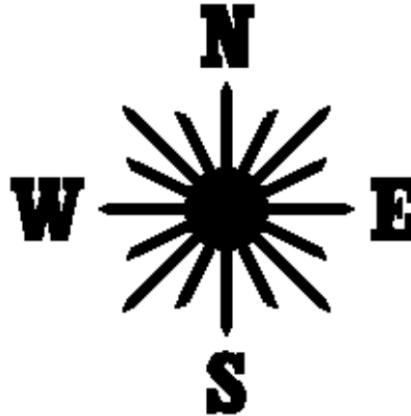


Mission Statement

To promote the Central Darling Shire area by encouraging development through effective leadership, community involvement and facilitation of services

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

For the Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 27 March 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 was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 27 March 2019 commencing at 9:00am.

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SECTION 1. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

Nil

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.

Nil

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

01-03-19

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 27 February 2019, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

RESOLVED

4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE REPORT

No Formal Report

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 SUNSET STRIP ACCESS ROAD, MENINDEE CARAVAN PARK ROAD AND COPI HOLLOW ROAD ATTACHMENT 1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council, so an informed decision can be made with respect to identification and dedication of the subject roads.

Background:

Council was contacted 3 March 2012 and 4 May 2012 by the, then, Department of Primary Industries, Catchments and Lands regarding the identification and dedication of Menindee Caravan Park Road, Copi Hollow Caravan Park Road and Sunset Strip Access Road.

A former General Manager, Tim Drew, replied 1 June 2012 stating that Council has not formed a position on the dedication of the listed roads and a response would be forthcoming following determination by Council. No response has been supplied to date.

Council has recently been contacted by NSW Department of Industry – Lands and Water regarding a Western Lands Lease conversion application from a lessee located at Sunset Strip. Part of the conversion process is to address the legal access to the subject lease and the access from the Strip to the Menindee Rd has no legal standing as a road.

In order to address the access issue to the Strip from the Menindee Road, the Legal Roads Network (LRN) are proposing to create a road 30m wide as shown purple on diagram.

Council as the relevant Roads Authority for the area will need to agree in writing to the proposed 30m road as well as addressing the naming of the proposed road.

Attached are correspondence letters and Easement proposal for information.

Commentary:

Council's road database and asset register reflect the inclusion of the three subject roads.

Funding received under the Financial Assistance Grant (Local Roads Component) for the care, control and maintenance of local roads is based on length of the local road network. The length of local roads reported includes the three subject roads.

Council has maintained the roads to date and has resealed the sealed sections within the last three years.

The recommendation below indicates that Council, as the Roads Authority, recognises its responsibility for the care, control and maintenance of the subject roads.

Road Naming

Sunset Strip Access Road – is locally known as Sunset Strip Boulevard and joins Menindee Road to Kingfisher Avenue and Lakeview Avenue.

Menindee Caravan Park Road – is known as Menindee Aerodrome Road and joins the Menindee Road to Council's Aerodrome and extends to the Menindee Lakes Caravan Park.

Copi Hollow Caravan Park Road – is known as Copi Hollow Road and joins Menindee Road to the Copi Hollow Caravan Park. The road is also referred to as Steve Hutton Drive.

The recommendation below reflects suggested road names however Public Consultation is required to gain community perspective before Council formally advises the LRN on the chosen road names. A report will be provided to Council following the Public Exhibition period.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

Council's Transport Asset Management Plan and Road Hierarchy, Service Levels and Maintenance Standards documents are used for maintenance requirements.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil.

Council receives funding under the Financial Assistance Grant, Local Roads Component, for the care, control and maintenance of local roads. Expenditure is planned within current operating budgets.

(c) Legal Implications

To formally recognise the three subject roads as legal roads.

(d) Community Consultations

Further community consultation is required with respect to road naming.

02-03-19

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Write to Crown Lands and formally recognise that Council is responsible for the care, control and maintenance of the Sunset Strip Access Road, Copi Hollow Road and Menindee Lakes Caravan Park Access Road.***
- 2. Write to Crown Lands and agree to the proposed 30m wide easement over the existing access road at Sunset Strip.***
- 3. Seek community feedback via community consultation for 28 days on the proposed road names, being***
 - Sunset Strip Boulevard***
 - Copi Hollow Road***
 - Menindee Aerodrome Road***
- 4. Report back to Council following the public exhibition period.***

RESOLVED

6.2 REGIONAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM 2019/20

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information with respect to making an informed decision concerning the allocation of Regional Roads Repair Program funding.

Summary:

The Regional Roads Repair Program is one of two programs under which the State Government assists Councils in the management of their Regional Road infrastructure. The other program is the Regional Road Block Grant Program.

The objective of the Regional Roads Repair Program is to provide additional assistance to Councils to undertake larger works of rehabilitation, and development on Regional Roads to minimise the long term maintenance costs of these roads commensurate with their function and usage.

The program is aimed at works that contribute primarily to:

- minimise future and ongoing expenditure needed to keep the road at a satisfactory standard, and
- provide overall benefits to the community that exceed the cost of the work

In addition, the works should contribute to at least one of the following:

- Economic development
- Integrity of communities
- Road network efficiency
- Regional tourism
- Road safety

Commentary:

Works funded under this Program must be selected on a merit basis across the Region. Historically Central Darling Shire is not able to accrue the minimum number of merit points to be successful in the first year. Additional points are awarded to those Councils who have been unsuccessful in the first year and resubmit the same project in the second/third years. Hence Council programs these works every two to three years depending on the outcome of its application and the points determined by the subcommittee.

In 2018/19, Council were granted the maximum grant funding (\$400,000) to install a new bridge at Marra Creek, MR68A Wilcannia-Tilpa West Rd. The project is scheduled for completion June 2019.

All Regional Roads would benefit from this level of capital improvement funding. The table below reflects current condition assessment and historical trouble spots on each of the Regional Roads.

Regional Road	Length	Problem	Solution
MR66 Menindee – Broken Hill Rd	6.38km (sealed)	Sealed, reseals programmed for 2019/20 to renew asset life. Double grids in place.	N/A.
MR67 Ivanhoe – Balranald Rd (Wool Track)	34.75km	Nil, recent initial sealing works completed. Fully sealed. Double grids in place.	N/A.
MR68C Menindee – Pooncarie Rd	69.80km	60km unsealed. Low lying areas inundated from River and surface water runoff, road remains closed for extended periods. Double grids in place.	\$800,000 formation and capping works to raise the vertical alignment in identified areas.
MR68B Menindee – Wilcannia West Rd	154.42km	136km unsealed. Low lying areas inundated from River and surface water runoff, road remains closed for extended periods. Single grids remaining.	\$800,000 reconstruction and seal 3km section including drainage improvements.
MR68A Wilcannia – Tilpa West Rd	127.66km	126km unsealed. Isolated sections of low lying black soil formation. Single grids in place.	\$800,000 replace 12 single grids with new double grids and seal approaches.
MR80 Narrandera – Mossgiel Rd	3.99km	Natural earth formation, road closed when wet.	\$250,000 gravel resheet.
MR428 White Cliffs – Kayrunnera Rd	34.91km	31km unsealed, natural earth formation, road closed when wet. Steep approaches into creek crossings. Single grids in place.	\$800,000 raise vertical alignment and gravel resheet 6km section.
MR433 Ivanhoe – Menindee Rd	199.87km	198km unsealed. Low lying areas inundated from surface water runoff, road remains closed for extended	\$800,000 formation and capping works to raise the vertical alignment in identified areas.

		periods. Double Grids in place.	
MR435 Opal Miners Way	93.14km	Sealed. Rolling reseal program to renew asset life, funded from Block Grant. Double Grids in place.	N/A
MR416 Ivanhoe – Cobar Rd (Wool Track)	65.72km	58km unsealed, natural earth formation, road closed when wet. Double Grids in place.	\$800,000 raise vertical alignment and gravel resheet 12km section.

In the interest of road safety, MR68A Wilcannia – Tilpa West Rd is recommended for the next round of funding. The resolution below reflects this assessment.

Further, Council has been replacing all single grids with double grids and sealing the approaches to improve road safety within the Local Government Area. To date, 6 out of the 10 Regional Roads have been completed. The Wilcannia-Tilpa West Rd grid and approach conditions have deteriorated and are deemed the highest remaining priority.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

The Regional Roads Repair Program funding is provided on a 50% basis. Council would need to source \$400,000 to match the funding amount. It is proposed to source this from the Regional Road Block allocation in 2020/21. A further report to Council following receipt of application outcomes in 2019/20 will be provided for Council.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultations

Consultation will be undertaken with property owners adjacent to the site and those likely to be affected by proposed works.

The Community Strategic Plan 2013 lists under Goal 3 below, the importance of providing and maintaining a reliable road network.

- Goal 3** A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well-maintained built environment
- Objectives** Implementing Asset Maintenance Program
Safe and reliable network of roads throughout the Shire
- Goals Outcomes** 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire

03-03-19

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the recommendations of the Director Shire Services and that staff submit an application for Regional Roads Repair Program funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the installation of 12 new double grids, MR68A Wilcannia – Tilpa West Rd; and***
- 2. Consider allocation of \$400,000 from the Regional Road Block Grant in the Draft 2020/21 budget to match the funding amount to enable works to be completed.***

RESOLVED

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update and renew Council's Work Health and Safety Policy.

Commentary:

As Council is aware the Policy Manual is undergoing a review to remove, replace and update policies which are outdated, not applicable or covered by legislation.

The work, health and safety of all workers within the Central Darling Shire Council and those visiting the organisation are of the utmost importance. Resources in line with the importance attached to work health and safety will be made available to comply with all relevant Acts, Regulations and Codes of Practice to ensure that the workplace is safe and without risk to health.

Objectives are to:

- Provide a safe environment for all workers, contractors, visitors and general public;
- Provide safe and healthy working conditions for the prevention of work-related injury and ill health;
- Satisfy applicable legal requirements;
- Control safety risks using the hierarchy of controls;
- Continually improve the safety management system to enhance the Council's safety performance;
- Promote consultation and participation of workers with regards to work health and safety;
- Ensure Council's Officers are provided with sufficient information to fulfil their legislative due diligence requirements.

As part of this ongoing improvement, it is critical that Council reviews and updates its Work Health and Safety policy every 12 months.

The policy has been reviewed and minor revisions to the policy have been made.

Summary:

Commitment, awareness, responsiveness, active support and feedback from Council's senior management are critical for the success of the safety management system and therefore they have specific responsibilities for which they need to be personally involved and which they need to direct. To achieve improved acceptance and implementation of the safety management system processes, leadership includes communicating the requirements of "what" needs to be done and "why" it should be done. Senior management shall develop, lead and promote a culture in Council that supports the safety management system and encourages workers, to actively participate in safety management.

(a) Policy Implications

Council's Policy Register will be updated to contain the revised Work Health and Safety Policy.

(b) Financial Implications

Not applicable.

(c) Legal Implications

The revised Work Health and Safety Policy will ensure Council is addressing its legislative responsibilities.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil.

04-03-19

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Resolves to adopt the Draft Central Darling Shire Council Work Health and Safety Policy.***

The Administrator added to the resolution that the policy is to be consulted with staff and a further report brought back to Council following consultation.

RESOLVED

6.4 DRAFT POLICY - PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO THE ADMINISTRATOR, COUNCILLORS AND THE MAYOR ATTACHMENT 3

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to introduce a new Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Administrator, Councillors and the Mayor (Elected Members).

Commentary:

As Council is aware the Policy Manual is undergoing a review to remove, replace and update policies which are outdated, not applicable or covered by legislation.

As part of this ongoing improvement, and more so the recent need for a policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the current Administrator, and when in September 2020 sees the return of Councillors and a Mayor being elected.

Summary:

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that there is accountability and transparency in the reimbursement of expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Administrator and Elected Members. The policy also ensures that the facilities provided to assist the Administrator and Elected Members to carry out their civic duties are reasonable.

The objective of this policy is to provide a guide to the Administrator and Elected Members expenses and facilities and the process for paying expenses in a way that can be properly recorded, reported and audited.

The policy applies to Administrator and Elected Members. Once an Elected body is returned, the Mayor is entitled to specific additional facilities.

The Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Administrator, Councillors and the Mayor needs to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days prior to adoption by Council.

(a) Policy Implications

At completion of the public consultation process, Council's Policy Register will be updated to contain the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Administrator, Councillors and the Mayor Policy.

(b) Financial Implications

Not applicable.

(c) Legal Implications

The introduction of a Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Administrator, Councillors and the Mayor will ensure Council is addressing its legislative responsibilities.

(d) Community Consultations

Adoption of the recommendation will see the proposed Policy placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. Council will then consider any community comment before considering the adoption of the proposed policy.

05-03-19

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council resolves to place the Draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Administrator, Councillors and the Mayor Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.***

- 2. That a report will be presented to Council after the 28 day exhibition period on all submissions received during the exhibition period, prior to the adoption of the Policy.***

RESOLVED

Purpose:

To have Council endorse the creation of a Working Party primarily role to source funding for a Native Fish Hatchery at Menindee.

Background:

On Thursday, 14 March 2019 Council's General Manager and several members of the Menindee community conducted the inaugural meeting of the Native Fish Hatchery Working Group. It's believed, a Native Fish Hatchery would be an ideal project/enterprise to be developed in Menindee. Multiple benefits to the community and environment of Menindee were identified:

- Employment
- Cultural significance
- Food source
- Recreation
- Tourism
- The Darling River and the Menindee Lakes Scheme is a critical integral environmental location for the life cycle of the endangered native fish species of Murray Cod and Golden and Silver Perch
- Possible income generation as evidenced by the community commitment for the preservation of native fish with the current Aeration Project and Water Quality Testing measures to be provided to governing bodies and research

The primary objectives of the Working Party are for Council being the auspicing body for initial funding and planning, then to proceed to call for community interest to form an incorporated community organisation or to utilise an existing incorporated organisation to progress the Hatchery.

Summary:

A small working party is required to assist Council in seeking funding for the creation of the Native Fish Hatchery and once funding has been secured, provide input on the development of an incorporated community organisation. The Working Party to consist up to of 8 community members and the General Manager. The Administrator will be an ex-officio member.

Expression of interest for the Community Representative will be advertised locally and if required a selection process by the Administrator and General Manager on their expertise and involvement in the Menindee Community. Appendix to this report is the "Establishment and Terms of Reference of the Central Darling Shire Council Native Fish Hatchery Working Party".

The Charter for the Native Fish Hatchery Working Party has been established by Council, primarily to seek funding for the development of a native fish hatchery at Menindee. Council involvement will be the auspicing body for initial funding and planning, then to proceed to call for community interest to form an incorporated community organisation or to utilise an existing incorporated organisation to progress the Hatchery.

(a) Policy Implications

None that involves the adoption and implementation of this report.

(b) Financial Implications

Some minor expenses will be incurred by staff for administration and attendance of meetings.

(c) Legal Implications

None in adopting and implementing this report. There may be some legal advice sourced when funding does arise, and the creation of an incorporated Community organisation is created.

(d) Community Consultations

There will be a need for consultation for additional community members to form the Working Party.

06-03-19

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Resolve to seek the creation of a Working Party known as “Central Darling Shire Council Native Fish Hatchery Working Party”.***

RESOLVED

6.6 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - DANCING ON THE DARLING MENINDEE FESTIVAL
ATTACHMENT 5

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for the request from Menindee Regional Tourism Association for assistance for the event known as Dancing on the Darling Menindee Festival.

Background:

Recently Council provided \$15,000 funding to Menindee Regional Tourism Association to assist in the event known as "Dancing on the Darling at Menindee", country and folk music festival. The purpose for this festival is to rejuvenate the Menindee community and surrounding area especially after the recent tragic fish kill and the poor condition of the Darling River. The event is planned on the 25 to 26 May 2019, at the Burke and Wills Park, comprising of various well-known performers and local acts. The Menindee Regional Tourism Association has secured another \$15,000 from the NSW Government and additional \$15,000 has been promised by the Federal Government on recent visit by the Deputy Prime Minister and Mark Coultan MP in late January.

Summary:

The Menindee Regional Tourism Association is further seeking Council assistance in good will support with the following items:

1. Allowing the event to be held at the Burke and Wills Park at no cost to the Association
2. Use Council Public Liability insurance for the event
3. Provide rubbish bins and empty the bins on the Saturday and Sunday
4. Provide and assist community members and volunteers to install bunting, barricades, road closure signs entering the park and within the enclosure of the park
5. Utilise the Swimming Pool toilet and showering amenities
6. Provide 2-way radios, high-vis vests and odds and sods which may be required in setting up
7. Council staff to assist on the Friday and Monday in minor jobs that may be required in setting up and clean up following the event
8. Allow a qualified electrician to install additional power outlets to the basketball court shelter at no cost to Council

It is estimated that the cost between \$1,500-\$2,500 to be incurred by Council for staff time on the Friday in assisting setting up and the following Monday in cleanup and provide a rubbish collection during that weekend.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

There will be an estimated cost (\$1,500-\$2,500) to Council for staff time and vehicles which will be journalled to the appropriate operational cost center.

(c) Legal Implications

Council Public Liability Insurance to be utilised if a claim does occur.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil.

07-03-19

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receives the “Request for assistance - Dancing on the Darling Menindee Festival” report.***
- 2. That Council endorse assistance to the Menindee Regional Tourism Association as mentioned in the 8 Items in this report.***

The Administrator added to the resolution that Council allocate the amount of \$2,500 subject to an approved Risk Assessment.

RESOLVED

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that submissions for Building Better Regions Fund has been unsuccessful.

Summary:

Last year Council submitted two separate applications to the Building Better Regions Fund, Wilcannia Independent Living Units Business Proposal and Wilcannia Goat and Kangaroo Abattoir Business Proposal which both applications were not successful. Council will be seeking feedback as to why both applications were not successful.

The ramifications are that the Independence Living Units (ILUs) Working Party was relying on funding to prepare a Business proposal for potential developers in building and operating independent Living Units for the elderly and for those who are incapacitated and can no longer live at home, but don't require hospital care. The ILUs working Party at their next meeting will need to reassess and work another way in promoting the construction and operation of ILUs.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultations

Nil.

08-03-19

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receives the "Building Better Regions Fund: Round 3" report.***

RESOLVED

SECTION 7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

<u>Statistics for February 2019</u>		
Development	Number of DAs Approved	1
	Total Value of DAs Approved	\$2,500,000
Food Safety	Food Premises Inspected	3
Animal Control Activities	Impounded	15
	Rehomed	7
	Returned to Owner	3
	Euthanized	3
	Registrations	0
	Microchipped	0
	Penalty Notices Issued	0
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	8
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0
	Non-Compliant Samples	0
	Darling River Algae Samples	3

7.2 WORKS PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 7

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.

Two initial seal sections are being scoped and estimated at present, being Baden Park IS Project (3.67km) and Gypsum Mine Nth IS Project (5.50km). 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.

Water Supply Information will be distributed to the community to ensure residents are aware of the current situation, restrictions, safety concerns, tips to save water and what Council are doing.

White Cliffs Water Supply

White Cliffs water supply is sourced from above ground storages. The main storage being Dam 3, Wakefield, located within Glenhope Station which is sourced from local runoff via Wanara Creek. Storages continue to deplete in the drought conditions and arrangements have been made with Essential Water, Broken Hill, for possible water carting operations in the event no substantial rainfall events occur in the coming months.

Alternate underground supplies have been investigated close to existing pump and power infrastructure with no success. Further Groundwater supply investigations are in progress and test bores will be programmed once the hydrogeology reports have been completed.

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 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.
- 15 Works Orders have been issued to Council 2018/19, as follows:
 - 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 \$856,759 (including variation)
 - HW8 Heavy Patching \$220,707
 - HW21 Heavy Patching \$142,390
 - HW21 Reseals \$441,504
 - Centre Line Spot Marking \$10,289
 - HW21 Control Survey Glen Albyn/Kerpa \$23,484
 - HW21 Control Survey Slamannon/Yelta \$23,484

- HW21 Burndoo Clearing and Grubbing \$7,783
- HW21 Control Survey Springdale Initial Seal \$11,742
- HW21 Water Supply Bores Rosewood/Slamannon \$83,146
- 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	79%	\$123,529
RMCC (Ordered Works)	\$2,295,703	81%	\$957,815

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 \$213,890 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	84%	\$367,696
MR67 Wool Track	\$2,385,000	100%	\$0
MR68A Seal Extension	\$213,890	100%	\$0
MR68A Marra Creek Bridge	\$800,000	6%	\$751,144

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.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$1,480,000	60%	\$605,459
SR3 Paroo Crossings	\$331,212	5%	\$315,898

7.7 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	\$179,350	72%	\$51,379
Ancillary Works	\$175,300	80%	\$35,231
Street Cleaning / Bins	\$126,500	67%	\$42,656
Aerodromes	\$115,700	48%	\$60,989
Buildings	\$472,700	94%	\$28,902
Swimming Pools	\$550,800	57%	\$238,066
Waste Depots	\$142,000	40%	\$85,453

Water and 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 6 weeks 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 =3.0, Tank 2 =3.1m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) =3.5 m. Remaining supply 2 months. Remaining

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 350 megalitres, town storage dam 40 megalitres. Remaining supply 18 months.
- Ivanhoe Water has exceeded budget constraints due to Willandra Creek Weir Upgrade works (\$40k), Essential sludge lagoon works (\$10k) and Pump/valves and fitting replacements (\$48k). Capital expenditure is included in the operational figures which will be reconciled asap.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Wilcannia Water	\$396,300	72%	\$109,300
Wilcannia Sewer	\$185,000	47%	\$98,900
White Cliffs Water	\$163,000	51.5%	\$79,000
Ivanhoe Water	\$276,000	131%	(\$87,500)
Aboriginal Communities R&M	\$105,865	45%	\$58,300

7.8 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
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	66%	\$199,600
Drought Relief Funding	Water Carting	\$400,000	13%	\$53,377
	Community Events/Projects	\$200,000	0%	\$0
		\$400,000	12%	\$49,835
	Bore Development			
Drought Relief Heavy Vehicle Access Program	VMS Road Closure Signage	\$300,000	32%	\$95,918

7.9 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 28 February 2019

	Amount	
Cash Reserve		
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	\$1,529,000	
Total Reserve Balance as at 28 February 2019	<u>\$1,529,000</u>	
Bank Balances as at 28 February 2019		
General Fund	\$1,372,397	In Funds
Clearing Account (Account used for receiving deposits)	\$7,038	In Funds
	Total Cash at Bank	
	<u>\$2,908,436</u>	
Cash Restrictions		
Internal Restrictions	\$260,000	
External Restrictions	<u>\$1,565,000</u>	
	Total Restrictions	
	<u>\$1,825,000</u>	

7.10 MINUTES AND REPORTS RECEIVED

ATTACHMENT 8

- Section 355 White Cliffs Hall Committee Request for Appointment to a S355 Committee of Council, February 2019; Annual General Meeting Minutes 27 February 2019; General Meeting Minutes 27 February 2019; Treasurer’s Report 25 February 2019

09-03-19

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Information Items reported be received and noted.

RESOLVED

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.

Nil

SECTION 9. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 17 April 2019 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.

Meeting closed at 9.19am.