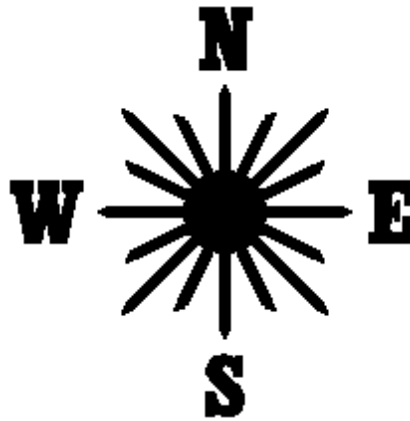


Mission Statement

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 22 March 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 will be held in the Council Chambers, Wilcannia on Tuesday 22 March 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
Reece Wilson	Director Shire Services
Jacob Philp	Director Business Services
Krista Tatt	Executive Assistant – Business Services
Cindy Toiava	Administration Support

APOLIGIES

Nil

SECTION 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

01-03-16

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

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.

- Paul Brown (Section 5 Administrator's Minute, Section 7.1.4 Water and Sewerage, Section 7.1.7 Restart NSW, Regional Water and Wastewater Backlog)

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

02-03-16

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.

Resolved

4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE REPORT

The Administrator made a verbal report welcoming Mr James Roncon to the meeting. Mr Roncon is assisting the Council with a review of financial and other systems on a contract basis and is in Wilcannia this work for site visits and consultations with staff.

In addition, the Administrator advised that work towards the Far West Initiative continues as a component of the local government reform process in NSW. He indicated that the Minister for Local Government would be attending the next meeting of the Advisory Committee in Wentworth early in April and that it was hoped that some structural options would be available for public consultation before year's end.

03-03-16

That the Administrator's Minute be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 TENDER CDSC 2/2015 – CRUSHING OF GRAVEL

04-03-16

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.

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		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		<u>\$1,610,000</u>
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	<u>\$1,759,528</u>
Cash Restrictions		
Internal Restrictions		\$260,000
External Restrictions		<u>\$280,000</u>
	Total Restrictions	<u>\$540,000</u>

05-03-16

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 8 THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 WILCANNIA CEMETERY COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

06-03-16

That the Minutes from the Wilcannia Cemetery Committee General Meeting held on 20 February 2016 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 19 April 2016 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.

There being no further business, Council Meeting concluded at 9:12am
