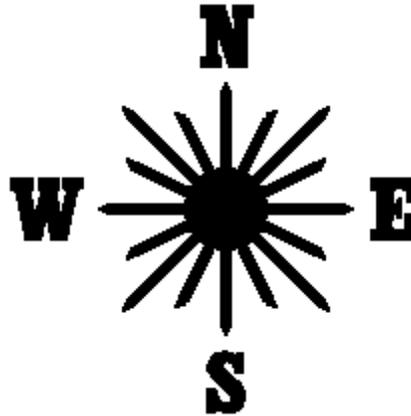


Mission Statement

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

Wednesday 28 September 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 Wednesday 28 September 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
Pam Roncon	Executive Officer

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 on public access to Council Meetings states:

- public access to monthly Council meetings is listed as an agenda item;
- each member of the public seeking to address Council is to register with the General Manager prior to commencement of the Council meeting. Each member of the public is to complete a "registration form" obtained from Council staff. The registration form seeks the proposed topic or topics in public access to be stated;
- each registered member of the public address is limited to five minutes; and
- all matters raised in public access are recorded and a response provided at the Council meeting, or in writing within one month after the meeting date.

Note: The registration form Council indicates only policy making and strategic matters are permitted in public access. Operational matters are to be addressed/ raised separately with the General Manager. Comments/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 24 August 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

ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE 29 September 2016

The Far West Initiative

For some time the eight Councils of the Far west of New South Wales have been working with the NSW Government to seek a new way of governing this vast area of the State. While the region covers 40% of the State's land area it contains less than 1% (48,000 people) of the State's population.

The region supports significant agricultural and tourism industries with remote, fragmented communities and declining populations facing substantial environmental, financial and social challenges. Two of those key challenges are the financial sustainability of small rural councils, and the co-ordination of a myriad of State, Commonwealth and non-government agencies and programs across the region and within smaller communities.

It is clear that a more co-ordinated approach is necessary in order to improve the efficiency of expenditure and the effectiveness of community outcomes. The Far West Initiative is an attempt to address these challenges.

In essence, the proposed approach would see a Far West organisation established to deal with the broader, regional issues including more effective delivery of services and planning at the bigger picture level. The local Councils would continue to be responsible for the delivery of local services and with a focus on community priorities like essential services and community activities. Any regional organisation would include representation from the Councils in order to ensure that the experience and expertise of local communities is effectively represented.

A community consultation process is currently being rolled out by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and will visit all of the major centres of our Shire in coming weeks. A range of background material is also available on the website www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au.

I will be making a submission, on behalf of the Central Darling Shire Council, offering broad, conceptual support to the proposal to create a regional authority. Of course, there is much detail yet to be determined and I will be keen to continue to participate in the further development of the concept in order to build an organisation that will genuinely deliver better planning, services and outcomes for the citizens of our Shire.

I encourage everyone to participate in the consultation process, make submissions and help shape the future of the Far West. Submissions close on Friday 14 October 2016 at 5pm.

Greg Wright
Administrator
22 September 2016.

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 CALENDAR OF COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS 2015-16 & 2016-17

Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to be updated on progress on the Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2015-16 and 2016-17 for the months of June 2016 to August 2016.

Commentary

The Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements is a document prepared by the Division of Local Government, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, to assist Shires in meeting their legislative reporting requirements under the provisions of various items of impacting legislation.

In the past, various external reports on the Shire's performance have been critical of the Shire's failure to adequately undertake the necessary completion of the legislative Compliance and Reporting Requirements; provision of this report at this and future monthly meetings of Council will evidence that these past failures are not re-occurring.

Date for Compliance	Subject	Comment
30 June	Objections to the inclusion of land to be vested in public bodies lodged (s.600(6)).	Nil
30 June	Valuer General to provide increase /decrease in values of rateable land (s.513(2)).	Supplementary list provided by 30 June
30 June	Delivery Program Progress reports provided to Council at least every 6 months (s.404(5)).	Report to June Council meeting
30 June	Operational Plan (2016-17) adopted and Long Term Financial Plan updated	Operational Plan adopted June Council meeting; LTFP to be updated by WSC
30 June	General Manager to report to Council on contractual conditions of senior staff (s.339).	Report to June Council meeting
1 July	Financial Statements to be audited within 4 months (s.416(1)).	Auditor programmed for mid October

8 July	Proposed loan borrowings return to be submitted to OLG.	Nil
31 July	GST Certificate to be submitted to OLG.	Submitted by WSC
31 July	Last day for making rates (s.533)	Operational Plan adopted June Council meeting
1 July	Reminder: lodgement of Pecuniary Interest returns due 30 September for Councillors and designated persons who held office at 30 June (s.449(3)).	Returns lodged with GM; returns for S355 Committee appointed at May meeting have been sent; reminders sent for outstanding returns
30 July	Public interest disclosure report due to the NSW Ombudsman. (s.6CA of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1994).	Submitted 20 July
1 August	Rates levied by service of rates and charges notice (s.562).	Notices sent 28 July
16 August	Expected first instalment of 2016-2017 Financial Assistance Grants.	Received 17 August
31 August	First quarterly rates instalment due (s.562).	Notices sent 28 July
1 August	End of Term Report to be tabled at last meeting of outgoing Council	Not required as Council in Administration
Monthly	Responsible Accounting Officer (RAO) to prepare a written report for Council on money invested under S 625	Report provided to monthly Council meetings as required
Monthly	RAO should report actual material budget variances from the budget at the following Council meeting (LGGR cl. 202b)	Report provided to monthly Council meetings as required

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Legal Implications

Provision of the report on a monthly cycle will evidence that Council is meeting its legislative responsibilities relating to the Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements as prepared by the Division of Local Government, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the ongoing progress for June 2016 to August 2016 on the Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2015-16 and 2016-17.

6.2 FEES AND CHARGES, SWIMMING POOLS AND COMMUNITY HALL HIRE

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information relating to fees and charges associated with Swimming Pools and Community Hall Hire.

Background

Community Halls

The current fees and charges for the refundable bond hire at Wilcannia and Menindee Community Halls are \$110.00 GST inclusive. The cost of cleaning the halls in the event that the hall is left in an unacceptable manner exceeds the cost of the bond resulting in additional costs for Council.

Ivanhoe Hall is managed by S355 Committee of Council, the bond applicable is \$270 GST inclusive. Feedback indicates that the fee is sufficient to engage cleaners to clean up the Hall if left in an untidy state and no change is required under the current adopted fees and charges.

White Cliffs and Tilpa Halls are also managed by S355 Committees of Council. No bond is applicable under the current fees and charges and there is no desire from the Committees to introduce a bond. Arrangements are made with hirers with respect to cleaning the Halls following events.

Swimming Pools

The current fees and charges for all swimming pools entry is a gold coin. Council has received numerous requests to include season tickets to accommodate yearly access without the need for people to change money.

Commentary

Council incurs costs in the event that the Community Hall are left in an untidy state. In this regard, it is proposed to increase the refundable bond amount to cover the cost of such cleaning. Estimates for this cost are consistent with Ivanhoe Community Halls current fees and charges.

Swimming Pools opening season is from November to April each year, being approximately 150 days. The proposed season ticket fee is based on families using the pools up to two-thirds of one season (100 days). The fee per family is not restricted to the number of people in the family. It is an estimated nominal fee to enable ease of access whilst maintaining a low cost entry into Council facilities.

The proposed changes to the adopted fees and charges are tabled below.

Title of Fee Charge	Current fee	Proposed Fee	Notes
Wilcannia Community Hall	\$110	\$270	Refundable bond payment
Menindee Community Hall	\$110	\$270	Refundable bond payment
Wilcannia Swimming Pool	Gold coin entry	\$100 per family	Season ticket
Ivanhoe Swimming pool	Gold coin entry	\$100 per family	Season ticket
Menindee swimming pool	Gold coin entry	\$100 per family	Season ticket
White Cliffs Swimming pool	Gold coin entry	\$100 per family	Season ticket

Community consultation is required with respect to changes to adopted fees and charges. The resolution below reflects the required public exhibition period.

Policy Implications

Council Operational Plan 2016-17, fees and charges.

Financial Implications

As listed in the table above.

Legal Implications

Pursuant to the sections 608 and 610F of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council has the power to alter adopted fees and charges providing the public is consulted and comments received from the public are considered before a final determination is made.

Community Consultation

Public Exhibition period, minimum 28 days.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- ***adopt the draft changes to the current fees and charges and place these changes on Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days; and***
- ***report to Council following completion of the Public Consultation period on all submissions.***

6.3 2016-17 ROADS TO RECOVERY PROJECTS

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information relating to the federally funded Roads to Recovery program to enable Council to make an informed decision on the allocation of the funding for this financial year.

Council is required to submit at least 12 months of rolling program works to the Roads to Recovery Infrastructure Management System.

Background

The objective of Roads to Recovery is to contribute to the Infrastructure Investment Programme through supporting maintenance of the nation's local road infrastructure asset, which facilitates greater access for Australians and improved safety, economic and social outcomes.

From 2014-15 to 2018-19 the Government will provide \$2.1 billion (\$350 million in 2014-15) under the Roads to Recovery programme, to be distributed to Australia's local councils, state and territory Governments responsible for local roads in the unincorporated areas (where there are no councils) and the Indian Ocean Territories. Recent media statement (which is attached for reference) has advised Councils that they will receive an additional \$1.5 billion funded from the fuel excise.

Roads to Recovery allocations for the councils in each jurisdiction (except the ACT as it is a unitary jurisdiction) have been determined on the basis of the recommendations of the Local Government Grants Commissions in each state and the Northern Territory for the roads component of the Financial Assistance Grants. This is the same methodology as was used for this purpose in previous Roads to Recovery programmes.

Council’s allocation for the 2014-15 to 2018-19 period is \$6,431,251.

Financial Year	Allocation
2014-15	\$702,409
2015-16	\$2,000,158
2016-17	\$1,621,457
2017-18	\$1,404,818
2018-19	\$702,409

Commentary

In preparation of the 2016-17 budget \$1,621,457 was allocated to five projects as follows

- Wilcannia Town Streets Reseals \$455,000;
- Woore St Kerb and Gutter / reconstruction and seal, Wilcannia \$195,000;
- Yartla St Kerb and Gutter / reconstruction and seal, Menindee \$105,000;
- Holden Street Reconstruction and seal, Menindee \$245,000; and
- Porters Crossing culvert replacement, reconstruction and seal, Norma Downs Road \$656,014.

Wilcannia town street reseals are required as the assets are nearing end of useful. The works are consistent with Councils Transport Asset management plan and 20 year capital renewals program. Last year’s allocation enabled Council to complete substantial resealing works in Ivanhoe and Menindee.

Woore St kerb and gutter project will see this section completed following the development of the NSW Police Housing project which included new kerb and gutter frontage. The verges will be reconstructed and seal extended to the new gutter, improving drainage and access for residents.

Yartla St kerb and gutter project has been prioritized to improve drainage and access in this area. The new kerb and gutter will enhance the aesthetic appearance of Menindee CBD.

Holden St reconstruction and seal will see this unsealed section of the residential area sealed and resident access improved to all weather condition. Customer complaints are received following rain events in this area. New culverts will improve drainage runoff.

Porters Crossing culverts and pavement are at end of life and are near unserviceable. New reinforced box culverts will be installed and the pavement reconstructed and sealed.

Policy Implications

Pursuant to Councils Transport Asset Management Plan and 20-year capital renewals program.

Financial Implications

Roads to Recovery projects are 100% funded.

Legal Implications

Nil.

Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the decision of the Director Shire Services and allocates 2016-17 Roads to Recovery funding to:

- *Wilcannia Town Streets Reseals \$455,000;*
- *Woore St Kerb and Gutter/reconstruction and seal, Wilcannia \$195,000;*
- *Yartla St Kerb and Gutter/reconstruction and seal, Menindee \$105,000;*
- *Holden Street Reconstruction and seal, Menindee \$245,000; and*
- *Porters Crossing culvert replacement, reconstruction and seal, Norma Downs Road \$656,014.*

6.4 CRITERIA FOR MINOR GRANTS SCHEME

Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the criteria for the Minor Grants Scheme that was included in the 2016-17 Operational Plan.

Commentary

In previous years, Council has allocated funding to community organisations to assist them with projects or activities specific to their town or area of interest. During recent times, that funding was withdrawn as the Council addressed its financial sustainability issues. Council at that time indicated that the funding would be reintroduced when possible and at levels commensurate with the Council's capacity to support the allocation.

In adopting the 2016-17 Operational Plan, Council allocated an amount of \$15,000 on the basis that a determination relating to the criteria for the allocation of the funding still needed to be made. It is noted that this funding is independent of the funding assistance provided by Council to youth throughout the Shire for leadership training.

It is proposed that the following criteria be adopted to assist in considering the approval or otherwise of an application for funding assistance:

- Community events or projects by a community organization within the Shire – maximum \$1000 on a minimum \$ for \$ basis;
- Sporting grants (individuals who are Shire resident) maximum \$500 on a minimum \$ for \$ basis;
- event/project must be held within the Shire and of benefit to the Shire community;
- Community organisation must be a not for profit non-government organisation;
- Community organisation must have adequate insurance coverage or be sponsored or auspiced by a group that has adequate insurance coverage;
- financial details of the community organisation must be submitted with the application;
- financial budget for the event/project must be submitted with the application;
- requests for ongoing (year to year) funding will generally not be supported;
- applications may be submitted at any time during the year;
- funds approved by Council must be expended during that financial year they were allocated unless otherwise approved by the General Manager or his delegate;
- Council must be acknowledged as a sponsor for the event/project; and
- if the annual funding allocation by Council is not totally allocated by Council during that year, the unallocated amount will not be carried forward to the following year.

A copy of the proposed application form is attached to this report.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

The criteria listed above will give clarity to the proposed allocation of the Minor Grant Scheme allocation by Council in the Annual Operational Plan.

Legal Implications

Nil.

Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the proposed categories for the Minor Grants Scheme under the following criteria:

- *Community events or projects by a community organisation within the Shire – maximum \$1000 on a minimum \$ for \$ basis;*
- *Sporting grants (individuals who are Shire resident) maximum \$500 on a minimum \$ for \$ basis;*
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- *if the annual funding allocation by Council is not totally allocated by Council during that year, the unallocated amount will not be carried forward to the following year.*

SECTION 7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

<u>Statistics for August 2016</u>		
Number of DA's Approved		0
Total Value of DA's Approved		\$0
Food Premises Inspected		0
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	7
	Rehomed	5
	Returned to Owner	1
	Euthanized	1
	Registrations	0
	Microchipped	0
	Penalty Notices Issued	2
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	10
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0
	Non-Compliant Samples	0

7.1.2 ROAD GRADING PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 1

The Yearly Grading Program is 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 substantially complete with the exception of the electrification of completed electricity works and minor telemetry works at Ivanhoe. Connection to the grid is awaiting processing of submitted NMI Application. These outstanding works are expected to be completed by the end of September 2016 including commissioning.

Council has been granted an extension of time for the Restart project to end September 2016.

7.1.4 COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY, REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER BACKLOG

Recapping previous advice, NSW Water Solutions was 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 Pty Limited. On completion of the options studies further consideration will be given to the engagement of a suitable consultant/contractor to complete the remaining pre-construction activities with respect to concept design, D&C Specification and tender documentation with an overall completion dead line of June 2017.

The additional studies are listed below:

1. update the IWCM Strategy to comply with the July 2014 DPI Water IWCM Check List;
2. options Study for each of the proposed new water treatment plants;
3. concept design for each of the proposed new treatment plants;
4. hydraulic analysis for reticulation networks at Wilcannia and White Cliffs;
5. condition assessment of existing reticulation at Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs;
6. review of Environmental Factors; and
7. topographic survey for White Cliffs.

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5. condition assessment of existing reticulation at Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs;
6. review of Environmental Factors;
7. topographic survey for White Cliffs;
8. geotechnical and survey of the three treatment plants; and
9. tender documentation.

Items one to eight have been assessed, approved and purchase orders issued to NSW Water Solutions for completion. Initial programming indicates completion of these items by mid December 2016.

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

These projects have commenced with substantial data collection being provided by Council to inform various studies, modelling and projections, including a comprehensive land survey of Wilcannia water and sewerage infrastructure, rating database usage etc. This information will particularly inform the update of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan which will subsequently guide many key conclusions and recommendations concerning future water supply and sewerage infrastructure.

Council is awaiting advice with respect to the application for construction funding of the proposed White Cliffs WTP.

7.1.5 COBB HIGHWAY – EURALLA INITIAL SEAL PROJECT

Initial culvert civil works are in progress. Delays have been encountered due to rainfall events with an estimated completion of early October 2016.

Further works, including but not limited to are: side track construction, bulk earthworks, supply and haul select fill; and gravel and sealing works are still in development phase. Council has received specifications from RMS and have submitted associated Works Proposals for RMS consideration.

The final Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) has been received from the EPA.

7.1.6 ROADS REPORT

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

State Roads:

- 2016-2017 RMCC Routine Maintenance budget this year has been reduced, both highways is \$650,000.
- Three Works Orders (WO) have been received to date, totalling \$76,747.31.
- Euralla Initial Seal Project – RMS have provided Council with eight Works Orders relating to the Cobb Highway project totalling \$837,286.09.
- Springdale Initial Seal Project – RMS have provided Council with one Work Order relating to the Cobb Highway project totalling \$38,571.

- Fairmount Initial Seal Project – RMS have provided Council with one Work Order relating to the Cobb Highway project totalling \$33,903.

	Original Budget	% Completed	Remaining Budget
RMCC (Routine Works)	\$650,000	16%	\$543,188
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$76,747	20%	\$61,075
Euralla IS Project	\$837,286	77%	\$196,978
Springdale IS Project	\$38,571	50%	\$19,285
Fairmount IS Project	\$33,903	50%	\$16,951

Regional Roads:

- 2016-17 Regional Road Block Grant amount (including traffic and supplementary components) is \$2,642,000. RRRP allocation \$400,000.
- 2016-17 Regional Roads Repair Program (RRRP) – MR433 Ivanhoe to Menindee Road \$800,000.

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,242,000	12%	\$1,985,112
Regional Roads Repair Program	\$800,000	0%	\$800,000

Local Roads:

- 2016-17 Local Roads Component (FAG) has been advised \$1,480,000 which has been allocated to Local Roads.
- 2016-17 Roads to Recovery allocation this year is \$1,621,547. This funding will be allocated to Local Road improvement projects.

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$1,480,000	36%	\$942,560
Roads to Recovery	\$1,621,547	0%	\$1,621,547

7.1.7 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	\$154,500	22%	\$120,026
Ancillary Works	\$158,000	15%	\$134,690
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$110,000	18%	\$90,051
Aerodromes	\$65,500	60%	\$26,581
Public Conveniences	\$34,000	26%	\$25,202
Swimming Pools	\$350,000	8%	\$323,041
Waste Depots	\$107,000	29%	\$75,924

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is being sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool.

- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from above ground tanks, current levels: Tank 1 =6.0m, Tank 2 =4.8m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) = 8.1m. Recent rainfall has replenished above ground storages.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrison’s Lake reservoir. Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 400 megalitres, town storage dam 50 megalitres. Recent flows in the Willandra Creek have enabled Council to replenish the above ground storages.

	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Wilcannia Water	\$394,000	17%	\$326,796
Wilcannia Sewer	\$80,000	25%	\$60,536
White Cliffs Water	\$128,000	23%	\$98,368
Ivanhoe Water	\$211,000	15%	\$179,126

7.1.8 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	Federal remote communities funding program administered by NSW Office of Water.	\$105,865	6%	\$99,591
Restart NSW – Water Security	Start Dec 2014. Tilpa, White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe Project value \$1M (\$174,400 expended in 2014/15, \$595,300 expended in 2015/16)	\$230,300	30%	\$162,727

CTWS – Preconstruction activities	Pre-construction activities	\$1,000,000	8%	\$915,408
	Training	\$200,000	77%	\$65,300
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 August 2016

	Amount
Cash Reserve	
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	\$800,000
Total Reserve Balance as at 31 August 2016	<u>\$800,000</u>
Bank Balances as at 31 August 2016	
General Fund	\$359,235 In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)	\$61,835 In Funds
Total Cash at Bank	<u>\$1,221,069</u>
Cash Restrictions	
Internal Restrictions	\$260,000
External Restrictions	\$280,000
Total Restrictions	<u>\$540,000</u>

SECTION 8. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 WILCANNIA CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes Wilcannia cemetery committee meeting held on the 20-8-2016.

Meeting opened at 1104hrs.

Present:

C.Elliott, W.Elliott, S.Evans, J.Pineo

Apologies:

Germaine Bates, Deidrie Sammon.

Previous minute were read. Matters arising moved for discussion in general business.

Correspondence:

Members had received letters back in June re been acknowledged as a member of a S55 committee member.

General business:

Discussion on the effectiveness on writing to council re cemetery matters as there is never a response to any previous letters. Generally believed that it may be more benefit to raise matters at the council meeting. Chris has offered to do this on behalf of the committee.

The Boer War plaque that was discussed at June meeting is to go on to the war memorial in Baker Park. Consultation with Liz Vines and Michael Boyd has resolved in this been the best place for it. No progress on the sign re illegal burials at the cemetery.

Discussed that the shelter shed has been removed, although no-one knows where it has gone. Chris has offered to mention this at the next meeting of council.

Gravel for the tracks has been delivered and is a work in progress. Suggestion that we put a notice in the local paper commending council on the improvements.

Bill spoke on the fence replacement. He advised that quotes for materials had taken place as well as a quote from a fencing contractor to erect the fence. Council has sufficient funds to cover these quotes. Discussions have been held with Murdi Paaki to see if they would be interested in removing the old fence, this is ongoing. Consensus from the committee to keep proceeding down this line.

More weed killer has been purchased and will be spread when conditions are suitable.

Consensus from the committee that when a suitable machine and operator is available then it would be good to remove the old tyres within the cemetery and dispose of them at the tip.

No further business the meeting closed at 1143hrs.



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 Council 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.

Pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*(the Act) Council or a Committee may close to the public so much of its meeting when matters listed below are to be discussed being:

- (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,
- (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

Section 10A(3) of the Act states that a Council, or a Committee, may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.

Section 10A(4) provides that a Council, or a Committee, may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

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 if Council passes a resolution during a meeting, or part of a meeting, that is closed to the public, the Chairperson must make the resolution public as soon as practicable after the meeting or part of the meeting has ended.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council formally close the meeting to the public to discuss matters in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Reports to be considered in Closed Council

10.1 RATEPAYER REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL TO ASSUME LAND OWNERSHIP

10.2 SITE OFFICE FOR LONG TERM WORKS

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move back into Open Council.

SECTION 11. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on 26 October 2016 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.
