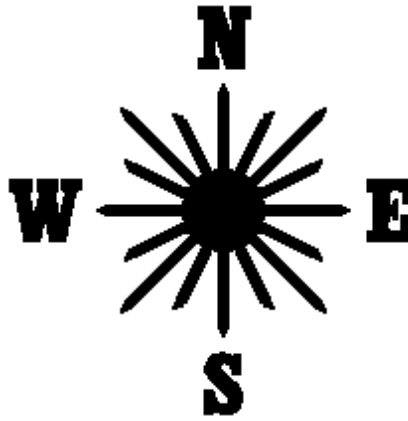


Mission Statement

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

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 9:02am

In the Council Chambers

Wilcannia

Council dedicated to serving its Communities

Any public discussion of Council or Committee reports and recommendations is on the basis that such reports or recommendations do not have effect until adopted by a full meeting of Council.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers, Wilcannia on Tuesday 21st October 2014 commencing at 9:02am.

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SECTION 1 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Greg Wright – Interim Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

| | |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Michael Boyd | General Manager |
| Reece Wilson | Director Shire Services |
| Jacob Philp | Director Business Services |
| Nicole Sanderson | Executive Assistant |

SECTION 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

NIL

SECTION 3. PUBLIC ACCESS – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nieves Rivera addressed the Council Meeting regarding the following issues:

- Recommendations for the safety, health and wellbeing of Wilcannia Youth - Nieves said that there were drug and alcohol councillors from Bloomfield, Orange who addressed the issue of high petrol sniffing use in Wilcannia.
- Nieves asked when the Pools would be open - The response from the Director of Shire Services is that there is training taking place on 17 November 2014 and the pools will be open in the following week.
- Nieves spoke about the old Convent and youths using the building to sniff petrol - The General Manager said that the Convent was privately owned and would cost up to seven figures to restore the building. Nieves stated that the building should be made inaccessible to the youths to stop them entering. The General Manager indicated that he would respond to the issue in writing.

Paul Brown addressed the Council Meeting regarding the following issues:

- The Victory Park Caravan Park – would it be a feasible option to open the Park for daily use only? The Administrator advised that the Council following consideration of the report in the Council Agenda, may determine the General Manager would address the advice provided.
- Financial Report – Paul noted that the Quarterly Performance Report was absent from the October Agenda. The Administrator advised that the Quarterly review was not legislatively due until November and would be addressed at the November Council Meeting.
- Sale of Land – Paul asked about the numbers of blocks for sale within the Central Darling Shire. The Administrator advised that the decision had not been made but they would take it on notice and provide the information when the decision had been made.

Chris Elliott addressed the Council Meeting regarding the following issues:

- The Victory Park Caravan Park. Re: 5.1 of the Agenda.

Chris asked if there was an option for the park to be RV friendly and open to motor vehicle homes only. Chris suggested that the ablutions block close with restrictions if they wanted to stay for free. Chris also suggested that the lease for the house be available for Council employees and also suggested that new garbage bins be installed.

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1-10-14

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 16th September 2014, 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

NIL

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION REPORTS

6.1 PROPOSED LEASE OF VICTORY PARK CARAVAN PARK

2-10-14

That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to review and determine the operation of the Victory Park Caravan Park to be considered as an employee operational matter under Section 335 of the Local Government Act 1993

If the General Manager determines that resolution 1 cannot be satisfactorily achieved, that Council resolve to advertise the Victory Park Caravan Park and the existing manager's residence for lease for a period of 5 years, with renewable option. Advertising of the lease is to be undertaken in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1993.

That a further report regarding the exercise of the delegation granted to the General Manager be provided to Council at a future meeting.

Resolved

6.2 CALENDAR OF COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS 2014/15

3-10-14

That Council note the ongoing progress on the Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2014/15.

Resolved

6.3 RECOVERY PLAN 2014 - MONTHLY REVIEW OF PROGRESS

4-10-14

That Council note the ongoing progress on the Recovery Plan 2014.

Resolved

6.4 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – JULY 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 2014

Report Withdrawn

6.5 SALE OF LAND

5-10-14

That the Sale of Land report be received, and further:

- 1. That Council proceed with the sale of land for unpaid rates for certain of properties listed in the attachment, with the final list to be presented to the December 2014 Council meeting;*
- 2. That Council call for expressions of interest by Auctioneers to undertake the auction of the listed properties;*
- 3. That Council authorise the General Manager or his delegate who will be available at the auction to sign contracts for the land sold.*
- 4. That Council authorise the General Manager or his delegate to bid on its behalf if necessary.*
- 5. That, the the event that Council acquires any of the properties at the auction, they be deemed to be operational land.*

Resolved

6.6 SALE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND

6-10-14

That Council agree to the sale of a Council owned vacant block of land, the address being 13 Menindee Street, Menindee.

Resolved

6.7 RATES WRITTEN-OFF 2013-2014

7-10-14

That this report be received and noted

Resolved

6.8 ROAD TRAIN ROUTES

8-10-14

That Council endorse the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee, in principal, subject to exhibition of the proposed changes for public comment and reporting back to Council following this exhibition.

Resolved

6.9 2014/15 ROADS TO RECOVERY PROJECTS

9-10-14

That Council endorses the decision of the Director Shire Services and allocates 2014/15 Roads to Recovery funding to

- ***Morrison St Reconstruction, White Cliffs \$215,000***
- ***SR1 Bridge approaches, Tilpa East Rd \$135,000***

Resolved

6.10 LATE REPORT UNDER SECTION 241 LGGR 2005 - RESTART NSW FUNDING DEED

10-10-14

The Council determine that the report be considered as urgent business under the provision of Section 241 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Resolved

11-10-14

That Council accept the grant funding of \$1,000,000 from Restart NSW for the purpose of connecting the Menindee Road Bore to Town Water Supply System at Wilcannia and delegate the Administrator and the General Manager the authority to sign the grant deed and to affix the Council Seal.

Resolved

SECTION 7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

Following is a statistical summary of legislative activities undertaken by Environmental Services during August 2014:

| <u>Statistics for September 2014</u> | |
|---|---|
| Number DA'S Approved | Nil |
| Total Value of DA's approved | Nil |
| Food Premises Inspected | 2 |
| Animal Control Activities | Impounded = 8, Rehomed = 4 , Returned to Owner = 2 , Euthanized = 2 Registrations = 1 , Micro-chipped = 2 , Penalty Notices Issued = 5 |
| Water Sampling | Microbiology Samples Collected = 14 Chemistry Samples Collected = 0 Non-compliant Samples = 0 |

7.1.2 ROAD GRADING PROGRAM

The Yearly Grading Program has been included to enable Council to follow the progress of the grading crews working throughout the Shire. Any changes will be presented on a monthly basis.

7.1.3 ROADS REPORT

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

State Roads:

- 2014/2015 RMCC works estimated cost for Routine Maintenance Works on both highways is \$700,000.
- 5 Works Orders have been received to date.
- SH21 Capital Works 2014/15 will be undertaken by Road Services, Broken Hill

| | Original Budget | Expended | % Expended |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| RMCC (Routine Works) | \$700,000 | \$87,660 | 12% |
| RMCC (Ordered Works) | \$1,115,097 | \$81,370 | 7% |

Regional Roads:

- 2014/15 Regional Road Block Grant including traffic and supplementary components is \$2,545,000.
- \$540,000 has been allocated to the Balranald Rd Reconstruction Works
- \$400,000 has been allocated to the Regional Roads Repair Program, Darnick Rd

| | Original Budget | Expended | % Expended |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Regional Road Block Grant | \$1,605,000 | \$636,047 | 40% |

Local Roads:

- 2014/15 Local Roads Component (FAG) is \$1,480,000. Councils allocated budget amount is \$828,000

| | Original Budget | Expended | % Expended |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Local Roads Component (FAG) | \$828,000 | \$269,093 | 33% |

7.1.4 SERVICES

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

| | Original Budget | Expended | % Expended |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities | \$188,350 | \$35,630 | 19% |
| Ancillary Works | \$158,000 | \$25,693 | 16% |
| Street Cleaning/ Bins | \$137,000 | \$28,508 | 21% |
| Aerodromes | \$50,000 | \$8,728 | 17% |
| Public Conveniences | \$47,500 | \$8,487 | 18% |

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is currently being sourced from the Union Bend Bore Field.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from ground tanks current levels: Tank 1 =3.5 m, Tank 2 =3.0m, Tank 3 (Wakefield 4.00m).
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the Morrisons Lake reservoir. Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 410 megalitres, town storage dam 45 megalitres.

| | Original Budget | Expended | % Expended |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Wilcannia Water | \$352,500 | \$77,045 | 22% |
| Wilcannia Sewer | \$75,000 | \$20,081 | 27% |
| White Cliffs Water | \$166,500 | \$27,349 | 16% |
| Ivanhoe Water | \$231,000 | \$35,009 | 15% |

7.1.5 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 | % Expended |
|--|--|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Remote Communities Water & Sewer Project | Civil works contract awarded. Start April and completion expected December 2014 | \$3,161,000 | \$1,546,117 | 49% |
| | Council Supervision | \$77,232 | \$50,737 | 66% |
| Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer | 5 year service agreement completed. | \$121,000 | \$31,363 | 26% |
| | Filtered Pipeline over Old Wilcannia Bridge completed July 2014 | \$54,000 | \$54,000 | 100% Complete |
| Sunset Strip Drainage | Low lying areas adjacent to road and properties to be investigated, surveyed and | \$10,000 | \$0 | 0% |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|------|
| | design drafted. | | | |
| Boat Ramps | Wilcannia Boat Ramp | \$85,000 | \$0 | 0% |
| | Tilpa Boat Ramp | \$72,000 | \$0 | 0% |
| Menindee BMX Bike Track | Completed July 2014 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | 100% |
| Menindee Multi Sporting Complex | Concrete Base Slab programmed for completion early Sep 2014 | \$86,000 | \$86,000 | 100% |
| Plant and Equipment | 1 single cab Isuzu 4WD purchased to date | \$150,000 | \$25,839 | 17% |
| MR67 Balranald Rd Reconstruction | Works commenced 28 th July. Expected completion October 2014 | \$540,000 | \$498,578 | 92% |
| Tilpa Airstrip Fence | Works programmed for completion by end November 2014 | \$60,000 | \$41,437 | 69% |
| MR433 Darnick Rd RRRP | Works programmed for early 2015 | \$800,000 | \$0 | 0% |

7.1.6 GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Council will be holding a “Garage Sale Trail” on Saturday 25th October.

Garage Sale Trail is a government-enabled people-powered framework that enables the peer-to-peer exchange of assets, resources and money on a hyper-local level but with national scale.

Garage Sale Trail is for anyone who wants to connect with their community; that's makers and creators, local businesses, households, cultural institutions, charities and community groups.

The four main towns within the Shire will each host the event which will, hopefully, be well received and attended by the community.

7.1.7 DARLING BASIN DRILLING PROGRAM

Engineering staff have resubmitted a quote to NSW Trade and Investment to carry out site rehabilitation works under Contract no. 1301115 Darling Basin Drilling Program. Council was awarded the contract on 25th September 2013 which did not include the optional additional Site Rehabilitation works at the 2 nominated sites – Tiltagoonah and Meena Murtee. Further discussions with NSW Trade and Investment and NSW Public Works over the last few months may present Council with opportunity to complete the optional additional works.

Council will be updated on the project once the submission has been reviewed and staff advised.

7.1.8 WATER SECURITY FOR REGIONS PROJECT

Council received correspondence from Infrastructure NSW Executive Director, Jenny Davis, on 2 October 2014 advising that Council has obtained approval for funding for \$1 million from Restart NSW Water Security for Regions, 2013-14.

Staff have a meeting with Infrastructure NSW scheduled for Thursday 16th October to discuss the processes involved, funding arrangements, scope of works and anticipated program.

Council will be updated as further details are known.

7.1.9 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

| Schedule of Investments and Bank Balances as at 30th September, 2014 | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------|---------------|----------|--|-----------------|
| | | | Term | Interest Rate | Maturity | | Amount |
| Deposits at Call | | | | | | | |
| | Westpac | 11am Call Account | | | | | \$0 |
| Total Investments as at 30th September, 2014 | | | | | | | \$0 |
| Bank Balances as at 30th September, 2014 | | | | | | | |
| | General Fund | | | | | | -\$1,195,413 OD |
| | <i>(Overdraft limit: \$3,000,000)</i> | | | | | | |
| | Trust Account | | | | | | \$0 In Funds |
| At Call refers to funds held at a financial institution that can be recalled within 24 hours. | | | | | | | |
| Commercial Bills and Term Deposits are short term investments issued by a bank with a promise to pay a specified amount on settlement (being the face value plus interest). | | | | | | | |

7.1.10 RATES REPORT

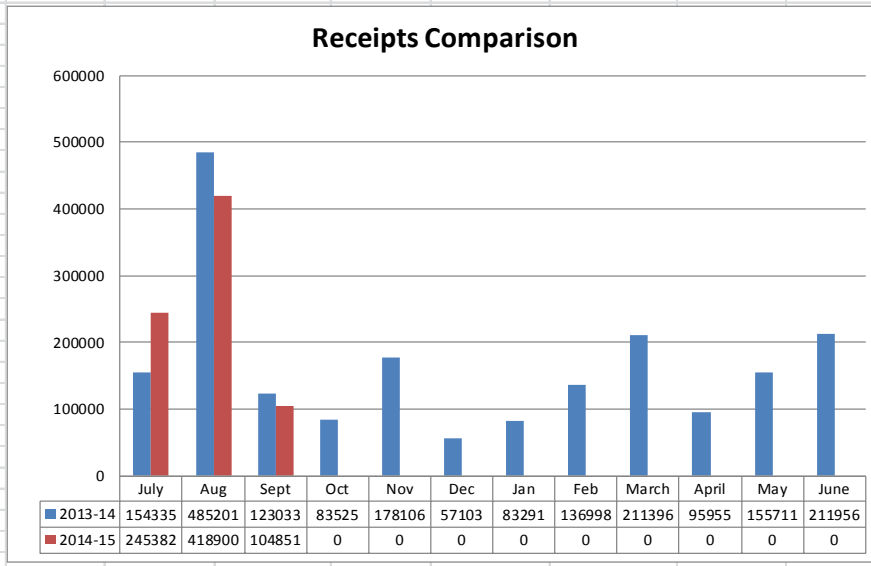
STATEMENT OF RATES and CHARGES as at 30 September 2014

| Fund | YEAR TO DATE | | | | | | | | BALANCE |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Current Levies | Current Interest | Arrears Incl Interest | TOTAL | Receipts | W/Offs & Credits | Pensioner Subsidy | Rates in Credit | |
| General | 721,906 | 5,464 | 269,752 | 997,122 | 339,291 | 891 | 15,081 | | 641,859 |
| Special | 34,573 | 488 | 24,539 | 59,600 | 17,341 | 128 | 0 | | 42,131 |
| Water | 312,901 | 4,455 | 235,045 | 552,401 | 150,779 | 1,472 | 4,594 | | 395,556 |
| Sewer | 107,190 | 1,118 | 60,262 | 168,570 | 56,314 | 200 | 788 | | 111,270 |
| Garbage | 388,145 | 4,050 | 197,494 | 589,688 | 192,363 | 1,322 | 13,825 | | 382,179 |
| Excess Water | 106,766 | 3,389 | 189,065 | 299,221 | 11,831 | 3,822 | 0 | | 283,568 |
| Charge on Land | 245 | | 12,634 | 12,879 | 1,214 | 0 | 0 | | 11,664 |
| Rates in Credit | | | | | | | | (44,491) | (44,491) |
| TOTALS | \$1,671,726 | \$18,965 | \$988,790 | \$2,679,481 | \$769,133 | \$7,835 | \$34,287 | (44,491) | \$1,823,735 |

| THIS PERIOD | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Balance @ 31/08/2014 | 1,823,289 |
| Interest raised | 6,108 |
| Credits | (2,747) |
| Excess water charges | 106,766 |
| Supplementary Levies | 0 |
| Receipts | (104,851) |
| W/Offs | (680) |
| Pensioner Rebates | 0 |
| Rates in Credit | (4,150) |
| Balance @ 30/09/2014 | \$1,823,735 |
| Net Movement | \$446 |

STATEMENT of RATES and CHARGES as at 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

| Aged Balances | Current | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | 4 Years | 5 Years & Over | Interest | Rates in Credit | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 31/08/2014 | \$911,366 | \$191,294 | \$114,604 | \$89,814 | \$71,781 | \$206,875 | \$277,897 | (\$40,342) | \$1,823,289 |
| 30/09/2014 | \$932,552 | \$179,016 | \$110,981 | \$87,985 | \$71,129 | \$205,869 | \$280,694 | (\$44,491) | \$1,823,735 |
| Net Movement | \$21,186 | (\$12,278) | (\$3,623) | (\$1,829) | (\$652) | (\$1,006) | \$2,797 | (\$4,149) | \$446 |



7.1.11 LG NSW OPERATING REPORTS YEAR ENDING JUNE 2014

Local Government NSW is registered as an Employer Association under the Federal Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and the NSW Industrial Relations Act 1996.

In order to fulfill its obligations under both Acts (Part 8 Division 3 and Sec 517 (1) respectively) the Association has to provide a copy of the Annual Financial Statements, the Audit Report and the Operating Report to all members 21 days before the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held on 19-21 October 2014.

Accordingly, LGNSW has forwarded the reports to Council which include:

1. The Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2014
2. Audit Report for the year ended 30th June 2014
3. The Operating Report for the year ended 30th June 2014

Perusal and/or copies of the reports can be obtained by contacting the Executive Assistant.

12-10-14

That the Information Items report be received and noted

Resolved

SECTION 8. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

13-10-14

That the receipt of reports from Committees be received and noted

Resolved

SECTION 9. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

SECTION 10. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

NIL

SECTION 11. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on the 18th November 2014 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.

There being no further business, Council meeting concluded at 9:28am
