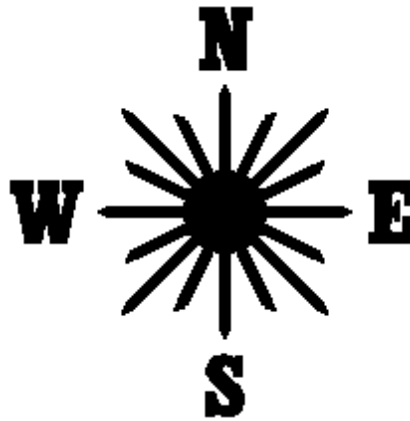


Mission Statement

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 22 March 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 22 March 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
Krista Tatt	Executive Assistant – Business Services

SECTION 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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.

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 24 February 2016, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE REPORT

To be presented

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 TENDER CDSC 2/2015 – CRUSHING OF GRAVEL

Purpose:

To seek Council consent to affix the Common Seal of Council to the instrument of agreement.

Background

Council considered a report at the ordinary meeting of Council, February 2016, with respect to Tender 2/2015 – Crushing of Gravel. The following resolution was adopted at that meeting:

“That Council resolve to accept the schedule of rates tender of Milbrae Quarries for the contract for Gravel Crushing pursuant to Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993.”

Notwithstanding the soundness of this recommendation and resolution, Council needs to resolve to affix the Common Seal of Council which was not covered in my previous report.

This is an administrative governance requirement only.

(a) Policy Implications

Consistent with LG Act requirements

(b) Financial Implications

Nil

(c) Legal Implications

This recommendation is required pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993

(d) Community Consultations

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to affix the Common Seal to the instrument of agreement and delegate to the General Manager the authority to complete contract documentation for this gravel crushing contract CDSC 2/2015 with Milbrae Quarries.

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		3
Total Value of DA's Approved		\$2,842,044
Food Premises Inspected		0
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	31 (21 dogs, 10 cats)
	Rehomed	17
	Returned to Owner	0
	Euthanized	14 (4 dogs, 10 cats)
	Registrations	0
	Microchipped	0
	Penalty Notices Issued	1
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	14
	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 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 totaling \$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	57%	\$314,772
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$1,256,533	100%	\$0
Euralla IS Project	\$442,710	45%	\$242,069

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	57%	\$909,644

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	84%	\$157,727
Roads to Recovery	\$2,006,663	45%	\$1,099,740

7.1.4 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	53%	\$84,327
Ancillary Works	\$158,000	74%	\$40,662
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$110,000	66%	\$37,072
Aerodromes	\$52,250	70%	\$15,310
Public Conveniences	\$43,000	46%	\$23,174
Swimming Pools	\$322,500	72%	\$90,273
Waste Depots	\$136,100	50%	\$68,766

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	86%	\$44,964
Wilcannia Sewer	\$120,500	70%	\$36,253
White Cliffs Water	\$134,000	55%	\$59,805
Ivanhoe Water	\$183,000	77%	\$41,273

7.1.5 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	22%	\$642,574
Restart NSW – Preconstruction activities	Pre-construction activities Training	\$1,000,000 \$200,000	2% 34%	\$978,186 \$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	75%	\$19,921
Wilcannia Boat Ramp	Postponed pending Weir Feasibility Study	\$85,000	0%	\$0

7.1.6 RESTART 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. Alternate drilling services (contractors) are currently being considered.

7.1.7 RESTART NSW, REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER BACKLOG

City Water Technology, DPI NSW Office of Water, Population Health Unit and Council attended an initial scoping study on Wednesday 2nd December in Wilcannia. The workshop identified the water treatment level expectations for CDSC, existing state of water treatment plants and critical deficiencies, key design issues, upstream and downstream limits of any future potential contracts and preferred project delivery modes.

The Scoping Reports have now been received and were presented to the February 2016 Council meeting.

The Scoping Reports completed by City Water Technology have been forwarded to all stakeholders, including Dept of Health and NSW Office of Water, for comment.

Once all comments are received and considered a program will be developed in conjunction with NSW Office of Water with respect to the next step in this process. The next step in the implementation of the project is to conduct separate options assessments for the respective water treatment plants and reticulation networks.

7.1.13 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 29 February, 2016		Amount
Cash Reserve		
Westpac Business Cash Reserve		\$1,610,000
Total Reserve Balance as at 29 February, 2016		\$1,610,000
Bank Balances as at 29 February, 2016		
General Fund		\$144,891 In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)		\$4,637 In Funds
	Total Cash at Bank	\$1,759,528
Cash Restrictions		
Internal Restrictions		\$260,000
External Restrictions		\$280,000
	Total Restrictions	\$540,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

SECTION 8 THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 WILCANNIA CEMETERY COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Wilcannia cemetery committee held at the Atheneum building on Saturday the 20th of February 2016.

Meeting opened at 1102hrs

Present:

S.Evans, G.Bates, C.Elliott, J.Pineo

Apologies:

D.Sammon, E.Fotopoulos, W.Elliott.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

General business:

Chris advised of a \$20.00 cash donation which had been received for the cemetery, this money was handed on to the shire.

Discussion on committee resignations. Since the committee was reformed there has been 3 resignations. General thoughts were to try and approach individual people within Wilcannia to see if they would like to join the committee. Advertising in the past generally hasn't had many results. Motion moved by Germaine and seconded by Shirley that this will be the committees approach re trying to attract new members. Carried.

Discussion on a suitable spot for the shelter shed. Two main options were considered: Either near the toilet inside the cemetery grounds or near the stone tables and chairs adjacent to the main gate. Committee also noted that the shire may require a licensed builder to oversee the relocation. Would this be the case and who would pay etc. Committee decided that the location be to the right of the main gate would be the best option.

Chris mentioned that the shire a looking towards getting a grant to carry out a ground penetrating radar of the cemetery which has been discussed before.

Matters for attention. The bins are still not been emptied despite numerous requests in the past.

Gravel is still needed in the driveway between the main gate and the toilet block.

Request for a sign to be re-instated that was in place at one stage.[Photo supplied.]

Discussion on how the scope of the Nth East cnr is progressing. Enquiry to be made with the accompanying letter.

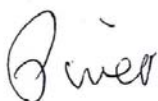
Suggestion that we hold a working bee sometime in late May which is prior to the June long week-end and the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of Wilcannia.

Proposed next meeting is the 21st of May.

Actions for the secretary is to write a letter to Michael Boyd highlighting a number of matters for attention which were raised at the meeting.

Meeting closed 1200hrs.

John Pineo
Secretary Wilcannia cemetery committee



SECTION 9. URGENT BUSINESS

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.

SECTION 11. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

*The next meeting of Council will be held on 19 April 2016 in Wilcannia at
9:00am.*
