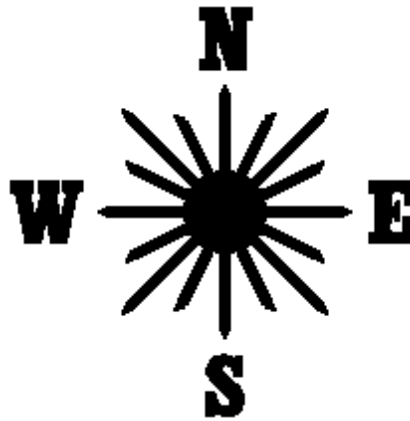


Mission Statement

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

Tuesday 17th December 2013 at 9:00am

In the Council Chambers

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 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Wilcannia on Tuesday 17th December 2013 commencing at 9:00am.

Morning Tea is scheduled to be served at 10:00am. Refreshments will be served in the Council Chambers.

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SECTION 1. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be received and noted

SECTION 2. GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That leave of absence be granted.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC ACCESS – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

- 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.
- All matters raised by members of the public must be of relevance to an item within this agenda.
- 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 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 19th November 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.

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on the 10th November 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.

4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.2 STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - DECEMBER 2013

RECOMMENDATION

That the Status of Council Resolutions be received and noted.

SECTION 5. MAYORAL MINUTES OR REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

SECTION 6. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

RECOMMENDATION

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

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

SECTION 8. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTIONS

SECTION 9. ACTING GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 INFORMATIONS ITEMS

9.1.1 LOCAL LAND SERVICES BOARD

The appointment of new board members for the Western Local Land Services (LLS) has been announced. The new government appointed board members joining Western Chair Tom Hynes are:

- Marie Russell – Extensive grazing management experience, Councillor NSW NPWS Advisory Council
- Benedict Barlow – Bachelor of Economics, farmer and grazier
- Justin McClure – Board member WCMA, Tilpa Community Committee Chairman and grazier, Diploma in Animal Production.
- Jim Maynard – Sheep, wool, beef cattle and grain farmer and member of Western Lands Advisory Council.

Elected board members will join government appointed board members following elections set to take place in the first quarter of 2014.

LLS will be operational from January 2014 and combines the expertise and knowledge of LHPA, CMA and some DPI agricultural advisory services.

9.1.2 DROUGHT SUPPORT ASSISTANCE

ATTACHMENT

Contact has been made with the relevant government ministers seeking emergency drought support assistance. An invitation has been extended to Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Hon Kevin Humphries MP and the Hon John Williams MP to visit the area when convenient.

9.1.3 NSW RURAL FIRE FIGHTING FUND-2014/14 ALLOCATIONS

ATTACHMENT

Correspondence has been received from NSW RFS advising approved allocations for the 2013-14 Rural Fire Fighting Fund. As per previous estimates (and Council's budget), the contribution from Council for this financial year is \$124,990.00. Estimates for 2014/15 are expected shortly to enable Council to incorporate Council's contribution into the 2014/15 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted

9.2 DRAFT PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES ACT INTERNAL REPORTING POLICY

Summary

This report presents Council's Draft Public Interest Disclosures Act Internal Reporting Policy.

Commentary

Council's current policy relating to Public Interest Disclosures required updating to the new template document recently released by the NSW Ombudsman. Under section 6D of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* (the PID Act), public authorities are required to have a policy and procedures

for receiving, assessing and dealing with protected disclosures. The definition of public authorities includes councils. The policy developed for council should be based on this model policy and the NSW Ombudsman's guidelines. As reported in October, the draft plan was placed on public exhibition for 28 days, during this period no submissions were received.

(a) Policy Implications

The draft policy (after formal adoption by Council) will be incorporated into Council's Policy Register. Council currently has an Internal Reporting Policy; the new draft Policy will replace the old one.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(c) Legal Implications

Council is required under section 6D of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* to have a policy for internal reporting.

(d) Community Consultation

The draft policy has been placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Draft Public Interest Disclosures Act Internal Reporting Policy report be received, and further;

That council adopt the document titled Draft Public Interest Disclosures Act Internal Reporting Policy as the Council's Public Interest Disclosures Act Internal Reporting Policy.

9.3 MENINDEE GUN CLUB RESERVE

ATTACHMENT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of a request received from NSW Trade and Investment, Crown Lands regarding Menindee Gun Club.

Commentary

As per correspondence attached, Council has received a request from NSW Trade and Investment, Crown Lands Department seeking Council's assistance with Trust Manager status of the Menindee Gun Club Reserve. The reserve was previously managed by the Menindee Gun Club. The Department invite Council to be appointed (interim) trust manager of this Reserve to preserve the infrastructure for future public use. It is noted that the reserving of the land for Public Recreation is currently in progress.

Council currently manages in the vicinity of 52 Crown Reserves across the Shire. It is noted that limited funding is provided with Crown Reserves, however generally application for funding under the PRMF program is an option for infrastructure improvement works if needed. Council has been successful in attracting funding for Crown Reserves this year, and also in previous years under the PRMF program.

In the interim, it is recommended that Council assist the Department, Crown Lands Division by accepting the invitation for trust manager status for this land area until alternative arrangements can be made.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil funding is provided with the reserve, however Council has the option to apply for funding under the PRMF program in the future if improvement works are required.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Menindee Gun Club Reserve report be received, and further;

That Council accept the Department of Trade and Investment, Crowns Land Division invitation to be interim trust manager of the Menindee Gun Club Reserve (known as Permissive Occupancy 64/2) located at Menindee on Lot 7361 DP1181166, and further;

That the trust be called the Menindee Gun Club Reserve Trust.

9.4 KNOX AND DOWNS UPDATE

ATTACHMENT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the actions undertaken to date regarding Knox and Downs.

Commentary

In August 2013, Council resolved to work with Mr Adrian Fethers to undertake improvements to the Knox and Downs site, and to find a way forward for the site to be cleaned. Since this date, Mr Fethers has been actively pursuing action and funding from every angle.

Attached is a report provided by Mr Fethers, it provides details on a possible way forward through removal of debris from the site, using physical labour. Some matters still under consideration are insurance coverage, and the estimated cost of the works. If these matters are resolved, it is noted in the report that works to clean up could commence early in January 2013.

It is recommended that Mr Fethers be encouraged to continue pursuing clean-up of the Knox and Downs site.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage

(b) Financial Implications

Funding required to undertake the loose material and debris clean up works is estimated to be approximately \$10,000. Council does not have funds to assist and alternative funding arrangements will need to be made.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Knox and Downs Update report be received, and further;

That Mr Adrian Fethers be encouraged to continue pursuing clean-up of the Knox and Downs site.

9.5 RDAF GRANTS

ATTACHMENT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on RDAF grants.

Commentary

Information has been received from the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development regarding RDAF Grants. The Federal Government will provide funding as previously committed up to \$342 million toward around 300 community projects across Australia. This includes old RDAF (Rounds 2, 3 and 4) and Community Infrastructure Grants Programmes. Unfortunately, Round 5 applications will not be proceeding and will not be funded. Council had applied for a number of community projects under Round 5.

Further correspondence has also been received from LGNSW encouraging Council to write a letter to the Hon Warren Truss MP requesting that funding be granted to all successful council applications under RDAF Round 5. A copy of the letter from LGNSW is attached.

(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 RDAF Grants report be received, and further;

That Council write a letter to the Hon Warren Truss requesting that funding be granted to all successful council applications under RDAF Round 5.

SECTION 10. MANAGER TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

10.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1.1 GRADING PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT

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.

10.1.2 BARWON DARLING AND LACHLAN TOWN WATER SUPPLIES DROUGHT TELECONFERENCE

The drought teleconference reconvened Wednesday 29/11/13 following cessation in conjunction with the wetter than average years 2010-2012 however the more recent dearth of rainfall has re-established drought conditions and therefore the need for these teleconferences.

This initial teleconference followed similar format to previous drought teleconferences with topics for discussion including a River Report, Blue Green Algae and Drought Funding.

CDSC advised the teleconference that the Wilcannia Weir Pool had 4-5 months supply and was free of blue green algae.

Council's were advised to update drought management plans, bring PAC systems on-line and check carbon supplies.

Minutes of the Drought Teleconference will be included in the next business paper.

10.1.3 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHT PROGRAM

The State Government has announced the delivery of school zone flashing lights to all schools in NSW.

The accelerated program will commence in early 2014 and will be rolled out progressively across the state. All schools that do not currently have flashing lights will receive a set of school zone flashing lights by end of December 2015.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will directly consult with Schools to ensure that the most suitable location at each school is selected. Council have been notified of the project as courtesy and no action is required at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

10.2 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 one grading crew operating within the shire on SR1 to enable the new bridge approaches to be completed and guardrail to be installed.

Commentary

State Roads:

- 2013/2014 RMCC works estimated cost for Routine Maintenance Works on both highways is \$533,000. Expenditure below is for 1st Quarter only (July- Sep)
- 2 Works Orders received this financial year to date.
- 2 Works Orders remaining from 2012/13 financial year.
- Heavy patching and reseal works to commence October 2013
- SH21 Capital Works 2013/14 estimate only – TBC once work order issued by RMS

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
RMCC (ROUTINE WORKS)	\$533,000	\$264,525	50%
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$831,027	\$240,145	71%
SH21 Capital Works (2012/13)	\$1,064,953	\$0	100%
SH21 Capital Works (2012/13)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0%

Regional Roads:

- 2013/14 Regional Road Block Grant including traffic and supplementary components is \$2,498,000. 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 Pooncarie Rd

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Regional Road Block	\$1,958,000	\$1,069,774	

Grant			45%
MR68C Yampoola Crossing (R2R 13/14)	\$353,770	\$261,711	26%
MR67 Balranald Rd Reconstruction	\$540,000	\$0	100%

Local Roads:

- 2013/14 Local Roads Component (FAG) is \$1,468,139. Works Committee allocation this year is \$385,000
- Roads to Recovery (R2R 2012/13) allocation of \$703,770 for SR1 Tilpa East Rd works are in progress
- 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)	\$1,083,139	\$549,019	50%
SR1 Bridges (R2R 12/13)	\$703,770	\$250,997	65%
SR3 Flood Mitigation Works (R2R 13/14)	\$350,000	\$225,861	35%

(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:

- Funding as listed below is sourced from the Local Roads component (FAG) Funds
- All Notes below will be updated following the completion of the December Works Committee Meetings Minutes and presented to Council in 2014.

- **Wilcannia** - \$20,000 allocated to be put back into a community fund subject to matching grant funding. Any proposed community projects to be fully costed and assessed before being committed to.
- **White Cliffs** - \$40,000 allocated to new playground subject to matching grant funding. Remaining funds to be held over and any proposed community projects to be fully costed and assessed before being committed to.
- **Menindee** - \$70,000 allocated to the new Multi-Purpose Sporting Complex. Remaining \$20,000 to be held over
- **Ivanhoe** - \$90,000 To be determined. No funding was allocated at this time. Engineering to measure up and cost paving works at the front of the School entrance. Include options for drainage improvements, seating and any landscaping improvements. Include measurements and costs for paving at the Ivanhoe Hotel in next report.
- **Sunset Strip** - \$25,000 allocated to the purchase of a new tractor and water tank to be fitted to the flatbed truck in Sunset Strip.

	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.

10.3 SERVICES REPORT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the services expenditure to date.

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
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$241,600	\$172,901	28%
Ancillary Works	\$125,800	\$67,341	47%
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$144,800	\$94,379	35%
Aerodromes	\$93,269	\$65,491	30%
Public Conveniences	\$37,250	\$16,049	57%

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is currently being sourced from the Darling River Weir pool. Anticipated remaining available water from weir pool with no additional flows is 5 months.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from ground tanks current levels: Tank 1 =5.0 m, Tank 2 =2.8m, Tank 3 (Wakefield 6.0m). Blue Green algae testing currently in progress and water being treated with powdered activated carbon.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrisons Lake reservoir. Morrison's Lake storage is currently 380 megalitres, town storage dam 50 megalitres.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Wilcannia Water	\$308,250	\$162,944	49%

Wilcannia Sewer	\$81,000	\$43,217	47%
White Cliffs Water	\$113,500	\$44,321	61%
Ivanhoe Water	\$151,500	\$65,319	57%

(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.

10.4 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.	\$400,000	\$0	100%
	Treatment Plant Upgrade works in progress.	\$550,000	\$431,003	22%
	Civil works component to be retendered	\$2,080,000	\$2,080,000	\$0

Aboriginal Communities Water	Council resumed water and sewer services from 1 st July 2013. Filtered Pipeline over Old Wilcannia Bridge to be replaced Nov 2013	\$121,000 \$59,000	\$103,666 \$59,000	15% \$0
SR1 Bridge Replacements	In Progress, expected completion Nov 2013	\$703,770	\$250,997	65%
MR67 Balranald Rd Construction 2013/14	In Progress, expected completion Nov 2013	\$540,000	\$0	100%
Darling Basin Drilling Program	In Progress, expected completion December 2013	\$843,803	\$221,303	74%

(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.

10.5 SEALING CONTRACT AND CONTRACT PLANT HIRE

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of the Sealing Contract and Contract Plant Hire Registration Prices.

Commentary

Councils current Sealing Contract and Contract Plant Hire Rates end on December 31st 2013. The current contracts have been in place for 2 years, 2012 and 2013. To ensure a smooth transition of Contracts, staff have reviewed and prepared all tender documentation relating to these 2 contracts. The renewal of these contracts will see ongoing operations into 2014 and 2015. With the close proximity of Christmas, the closing date for both contracts is proposed for Friday 17th January. No works will take place prior to the close of tender submissions.

Staff proposes to enter into an open tender arrangement for both contracts and a Council resolution pursuant to Clause 66 of the Local Government regulation is required.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

As per contract documents

(c) Legal Implications

As per contract documents

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to call open tenders with respect to the Sealing Contract and Plant Hire Contract pursuant to Clause 166 of the Local Government Regulation.

10.6 WILCANNIA WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE AUGEMENTATION (2012) - CIVIL WORKS TENDER AUTHORISATION - DECEMBER 2013

Summary

The purpose of this report is to secure Council's authorization to call open tenders with respect to the Wilcannia Water Supply & Sewerage Augmentation (2012) – Civil Works pursuant to Clause 166 of the Local Government Act Regulation.

Commentary

This project was considered by Council during November 2013, it is now necessary for Council to determine the tender method and proceed with the project through calling for tenders. Background to the subject matter is adequately summarized in the Council Report dealt with at the November 2013 Ordinary Meeting. Councillors who cannot locate the appropriate business paper should contact council for a fresh copy.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage

(b) Financial Implications

The Commonwealth Government's Remote Communities Water Supply and Sewerage Program provides 100% funding for the approved works.

(c) Legal Implications

The NSW Local Government Act (1993) and Regulation requires Council resolve to use an open or selective tendering process with respect to the subject matter.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to call open tenders with respect to the Wilcannia Water Supply and Sewerage Augmentation (2012) – Civil Works pursuant to Clause 166 of the Local Government Regulation.

SECTION 11. MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

11.1 INFORMATION ITEM

11.1.1 SEXI PROJECT

ATTACHMENT

Further information has been received regarding the SEXI project. A copy of the information has been provided for Councillors information. It remains unknown whether funding for this project will be available or not.

11.1.2 SWIMMING POOL LIFEGUARD UPDATE

Please find below a further update to the Swimming Pool Lifeguards engaged for this year:

Wilcannia – Jordan Martin, Emma (Sereima Vuakatagane)

Menindee – Lyndsey Ward, Poppy Doolan

White Cliffs – Enid Black, Roger Mohler

Ivanhoe – Mark McKenzie, Mackenzie Highman

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted

11.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

Summary

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

Commentary

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

<u>Statistics for November 2013</u>	
Number DA'S Approved	2
Total Value of DA's approved	\$109,137
Food Premises Inspected	1
Animal Control Activities	Impounded = 14, Rehomed = 7, Returned to Owner = 0, Euthanized = 7 Registrations = 4, Microchipped = 10, Penalty Notices Issued = 0
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected = 4 Chemistry Samples Collected = 1 Disinfection By Products = 0

	Non-compliant Samples = 0
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(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 November 2013 report be received and noted.

11.3 ROAD GAZETTAL PROCESS – WHITE CLIFFS

ATTACHMENT

Summary

The purpose of this is to provide Council with an update on the road gazettal process for White Cliffs.

Commentary

For an extended period, work has been undertaken on gazetting the ring roads around Turleys Hill, Smiths Hill and The Blocks in White Cliffs. This process has been ongoing - to enable dugouts within White Cliffs to be subdivided, and possibly allowing freehold tenure to be granted. At present dugouts have no secure tenure and are granted under a permissible occupancy title. Prior work was undertaken on Council's LEP to enable the land to be subdivided, this matter has been resolved. However, issues arose regarding the lack of a legal access; hence the reason gazettal of the roads has been pursued. It is pleasing to report that title has now been granted over the roads. Contact has been made with Department of Primary Industries; Crown Lands Division regarding the process for dugout holders for conversion to freehold - the Department advise they are currently working on a plan to progress the matter forward to enable dugout holders to apply for freehold status.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil to support at this stage.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION***That the Road Gazettal Process – White Cliffs report be received and noted.*****11.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS****Summary**

This report provides information on development applications approved under delegated authority.

Commentary

DA	Applicant Name	Site Address	Development Details
01/13	Joanne & Graham Stubing	Menindee Lakes Caravan Park, Menindee	Fully enclosed annex
02/12	Grape Exchange Farming	Budgee Road, Menindee	Subdivision
04/13	Kevin & Mavis Pumphrey	49 Yartla Street, Menindee	Verandah
05/13	CDSC	Wilcannia Cemetery	Shade shelter
06/13	Allsteel Transportable Homes	Ross Street, Wilcannia	Transportable dwellings
07/13	Warburton Discount Butchers	79-81 Woore Street, Wilcannia	Sale of prepackaged processed food
08/13	Central Darling Shire Council	Leichardt Street, Ivanhoe	Playground
09/13	Linda Morrison	Sunset Strip	Mobile Kiosk
10/13	Russell Turner	12 Reid Street, Wilcannia	5 x Accommodation Units
11/13	Robert Holmes	55 Lakeview Avenue, Sunset Strip	Carport
12/13	Adrian & Sarah Fethers	65-67 Reid Street, Wilcannia	Alfresco Dining
13/13	Michael King	52A Reid Street, Wilcannia	Demolition
14/13	Imparja Television P/L	Hood Street, Wilcannia	Broadcast equip. storage
15/13	Shane Viney	Reid Street, Wilcannia	Change of Use
16/13	C. Newbold	40-42 Woore Street, Wilcannia	Demolition
17/13	CDSC	Burke Park, Wilcannia	Shade Shelters
18/13	CDSC	Bourke & Wills Oval, Menindee	Shed
19/13	CDSC	Darnick Hall, Darnick	Playground
20/13	Bassem Saad	30 Reid Street, Wilcannia	Change of use
21/13	Robert & Sonia Tatt	77 Reid Street, Wilcannia	Extension

22/13	Shaun McLennan	19 Woore Street, Wilcannia	Garage
23/13	Jim & Eamon Sammon	38 Bourke Street, Wilcannia	Demolition
24/13	Murray CMA	Lot 76 DP40661, Menindee	Signage
25/13	Sandra & Colin McLennan	25 James Street, Wilcannia	Garage
26/13	Wilcannia LALC	Yobel Station, Wilcannia	Signage
27/13	Linda Moss	Goonalga Station, Wilcannia	Signage
28/13	Dean Winders Builders	Wilcannia Hospital, Wilcannia	Verandahs for units
29/13	Maxwell Popp	14 Kingfisher Drive, Sunset Strip	Extension
30/13	CDSC	Perry Street, Menindee	Multi-purpose Centre
31/13	Akym Guelfi	5 Nora Street, Menindee	Shed
32/13	Billi-Jo Coombe	Maiden Street, Menindee	Carport & Verandah
33/13	Rick Fowler	Mena Murtee Station, Wilcannia	Temporary Camp
35/13	Allsteel Transportable Homes	Cnr Perry & Noloria Streets, Menindee	Transportable Home

(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 Development Applications report be received and noted.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on two grant applications that have been successful.

Commentary

Earlier in 2013, two grant applications were lodged under the Public Reserve Management Fund, one being for \$8,000 for fencing of the Sunset Strip Waste Depot, the other for \$25,000 for upgrades to the Ivanhoe Oval amenities. It is pleasing to report that an announcement on the funding has been made by The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP, advising Council's funding applications have been successful.

Both grants will be extremely beneficial, and will see the Sunset Strip Waste Depot fenced, to assist control wind borne litter and contain it within the site. The Ivanhoe Amenities are in urgent need of upgrade works, and the funding of \$25,000 will assist to provide improve the facility.

To enable the funding to be released, it is necessary for Council to resolve to accept the funding.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

There is no requirement for the works to be matched \$ for \$ or in-kind.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Reserves Management Fund report be received, and further;

That Council accepts the funding offered, and notifies Department of Trade and Investment.

SECTION 12. FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

12.1 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 30th November, 2013							
			Term	Interest Rate	Maturity		Amount
Deposits at Call							
	Westpac 11am Call Account						\$0
Total Investments as at 30th November, 2013							\$0
Bank Balances as at 30th November, 2013							
	General Fund						-\$1,178,691 In Funds
	(Overdraft limit: \$2,000,000)						
	Trust Account						\$6,185 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 30th November 2013 be received and adopted.

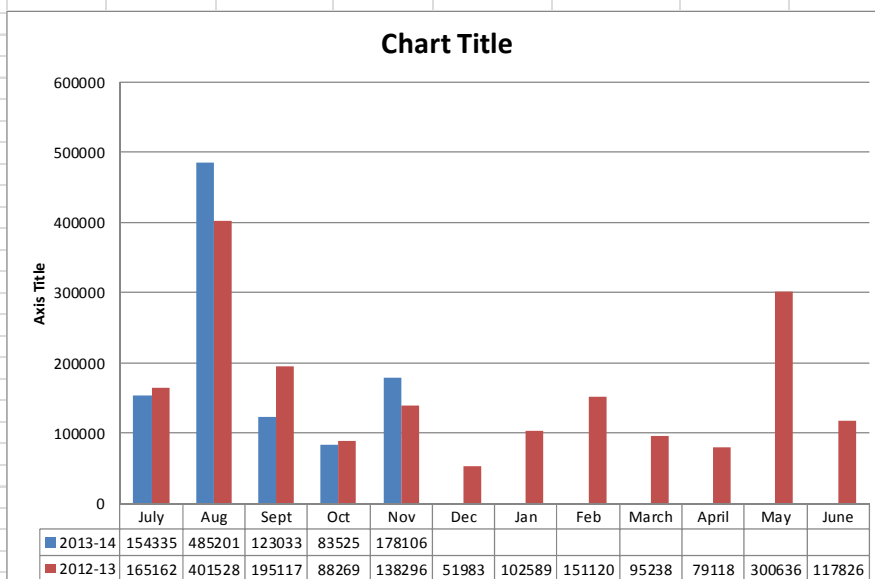
12.2 RATES REPORT

STATEMENT OF RATES and CHARGES as at 30th November 2013

YEAR TO DATE									
Fund	Current Levies	Current Interest	Arrears Incl Interest	TOTAL	Receipts	W/Offs	Pensioner Subsidy	Rates in Credit	BALANCE
General	703,011	9,934	255,061	968,007	417,770	5,238	14,827		530,172
Special	33,602	893	23,303	57,798	21,344	6	0		36,447
Water	312,760	8,233	215,327	536,320	183,343	81	4,550		348,346
Sewer	105,430	2,190	55,295	162,915	58,274	12	788		103,841
Garbage	380,778	7,546	187,226	575,550	227,235	559	13,081		334,676
Excess Water	91,365	6,683	239,964	338,012	113,971	2,494	0		221,547
Charge on Land	672	0	15,251	15,923	2,263	284	0		13,376
Rates in Credit								(48,378)	(48,378)
TOTALS	\$1,627,619	\$35,479	\$991,425	\$2,654,524	\$1,024,201	\$8,674	\$33,245	(\$48,378)	\$1,540,027

THIS PERIOD	
Balance @ 31/10/2013	1,719,486
Interest raised	6,423
Water Charges Credited	(3,280)
Supplementary Levies	0
Receipts	(178,106)
W/Offs	(2,804)
Pensioner Rebates	349
Rates in Credit	(2,041)
Balance @ 30/11/2013	\$1,540,027
Net Movement	(\$179,459)

Aged Balances	Current	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years & Over	Interest	Rates in Credit	
31/09/2013	\$882,908	\$164,241	\$107,943	\$87,302	\$73,015	\$190,512	\$259,902	(\$46,337)	\$1,719,486
30/10/2013	\$718,110	\$156,174	\$105,886	\$86,794	\$71,458	\$188,216	\$261,767	(\$48,378)	\$1,540,027
Net Movement	-\$164,798	-\$8,067	-\$2,057	-\$508	-\$1,557	-\$2,296	\$1,865	(\$2,041)	(\$179,459)



RECOMMENDATION

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

SECTION 13. CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.

13.1 MEDIA RELEASES

Date	Sender	Contents
22/10/2013	Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW	Local Government NSW achieves changes to Planning Bills.
1/10/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams welcomes new menacing dogs laws.
7/10/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams throws his support behind movember moto muster.
16/10/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	How do we fix the drug problem.
18/10/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Labor & the greens threaten future of Community facilities and local businesses in the Murray-Darling electorate.
18/10/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams welcomes the amending of the former labor government's reliability standards.
18/10/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams welcomes NSW menacing dog laws to protect community.
5/11/2013	Member for Murray-Darling	New Cells complex for Broken Hill Court.
6/11/2013	Minister for LG , Don Page MP	Ministers reminder on pools register

13.2 CIRCULARS/NEWSLETTERS

Sender	Date	Contents
NSW Government	15/10/2013	Circular: 2014 Ministers awards for women in Local
NSW Government	29/10/2013	Circular: NSW Government requests Councils to not fine pool owners for failing to register by 29 October.

SECTION 14. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

SECTION 15. DELEGATES' REPORTS

DELEGATES REPORT - CR. CLIVE LINNETT

WESTERN LANDS MEETING 21-11-13

Cobar Mayor Lilliane Brady welcomed everyone to Cobar for the Western Lands Advisory Council meeting. Representative groups in attendance were Western Lands Commissioner & Deputy, Dept of Primary Industry, Parks & Wildlife Group, CMA, Aboriginal Groups, Minerals & Energy, Independent Leases, NSW Farmers, Western Division Shires & West Darling Pastoralists Association.

Some of the agenda items that were debated and presented by speakers were:

Surface Water Rights in the Western Division, Study on Total Grazing Pressures and Carbon Sequestration Potential, Paper on Weed Management in NSW, Agricultural opportunities for irrigation following the new Darling-Barwon Water Sharing Plan, Western Division Range Condition Assessment, Drought conditions & Wild Dog Barrier Fence annual inspection.

One of the main topics on the agenda was the seasonal conditions deteriorating and the announcement of the Drought Support Package announced last week for the Northern Shires of Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett & Coonamble.

- The Advisory Council will be making representation to the Minister for Primary Industries to have the Unincorporated area and Central Darling Shire to be included in the Drought Support Package. In the north & west of these two areas it is feed & water shortage for livestock and in the south it is mainly water, although grass coverage is deteriorating fast.
- Central Darling Shire will also be sending a draft letter to the Minister for the inclusion of the whole shire.

The Support Package for the three Northern Shire announcement includes Transport Assistance Reimbursement, Emergency Water Infrastructure, Grants, Rural Support Worker Program, waiver of Western Lands Lease payments and Wild Dog Destruction Board Rates for 12 months and deferral of Livestock, Health and Pest Authority Rates dated back to July 1st, 2013.

Member for Murray Darling John Williams announced the appointment of the new Board Members for the Western, Riverina and Murray Local Land Services last Thursday.

The Government appointed Board Members for the Western LLS are Marie Russell (Cobar), Ben Barlow (Booligal), Justine McClure (Tilpa) & Jim Maynard (Euston) joining Tom Hynes (Broken Hill) who is the Western LLS Chairman.

An additional four elected Board Members will join Government Board Members following elections set to take place in the first quarter of 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Delegates' reports be received and noted.

SECTION 16. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

RECOMMENDATION

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

SECTION 17. URGENT BUSINESS

SECTION 18. 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 a 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.

SECTION 19. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on the 18th February 2014 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.
