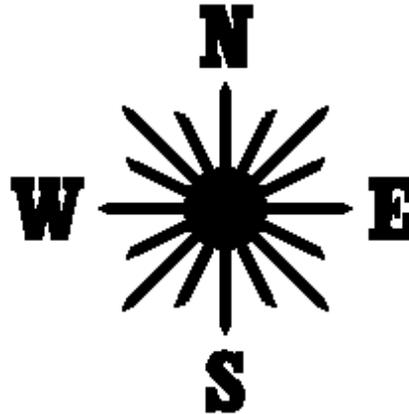


Mission Statement

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 22 November 2017 at 9:00am

In the Council Chambers

Wilcannia NSW

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 NSW, on Wednesday 22 November 2017 commencing at 9:00am.

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SECTION 1. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Greg Wright	Administrator
Michael Boyd	General Manager
Reece Wilson	Director Shire Services
Jacob Philp	Director Business Services
Angela Bates	Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES:

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 regard to public access to Council Meetings states:

- public access to monthly meetings of Council 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 meeting date.

Note: The Council registration form 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 the Wednesday 25 October 2017, 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 tabled.

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 PROPOSED DECEMBER 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to reconsider the ordinary Council meeting scheduled for December 2017.

Commentary

In November 2016, Council resolved to adopt a meeting schedule for ordinary Council meetings for 2017. At that time, it was resolved to hold a meeting on Wednesday 20 December 2017.

Advice has been provided by the Administrator that due to personal circumstances, he will not be available to attend that meeting at that time and he has suggested that the meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday 19 December 2017.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

Nil

(c) Legal Implications

The proposed resolution will ensure Council remains compliant with Section 365 of the Local Government Act 1993.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine that the December 2017 meeting be held on Tuesday 19 December 2017, commencing at 9.00am at Wilcannia.

6.2 JANUARY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to consider whether a Council meeting will be held in January 2018.

Commentary

Traditionally, Council has elected in the past not to hold Council Meetings in January. The reason for not holding a meeting in January is to enable senior staff to be provided with time to take leave, and not have to be working to timeframes to ensure reports are completed on time for inclusion in the

Council Agenda for a Council meeting. It is also gives an opportunity for leave to be taken in alignment with school holidays. Historically, January is a relatively quiet time of the year, with other government departments functioning at low levels, and placing limited demands on local government.

It is noted that Section 365 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that Council must meet at least 10 times per year, and that Council has the capacity to continue to meet that requirement of the Act if the meeting is not held.

There is the opportunity for Extraordinary Meetings to be held if necessary to address any urgent matters or items that may arise between the December and February Council Meetings.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine not to hold a Council Meeting in January 2018.

6.3 2018 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Summary

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with a list of proposed meeting dates for 2018 for consideration and adoption.

Commentary

Council is required to provide notification to the public of the times and places of its meetings for 2018 in accordance with Section 9 of the Local Government Act 1993. During 2017, Council meetings have generally been held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 9am, which has enabled the Administrator to be in the Shire from Monday to Wednesday on those weeks. It was previously determined by the Council that all meetings would be held in Wilcannia.

Additionally, with Council meetings in the mornings of the Wednesday, it has also ensued that the Administrator is available on the prior Tuesday to visit other centres in the Shire to undertake public consultations in Ivanhoe, Menindee and White Cliffs regularly throughout the year. It is also proposed that he will also be able to make special trips at other times to attend specific events without increasing the cost to the Council.

As indicated by the Administrator in his report to the November 2014 meeting:

"It is my belief that these arrangements will allow me greater opportunities to meet with Shire residents and groups throughout the year. During the interim administration, there was a higher

concentration on what might be called the “rectification works”. Now, it will also be required to conduct a higher level of community consultation and engagement in the absence of elected representatives.... ”

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the following meeting schedule with all monthly Council meetings to be generally held on the 4th Wednesday of the month (dependant on public holidays), commencing at 9.00am, with all meetings to be held in Wilcannia in accordance with the following schedule:

Wednesday 28 February 2018

Wednesday 28 March 2018 (Easter Friday 30 March)

Wednesday 18 April 2018 (Anzac Day 25 April; meeting adjusted to 3rd week)

Wednesday 23 May 2018

Wednesday 27 June 2018

Wednesday 25 July 2018

Wednesday 22 August 2018

Wednesday 26 September 2018

Wednesday 24 October 2018

Wednesday 28 November 2018

Tuesday 18 December 2018 (meeting date adjusted to 3rd week)

6.4 ADMINISTRATOR TOWN VISIT SCHEDULE 2018

Summary

The purpose of the report is to enable the Council to consider a schedule for Administrator Town Visits for 2018 for the next 12 months.

Commentary

Depending on the availability of the Administrator prior to scheduled Council meetings, a bi-monthly schedule had been previously developed to enable the Administrator to visit other administrative offices in Ivanhoe, Menindee and White Cliffs to undertake public consultations regularly throughout

the year. Budget allocation has also been made to enable the Administrator to make special trips at other times to attend specific events during the year.

As indicated by the Administrator in his report to the November 2014 meeting:

"It is my belief that these arrangements will allow me greater opportunities to meet with Shire residents and groups throughout the year. During the interim administration, there was a higher concentration on what might be called the "rectification works". Now, it will also be required to conduct a higher level of community consultation and engagement in the absence of elected representatives.... "

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the following 2018 Administrator Town Visit schedule:

Tuesday 27 February 2018 - Wilcannia

Tuesday 17 April 2018 – White Cliffs

Tuesday 24 July 2018 - Ivanhoe

Tuesday 25 September 2018 - Menindee

Tuesday 27 November 2018 - Wilcannia

6.5 2017 STAFF CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to give consideration to holding a Christmas function for the council and staff.

Commentary

In previous years, Council has held a Christmas function that enabled staff from the different work locations and the Administrator to get together prior to the end of year break-up. These functions have previously been held on an evening after the December Council Meeting at either the Engineering Depot, or the Customer Service Centre in Wilcannia. Of late, the function has been held at lunch after the Council meeting and last year the function was held at the Wilcannia Golf Club to obviate the need to employ a person with RSA.

Similar to last year, it is suggested that Council hold a Christmas function as a lunch function on the day of the December Council meeting. It is proposed that the venue would be the Golf Club at Wilcannia.

Consideration has been given to the distribution of beverages, and the following steps are advised;

1. Being a 'work function' Council's duty of care will still remain.
2. As per 1, responsible service of alcohol will need to be followed. This can be done with staff at the Golf Club who hold an RSA Certificate.
3. As per 1, appropriate behaviour standards must still be met, and inappropriate behaviour dealt with in line with Council's Code of Conduct to the same level expected during normal work hours.
4. Getting to, and going home from, the Christmas party. This can be accomplished by reminding staff that alcohol and driving does not mix and encouraging staff to make appropriate arrangements for travel, etc.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

There will be some cost associated with the function but this has not been estimated at this stage. Due to the current financial position of the Council, these costs will be met from existing budget allocations.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council hold a Christmas lunch function at Wilcannia on Tuesday 19 December 2017 and that all staff be required to attend.

6.6 ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017

ATTACHMENT 1

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an Annual Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Commentary

Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides a requirement that:

(1) Within 5 months after the end of each year, a council must prepare an annual report for that year reporting as to its achievements in implementing its delivery program and the effectiveness of the principal activities undertaken in achieving the objectives at which those principal activities are directed.

(2) The annual report in the year in which an ordinary election of councillors is to be held must also report as to the council's achievements in implementing the community strategic plan over the previous 4 years.

(3) An annual report must be prepared in accordance with the guidelines under section 406.

(4) An annual report must contain the following:

(a) a copy of the council's audited financial reports prepared in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting published by the Department, as in force from time to time,

(b) such other information as the regulations or the guidelines under section 406 may require.

(5) A copy of the council's annual report must be posted on the council's website and provided to the Minister and such other persons and bodies as the regulations may require. A copy of a council's annual report may be provided to the Minister by notifying the Minister of the appropriate URL link to access the report on the council's website.

This report is to advise that the annual report will be provided under separate cover prior to the Council meeting as the document is still being prepared at the time of the distribution of the agenda due to the delay in the provision of the financial statements. It is noted that the report is legislatively required to be presented to Council by the end of November.

(a) Policy Implications

Provision of the report will evidence that Council continues to meet it's 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.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Annual Report 2016-2017 in accordance with Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993.

6.7 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – Q1 – JULY 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2017
ATTACHMENT 2

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a quarterly budget review in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Commentary

Regulation 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 provides a requirement that:

(1) Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter (except the June quarter), the responsible accounting officer of a council must prepare and submit to the council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the statement of the council's revenue policy included in the operational plan for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.

(2) A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:

(a) a report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure, and

(b) if that position is unsatisfactory, recommendations for remedial action.

When the Council adopted the Budget in June this year, the projected year-end balance was \$6,044,000 surplus, brought about in the main by a capital grant of \$5,500,000 for the White Cliffs Water supply project.

In the 2016/17 Financial Year the Financial Assistance Grants Commission paid the amount of \$2.5 million as 50% advance payment of the 2017/18 allocation. It was necessary to recognise this reduction in QPR 1.

Council has been issued with variations on carried forward works orders from the 2016/17 financial year RMS Sealing projects. The full amount of these variations is indicative and to be resolved in QPR 2.

The revised year- end balance is \$426,000 surplus, reflecting a continuing improvement in operations for 2017/18.

(a) Policy Implications

Provision of the report will evidence that Council continues to meet it's 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.

(b) Financial Implications

The financial implications are referred to in the report.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to:

- ***Receive and note the Quarterly Budget Review in accordance with Regulation 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005***
- ***Authorise the required variations to the Operational Plan and Budget adopted by Council on 28 June 2017***
- ***Note that the revised projected surplus/deficit for the financial year 2017/18 is \$426,000 surplus.***

6.8 DECLARATION OF FOSSICKING DISTRICTS

Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the declaration of a fossicking district within the Shire.

Commentary

Council has been approached by the NSW and ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association INC. (NAPFA) seeking the declaration of the Council area as a fossicking area, a proposal that has the potential to make the area more attractive to fossickers and boost geo-tourism in the district. According to NAPFA, there are many locations within the Shire that are of interest to fossickers.

Recreational Fossicking is a good healthy outdoor activity undertaken by a range of ages. As an activity that encourages the visitor economy, NAPFA feels that it should be encouraged alongside other proactive tourism strategies. Like recreational fishing, fossicking is subject to many regulations: <http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/fossicking-in-nsw>

Declaration of an area as a fossicking district will not provide open access to land for recreational fossickers e.g. fossicking activities are prohibited in National Parks, and fossickers must follow the guidelines/regulations noted above.

The principal need for the fossickers in the declaration of the district is that it effectively cuts some red tape for fossickers by removing the need to get permission from mineral or petroleum Exploration Lease holders to fossick on ground covered by those leases. However, they still need the permission of local landowners, assessment and mining lease holders, and holders of mineral claims or opal prospecting licences.

There is no cost to Council to do this and there is no ongoing management required. The key effect is to eliminate unproductive red tape for fossickers. It does not undermine any existing rights of the various title holders.

Council is advised that there are over 20 Council areas that are currently declared districts across the state or are in the process of being gazetted, and a number of other Councils are considering the declarations at the moment.

Before placing the matter before Council, the proposal was discussed informally with a representative of the White Cliffs Miners Association who has raised no objection.

At the September meeting of Council, it was resolved that Council undertake a period of community consultation to ascertain the general community views on this matter. That period of consultation has now closed and no responses have been received at the time of writing of the report.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

Nil

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

A period of community consultation was undertaken and no responses were received.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to:

- *support the proposal for declaration of a fossicking district for the Shire*
- *advise the NSW Department of Industry that Council consents to the Central Darling Shire Council Local Government Area being declared as a fossicking district.*

SECTION 7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

<u>Statistics for October 2017</u>		
Number of DA's Approved		0
Total Value of DA's Approved		0
Food Premises Inspected		0
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	13
	Rehomed	6
	Returned to Owner	0
	Euthanized	7
	Registrations	0

	Microchipped	1
	Penalty Notices Issued	0
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	10
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0
	TOC Samples Collected	0
	DBP Samples Collected	0
	Non-Compliant Samples	0

Council commenced testing of two new samples:

Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

Disinfection Byproducts (DBP)

These samples are apart of the Disinfection by-product Project and will be carried out as part of Council's Routine Sample Collection.

7.2 WORKS PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 3

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 monthly.

7.3 THE WOOL TRACK – INITIAL SEAL FUNDING

ATTACHMENT 4

Council received correspondence (attached) from the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) advising that the NSW Government will be releasing up to \$4.7M towards the sealing of the Wool Track between Balranald and Ivanhoe.

As agreed, the funding split provides Council with \$1.925M to complete the remaining unsealed section within Central Darling LGA, approximately 7km. RMS representative have been in contact with the Director Shire Services who will now provide a program of works, key milestones and cash flow forecast to enable RMS to review as part of the funding profile and subsequent release of funds.

Initial estimates could see the project commence in February 2018 and see full completion by December 2018 pending approvals for gravel supply and water supply and consent for new culvert structures in waterways. Funding split at this early stage is estimated at \$900k for 2017-18 and the balance \$1025k for 2018-19.

A further report will be provided to Council once all approvals and timeframes have been confirmed. The additional works and income will be reflected in future budget review.

7.4 LANDFILL CONSOLIDATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS PROGRAM

The Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements grants program will provide \$5 million over two years (until 2019/20) to fund landfill consolidation, closure or environmental improvements of rural and regional landfills. This is the third round of funding under this program which has allocated a total of \$6.8 million to 60 successful projects. The closing date is 23 November 2017.

Council is responsible for 6 Landfills; Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, Menindee, White Cliffs, Sunset Strip and Tilpa. Following an inspection by Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Officers in November 2016 it became evident that Council's management of landfill premises could facilitate potential harm to the local environment. Council subsequently produced Landfill Management Plans to address the long-standing issues at the landfill sites.

The Management Plans and further inspections by staff and environmental consultant identify immediate improvements required at Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe sites. In this regard, staff are preparing applications for each of these landfills at present. Additionally, NetWaste will provide expertise and guidance and the EPA have offered their support.

Grants of up to \$200,000 (excluding GST) will be available per stream for landfill consolidation and closure, and environmental improvements. Funding will be available to provide up to 70 per cent of the eligible costs and the remainder of the costs (minimum 30 per cent) must be covered by Council's financial or in-kind contributions. Councils contribution can be sourced from within operational budget constraints.

Further details will be provided to Council following completion of the applications.

7.5 SAFE AND SECURE WATER PROGRAM

The Safe and Secure Water Program is a program established as part of the Restart NSW Program to fund eligible water and sewer projects that will deliver public health, environmental and social benefits to regional communities which in turn support economic growth and productivity in the State. This funding available supersedes the now redundant Country Towns Water and Sewerage Program.

Council has identified three main projects which are eligible for funding, these being:

- Wilcannia Township Gravity Sewer Scheme
- Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant
- Wilcannia Water Treatment Plant

NSW Government co-funding is available for both planning and construction projects as follows:

- Preliminary planning
- Business case development
- Detailed design and construction

As part of preconstruction funding already received, and in progress, the Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant and Wilcannia Water Treatment Plant have been assessed and design will be completed shortly. Council will soon be able to seek capital cost funding.

The Wilcannia Township Gravity Sewer Scheme aims to replace existing pressure system and associated pump stations that are nearing end of useful life. Recently completed sewerage schemes in the Mallee and Warrali Aboriginal estates have proven to be highly beneficial to residents and Council alike.

Councils annual water and sewer revenue is less than \$5M, meaning that the amount of funding that Council would be eligible for is up to 75%. It is proposed to submit an expression of interest for the scoping study phase of the Wilcannia Township Gravity Sewer Scheme at this time. There may be the possibility of additional funding pursuant to the Aboriginal Water and Sewerage Program considering Wilcannia's isolation and dominant indigenous population.

Further information will be provided to Council and no commitment has been made with respect to funding and budget allocations.

7.6 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE PROGRAM

The Aboriginal Communities Water Supply and Sewerage Program provides annual funding for operational costs with respect to the provision of water and sewerage services for the Warrali and Barkindji Aboriginal Estates in Wilcannia.

The program also provides capital funding for approved capital works. In this regard funding approval has been provided for replacement of the Warrali Sewerage Pumping Station rising main, ancillary pipework, access works and fencing subject to quotation submission. These works are expected to be completed by Christmas 2017.

7.7 REGIONAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 5

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council December 2016 Council considered a detailed report related to the Regional Roads Repair Program (attached for reference) which resolved:

04-12-16

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. endorse Council to submit an application for Regional Roads Repair Program funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the installation of a new reinforced box culvert structure and approach roadworks at Marra Creek, MR68A Wilcannia – Tilpa West Rd; and*
- 2. allocate \$400,000 of the Regional Road Block Grant in the Draft 2017/18 Operational Plan to match the funding amount and enable works to be completed.*

Resolved

Council received 22 points pursuant to the established points assessment system in place for the 2017-18 year. Advice indicates that the points may not be adequate to secure the funding required to complete works this financial year.

Submissions are now invited for the 2018-19 Regional Roads Repair Program. Additional points are awarded to those Councils who are unsuccessful in the reporting year provided the same project is submitted the following year.

Accordingly, staff will prepare and submit Council's application to ensure this necessary funding is secured for 2018-19.

7.8 ROADS REPORT

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

State Roads:

- 2017/2018 RMCC Routine Maintenance budget this year has recently been increased across the region. Councils allocation is now \$630,000.
- 5 Works Orders (WO) has been received to date. SH21 Slamannon Culverts \$85,410, SH21 Slamannon bores \$76,736, Heavy Patching SH8 \$431,411, Reseals SH8 \$393,380, Reseals SH21 \$353,116
- Eureka Initial Seal Project – RMS have provided Council with 11 Works Orders relating to the Cobb Highway project totalling \$6,100,440. RMS will meet actual expenditure.
- Springdale Initial Seal Project – RMS have provided Council with 1 Work Order relating to the Cobb Highway project totalling \$38,571. On hold
- Slamannon Initial Seal Project – RMS have provided Council with 2 Works Orders relating to the Cobb Highway project totalling \$37,873. On hold

Works Description	Original Budget	% Completed	Remaining Budget
RMCC (Routine Works)	\$630,000	35%	\$415,308
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$1,340,053	12%	\$1,187,414
Eureka IS Project	\$6,100,440	100%	\$0
Springdale IS Project	\$38,571	50%	\$19,285
Slamannon IS Project	\$37,873	50%	\$18,936

Regional Roads:

- 2017/18 Regional Road Block Grant amount (including traffic and supplementary components) has not yet been provided. \$2,640,000 has been included as an indicative estimate based on last year's allocation.
- MR67 Wool Track funding \$1,925,000 to seal remaining 7km within Central Darling LGA.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,640,000	27%	\$1,933,339
MR67 Wool Track	\$1,925,000	0%	\$1,925,000

Local Roads:

- 2017/18 Local Roads Component (FAG) has been estimated at \$1,480,000 based on last year's figures. The exact amount will be provided following confirmation.
- 2017/18 Roads to Recovery allocation this year is \$1,404,818, in addition to this \$521,751 was carried forward from last financial year. This funding is allocated to Local Road improvement projects.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$1,480,000	28%	\$1,073,248
Roads to Recovery	\$1,926,569	53%	\$910,712

7.9 SERVICES

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

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$131,500	46%	\$71,151
Ancillary Works	\$139,500	45%	\$77,920
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$101,290	40%	\$60,412
Aerodromes	\$76,500	33%	\$51,189
Public Conveniences	\$34,000	35%	\$21,810
Buildings	\$401,500	27%	\$294,963
Swimming Pools	\$355,000	25%	\$265,355
Waste Depots	\$151,500	18%	\$124,695

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is being sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool. Sustained minor flow at the weir crest has not triggered any restrictions to date. Staff will continue to monitor.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from above ground tanks, current levels: Tank 1 =5.5m, Tank 2 =3.7m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) =8.1m.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrison’s Lake reservoir. Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 350 megalitres, town storage dam 45 megalitres.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Wilcannia Water	\$326,000	37%	\$208,628
Wilcannia Sewer	\$135,000	44%	\$76,524
White Cliffs Water	\$138,000	39%	\$84,296
Ivanhoe Water	\$241,000	27%	\$176,184

7.10 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	24%	\$80,781
CTWS – Preconstruction activities	Pre-construction activities	\$1,000,000	63%	\$368,774
	Training	\$200,000	100%	\$0
Wilcannia Boat Ramp	Postponed pending Weir Feasibility Study	\$85,000	0%	\$0
Restart NSW – White Cliffs Water Supply	Funding Deed signed	\$5,500,000	0%	\$5,500,000

7.11 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 31 October 2017

	Amount	
Cash Reserve		
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	\$645,000	
Total Reserve Balance as at 31 October 2016	<u>\$645,000</u>	
Bank Balances as at 31 October 2016		
General Fund	\$911,055	In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)	\$136,791	In Funds
	Total Cash at Bank	
	<u>\$1,692,847</u>	
Cash Restrictions		
Internal Restrictions	\$260,000	
External Restrictions	<u>\$1,565,000</u>	
	Total Restrictions	
	<u>\$1,825,000</u>	

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

SECTION 8. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

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 at (insert time here).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council move back into open Council at (insert time here).

SECTION 11. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 19 December 2017 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.
