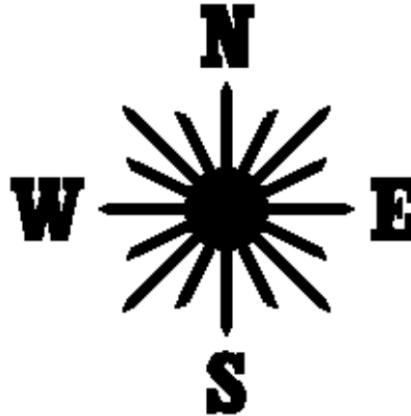


## Mission Statement

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 27 February 2019 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 on Wednesday 27 February 2019 commencing at 9:00am.

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## SECTION 1. ATTENDANCE

**PRESENT:**

Greg Wright	Administrator
Bob Stewart	Administrator
Greg Hill	General Manager
Reece Wilson	Director Shire Services
Jacob Philp	Director Business Services
Ali Couch	Executive Assistant

## 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 regarding 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: 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 Tuesday, 18 December 2018 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meetings of the Council held on Thursday, 27 December 2018 and Friday, 15 February 2019, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.***

### 4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

## SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE REPORT

### Resignation as Administrator

It is with some sadness that I must announce my resignation from the position of Administrator of the Central Darling Shire Council. My resignation will be effective from Friday 1 March 2019.

I have been struggling with ill health over the past few years and need to recognise that not only has my health been impacted by the travelling to undertake this role; but that my ill health has meant that I have been unable, at times, to carry out the role at maximum effectiveness. It is therefore in everyone's best interests that I stand down and allow a fresh perspective to be brought to the situation.

I was originally appointed here in December 2013 for a three month term following the suspension of the councillors for that period. The (then) Minister for Local Government subsequently extended that suspension for a further three months and the Council was ultimately dismissed in November 2014 for a period of six years.

In the five years since my appointment I have enjoyed very good relationships with the staff of the Council and the broader community despite having to make some difficult decisions to improve the financial sustainability of the Council organisation. I offer my gratitude to Greg Hill (current General Manager), Michael Boyd (General Manager 2014-2018), Brian Wilkinson (interim General Manager in the early days), the executive and general staff of the Council, the myriad of agencies and organisations with which I have dealt, and the general community and citizens of the Shire who have been most understanding of the circumstances and situations in which we have found ourselves over the past five years.

When I arrived in Wilcannia in the first week of January 2014, the Council did not have one dollar in cash and was indebted to its bank for up to \$3 million, depending on the day. Together we put in place strategies and practices that saw the Council "return to the black" within that first year. Some of those strategies, including reductions in spending on roads and other services, were difficult but effective. I am delighted that we are now spending almost \$16 million on road projects this financial year – an unprecedented program for the Shire.

There have been reductions in staff numbers, however I am proud that this has been achieved largely through natural attrition and not through wholesale redundancies. Services have been rationalised and focussed, while facilities have been improved as we were able to allocate the funding. The Council's annual operating budget has grown from \$13 million in 2013 to \$20 million this year. We have "balanced the books" and grown the operations of the Council and therefore, the benefits to the Shire community.

There is, however, still much to be done and I wish my successor well in finishing the job that I have started. I will remember my time in the Shire and in the Far West very fondly and with considerable pride. I wish the Council and its community every success in the future.

## **Appointment of New Administrator**

The Governor of NSW has appointed Mr Robert (Bob) Stewart as my replacement. Mr Stewart has a long and varied local government career and brings strong credentials to the role. Mr Stewart has officially commenced duties and will be in attendance at this meeting.

**Greg Wright**  
Administrator

27 February 2019

## SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

### 6.1 DRAFT COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

ATTACHMENT 1

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to introduce a new Community Grants Policy and Procedure to support financially the not-for-profits community based organisations or individuals within the Shire.

#### **Commentary:**

Council acknowledges the contributions made by not-for-profit community based organisations, groups and individuals in the local government area and, where possible, commits limited funds to help these organisations, groups and individuals achieve their objectives. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Establish a consistent, equitable and transparent response to requests for financial assistance;
- Ensure that all conforming applications received are given equitable consideration for funding;
- Ensure that the funding of community grants represents value for money to Council and the community; and
- Ensure that money provided by Council to community organisations are allocated in the most effective manner.

#### **Summary:**

This policy enables Council to support local projects and activities with Community Grants (maximum \$1000) and Recurring Grants (maximum \$200) put forward by organisations, groups and individuals that offer a significant contribution to community outcomes and goals as provided in the Community Strategic Plan. Additionally, Community Grants may also be available to respond to particular "Emergency Situations" (such as drought relief) depending upon the availability of funding. In making such funds available, community grants shall be provided in a consistent, equitable and transparent manner.

The Community Grant suite consists of the following:

- Community Grant Policy
- Community Grant Procedure
- Community Grant Application Form

The Community Grants Policy commenced public exhibition on 29 November 2018 for a period of 28 days; until now, no submissions have been received. Therefore, it is recommended to Council that the Community Grants Policy be adopted. The remaining abovementioned documents are operational and do not require endorsement by Council.

#### **(a) Policy Implications**

At completion of the public consultation process Council's Policy Register will be reviewed updated to contain the Community Grant Policy.

#### **(b) Financial Implications**

No direct Cost for implementing a Policy.

**(c) Legal Implications**

The introduction of a Community Grant Policy will ensure Council is addressing its legislative responsibilities.

**(d) Community Consultations**

The Community Policy commenced public exhibition on 29 November 2018 for a period of 28 days and no submissions have been received.

***RECOMMENDATION***

- 1. That Council receives the report and adopts the Community Grants Policy.***

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that we have been successful in Drought Relief Heavy Vehicle Program in receiving \$300,000.

**Commentary:**

Roads and Maritime Services in partnership with Local Government to plan and deliver infrastructure projects to local government communities. The Drought Relief Heavy Vehicle Access Program is designed to support communities through improved access for vehicles carrying drought relief.

Central Darling Council applied for \$300,000 for the installation of 6-9 telemetry (3G) Road Open/Closed signs to be located on Main and Shire Roads that regularly closed due to inclement weather, refer to attached location plan. The funding is 100% for the entire project which doesn't require Council to contribute towards the project. The status of each sign will also be displayed on Council website, which is an automatic function when the sign changes its status by remote access by using a mobile device or computer.

**Summary:**

Council had engaged A D Engineering International in late December 2018 to design, manufacture and install 2 signs located at Wilcannia, as works need to be completed by late April 2019. A D Engineering when installing the 2 signs at Wilcannia will show Council staff how assemble and install the signs for other locations.

A D Engineering manufactures and installs this type of signage across Australia and have been engage by 3 State Government agencies and numerous Councils. Emails was sent to Road and Maritime Services (RMS) enquiring if they had a preferred supplier or knew of a company that can undertake this type of work; no response was received back form RMS.

Appendix to this report is A D Engineering quote and examples of signage to be supplied. A D Engineering quoted for 9 signs and for the install of 2 signs at Wilcannia, priced at \$275,0060, the remaining balance of \$300,000 will be used for the installation of 7 signs by Council staff.

The Deed Agreement has been signed by the General Manager 12 February 2019 and did not require Council's Seal to be affixed.

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil.

**(b) Financial Implications**

Signage will need to be include on Council Asset Register, where depreciation will be incurred.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil.

**(d) Community Consultations**

There will be some consultation for the public on how the sign works.

***RECOMMENDATION***

- 1. That Council receives the “Drought Relief Heavy Vehicle Access Program” report.***

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council in the past couple of months several public statements and letters have been produced concerning Menindee Fish Kill and Drought Conditions we are currently experiencing.

**Summary:**

Due to the Menindee Fish Kill, recent Drought Conditions Council has produced several public statements and letters to various politicians highlighting the current situation in the Central Darling area. Though public statements have been used in various forms of media, letters to politicians up to now haven't been publicized. As General Manager, I believe it is important for residents to know that Council has been actively canvassing both State and Federal Governments to promote our current dilemma and suggest how things can be improved or provide alternatives.

The following public statements and letters are:

- Current Issues Faced by Central Darling Shire - Letter to various State Government Agencies
- Menindee and Surrounding Area, 5 Point Plan - Public Statement
- John Barilaro meeting with Council and Menindee Regional Tourism Association - Letter
- Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug "ICE" - Letter
- Mark Coulton MP and Deputy Prime Minister Visit to Menindee - Letter

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil.

**(b) Financial Implications**

Nil.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil.

**(d) Community Consultations**

Nil.

***RECOMMENDATION***

- 1. That Council receives the "Recent Public Statements and letters" report.***

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider any public submissions made during the public exhibition of the proposed water restriction arrangements to be implemented during dry periods and drought conditions throughout Central Darling Shire for the delivery of water supply services to Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs, and resolve to formally adopt, with or without amendments, these arrangements as Council Policy.

**Background:**

The Central Darling Shire Council considered a draft Policy with respect to water restriction arrangements in Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs during drought conditions, at the October 2018 Council meeting and resolved to place this draft policy on exhibition for 28 days for public comment prior to formal adoption as Council policy.

Council had previously “operated” under the draft Golden Water County Council Water Restrictions Table and did not have clear direction with respect to trigger points and restriction levels.

**Commentary:**

Central Darling Shire Council placed the draft CDSC Water Restriction Policy on public exhibition for community comment and feedback during late 2018 early 2019 and received no submissions.

An initiative of the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA) to review the previously developed Regional System of Water Restrictions by the now redundant Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance (LMWUA) warrants comment. The Regional System of Water Restrictions developed by the LMWUA is under review by the OWUA.

The Regional System of Water Restrictions is similar in structure and content when compared to the draft CDSC Water Restriction Policy but not identical. The merit of a consistent policy throughout the Alliance’s areas of responsibility is acknowledged but should be deferred at this time and reconsidered when the OWUA’s review of the Regional System of Water Restrictions is complete.

An additional benefit of deferring consideration of the Regional System of Water Restrictions until the OWUA review is complete is that it will enable the proposed CDSC Water Restriction Policy to be implemented and monitored, and in so doing allow any future amendment to the water restriction policy to have regard to local issues not experienced throughout the OWUA membership LGA (Local Government Area).

These arrangements are described in the October 2018 Council Report and are appended to this report as Attachment 1 and a copy of the Regional System of Water Restrictions provided as Attachment 2.

**(a) Policy Implications**

The proposed water restriction arrangements (Attachment 1) will constitute Council’s formal policy if adopted.

**(b) Financial Implications**

Nil.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Water Restrictions are implemented pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993, and Council's role as water authority w.r.t. Ivanhoe, Wilcannia and White Cliffs townships.

**(d) Community Consultation**

Exhibition of the proposed water restriction arrangements has been completed and no public submissions were received.

***RECOMMENDATION***

- 1. That Council adopt the draft CDSC Water Restriction arrangements as formal Council Policy, and notify the community accordingly pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1993.***

6.4 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – Q2 – OCTOBER 2018 TO DECEMBER 2018  
ATTACHMENT 5

**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.*

The projected year- end balance is \$743,000 surplus, reflecting a continuing improvement in operations for 2018-19.

**(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 Office of Local Government, NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

**(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***
- ***Note that the projected surplus/deficit for the financial year 2018/19 is \$743,000 surplus.***
- ***Note that there are variations for this quarter review.***

**SECTION 7. INFORMATION REPORTS**

**7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS**

<b>Statistics for December 2018</b>		
Development	Number of DAs Approved	0
	Total Value of DAs Approved	0
Food Safety	Food Premises Inspected	3
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	4 dogs, 6 cats
	Rehomed	3 dogs
	Returned to Owner	0
	Euthanized	1 dog
	Registrations	0
	Microchipped	0
	Penalty Notices Issued	4
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	8
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0
	Non-Compliant Samples	0
	Darling River Algae Samples	4

<b>Statistics for January 2019</b>		
Development	Number of DAs Approved	1
	Total Value of DAs Approved	\$18,000
Food Safety	Food Premises Inspected	2
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	13
	Rehomed	11
	Returned to Owner	0
	Euthanized	2
	Registrations	1
	Microchipped	1
	Penalty Notices Issued	0
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	8
	Chemistry Samples Collected	2
	Non-Compliant Samples	0
	Darling River Algae Samples	0

## 7.2 WORKS PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 6

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.

### Road Maintenance

The program attached reflects works programmed with available water, works up to June 30 will be provided to Council following condition assessments and receipt of confirmation of further RMS ordered works. Drought conditions limit the sections of Council's road network that can be maintained with available water and bore applications are in progress to enable water to be sourced for essential road maintenance operations.

## 7.3 COBB HIGHWAY

Recent media advice indicates substantial funding has been approved for the Cobb Highway and Silver City Highway initial sealing works. The funding will enable completion of all unsealed segments on the highways resulting in all NSW highways to be fully sealed. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) forecast indicate that the Cobb Highway, Wilcannia to Ivanhoe, will be sealed by end of 2023.

RMS have issued Council with a Works Order for the initial sealing of a further 2km section on the Cobb Highway, just north of Ivanhoe, Menindee Rd North Initial Seal Project. Works commenced 13 November 2018 and completed 20 December 2018. Works were delivered on time and within budget.

Further preconstruction activities are being undertaken by RMS and Council will be contacted if any future work becomes available. Council will be updated following receipt of advice from RMS.

## 7.4 WATER RESTRICTIONS, WHITE CLIFFS AND WILCANNIA

Council is working with the communities and local businesses to address the water shortage issue and will continue to monitor the situation and seek assistance from DPI Water in this regard. Level 4 restrictions were implemented Friday 25 January 2019 for Wilcannia and White Cliffs

It should be noted that some businesses have been granted exemptions for essential landscaped grounds maintenance, these exemptions will be reviewed following any changes in restriction levels.

### Wilcannia Water Supply

Wilcannia's water supply is primarily sourced from the Darling River weir pool at Wilcannia. This priority is mandated by DPI Water while sufficient storage volume in the weir pool is available. Transition to bore supply should only occur when effective weir pool storage has been fully utilised. These circumstances arise with cease to flow conditions in the Darling River following extended dry spells and ongoing drought.

Indeed, the establishment of the Union Bend Bore Field at Wilcannia was a drought proofing initiative for Wilcannia's water supply funded by the NSW Government.

Notwithstanding these operational parameters Council also has the authority and capacity to source Wilcannia's supply water from the Union Bend Bore Field in circumstances where the

water quality in the Darling River weir pool is poor and difficult to treat. Elevated salinity levels in the Darling River are circumstances justifying this change in water supply source.

Council has been experiencing increasing salinity levels in the Darling River since July 2018. The salinity levels have recently exceeded 2500 mg/L which is considered poor to unacceptable quality for potable water supply and the subject of increasing complaint. In this regard Council transitioned to bore supply from the Union Bend Bore Field on 21 November 2018 for the town's filtered water supply only. Wilcannia's Raw water supply continues to be sourced from the Darling River weir pool.

## 7.5 WATER CARTING ARRANGEMENTS

Council commenced water carting arrangements on Friday 7 December 2018 at Menindee. The Menindee Environs residents are not connected to the town potable water supply reticulation network and source household water directly from the Darling River. The Darling River water quality has deteriorated, and a red alert implemented for the presence of toxic blue-green algae. Essential water is supplying Council with potable water, within operational limits, to allow an 18,000 litre truck to deliver from town supply to properties.

The cost of water deliveries is \$2.00 per kilo litre to cover supply charges, the cost of delivery operations is sourced from the Federal drought relief funding. Council's General Manager is also speaking to the State Government about additional funding specifically for water carting arrangements – similar to previous arrangements implemented in 2015.

All Rural properties in need of potable water supply for household use will be assisted by Council. Advertising commenced in December, prior to Christmas, and requests continue to be addressed by Council's Engineering Department on a case by case basis.

## 7.6 NSW WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM

The NSW Weeds Action Program 2015-20 (Western WAP 1520) is a NSW Government initiative to reduce the impact of weeds.

The NSW Department of Industry has provided WAP1520 funding for 2018-2019 to Local Land Services to coordinate eleven Regional sub-programs and engage regional weed coordinators.

Council have accepted \$8,345.00 (GST exc) to engage an expert Weeds Consultant to assist staff in the delivery of the Western Weeds Action Program 1520 (Western WAP 1520), within the area of the Central Darling Shire that falls within the Western Local Land Services region during 2018/19. This involves a program of planning, inspection, weed control, communication, community engagement, liaison and training activities, as per the outputs specified for this project.

The following area's will be inspected and mapped in the coming months:

- Inspections of high-risk roadsides (KMs) 1465 KMs
- Inspections of high-risk watercourses (KMs) 150 KMs
- Inspections of high-risk rail corridors (KMs) 270 KMs

Following the inspections and receipt of maps and reports an action plan will be produced to help Council address the high and low priority weeds within the LGA.

## 7.7 ROADS REPORT

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

### **State Roads (Council undertaking work on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services):**

- 2018/2019 RMCC Routine Maintenance preliminary allocation is \$600,000
- 7 Works Orders have been issued to Council 2018/19, being SH21 Bushley Access Rd \$177,772, SH21 Bore tanks and fencing \$168,839, SH21 Bushley Gravel Pit REF/EIL \$48,461, SH8 Truck Fire \$16,260, SH21 Guardrail terminals \$56,949, SH21 Bushley Pit EPL \$6,127, SH21 Menindee Rd North Initial Seal \$815,980.
- There are 2 Work Orders that have been carried over and completed from last financial year being 111.18.15 SH21 Willandra Bridge Works \$192,523 and 111.18.16 SH21 Willandra HP \$81,144

Works Description	Original Budget On Issued Work Orders	% Completed	Remaining Budget
RMCC (Routine Works)	\$600,000	73%	\$164,194
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$1,300,681	74%	\$468,255

### **Regional Roads (Council Owned and Maintained Roads):**

- 2018/19 Regional Road Block Grant amount (including traffic and supplementary components) has not been advised to date. Estimate is based on last year's allocation (-\$400,000 matching funding for RRRP)
- MR67 Wool Track funding \$1,925,000 to seal remaining 7km within Central Darling LGA. An additional \$460,000 is allocated from Roads to Recovery funding for the completion of major reinforced concrete box culverts.
- Roads to Recovery allocation of \$192,566 for 1.2km seal extension to the approach to Wilcannia from Tilpa West Rd, MR68A
- Regional Roads Repair Program (RRRP) allocation of \$400,000 and RRBG allocation \$400,000 for new bridge and approach road construction, MR68A Marra Creek

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,292,000	80%	\$470,468
MR67 Wool Track	\$2,385,000	100%	\$0
MR68A Seal Extension	\$213,890	100%	\$0

<b>MR68A Marra Creek Bridge</b>	\$800,000	4%	\$767,109
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**Local Roads (Council Owned and Maintained Roads):**

- 2018/19 Local Roads Component (FAG) is \$1,535,041. Budget allocation to operational works is \$1,480,000.
- 2017/18 Roads to Recovery allocation this year is \$331,212 for floodway reconstructions, Paroo River, SR3 Tilpa-Tongo Rd

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
<b>Local Roads Component (FAG)</b>	\$1,480,000	58%	\$631,353
<b>SR3 Paroo Crossings</b>	\$331,212	5%	\$315,898

**7.8 SERVICES**

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

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Gardens/ Sporting Facilities</b>	\$179,350	64%	\$65,532
<b>Ancillary Works</b>	\$175,300	74%	\$45,897
<b>Street Cleaning/ Bins</b>	\$126,500	61%	\$49,522
<b>Aerodromes</b>	\$115,700	45%	\$63,992
<b>Buildings</b>	\$472,700	85%	\$73,796
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	\$550,800	49%	\$281,126
<b>Waste Depots</b>	\$142,000	44%	\$94,549

**Water & Sewerage Maintenance:**

- Wilcannia filtered town water supply continues to be sourced from the Union Bend Borefield. Level 4, Water Restrictions, were implemented 25 January 2019. Raw water supply is sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool and estimated 3 months' supply is

available in this regard. Council staff will monitor quantity and quality and implement higher restrictions where warranted.

- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from above ground tanks, current levels: Tank 1 =3.8m, Tank 2 =3.1m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) =4.2 m. Remaining supply 3 months. February rainfall events have replenished supply marginally. Water Restrictions, level 4, were implemented 25 January 2019. Council staff will monitor quantity and quality and implement higher restrictions where warranted.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrisons Lake Storage. Willandra Creek environmental flow has enabled Council to pump water into Morrisons Lake storage, pumping is complete.

Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 400 megalitres, town storage dam 50 megalitres.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
<b>Wilcannia Water</b>	\$396,300	54%	\$183,028
<b>Wilcannia Sewer</b>	\$185,000	40%	\$112,489
<b>White Cliffs Water</b>	\$163,000	44%	\$91,252
<b>Ivanhoe Water</b>	\$276,000	97%	\$7,460
<b>Aboriginal Communities R&amp;M</b>	\$105,865	40%	\$63,805

## 7.9 CAPITAL WORKS

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the capital works and projects expenditure to date.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
CTWS – Preconstruction activities	Pre-construction activities	\$1,000,000	96%	\$44,253
	Training	\$200,000	100%	\$0
Restart NSW – White Cliffs Water Supply	Funding Deed signed	\$5,500,000	0%	\$5,500,000

Waste Less, Recycle More – landfill Improvements	Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe Tips.  Wilcannia – 95% complete  Ivanhoe – in progress  Menindee – not started	\$584,672	57%	\$250,376
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7.10 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

**Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 31 December 2018**

	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Cash Reserve</b>	
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	\$1,699,000
<b>Total Reserve Balance as at 31 December 2018</b>	<u>\$1,699,000</u>
<b>Bank Balances as at 31 December 2018</b>	
General Fund	\$153,559 In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)	\$217,250 In Funds
	<u>Total Cash at Bank</u>
	<u>\$2,069,809</u>
<b>Cash Restrictions</b>	
Internal Restrictions	\$260,000
External Restrictions	<u>\$1,565,000</u>
	<u>Total Restrictions</u>
	<u>\$1,825,000</u>

**Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 31 January 2019**

	<b>Amount</b>	
<b>Cash Reserve</b>		
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	\$1,529,000	
<b>Total Reserve Balance as at 31 January 2019</b>	<u>\$1,529,000</u>	
<b>Bank Balances as at 31 January 2019</b>		
General Fund	\$1,013,265	In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)	\$5,629	In Funds
	<u>\$2,547,894</u>	
<b>Cash Restrictions</b>		
Internal Restrictions	\$260,000	
External Restrictions	<u>\$1,565,000</u>	
<b>Total Restrictions</b>	<u>\$1,825,000</u>	

***RECOMMENDATION:***

***That the Information Items reported be received and noted.***

## SECTION 8. 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 Councilor's,
- (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, Councilor's, 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 Councilor's 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.

### **SECTION 9. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

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*The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 27 March 2019 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.*

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