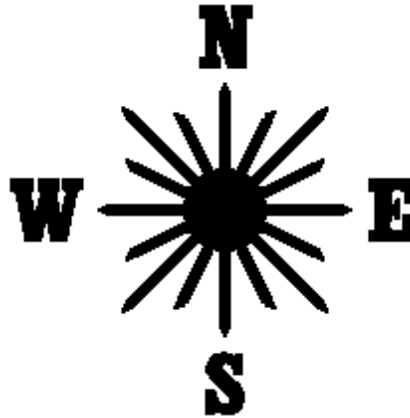


Mission Statement

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 25 May 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 25 May 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
Nicole Sanderson	Administration Officer - Creditors

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.

Nil

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

01-05-16

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 19 April 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

2016/2017 Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Though it has pushed the boundaries of the timeline and is only being tabled now, I am delighted to present, at this meeting, the Shire Council's 2016/2017 Budget, Operational Plan and Delivery Program. For the sake of simplicity, I will refer to it as the Budget.

This Budget represents a turning point in the finances and the financial outlook for the Central Darling Shire Council. It delivers a surplus result for the year while improving funding levels for roads and infrastructure, community assistance; improves our cash position marginally and restrains rating and charging increases to either CPI or the increases flagged last year for water, sewer and waste charges.

Specifically:

- The total budget has grown by 42% from \$13.9 million to \$19.8 million (largely as a result of increased commitments to RMS roads work)
- The projected surplus of \$616,000 will continue to bolster the long term financial sustainability of the Council
- General rates will increase only 1.8% and the base rate of \$122.50 has not increased
- Spending on Council local roads maintenance will increase by 35% to \$1.4 million
- A 10% increase in a range of Community Assistance Grants
- A new Minor Assistance Grants program of \$15,000 (with the guidelines to be determined in the new year)
- Continuing the increases flagged this time last year in Water, Sewer and Waste charges of around 15% in order to achieve legal compliance and financial sustainability for those services
- The provision of a \$150,000 reserve fund to allow the Council to accept any worthwhile grants offered that might require matching funding.

All in all, this is a very positive budget for our community and addresses many of the concerns raised about roads funding and community assistance. These improvements all still come within the context of significant financial rigour and discipline by the Council organisation.

It demonstrates how some short term pain can translate into longer term benefit.

However, we do still have a long way to go. We could spend twice as much on roads and not be doing enough. Our water and sewer systems require major work. I would love to provide more support to economic growth in the Shire. However, all of these things require one basic, structural foundation – a strong and sustainable Council operation that will survive the bad years as well as the good. I am pleased to deliver this budget and demonstrate that we are well on the way back from the brink of 2013 when the Council was insolvent.

My sincere thanks go to the management and staff of the Council for their diligence and attention to achieving these budgetary milestones.

These plans will now be on public exhibition for 28 days and I welcome the community's views on the Budget and the program, prior to adopting the budget at June's Council meeting.

02-05-16

That the Administrator's Minute be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2016/17

03-05-16

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Draft 2016-17 Operational Plan and Budget and endorse it for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.*
- 2. In accordance with the direction from the Minister of Local Government, the Hon. Paul Toole, contained in Circular 16-11 dated 22 April 2016, adopt the 1.8% rate pegging limit increase for the 2016-17 financial year.*
- 3. In accordance with the direction from the Minister of Local Government, the Hon. Paul Toole, contained in Circular 16-11 dated 22 April 2016, adopt an interest rate of 8.0% per annum for overdue rates and charges for the 2016-17 financial year.*
- 4. At the conclusion of the public exhibition period a meeting of Council be held to consider any submissions made concerning the Draft Plan and adopt the final Operational Plan.*
- 5. The General Manager be authorised to make any minor changes to the Draft Plan for exhibition purposes, if required.*

Resolved

6.2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – JANUARY 2016 TO MARCH 2016

04-05-16

- 1. That Council receive and note the Quarterly Budget Review in accordance with Regulation 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005***
- 2. Authorise the required variations to the Operational Plan and Budget adopted by Council on 20 June 2015***
- 3. Note that the revised projected surplus/deficit for the financial year 2015/16 is \$869,000 surplus.***

Resolved

6.3 CALENDAR OF COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS 2015/16 – MARCH
2016 TO MAY 2016

05-05-16

That Council note the ongoing progress for March 2016 to May 2016 on the Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2015/16.

Resolved

6.4 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

06-05-16

In accordance with the provisions of Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council appoint the following residents to the respective S355 Committees for a period to coincide with the ordinary election dates provided in Section 287 of the Local Government Act 1993 i.e. until September 2020:

- ***DARNICK HALL & SPORTS COMMITTEE***

- *Trish Palmer*
- *Ian Vagg*
- *Ian Edson*
- *Trudy Edson*
- *Max Bradley*
- *Clayton Griffiths*
- *Edward Rees*
- *Shiralee Palmer*
- *Tom Palmer*
- *Kylie Palmer*

- ***IVANHOE REVIVIAL COMMITTEE***

- *Faye Linnett*
- *Clive Linnett*
- *Fay Johnstone*
- *Jan Longfellow*
- *Raymond Longfellow*

- ***IVANHOE HALL COMMITTEE***

- *Clive Linnett*
- *Fay Linnett*
- *Jan Longfellow*
- *Raymond Longfellow*

- ***IVANHOE SALEYARDS COMMITTEE***
 - *Clive Linnett*
 - *John G Vagg*
 - *Ian Edson*
 - *Trudy Edson*
 - *Geoff McDougall*
 - *Christopher Stanmore*

- ***IVANHOE SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE***
 - *Vanessa Palmer*
 - *Fred Palmer*
 - *Kelly Scott*
 - *Gary O'Dwyer*

- ***MENINDEE COMMON COMMITTEE***
 - *Craig Symonds*
 - *Janette Jones*
 - *Murray Jones*
 - *Jason Morris*
 - *Robert Looney*
 - *Joanne Looney*
 - *Lorraine Looney*

- ***MENINDEE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***
 - *Denis Standley*
 - *Tim Walter*
 - *Paul Roberts*
 - *Jack Hanford*
 - *Dean Brereton*
 - *Maree Roberts*
 - *Julie Barwick*
 - *Mark Barwick*
 - *Stuart McIntosh*

- ***WHITE CLIFFS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION***

- *Fran Schonberg*
- *Margaret Anne Baker*
- *Robyn Taylor*
- *Graham Wellings*
- *Ron Dowton*
- *Sue Dowton*
- *Rob Dyson*
- *Maxine Wellings*
- *Shirley Dyson*

- ***WHITE CLIFFS HALL COMMITTEE***

- *Robyn Taylor*
- *Ron Dowton*
- *Clair Inness*
- *Sue Dowton*
- *Irmhild Bakker*
- *Enid Black*
- *Jurgen Hecht*
- *Cree Marshall*
- *Margaret Anne Baker*

- ***WHITE CLIFFS SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE***

- *Richard (Dick) Wagner*
- *Hayley Atkins*
- *Robyn Taylor*
- *Cree Marshall*
- *Jane Stevenson*
- *Jenny Hayes*

- ***WILCANNIA CEMETERY COMMITTEE***

- *Deidre Sammon*
- *Bill Elliott*
- *Chris Elliott*

- *Shirley Evans*
- *Alice (Germaine) Bates*
- *John Pineo*
- *Sereima (Emma) Koli Vuakatagane*

Resolved

SECTION 7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

<u>Statistics for April 2016</u>		
Number of DA's Approved		0
Total Value of DA's Approved		0
Food Premises Inspected		0
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	12
	Rehomed	6
	Returned to Owner	2
	Euthanized	4
	Registrations	0
	Microchipped	0
	Penalty Notices Issued	0
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	6
	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 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 been engaged to undertake the White Cliffs Test Bore and will commence work in this regard in mid May 2016.

7.1.4 RESTART NSW, 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 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 the July 2017.

7.1.5 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	79%	\$155,954
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$1,256,533	100%	\$0
Euralla IS Project	\$442,710	76%	\$106,303

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	\$2,642,000	64%	\$952,397

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	86%	\$136,581
Roads to Recovery	\$2,006,663	64%	\$731,560

7.1.6 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	71%	\$51,046
Ancillary Works	\$158,000	83%	\$27,290
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$110,000	80%	\$21,735

Aerodromes	\$52,250	82%	\$9,487
Public Conveniences	\$34,000	67%	\$11,064
Swimming Pools	\$322,500	92%	\$28,148
Waste Depots	\$136,100	45%	\$61,329

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is being sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool. Level 1 Water restrictions remain in place due to cease of flow over the weir crest. Estimated supply remaining is 6 months.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from above ground tanks, current levels: Tank 1 =3.9m, Tank 2 =3.8m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) = 5.7m. White Cliffs remain on Level 2 water restrictions effective from Monday 15th February. Estimated supply remaining is 7 months.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrison’s Lake reservoir. Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 200 megalitres, town storage dam 40 megalitres. Estimated supply remaining is 8 months.

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Wilcannia Water	\$317,000	100%	\$0
Wilcannia Sewer	\$120,500	90%	\$12,190
White Cliffs Water	\$134,000	70%	\$40,209
Ivanhoe Water	\$183,000	91%	\$17,349

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	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	99%	\$83
Restart NSW – Water Security	Start Dec 2014. Tilpa, White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe Project value \$1M (\$174,400 expended in 2014/15)	\$825,600	50%	\$411,673
Restart NSW – Preconstruction activities	Pre-construction activities Training	\$1,000,000 \$200,000	2% 45%	\$975,892 \$111,205
Landfill Consolidation Grant	Due for completion December 2015	\$80,000	100%	\$0
Wilcannia Boat Ramp	Postponed pending Weir Feasibility Study	\$85,000	0%	\$85,000

7.1.8 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 30 April 2016

	Amount	
Cash Reserve		
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	\$565,000	
Total Reserve Balance as at 30 April 2016	\$565,000	
Bank Balances as at 30 April 2016		
General Fund	\$256,896	In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)	\$14,171	In Funds
Total Cash at Bank	\$836,068	
Cash Restrictions		
Internal Restrictions	\$260,000	
External Restrictions	\$280,000	
Total Restrictions	\$540,000	

07-05-16

That the Information Items Report be received and noted.

Resolved

SECTION 8. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

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 22 June 2016 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.

There being no further business, Council Meeting concluded at 9:14am
