clean-up sites in each Local Government Area.

People can volunteer to participate in Graffiti Removal Day by completing the online volunteer registration form which is available on the Graffiti Removal Day website.

To promote and encourage participation in Graffiti Removal Day 2013, council will be getting involved and promoting the Day. Council's Environmental Health Officer will be undertaking this task.

(a) Policy Implications.

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Minimal costs – paint and or texta remover.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage

(d) Community Consultations

Contact should be made with local tourism groups across the Shire to seek their support in this initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Graffiti Removal Day 2013 report be received, and further;

That Council register an interest to be involved in Graffiti Removal Day 2013 and contact be made with local tourism groups to seek their support.

10.4 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

Summary

This report provides an update on members of Joint Regional Planning Panels.

Commentary

Council has been informed by the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure that all State members and alternatives of the Joint Regional Planning Panels have been re-appointed for a period of 12 months up to 30 June 2014 as an interim measure, pending the implementation of the NSW planning review.

Mrs Gabrielle Kibble has chosen not to continue with the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel. Mr Gordon Kirkby, a member of the regional panel since 2009, has been appointed as the ne Chair. Ms Ruth Fagan has been re-appointed as a State member, and Mr Mark Grayson, previously an alternative who has considered a number of matters as a member of the regional panel, has been appointed as the new State member.

In accordance with the changes to regional panels made in 2011, Local Government NSW has endorsed the appointment of Mr Kirkby as the chair of the Western regional panel.

The appointment of Council nominated members to the regional panel remains a matter for Council to consider. As in past practice, Council has elected to nominate a member to the panel when the need arises. It is recommended that this course of action continue. Council is reminded that, consistent with the Dept of Premier and Cabinet *Guidelines for NSW Board and Committee Members: Appointment and Remuneration*, payments should not be made to Council staff or Public Sector employees.

(a) Policy Implications.

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage

(d) Community Consultations

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) report be received, and further;

That Council inform the Department of Planning that Council will provide the names of JRPP nominees when the need arises.

That the Mayor and Acting General Manager be delegated the authority to appoint Councils JRPP nominees when the need arises.

SECTION 11. FINANCE MANAGER’S REPORT

11.1 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 31st July 2013							
			Term	Interest Rate	Maturity		Amount
Deposits at Call							
	Westpac	11am Call Account					\$0
Total Investments as at 31st July 2013							\$0
Bank Balances as at 31st July 2013							
	General Fund						\$606,872 In Funds
	(Overdraft limit:	\$3,000,000)					
	Trust Account						\$6,179 In Funds
At Call refers to funds held at a financial institution that can be recalled within 24 hours.							
Commercial Bills and Term Deposits are short term investments issued by a bank with a promise to pay a specified amount on settlement (being the face value plus interest).							

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schedule of Investments Report for the 31st July 2013 be received and adopted.

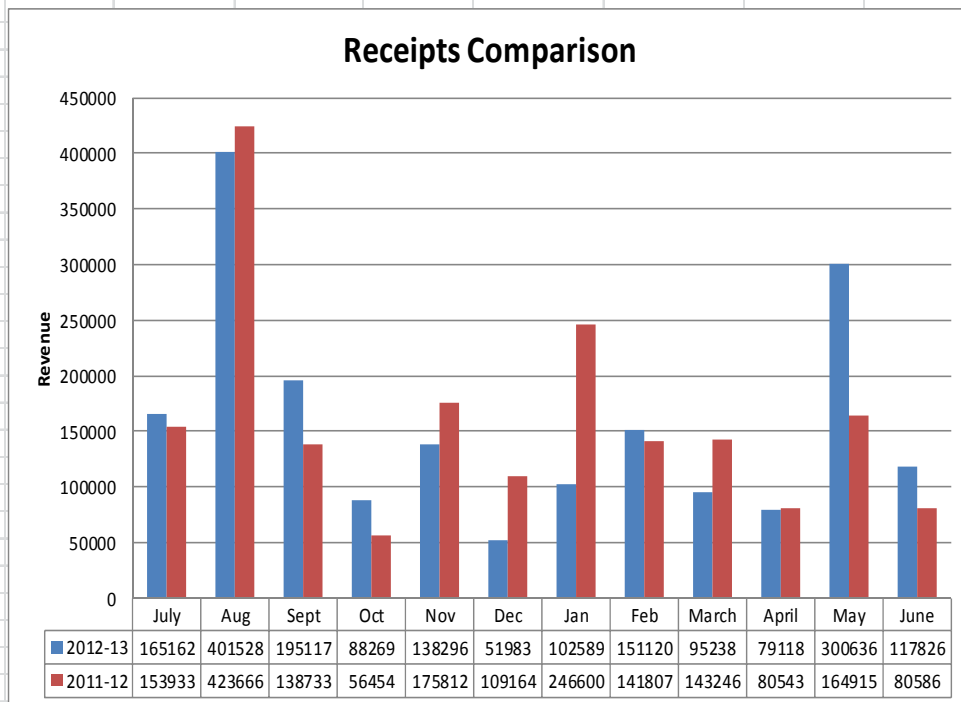
11.2 RATES REPORT

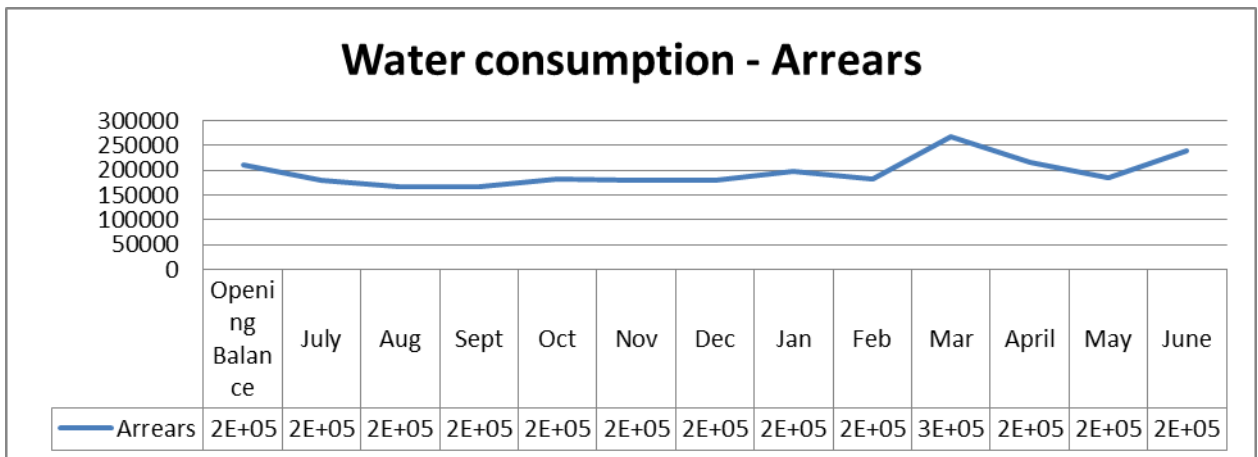
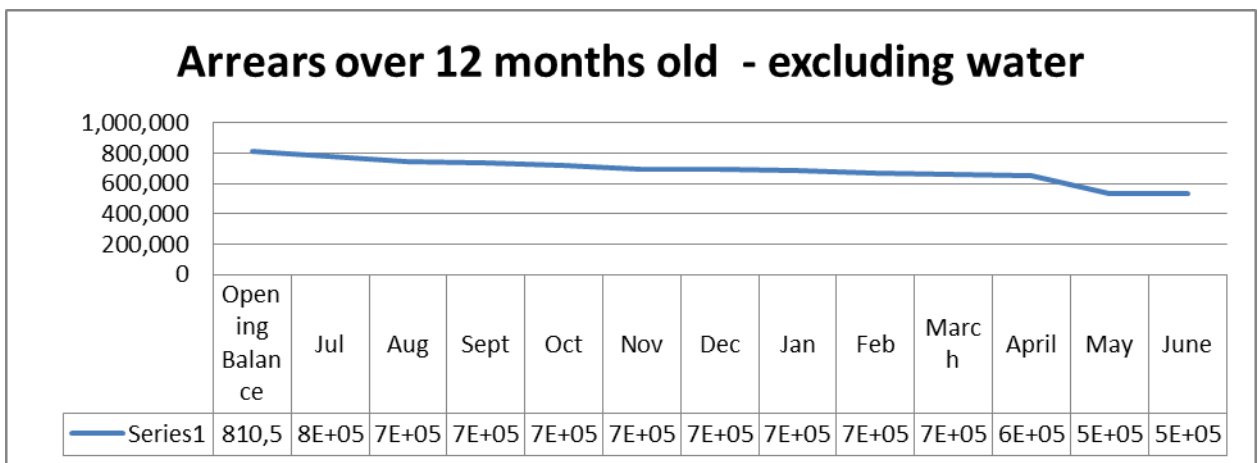
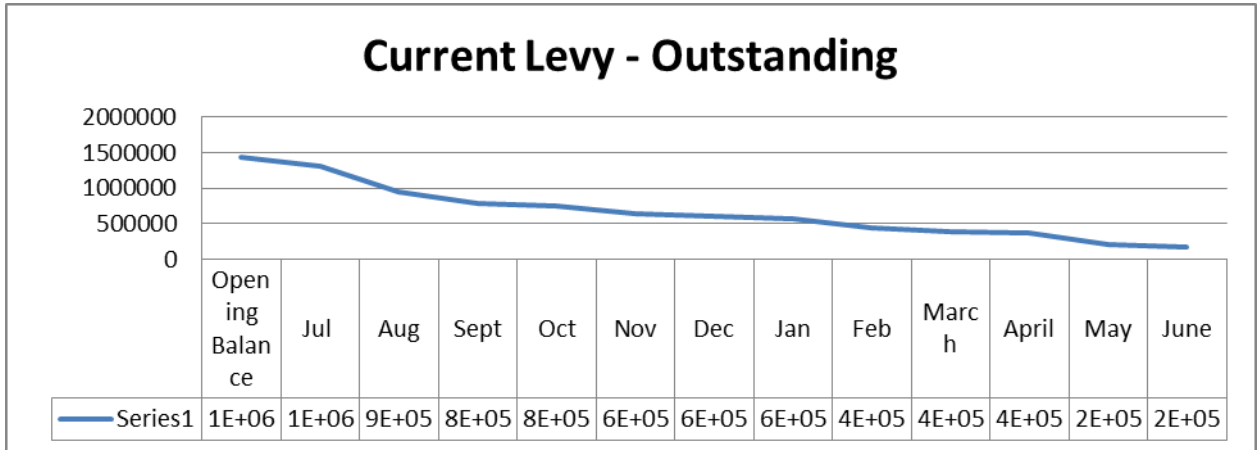
STATEMENT OF RATES and CHARGES as at 1st August, 2013

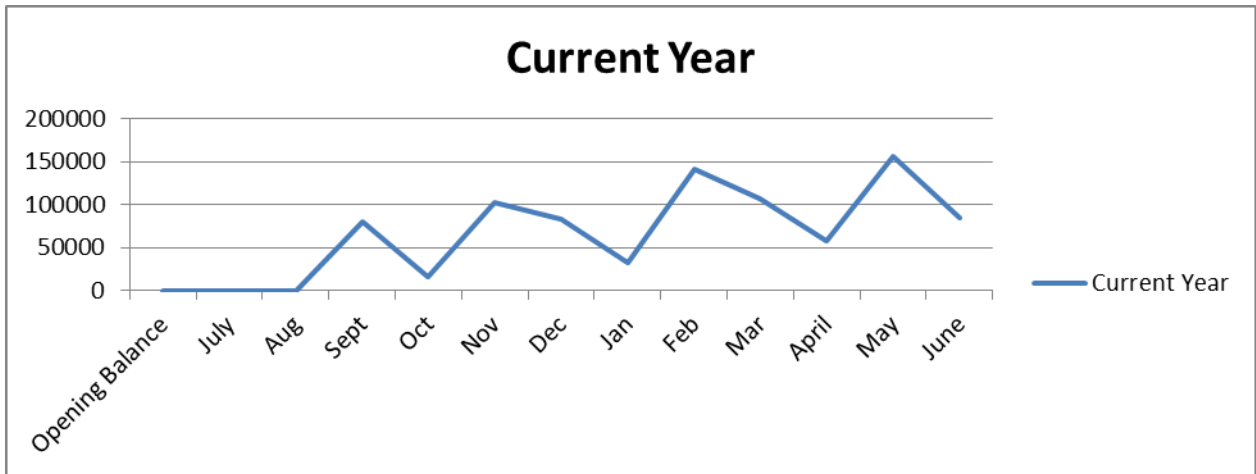
Fund	Current Levies	Current Interest	Arrears Incl Interest	TOTAL	Receipts	Adjustments W/off's & Credits	Pensioner Subsidy	Rates in Credit	BALANCE
General	\$ 703,011	\$ 1,562	\$ 255,061	\$ 959,634	\$ 43,988	\$ 300	\$ 15,532		\$ 899,814
Special	\$ 33,602	\$ 142	\$ 23,303	\$ 57,047	\$ 3,208	\$ 5	\$ -		\$ 53,834
Water	\$ 312,760	\$ 1,270	\$ 215,327	\$ 529,357	\$ 21,790	\$ 29	\$ 5,031		\$ 502,507
Sewer	\$ 105,430	\$ 324	\$ 55,295	\$ 161,048	\$ 4,835	\$ 11	\$ 788		\$ 155,415
Garbage	\$ 380,778	\$ 1,182	\$ 187,226	\$ 569,186	\$ 29,586	\$ 270	\$ 13,586		\$ 525,743
Excess Water	\$ -	\$ 1,101	\$ 239,964	\$ 241,064	\$ 50,719	\$ 4,228	\$ -		\$ 186,117
Charge on Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,251	\$ 15,251	\$ 208	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 15,042
Rates in Credit								-\$ 36,194	-\$ 36,194
TOTALS	\$1,535,582	\$ 5,581	\$ 991,425	\$2,532,588	\$ 154,335	\$ 4,842	\$ 34,937	-\$ 36,194	\$ 2,302,279

\$1.535 million in annual rates and charges were levied in July. Receipts for for the month were down on the same month last year (\$168,000 to \$154,000). Adjustments included a credit of \$3,849 due to a faulty water meter read. Rates in credit remain high (even after the new levy). Refunds will be sent out to reduce this figure (\$36,194).

Aged Balances	Current	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years & Over	Interest	Rates in Credit	
1/07/2013	\$259,177	\$117,480	\$93,350	\$78,855	\$60,787	\$138,744	\$243,034	-\$63,538	\$1,038,743
1/08/2013	\$1,417,635	\$117,480	\$93,350	\$78,855	\$60,787	\$138,744	\$243,034	-\$68,395	\$2,081,490
Net Movement	\$1,158,458	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$4,857	\$1,042,747







RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Collection Report for July 2013 be received and adopted.

SECTION 12. CORRESPONDENCE***RECOMMENDATION******That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.*****12.1 MEDIA RELEASES**

Date	Sender	Contents
24/06/2013	Minister for Road Safety, Hon Catherine King	Applications Open to Upgrade Remote Community Airstrips.
11/07/2013	Member for Murray Darling	Pat Victory Recognised with a Community Service Award.
12/07/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	No Matter What Your Age or Stage – You Can Reduce Your Risk of Type 2 Diabetes during Diabetes Awareness Week.
15/07/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Workshops to Grow Regional Tourism.
29/07/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams Encourages Entries for the 2013 NSW Farmer of the Year Award.
29/07/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Applications Open for NSW Seniors Week Grants.
31/07/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	NSW Government to Install Seatbelts in Dedicated School Buses.
31/07/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Broken Hill Secures Solar Generation Funding.
1/08/2013	Member for Murray- Darling	Government To Reform Residential Parks.
1/08/2013	Member for Murray -Darling	Congratulations to all Award Winners for 2013 Inland Tourism Awards.

5/08/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Jobs Action Plan Extended to 30 June 2013
6/08/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Financial Help for NSW Farmers.
6/08/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Safer Road for Motorists on Silver City and Cobb Highways.

12.2 CIRCULARS/NEWSLETTERS

Sender	Date	Contents
NSW Government	9/07/2013	Circular: Graffiti Removal Day 2013
NSW Premier and Cabinet	22/07/2013	Circular: Public Interest Disclosure – Reports due 30 July 2013
NSW Premier and Cabinet	23/07/2013	Circular: Council Governance Information Sessions 2013 - Model Code of Conduct Procedures.
NSW Premier and Cabinet	24/07/2013	Circular: Provision of Information about enforcement action under the Companion Animals Act 1998.
NSW Premier and Cabinet	6/08/2013	Circular: Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme – Successful Projects in Round two.
NSW Premier and Cabinet	08/08/2013	Circular: Council responsibilities under the Carers (Recognition) Act 2010

SECTION 13. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION

That the MANEX Meeting Minutes dated Friday 12th July 2013 be received and noted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the MANEX Meeting Minute Tuesday 23rd July dated 2013 be received and noted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Menindee Development Committee Meeting Minutes dated Friday 31st May 2013 be received and noted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the White Cliffs Hall Meeting Minutes dated Saturday 6th July 2013 be received and noted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Menindee Common Committee Meeting Minutes dated Sunday 7th July 2013 be received and noted.

Minutes for MANEX Meeting held Friday 12th July 2013

Meeting Commencing at 9:33am

Present:

Leeanne Ryan - AGM
David Cuming - AMCC
Paul Gavin –AFM
Reece Wilson -MTES
Adelaide Elliott - EA

Apologies:

Nil

Business Arising from Minutes:

Statecover have advised that due to financial pressures, they would be unable to fund the appointment of a joint WH&S position to be shared between 5 councils. Council is looking at the possibility of organising someone for risk management to be shared between neighbouring Councils.

Further training is required for outdoor staff undertaking tree trimming duties.

Wilcannia River Radio will be advised that Council will send notices and media notifications to them for broadcasting to the Community.

Governance:

A review of items due as per the DLG's compliance calendar revealed no outstanding matters.

Pecuniary interest forms for Councillors to be sent out. EA advised she would follow this up.

Financial Management:

Following receipt of advance payment of 2013/14 FAG grant and redemption of funds from CDO investment, bank balance as at 30th June was just over \$1 million in funds.

Risk Management:

WH&S documents need to be reviewed by the MANEX team before the next MANEX meeting.

Incident/Accident Reports

Drum muster incident in Menindee with an employee being overcome with fumes. Staff to be reminded of the need to be cautious when opening drums as per training.

Human Resource Management:

Currently there are 2 labourers' positions vacant in Wilcannia. Suggest casuals be recruited in the short term.

Staff uniform policy needs to be reviewed and updated. MCCS to follow up
An update on Council's current position and outlook is required for staff. AGM suggested she prepare a regular newsletter for staff to provide updates on happens in the Shire.

Other Business:

Private use of motor vehicle policy – MTES asked the current status.

Performance appraisals are now due. Managers are reminded to ensure appraisals are completed.

Hard rubbish collection day to be publicised and held in each town.

Draft Drug and Alcohol Policy needs to be followed up. EA to follow up with police and health.

Problems are being experienced with Council's website, with new items not being saved. To be followed up with I.T Manager.

There has been a decline in the cleanliness of the toilets in Baker Park in Wilcannia, MTES to follow up.

Caravan Park Lease - electricity bills issued for the house remain outstanding - AFM to follow up.

Meeting Closed at 10:55am

Minutes for MANEX Meeting held Tuesday 23rd July 2013

Meeting Commencing at 2:02pm

Present:

Leeanne Ryan - AGM
David Cuming - AMCC
Paul Gavin –AFM
Reece Wilson -MTES
Adelaide Elliott - EA

Apologies:

Nil

Business Arising from Minutes:

Tree trimming duties, MTES to organise further training.
Baker Park toilets have been reported to be in a disgraceful state.
Knox & Downs temporary walls to be painted by outdoor staff to cover the offensive graffiti.

Governance:

Pecuniary interest forms for Councillors are now due, EA to complete
Public Interest Disclosure returns are now due, EA to complete
Asset Management Course -Azim to attend
Status of resolutions have been updated

Financial Management:

Update on finances and cashflows by AMCCS
AMCCS advised that budget information will be available in Practical in the near future for each department.
End of financial year statements are in preparation. The importance of getting invoices in from June was stressed.

Risk Management:

Nil

Incident/Accident Reports:

Menindee Waste Depot attempted theft of septic tank & overhead tank

Work Health & Safety:

Traffic control training this week in Wilcannia.

Human Resource Management:

Performance appraisals are now overdue.

Other Business:

Tree Day 2013 this Friday, EHO has organised and sorted all the trees and has distributed them around the Shire.

Knox and Downs expressions of interest are being looked at.

Small airstrip funding grants close this Friday. MTES to follow up.

Baker Park water leaks are back. MTES to investigate

A meeting needs to be organised with the Police regarding the alcohol free zones.

Ivanhoe Correctional Services water meter still not installed. MTES to follow up.

White Elephant Tank works have been delayed due to weather conditions.

SR1 bridge work is in progress.

MANEX members viewed the Baker Park toilets, the water leaks in Baker Park and inspected the footpath in front of the Windmill Café.

Meeting Closed at 3:18pm

Market Stalls:

Stalls that usually meet in the RTC car park have been invited

Entertainment:

William Mafi Colleen to ask

Contact Broken Hill Country Music club Contact P Crombie Gary Astill to ask

Family orientated:

Date: 31/7 & 1/8/2013

Entry Price 1 day \$10 2days \$15

Drink

Toilets TGG

Food Stall Albemarle Social Club

Only Authorised Stall Holders allowed

Stall sites offered to local SES, Health, Fire Brigade,

Garbage Bins/44 Gallon Drums Contact CDSC

Next Meeting Date: 28 June 2013 @ 4:00pm

WHITE CLIFFS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING 11 Jul 2013

Meeting opened at 2.03pm

Present: Graham Wellings, William Watson, Sue Cook, Rod Cook & Irma Bacot.

Apologies: Doug Torpey, Annette Henderson.

Due to the increased number of people camping in areas around White Cliffs outside The Pioneer Tourist Park there has been a huge increase in the usage of the caravan park facilities, e.g. washing machines, showers, clothesline and dump point.

The WCCA S355 Committee at a special meeting of 11 Jul 2013 moved the following.

RULES TO GOVERN USAGE OF CARAVAN PARK FACILITIES

NON CARAVAN PARK RESIDENTS:

1. MAY USE WASHING MACHINES AND SHOWERS ONLY BETWEEN 1PM & 4PM DAILY.
2. LAUNDRY WILL CLOSE AT 5PM.
3. VEHICLES OF NON RESIDENTS ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE PARK.
4. ALL PARK RUBBISH BINS ARE FOR RESIDENTS ONLY.
5. CLOTHLINES & DUMP POINT ARE FOR PARK RESIDENTS ONLY.

Moved: W Watson 2nd: R Cook Carried

Mr Wellings to enquire into the boundaries of the caravan park for the future erection of a fence to stop people driving through the caravan park.

Moved: R Cook 2nd: W Watson Carried.

TO DISCUSS AT A FUTURE MEETING

Drainage for caravan sites.

Long term residents.

Meeting closed at 2.25pm


Graham Wellings

Chair Person WCCA s355 Committee

Irma Bacot 

Secretary/Treasurer WCCA s355 Committee

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WHITE CLIFFS HOTEL

18/07 2013 11:20 0880818782

WHITE CLIFFS HALL COMMITTEE MEETING
held in the Hall, on

Thursday, 4th July, 2013

Opened Ron Dowton opened the meeting at 3.10 pm.

Present Ron Dowton Sue Dowton Barbara Gasch Doug Brooks
Bill Hoskins Clair Inness
Later: Rod Cook Sue Cook.

Apologies to Meeting None.

Minutes of previous meeting, held 26th November, 2012, were read and accepted on the motion of: Sue Dowton Bill Hoskins.

Treasurer's Report

Attached Balance Sheet was presented to the meeting, showing balance at Bank as at 4th July, 2013 to be \$7695.14. Petty Cash: \$64.85. (A further \$60 from the Car Club was received at the Meeting.)

The report was accepted on the motion of: Barbara Gasch Doug Brooks.

Correspondence

1. Correspondence between the Secretary and Mrs. Gaye Nicholls, PhD, Secretary of Central Darling Arts Association, relating to a screen purchased for the Art Show 2012 and still in her possession, was tabled. It to be included to Council with these Minutes.
2. Copy of email sent to Central Darling Shire Council, 12th December 2012, tendering his resignation from the Committee.

Correspondence was accepted on the motion of: Bill Hoskins Sue Dowton.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Ron would continue to chase up whirley gigs to be installed on the roof.
2. After discussion it was agreed that solar panels would probably not be worth the cost and effort.

General Business

1. \$35,000 grant for a new kids playground and soft-fall has not been pursued.
2. 3-phase power has been installed, and the existing system had also been upgraded in the process. Ron will investigate a small electrical off-take box to enable heavy duty appliances to be used from the 3-phase system when necessary.
3. Sue Dowton said she would be doing the catering for the upcoming Miners' Safety Course.
4. Clair and Rod reported that the Mootwingee weekend had been a success. Rod and Sue Cook were thanked for returning the stuff left behind. They still have a few small things of ours to be returned.
5. It was agreed it would be a good thing to have a full audit of current Hall/Council property. Rod Cook volunteered to get this underway. Ways of marking the items were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.10 pm.

Signed as true and correct: Date:

WHITE CLIFFS HALL COMMITTEE
Treasurer's Report, 4th July 2013

	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Balance at Bank 26 th November, 2012		7253.34
<u>Income to Statement 4th June</u>		
November interest	.13	
January interest	.14	
Deposit Wilc.PO. 30.1.13	40.00	
	Sureway chqs.	
	Aurora R&D, Dubbo	120.00
February interest	.14	
Direct credit CDSC – November catering	780.00	
Deposit Wilc.PO. 19.2.13	25.00	
	Roddy	
	Bowls	65.00
	Table Tennis	120.00
March interest	.13	
Direct Credit RFDS Relaxation	25.00	
Direct credit SES	50.00	
April interest	.16	
May interest	.16	
Direct credit RFDS Relaxation	25.00	
June interest	.16	
	<u>Income</u>	<u>1251.02</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
17.2.13 CountryEnergy	622.24	
28.5.13 CountryEnergy	671.98	
	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1294.22</u>
<u>Balance last Statement, 4th June</u>		<u>7210.14</u>
<u>Banked since 4th June</u>		
Deposit Wilc.PO. 12.6.13	200.00	
	Sporting Club chq.	
	Sporting Club chq.	150.00
	Jenny Brown	5.00
	Table Tennis	130.00
	<u>Income</u>	<u>485.00</u>
<u>Balance as at 4th July, 2013</u>		<u>7695.14</u>
<u>Direct credits expected next Statement:</u>		
RFDS Relaxation Courses	95.00	
SES	220.00	
Mootwingee	330.00	645.00

Clair Inness
Sec./Treasurer, 3rd July 2013.

RECEIVED
24 JUL 2013

Murrumbidgee Common Meeting
Sunday 7/7/13 2 PM Bridge Carravon Park

BY:

Present Garry, Kathryn, Sue, Jay, Jo, John,
Hym, Bob, Lorraine, Jason

Apologies Murray. Unable to contact Craig.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Summary read

- * Common fees deposited 6/9/12 \$650-50
- * B.R. & L. Cheque / fencing 30/8/12 300-30
- * L.P.H.A. Cheque / rates 6/3/13 250-90
- * Common fees deposited 3/5/13 626-00
- * Wayne Marsden contacted ranger & said Affirm Str
- * had fencing materials for repair work.
- * on 5/3/13 phoned Wayne Marsden
- * Wayne to get Sydney to contact us so we can
- * receive fencing materials.
- * Phoned Land Council in Sydney & now waiting
- * response Person was unaware of details.
- * Applied CDSC financial assistance grant for \$1,000
- * to renew section of fencing from flood damage.

General Business

Wire & star pickets to be purchased from Jay.

Contact with Land Council to get an update on fencing materials.

Local Land Services was discussed.

L.P.H.A. stock notice is due. Stock to be checked & return on numbers listed.

2 horses have been sighted with stock. After checking payments at P.O. revealed Chris Quayle had paid for 2 horses. He is not a commoner. Papers have been sent to him to apply to become a commoner & agist stock.

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When bank statement arrives minutes & statement
of receipts & expenditure to be sent to Shire.

Currently our balance is \$5,360-00

\$60 cash in hand \$5,420-00

The common now has a PIC number from LHPA

Meeting closed at 3PM

current positions

President Craig Symonds

Secretary Bob Looney

Treasurer Jeanne Looney

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30.6.13

Statement of receipts & expenditure
Murrumbidgee Community

Opening balance 1/7/12	4639-70
agistment fees banked 6/9/12	650-50
Expenditure	
Secretary fees	00
Herdsman fees	00
Other items of expenditure	
BR & C cheque	300-30
Member cheque book fee	5-00
Balance	4984-90
Cash in hand	286-00
	5270-90

Opening balance	
agistment fees banked 3/5/13	626-00
Expenditure	
Secretary fees	00
Herdsman fees	00
Other items of expenditure	
LPHA cheque	259-90
Current balance 30/6/13	5360-00
Cash in hand	60-00
	5420-00

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Menindee Common Trust		Statement of Accounts	
PO BOX 194 MENINDEE NSW 2879		MEMBER 59968	
		STATEMENT NO. 31	
		30 JUN 2013	
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<p>Outsmart the Scammers! 1. Think twice. If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. 2. Find out what other shoppers say. 3. Protect your identity. 4. Keep your computer secure. 5. Only pay via secure payment methods. www.scamwatch.gov.au</p>			
<p>Account 37705463 (S1 - Redicash) Menindee Common Trust</p>			
01JAN2013	OPENING BALANCE		4,884.90
13MAR2013	Your Cheque #588853	250.90	4,734.00
03MAY2013	Deposit	626.00	5,360.00
30JUN2013	CURRENT BALANCE		5,360.00

SECTION 14. DELEGATES' REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Delegates' reports be received and noted.

SECTION 15. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillors' Questions with Notice be received and noted.

15.1 CR LOONEY

1. In January Shire received correspondence from the Division of Local Government seeking Council to provide information on funding raised by S355 Committees. Has Shire obtained this information?

Answer: A letter was received from the Division and it was provided to Councillors as an attachment at the February Council Meeting. A report outlining the funding raised was provided to Council at the time. No further information on funding received has been forthcoming or provided to Council.

2. How many Councillors were invited to see Minister Kevin Humphries on his recent visit to Wilcannia.

Answer: The Minister requested to meet with the S355 Weir Committee. The Councillors that were on the weir committee were notified of the meeting.

3. Menindee has 332 properties paying \$45 per year extra on garbage fees. This amounts to \$15,272 on cost recovery. We are now paying 2 days wages less per week with a new compactor. This would be a significant amount. I would like a breakdown on costs, the actual figures to run our garbage service and how much is set aside for depreciation on the compactor.

Answer: At its meeting of 27 June 2013 Council considered, as part of its deliberations of submissions to the 2013-2014 Delivery and Community Strategic Plan, points raised at the Council meeting of 27 May 2013.

In the 27 June report (Section 11.5) an indicative summary of the costs of shire-wide domestic waste services was presented, clearly indicating a substantial reduction in operating costs of \$75,000 - these reduced operating costs however, more than offset by combined new loan costs of \$68,000 and depreciation (vehicle replacement) cost of \$48,600 (\$16,200 per vehicle). These two new costs add to \$116,600 – a net increase in costs of \$41,600. These costs have been apportioned evenly over the occupied properties and to a lesser extent over the unoccupied properties in the shire. More recent figures show a net increase in costs from 2013 to 2014 of approximately \$43,200 funded by Wilcannia \$20,500, Ivanhoe \$10,500 and Menindee \$12,200.

The numbers of occupied properties which are being charged garbage collection fees are as follows:

Occupied		Unoccupied	
Wilcannia	311	Wilcannia	123
Ivanhoe	161	Ivanhoe	46
Menindee	332	Menindee	45

Wilcannia and Ivanhoe urban collections are completed in 1 day whereas Menindee's urban and rural collections take 2 days which consume extra staff and plant costs. As a result of only one staff member being need to operate the new compactors, there has been a saving of one staff member for 2 days per week and one staff member for one day per week in Wilcannia; one staff member for two days per week in Menindee and one staff member for one day per week in Ivanhoe.

SECTION 16. URGENT BUSINESS

SECTION 17. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

CLOSED COUNCIL

Confidential Reports

(Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993)

Where it is proposed to close part of the Meeting, the Chairperson will allow members of the public to make representation to or at the meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether or not that part of the meeting should be closed to the public. The Chairperson will check with the General Manager whether any written public submissions or representations have been received as to whether or not that part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

The grounds on which part of the Council meeting may be closed to public are listed in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and are as follows:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals other than Councillors,
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret.
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
- (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property,
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.
- (h) during the receipt of information or discussion of information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

Section 10A(3) of the Act provides that if a meeting is closed during discussion of a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public (as referred to in section 10A(3) of the Act), the consideration of the motion must not include any consideration of the matter or information to be discussed in that other part of the meeting (other than consideration of whether the matter concerned is matter referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act).

Section 10B(1) of the Act provides that a meeting is not to remain closed to the public during the receipt of information or the discussion of matter referred to in section 10A(2):

- (a) except for so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security, and

(b) if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret – unless the Council or committee concerned is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

For the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest section 10B(4) of the Act states it is irrelevant that:

- (a) a person may interpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may:
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the Council or committee concerned, or to Councillors or to employees of the Council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the Council or committee.

Resolutions passed in Closed Council

It is a requirement of Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that any resolution passed in Closed Council, or Committee be made public as soon as practicable after the meeting has ended. At the end of Closed Council or Committee meeting, the Chairperson will provide a summary of those resolutions passed in Closed Council or Committee.

Reports to be Considered in Closed Council

RECOMMENDATION

That Council formally close the meeting to the public to discuss matters in accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

17.1 STAFF ISSUE

Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A (2) (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals other than Councillors.

Summary

This report provides information on staff issues following on from discussions at the June Council Meeting.

17.2 KNOX AND DOWNS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ATTACHMENT 9

Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A (2) (c) & (d) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, and/or is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Summary

This report provides information to Council on the Expressions of Interest received for Knox and Downs, and the details contained within each Expression of Interest.

17.3 WILCANNIA LICENSED POST OFFICE

Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A (2) (c) & (d) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, and/or is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Summary

This report provides further information as requested by Council at the July Council Meeting relating to the Wilcannia Post Office.

SECTION 18. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on the 17th September 2013 in Wilcannia commencing at 9:00am.
