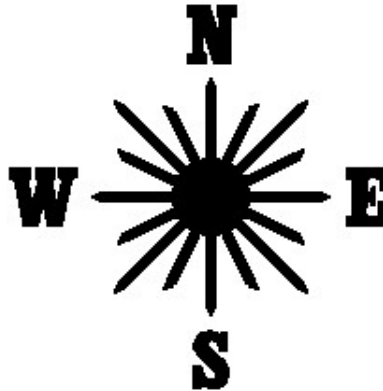


Mission Statement

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

Wednesday 22 June 2016 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 was held in the Council Chambers, Wilcannia on Wednesday 22 June 2016 commencing at 9:02am.

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SECTION 1. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Greg Wright	Administrator
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ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Boyd	General Manager
Jacob Philp	Director Business Services
Cindy Toiava	Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES:

Reece Wilson	Director Shire Services
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NOTE: No members of the Public present at Council Meeting

SECTION 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

01-06-16

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

It was noted that the General Manager had previously advised a conflict of interest in relation his membership of RDA Far West NSW as confirmed in Report 6.1 Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2016-2017.

Resolved

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.

Nil

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

02-06-16

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 25 May 2016, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting subject to the following alterations:

P16 Ivanhoe Revival Committee

- Faye Linnett should read Fay Linnett*

P17 White Cliffs Community Association

- Additional appointee should read Enid Black*

Resolved

4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE REPORT

The Health of the Darling River

I travelled to Wentworth on Tuesday of last week to meet with representatives of a number of central and lower Darling River Councils, together with several local parliamentarians and representatives of the Murray Darling Association. The meeting was convened with a common view of working together to deliver better outcomes for the River and the communities along its length.

The meeting resolved to develop a long term strategy to lobby and work towards a plan to improve the health and sustainability of the communities along the Darling (as well as the River itself, of course).

To that end, several representatives of the group were meeting with appropriate Government agencies and the Murray Darling Basin Authority in Canberra this week. Due to our own Council meeting today, I was unable to join them but am certain that they will represent the interests of our communities strongly.

The announcement, by the New South Wales Premier, late last week of the inclusion of a Wentworth – Broken Hill pipeline in the State Budget is good news for the community of Broken Hill however it does not, in any way, diminish the group's resolve to achieve its goal of a healthy and sustainable Darling River system.

03-06-16

That the Administrator's Minute be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2016/17

04-06-16

The Administrator noted the public submissions received advised that the appropriate alterations to the Operational Plan be considered when the Council reviews QPRI.

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2016/2017 Operational Plan and Budget

2. That in relation to the Operational Plan and Budget, the following determinations be made:

- In accordance with section 406 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the 2016/17 Operational Plan and budget as described and amended in the body of this report*
- In accordance with part 9, division 5, clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council approve expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the 2015/16 Operational Plan and Budget subject to the amendments as outlined in the body of this report*
- Submissions received in relation to the 2016/2017 Draft Operational Plan and Budget be received and noted and that responses be made in relation to the submissions*
- In accordance with sections 494, 518 and 515 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following ordinary rates for the 2016/2017 year as follows:*
 - o Residential Rate 0.06074454 cents in the dollar*
 - o Business Rate 0.05860181 cents in the dollar*
 - o Farmland Rate 0.00272174 cents in the dollar*
 - o Minimum Rate \$122.50*
- In accordance with sections 501 and 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make and impose charges for water supply services in 2016/2017 as described in the Operational Plan and Budget 2016/2017*
- In accordance with sections 501 and 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make and impose charges for sewerage services in described in the Operational Plan and Budget 2016/2017*

- *In accordance with sections 496, 501 and 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make and impose charges for waste management services in 2016/2017 as described in the Operational Plan and Budget subject to the amendments as outlined in the body of this report*
 - *Council make and impose the maximum charge for interest on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993*
 - *Fees and Charges for the use of services provided by the Council as detailed in the Operational Plan and Budget 2016/2017 (and as amended in this report) be adopted in accordance with section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993*
- 3. Council note that the Community Strategic Plan 2013/14- 2022/23 and Delivery Program 2013/14-2017/18 incorporated in the 2016/2017 Operational Plan and Budget had been previously adopted by Council in June 2013*
- 4. Council place a copy of the adopted Operational Plan 2016/2017 document on it's website.*

Resolved

The Administrator noted that the General Manager had made some minor alterations to the wordage on pages 5 & 6 of the Draft operational Plan prior to the adoption of the Plan at Resolution 04-06-16.

6.2 DELIVERY PROGRAM REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2016

05-06-16

That Council receive and note the report on the Delivery Plan Strategy 2013-2017 and the implementation of the performance targets contained with the Operational Plan 2015-16.

Resolved

6.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL FEES PAYABLE FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FROM 1 JULY 2016

06-06-16

That Council receive and note the report on the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination of annual fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors from 1 July 2016.

Resolved

6.4 SENIOR STAFF CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS 2015/16

07-06-16

That Council receive and note the report on the Senior Staff Contractual Conditions in accordance with Section 339 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Resolved

SECTION 7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

<u>Statistics for May 2016</u>		
Number of DA's Approved		0
Total Value of DA's Approved		0
Food Premises Inspected		0
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	16
	Rehomed	12
	Returned to Owner	1
	Euthanized	3
	Registrations	1
	Microchipped	9
	Penalty Notices Issued	0
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	15
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0
	Non-Compliant Samples	0

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 Wilcannia and Ivanhoe Bore Field Augmentation Project is progressing in accordance with the required timeline taking into account the approved extension of time by NSW Infrastructure. Telemetry (Indratel P/L) works commenced on Monday 2nd May 2016 and will be completed within 4 weeks. Bore headworks have been substantially completed and preliminary testing has commenced. Clarification of the scope of works with respect to telemetry for the existing bores is being sought from the contractor (Darling Irrigation P/L) and further advice will be provided in this regard in due course.

Watsons Drilling P/L have completed the test bores at selected locations in White Cliffs located adjacent to existing pump and power infrastructure. Initial results indicate poor yield and quality, lab results will be collated and presented to Council in a further report once received.

7.1.4 COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY, REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER BACKLOG

NSW Water Solutions has been engaged to complete the next stage of the pre-construction phase of the Ivanhoe, Wilcannia and White Cliffs Augmentation Project and complete options reports for these facilities at these locations. These studies will build upon the scoping reports completed by CWT P/L. On completion of the options studies further consideration will be given to the engagement of suitable consultant/contractor to complete remaining pre-construction activities with respect to concept design, D&C Specification and tender documentation with an overall completion deadline of June 2017.

These studies are funded 100% pursuant to the Restart Program, Regional Water and Backlog Program and targeted at pre-construction activities only.

Further to NSW Infrastructure invitation to complete the application for construction funding of the White Cliffs WTP and its backlog project status, Council has submitted the required additional reporting comprised of a comprehensive Benefit Cost Analysis and a statement concerning Council's financial capacity and claim for enhanced funding beyond the standard 50% limit. It is hoped that a decision on additional funding beyond the 50% limit from NSW Infrastructure will enable any "shovel ready" project to commence in July 2017.

7.1.5 SEALING CONTRACT – CDSC 1/2017

Pursuant to Council resolution from the ordinary meeting of Council in February 2016, staff have prepared tender documentation and advertised for the supply and materials and services for the bituminous spray sealing of pavements within Central Darling Shire.

Tender CDSC 1/2017 closes on July 11th at 10:00am. The period of contract shall be from the date of the award of tender until 30th June 2018 with an option for Council to extend the contract to 30th June 2019.

Following tender evaluation process a report will be provided to Council for consideration of award of tender.

7.1.6 COBB HIGHWAY – EURALLA INITIAL SEAL PROJECT

Council received verbal advice from RMS, Project/ Contract Manager, Monday 30th May 2016 that all documentation had been submitted, project specific plans updated and all documentation reviewed and approved.

Following recent rain, an amended program of works was supplied to RMS Wednesday 8th June 2016. Works recommenced Thursday 9th June 2016.

Fencing water supply works are in progress. Culvert civil works are scheduled for recommencement Tuesday 14th June 2016 and pavement works are still subject to approval of submitted Environmental Protection Licence with EPA.

7.1.7 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 Sh21 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	91%	\$70,980
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$1,256,533	100%	\$0
Euralla IS Project	\$442,710	85%	\$67,075

Regional Roads:

- 2015/16 Regional Road Block Grant amount (including traffic and supplementary components) is \$2,642,000

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,642,000	85%	\$406,518

Local Roads:

- 2015/16 Indicative Local Roads Component (FAG) has been advised \$1,480,000.
- 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	97%	\$33,318
Roads to Recovery	\$2,006,663	97%	\$67,759

7.1.8 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	78%	\$39,172
Ancillary Works	\$158,000	87%	\$20,544
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$110,000	90%	\$10,711
Aerodromes	\$52,250	95%	\$2,812
Public Conveniences	\$34,000	76%	\$8,292
Swimming Pools	\$322,500	96%	\$11,614
Waste Depots	\$136,100	56%	\$59,254

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is being sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool. The river recently benefitted from local rainfall catchment and tributary inflows which resulted in minor weir flow. The expected short timeframe will see Wilcannia remain at Level 1 water restrictions.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from above ground tanks, current levels: Tank 1 =4.5m, Tank 2 =3.8m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) = 4.5m. Recent rainfall has replenished above ground storages, estimated supply remaining is 12 months. White Cliffs water restrictions were lifted Monday 6th June 2016.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrison's Lake reservoir. Morrison's Lake storage is currently 220 megalitres, town storage dam 45 megalitres. Estimated supply remaining is 6 months.

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Wilcannia Water	\$317,000	100%	\$0
Wilcannia Sewer	\$120,500	99%	\$1,573
White Cliffs Water	\$134,000	83%	\$23,088
Ivanhoe Water	\$183,000	100%	\$0

7.1.9 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	100%	\$0

Restart NSW – Water Security	Start Dec 2014. Tilpa, White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe Project value \$1M (\$174,400 expended in 2014/15)	\$825,600	72%	\$230,778
CTWS – Preconstruction activities	Pre-construction activities	\$1,000,000	7%	\$931,995
	Training	\$200,000	54%	\$92,633
Landfill Consolidation Grant	Due for completion December 2015	\$80,000	100%	\$0
Wilcannia Boat Ramp	Postponed pending Weir Feasibility Study	\$85,000	0%	\$0

7.1.10 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 31 May 2016

	Amount	
Cash Reserve		
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	795,000	
Total Reserve Balance as at 31 May 2016	\$795,000	
Bank Balances as at 31 May 2016		
General Fund	\$418,808	In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)	\$12,502	In Funds
Total Cash at Bank	\$1,226,310	
Cash Restrictions		
Internal Restrictions	\$260,000	
External Restrictions	\$280,000	
Total Restrictions	\$540,000	

08-06-16

That the Information Items Report be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 8. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 WILCANNIA CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

09-06-16

To receive and note the Minutes of the Wilcannia Cemetery Committee.

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 27 July 2016 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.

There being no further business, Council Meeting concluded at 9:06am
