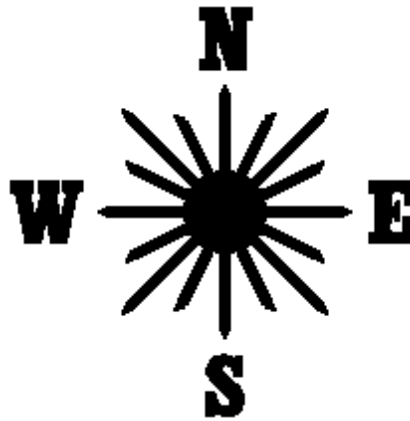


Mission Statement

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

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 19 April 2016 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 19 April 2016 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
Cindy Toiava	Administration Support

SECTION 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

Nil

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

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

- Public Access to monthly meetings of Council will be listed as an agenda item
- Each member of the public who wishes to address Council is to register with Management prior to commencement of the meeting; this registration will involve the completion of a "registration form" made available by council staff. The registration form will require the proposed topic or topics in public access to be stated
- Each address will be limited to five (5) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair
- All matters raised in public access will be recorded with a response provided at the meeting or in writing within one month of the meeting date

Note: the registration form provided by council will indicate that only policy making and strategic matters will be permitted in public access; operational matters should be addressed/ raised separately with the General Manager. In addition, the registration form will state that statements made at council meetings are not subject to parliamentary privilege.

- Paul Brown (Section 6.2 Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance Membership Proposal)

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

01-04-16

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 22 March 2016, 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

02-04-16

That the Administrator's Minute be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

7.1.1 KNOX AND DOWNS

03-04-16

That Council resolve to support the continued development of the proposal submitted by the consortium led by Bob Constantine (EOI 1) for the re-development of the former Knox and Downs site at the corner of Myers and Reid Streets, Wilcannia.

Resolved

7.1.2 LOWER MACQUARIE WATER UTILITIES ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

04-04-16

That Council resolve to:

- accept the invitation from Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance to become a member of the Alliance***
- the membership commences from 1 July 2016 or such other date that the Alliance so determines in the financial year 2015/16***
- provide an allocation of \$11,000 on the 2015/16 budget for membership of Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance***
- provide an allocation of \$25,000 in the 2015/16 budget for Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance to complete the preparation of a Business Plan***

Resolved

SECTION 7 INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

<u>Statistics for February 2016</u>		
Number of DA's Approved		5
Total Value of DA's Approved		\$138,770
Food Premises Inspected		2
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	23
	Rehomed	16
	Returned to Owner	1
	Euthanized	6
	Registrations	0
	Microchipped	0
	Penalty Notices Issued	1
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	4
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0
	Non-Compliant Samples	0

7.1.2 ROAD GRADING PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 1

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 RESART NSW, WATER SECURITIES FOR REGIONS

The project is progressing in accordance with required timeline with the exception of provision of high voltage electricity works at Ivanhoe. In this regard, Darling Irrigation have advised of a June deadline as earliest start date because of accredited sub-contractor and transformer availability. Staff are disappointed with this late emergent issue and will be holding further discussions to expedite the matter.

ACE Drilling have been subject to voluntary administration and liquidation processes and therefore will have no further involvement with White Cliffs Groundwater Investigation project.

Council engaged ACE Drilling Pty Ltd in December 2015 to complete a test bore at White Cliffs pursuant to funding received under the Restart NSW Water Security For Regions Program. ACE Drilling Pty Ltd ceased to exist as an operating entity in February 2016 prior to any works commencing and/or payments being made and in accordance with legal advice Council sought fresh quotations for establishment of a test bore at White Cliffs on 1st April 2016.

Fresh quotations were sought from Watsons Drilling, Watermin Drillers and the Impax Group for drilling the test bore (up to 150mm diameter) to a depth of 250m, develop test bore and undertake pump testing, and record keeping including completion of Forms A's. All works will be required to be carried out in accordance with NSW DPI Water, Codes, Guidelines and Specification, and the National Specification, "Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores In Australia".

The quotations closed on Friday, 8th April 2016 at 2.00pm.

Watsons Drilling's quotation was the lowest cost and satisfied Council's expectations with respect to experience and ability to do the work in a timely manner. All quotations were within budget constraints. Watson Drilling are expected to commence work by mid-May 2016.

7.1.4 RESTART NSW, REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER BACKLOG

The scoping reports have been finalised and distributed to all stakeholders. The scoping reports have been forwarded to NSW DPW to provide a brief including cost to complete the next step in this augmentation process i.e. completion of option studies for Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs respectively.

The direct engagement of NSW Water Solutions is favoured at this time because of straightforward engagement arrangements (not subject to tender), familiarity of State government requirements and commitment to Councils timelines (completion by June 2017).

NSW Water Solutions will attend site, conduct inspections of existing infrastructure, consult with stakeholders and provide options reports for Councils consideration.

7.1.5 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS

Expressions of Interest were called and Central Darling Shire Council made a preliminary submission with respect to upgrading a Section of the Wool Track (MR 416) pursuant to the Fixing Country Roads Program in December 2015. The upgrade proposal was limited to a 5km section of road identified for the highest priority works.

Council was subsequently invited to submit a full application for the subject upgrade proposal with a comprehensive Benefit-Cost Analysis supporting the upgrade in addition to other project selection criteria. Discussions were held with Transport NSW (Freight Strategy and Planning) concerning the details and scope of the full application and the importance of meeting the programs specified BCR requirements. The discussion concluded that the proposed project had negligible chance of providing the BCR returns required and would not have the support of the Technical Panel undertaking assessment of all applications. The main reason for the insufficient economic returns is the “piece-meal” (staged) approach to the upgrade of the Cobar-Ivanhoe Road. A similar position was held by NSW Transport with respect to a similar application within the Cobar Council LGA.

NSW Transport encourage Council to concentrate its efforts in making a joint submission with neighbouring Councils concerning the entire length of The Wool Track. Preliminary discussions have been held with Cobar Shire Council Acting General Manager at the recent FWI meeting at Wentworth who was supportive of the joint approach.

Therefore, it is proposed that the current application process with respect to the Fixing Country Roads Program not proceed and that Council pursue the potential for a joint submission with neighbouring Council(s) for the whole of The Wool Track.

7.1.6 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAMME (RAU) ROUND 3

Call for quotations for the fencing of Menindee and Ivanhoe airstrips closed Friday 8th April 2016, Council received three quotations for works. Bids were competitive and assessment identified separate fencing contractors for the Ivanhoe and Menindee projects. Purchase Orders have been raised accordingly and works are programmed to be completed by June 30 in accordance with funding requirements.

7.1.7 COBB HIGHWAY – EURALLA INTIAL SEAL PROJECT

Council commenced early culvert works on Tuesday 23rd February 2016. Council staff and local contractors prepared and built side-tracks around six culvert locations in preparation of replacement of old piped culverts with new culverts and headwalls.

Workers purportedly breached the minor works review of environmental factors assessed footprint which has resulted in the project being halted. Council has subsequently addressed all non-conformances and updated all applicable plans and submitted to RMS for review. RMS have advised that further appropriate project specific conditions are also being developed and will be supplied to Council ASAP so all plans can be adjusted accordingly. Recommencement dates will be advised in due course.

The Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) is being developed by RMS. Council, as the Contractor, will be required to submit the document once completed. Initial advice from RMS predicts a 60-day turnaround for processing pending no additional information is required.

7.1.8 WILCANNIA SEWER PUMP STATION – HOOD STREET

Council experienced further surcharge issues at the subject sewerage pump station over the weekend of 2nd/ 3rd April 2016. Mechanical and electrical issues resulted in one pump being run manually until electrical contractors repaired the faults on Monday 4th April. The surcharge incident was reported to EPA as required.

The EPA were advised that in addition to the immediate remedial works completed, the details of the long term solution needed to be considered.

In this regard, in principal agreement has been reached with the Aboriginal Housing Office concerning the procurement of the vacant allotment at the corner of Hood and Field Streets for a new sewerage pumping station.

Discussions with NSW Water Solutions are in progress with respect to detailed design and construction of a new sewerage pump station addressing any surcharge risk (enhanced capacity, building provision, independent electrical/power options and other best practice requirements.)

7.1.9 ROADS REPORT

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

State Roads:

- 2015/2016 RMCC works estimated cost for Routine Maintenance Works on both highways is \$740,000.
- 4 Works Orders (WO) have been received to date totalling \$1,133,398. The 4 WO received are; 111.16.01 Sh21 Shoulder Grading \$16,591.52, 111.16.02 Sh8 Heavy patching \$214,911.71, 111.16.03 Sh8 reseals \$683,147.45 111.16.04 Sh21 reseals \$141,724.68 and 111.16.05 Sh21b gravel resheet \$200,157.68. **Total \$1,256,533.04**
- Euralla Initial Seal Project – RMS have provided Council with 4 Works Orders relating to the Cobb Highway project 111.16.06 Water Supply Works \$39,169.80 111.16.07 Water Supply Works \$17,588.40 111.16.08 Gravel Pit Registration \$36,124.53 and 111.16.09 Culvert Works \$349,827.72. **Total \$442,710.45**

	Original Budget	% Completed	Remaining Budget
RMCC (Routine Works)	\$740,000	75%	\$182,770
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$1,256,533	100%	\$0
Euralla IS Project	\$442,710	58%	\$186,295

Regional Roads:

- 2015/16 Regional Road Block Grant amount (including traffic and supplementary components) is \$2,642,000
- \$515,000 is allocated to Regional Road Reseals (Capital Improvements)

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,127,000	63%	\$783,064

Local Roads:

- 2015/16 Indicative Local Roads Component (FAG) has been advised \$1,480,000. Adjustments will still need to be made that take into account the revised funding levels and population adjustments.
- Council's allocated budget amount is \$1,000,000
- 2015/16 Roads to Recovery allocation has been increased this year to \$2,006,663. This funding will be allocated to Local Road improvement projects.

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$1,000,000	85%	\$149,500
Roads to Recovery	\$2,006,663	56%	\$889,705

7.1.10 SERVICES

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

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$178,000	58%	\$75,408
Ancillary Works	\$158,000	78%	\$34,794
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$110,000	74%	\$29,452
Aerodromes	\$52,250	75%	\$13,155
Public Conveniences	\$34,000	63%	\$12,791
Swimming Pools	\$322,500	81%	\$62,274
Waste Depots	\$136,100	53%	\$64,509

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is being sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool. Catchment rainfall finally reached the Darling River at Wilcannia over the weekend of the 12/13 March. The estimated weir pool supply is up to 4 months. Wilcannia remain at Level 2 water restrictions effective from Monday 15th February. Operatives have completed minor R&M works and pump tests on the bore infrastructure in preparation of use of the emergency bore. Water restriction in Wilcannia were lifted Monday 14th march 2016.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from above ground tanks, current levels: Tank 1 =3.8m, Tank 2 =3.4m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) = 4.1m. Estimated supply remaining is 5 months. Recent algal blooms in Wakefield tank has resulted in the town being sourced from tank 1 and 3 only. White Cliffs remain on Level 2 water restrictions effective from Monday 15th February.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrison’s Lake reservoir. Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 250 megalitres, town storage dam 55 megalitres. Estimated supply remaining is 9 months.

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Wilcannia Water	\$317,000	96%	\$13,987
Wilcannia Sewer	\$120,500	77%	\$27,427
White Cliffs Water	\$134,000	63%	\$49,436
Ivanhoe Water	\$183,000	85%	\$28,550

7.1.11 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	Remaining Budget
Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer	Minor reduction in annual funding amount reflects reduced operating costs of the water and sewer system following recent augmentation.	\$105,865	29%	\$75,360

Sunset Strip Drainage	Low lying areas adjacent to road and properties have been surveyed and draft design completed. (Carried forward from 2014/15)	\$10,000	0%	\$10,000
Restart NSW – Water Security	Start Dec 2014. Tilpa, White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe Project value \$1M (\$174,400 expended in 2014/15)	\$825,600	23%	\$639,330
Restart NSW – Preconstruction activities	Pre-construction activities Training	\$1,000,000 \$200,000	1% 34%	\$976,656 \$131,896
Regional Road Reseals (RRBG)	Programmed for completion April 2016	\$515,000	0%	\$515,000
Landfill Consolidation Grant	Due for completion December 2015	\$80,000	77%	\$18,468
Wilcannia Boat Ramp	Postponed pending Weir Feasibility Study	\$85,000	0%	\$0

7.1.12 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 31 March 2016

	Amount	
Cash Reserve		
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	\$1,165,000	
Total Reserve Balance as at 31 March 2016	\$1,165,000	
Bank Balances as at 31 March 2016		
General Fund	\$51,128	In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)	\$1,283	In Funds
Total Cash at Bank	\$1,217,411	
Cash Restrictions		
Internal Restrictions	\$260,000	
External Restrictions	\$280,000	
Total Restrictions	\$540,000	

05-04-16

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 8 THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 MENINDEE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING ATTACHMENT 2

06-04-16

That the Minutes from the Menindee Development Committee General Meeting held on 25 November 2015 be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

SECTION 10. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

Nil

SECTION 11. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on 25 May 2016 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.

There being no further business, Council Meeting concluded at 9:11am
