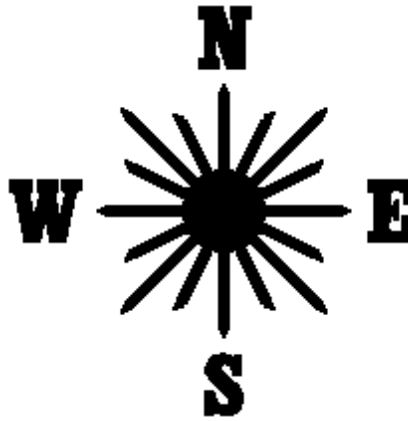


Mission Statement

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

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 9:02am

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 16 December 2014 commencing at 9:00am.

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SECTION 1. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Greg Wright	Administrator
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ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Boyd	General Manager
Reece Wilson	Director Shire Services
Jacob Philp	Director Business Services
Nicole Sanderson	Executive Assistant

SECTION 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

NIL

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

Nieves Rivera addressed the Council Meeting regarding the following question:

- Nieves has asked if a Christmas banner could be placed in the main street of Wilcannia.

The Administrator said that he would look to see if it was possible. The Director of Shire Services said he would take Nieves to the area to see if it was possible to hang the banner.

Adrian Fethers addressed the Council Meeting with the following questions:

- In the Information Reports under section 6.1.6 (Services), Adrian asked if Council would consider replanting of street trees in Wilcannia with the works to be carried out by Council staff. He asked that Council appoint 2 Council employees to liaise with the community to plant and maintain the trees planted. He requested that Council nominates a sum from the remaining budget for the replanting of trees in Wilcannia.

The Administrator said that he would take this on notice and asked that the Director of Shire Services to follow this up.

- In the Information Reports under Section 6.1.7 (Capital Works), Adrian asked what money was allocated to soil stabilization, landscaping and replanting of areas affected by this work, and if no money has been allocated, will Council please ensure that this issue is investigated. And if the matter is investigated, will Council please include the Council staff and residents with an interest in Parks and Gardens?

The Administrator is to take matters on hand, with responses to all questions in due course.

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1-12-14

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 18 November 2014, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Resolved

4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NIL

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE REPORT

NIL

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2015

2-12-14

That Council alter the monthly meeting schedule with all monthly Council meetings to be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, commencing at 9.00am, with all meetings to be held in Wilcannia.

Resolved

6.2 CALENDAR OF COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS 2014/15

3-12-14

That Council note the ongoing progress for October 2014 on the Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2014/15.

Resolved

6.3 RECOVERY PLAN 2014 – MONTHLY REVIEW OF PROGRESS

4-12-14

That Council note the ongoing progress on the Recovery Plan 2014.

Resolved

6.4 REVISED QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – JULY 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 2014

5-12-14

That Council receive and note the Revised Quarterly Budget Review

Authorise the required variations to the Operational Plan and Budget adopted by Council on 20 June 2014

Note that the revised projected surplus/deficit for the financial year 2014/15 is \$.....

Resolved

6.5 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

6-12-14

That Council authorise the General Manager to undertake a review of the Section 355 Committees of Council by way of expression of interest advertisements and that a further report be provided to Council for consideration, determination and appointment when that process is completed.

Resolved

6.6 VICTORY PARK CARAVAN PARK UPDATE

7-12-14

That Council note the report from the General Manager concerning the operation of the Victory Park Caravan Park as an employee operational matter under Section 335 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Resolved

6.7 RECEIPT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2014

8-12-14

That Council note the receipt of the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending 30 June 2014 and the Independent Auditor's Report.

Resolved

SECTION 7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

<u>Statistics for November 2014</u>	
Number DA'S Approved	3
Total Value of DA's approved	\$397,415.00
Food Premises Inspected	0
Animal Control Activities	Impounded =12 , Rehomed = 9, Returned to Owner =2 , Euthanized = 1 Registrations =1 , Microchipped =3 , Penalty Notices Issued =
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected = 10 Chemistry Samples Collected = Nil Disinfection By Products = Program Completed Non-compliant Samples = Nil

7.1.2 ROAD 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.

7.1.3 RESTART NSW, WATER SECURITIES FOR REGIONS

The project to secure town water supplies for Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, White Cliffs and Tilpa has commenced. Efforts have initially been directed towards the Village of Tilpa due to the limited amount of water remaining in the Darling River adjacent to the Village. The pump site and pipeline route has been surveyed/ designed and permissions granted from all affected landholders for access. The solar pump array is scheduled for installation this month including the trenching and laying of approximately 4.5km of blue line poly pipe to enable water to be pumped from the Weir pool to the Village.

Council's Project Engineer is preparing Expressions of Interest documentation for the pump and power infrastructure at Wilcannia and Ivanhoe.

Jacobs Group Australia have been engaged to undertake a desk top study to assess potential aquifers for the White Cliffs groundwater supply.

7.1.4 LANDFILL CONSOLIDATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS GRANT

Council submitted a grant application to improve the landfill sites at Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs on Monday 8 December 2014. The grant is funded through the NSW Government, NSW Environmental Trust. Council has committed to providing in kind contribution labour and plant hire to the value of \$39,400 which will be met from the existing budget allocations. NSW Government will provide \$80,000.

The scope of works at each site includes 160m of anti-litter fence, earthworks and delineation signage.

A copy of the Grant Application is available from the Director Shire Services if required.

7.1.5 ROADS REPORT

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

State Roads:

- 2014/2015 RMCC works estimated cost for Routine Maintenance Works on both highways is \$700,000.
- 8 Works Orders have been received to date, 6 completed.

	Original Budget	Expended	% Expended
RMCC (Routine Works)	\$700,000	\$313,080	45%
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$1,224,908	\$1,065,270	87%

Regional Roads:

- 2014/15 Regional Road Block Grant including traffic and supplementary components is \$2,545,000.
- \$540,000 has been allocated to the Balranald Rd Reconstruction Works
- \$400,000 has been allocated to the Regional Roads Repair Program, Darnick Rd

	Original Budget	Expended	% Expended
Regional Road Block Grant	\$1,605,000	\$1,102,450	69%

Local Roads:

- 2014/15 Local Roads Component (FAG) is \$1,480,000. Council's allocated budget amount is \$828,000

	Original Budget	Expended	% Expended
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$828,000	\$408,802	49%

7.1.6 SERVICES

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

	Original Budget	Expended	% Expended
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$188,350	\$53,317	28%
Ancillary Works	\$158,000	\$45,423	29%
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$137,000	\$43,324	32%
Aerodromes	\$50,000	\$36,353	73%
Public Conveniences	\$47,500	\$14,825	31%
Swimming Pools	\$247,700	\$90,648	36%
Waste Depots	\$141,250	\$58,776	42%

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is currently being sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from ground tanks current levels: Tank 1 =6.0m, Tank 2 =3.8m, Tank 3 (Wakefield 8.75m). Recent rainfall has replenished all water storages in White Cliffs with estimated supply at 8 months.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrisons Lake reservoir. Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 360 megalitres, town storage dam 45 megalitres.

	Original Budget	Expended	% Expended
Wilcannia Water	\$352,500	\$141,231	40%
Wilcannia Sewer	\$75,000	\$48,936	65%
White Cliffs Water	\$166,500	\$52,425	32%
Ivanhoe Water	\$231,000	\$75,589	33%

7.1.7 CAPITAL WORKS

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the capital works and projects expenditure to date.

Project	Comments	Original Budget	Expended	% Expended
Remote Communities Water & Sewer Project	Civil works contract awarded. Start April and completion expected December 2014	\$3,161,000	\$2,458,182	78%
	Council Supervision	\$77,232	\$55,478	72%
Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer	5 year service agreement ongoing.	\$121,000	\$32,992	27%
Sunset Strip Drainage	Low lying areas adjacent to road and properties to be investigated, surveyed and design drafted.	\$10,000	\$0	0%
Boat Ramps	Wilcannia Boat Ramp	\$85,000	\$0	0%
	Tilpa Boat Ramp	\$72,000	\$0	0%
Menindee BMX Bike Track	Completed July 2014	\$6,000	\$6,000	100%
Menindee Multi Sporting Complex	Concrete Base Slab completed. Seating and sporting equipment to be installed	\$86,000	\$86,000	100%
Plant and Equipment	1 single cab Isuzu 4WD purchased to date	\$150,000	\$25,839	17%

MR67 Balranald Rd Reconstruction	Works commenced 28 th July. Expected completion October 2014	\$540,000	\$562,209	104%
Tilpa Airstrip Fence	Works programmed for completion by December 2014	\$60,000	\$56,817	95%
MR433 Darnick Rd RRRP	Works programmed for early 2015	\$800,000	\$0	0%
Restart NSW – Water Security	Start Dec 2014. Tilpa, White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe	\$1,000,000	\$50,984	5%

7.1.8 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 30th November, 2014							
			Term	Interest Rate	Maturity		Amount
Deposits at Call							
	Westpac	11am Call Account					\$0
Total Investments as at 30th November, 2014							\$0
Bank Balances as at 30th November, 2014							
	General Fund						\$742,971 OD
	<i>(Overdraft limit: \$3,000,000)</i>						
	Trust Account						\$0 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).							

7.1.9 HERITAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

Following a recent onsite visit at Wilcannia by Council’s Heritage advisor, Ms Liz Vines, the following project applications have been recommended for approval under Council’s Restoration Grant Fund. All applications are required to have contributory contributions and are discussed and negotiated with Council’s Heritage advisor. In accordance with the budget allocation of \$14,000 in Council’s Operational Plan 2014-15, the project applications totalling \$13,500 have been approved under delegation by the General Manager and advice will be provided to the applicants following the Council meeting:

- **Bond Store, 73 Reid St** (Anthony Pease) – proposed guttering west side, partial installation of new windows - grant approved \$3,000
- **Lot 1 – 31 Reid Street** (Paul Everett) – proposed clean-up of building , painting externally and internally, clean-up of frontage of building - grant approved \$3,000
- **Knox and Downs clean up stage 2** (coordinator Adrian Fethers) - grant approved \$3,000
- **Christine Smith** – works on rear verandah - grant approved \$1,500
- **65-67 Reid Street**, (Adrian and Sarah Fethers) – proposed new verandah at side and visible rear of the property - grant approved \$3,000

7.1.10 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

Historically, the Council has closed its administrative offices in Menindee, Ivanhoe and Wilcannia during the period between Christmas and the New Year public holidays. Additionally, the Westpac Bank and RMS Customer Service Centre is also closed during this period with the Wilcannia Post Office remaining open except for declared public holidays.

Council’s Engineering Department arranges for “skeleton” crews to remain at work to ensure the necessary resources are available as requested.

Due to the timing of the New Year Public Holiday falling on a Thursday, it has been determined that the Council administrative offices and Wilcannia CSC will also be closed on Friday 2 January 2015.

During the period of closure, all staff not required to work will be required to take leave that will be approved by the respective Director or General Manager.

9-12-14

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 8. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 WHITE CLIFFS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10-12-14

That the White Cliffs Community Association Committee Annual General Meeting Minutes from Sunday 7 December 2014 be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 9. URGENT BUSINESS

11-12-14

Recommendation

That Council note the 19 submissions submitted to put the Wilcannia Boat Ramp Project on hold until the new weir proposal is resolved and, further, advise the funding body accordingly.

12-12-14

Resolved

Meeting adjourned at 9.28am resuming at 9.30am

SECTION 10. 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

13-12-14

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

Resolved

Council went into Closed Session of Council at 9.31am

10.1 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

13-12-14

That Council award the following persons/events 2015 Australia Day Awards on behalf of the Central Darling Shire Council, with the announcement to be embargoed until 24 January 2015.

Resolved

14-12-14

That Council move back into Open Council

Resolved

Council resumed in open session at 9.36am

SECTION 11. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on 25 February 2015 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.

There being no further business, Council meeting concluded at 9:37am
