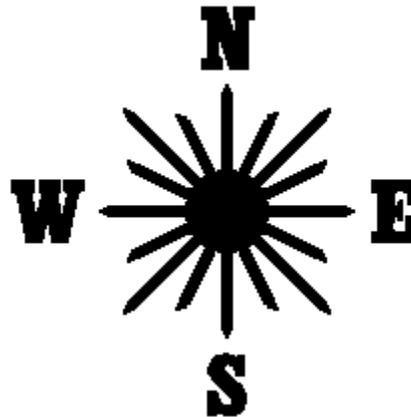


Mission Statement

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

9:00am Tuesday 21st February 2012

at

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 above-mentioned Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Wilcannia on Tuesday 21st February 2012 commencing at 9:00am.

Morning Tea is scheduled to be served at 10:30am and lunch at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Council Chambers.

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SECTION 1. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES AND THE GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be received and noted and leave of absence be granted.

SECTION 2. PUBLIC ACCESS – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council's policy in regards to public access to Council Meetings states:

- Public access to meetings of the Central Darling Shire Council are to be listed on the agenda following the Mayoral Minute.
- Each member of the public who wishes to address Council is to register with Management prior to the commencement of the meeting, listing their name and the general topic or topics they wish to raise. Those who register will have precedence.
- Each address will be limited to five (5) minutes at the discretion of the Chair.
- All matters raised by members of the public will be recorded and actioned within one month of the meeting.

SECTION 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 24th January 2012, copies of which were circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.2 STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – JANUARY 2012

SECTION 4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

RECOMMENDATION

That the Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary be received and noted.

SECTION 5. MAYORAL MINUTES OR REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

SECTION 8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

ATTACHMENTS 1,2 & 3

8.1.1 2012 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CALL FOR MOTIONS ATTACHMENT 1

Summary

Council has been invited by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to participate in the 2012 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 17 – 20 June 2012. The ALGA is calling for motions for the Assembly.

Commentary

The National General Assembly of the ALGA is due to take place in Canberra from 17 – 20 June 2012. The event is attended by over 700 mayors, councillors and senior officers of councils from across Australia and is the opportunity for councils to contribute to the development of national local government policy.

The ALGA is calling for motions for the Assembly, which must be based on the following principles:

1. Fall under one of the themes: Infrastructure, Planning, Services.
2. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of state and territory associations.

The ALGA has prepared a discussion paper which will assist council in preparing their motions. Motions must be submitted by 27 April 2012.

According to the guidelines accompanying the discussion paper, the theme of the Assembly is 'National Voice, Local Choice – Infrastructure, Planning, Services'. Motions submitted will be scrutinised by the National General Assembly Committee to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the Assembly's business papers. The Committee considers the importance and relevance of any motions to local government.

Motions should not be prescriptive as to the course of action to be pursued in a matter, nor should they be concerned with local or state issues, which will be referred to state/territory peak bodies for their consideration.

Motions to be delivered to the ALGA must be endorsed by Council through a formal decision at a Council meeting.

In the discussion paper, the ALGA canvasses a range of issues under the 3 headings of Infrastructure, Planning and Services, some of which are well-known to most councils and have previously been raised in many different forums.

Some examples of these include local road funding, managing climate change impacts, national road safety strategy, population planning, regional development, natural disasters and emergency management, broadband and communications.

Council has the ability to consider issues of national importance that are also of great local relevance and suitable for debate at the Assembly. Motions do not have to be provided at this Council meeting, but can be considered during the next 2 months prior to submission to the ALGA by 27 April 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2012 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions report be received and noted.

8.1.2 PROMOTING BETTER PRACTICE REVIEW ACTION PLAN UPDATE ATTACHMENT 2

This report is a regular report provided to Council in relation to progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Promoting Better Practice Review. The project plan and actions taken are provided as an attachment to this report.

Most key action items remain on schedule, however it is apparent that the action plan is placing significant burden on the organisation, which is also having to address matters relating to the implementation of the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework.

The action plan for this activity will need to be reviewed in detail in March to determine whether the original timetable is realistic given the resources available to Council. Every effort is being made to undertake actions in accordance with the timetable and consultants are being sourced wherever possible to provide support and action some of the larger projects that are required for Council to comply with the recommendations.

The action plan has been sent to the Division of Local Government and contact made with Ross Woodward regarding the implementation plan, to ensure that they are kept up to date with Council's progress.

With the 2012/13 budget and operational plan development process due to commence in coming weeks, plus a number of outstanding resolutions from Council still requiring action, the organisation will be under further pressure to undertake a number of key activities in a relatively short time frame.

A budget development timetable will be developed by the temporary Finance Manager, Lee Dyball, who will commence with Council on 20 February.

Recent activity has focused on sourcing external assistance for various elements of the PBP review. Consultant, Glenn Inglis, has been engaged to draft Council's complaints handling policy, which will incorporate a new customer service charter.

Tony Lawson Consulting has been engaged to review Council's tendering policies, as well as records management policies and practices.

Council had been provided with the following policies in December 2011 for an initial review:

Fraud & Corruption

Risk Management

Disposal of Assets

Human Resources

Secondary Employment

These policies are now due for discussion and review by Council, and it is suggested that a workshop be undertaken to make progress on this item. In addition to this initial review being undertaken by Council, the Fraud and Corruption Policy and the Risk Management Policy will be referred to the Audit Committee for consideration.

8.1.3 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING PROGRESS REPORT ATTACHMENT 3

Council has been receiving regular updates on the implementation of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) process, including the development of Council's Community Strategic Plan (CSP). Activity during the last month focused on compiling the results of the community forums and key stakeholder meetings for the CSP, which took place from 5-10 December.

Further effort has been spent on sourcing appropriate consultants to assist with other aspects of the IPR framework that must be completed by June 2012. Jacqui Hansen has been engaged to oversee the development of Council's asset management plans and Collins Anderson will be developing the workforce management plan.

It is likely consultants will need to be engaged to complete a number of other activities included in the action plan, as the target completion date of June 2012 nears. Every effort is being made to ensure that the overall project remains on target for this completion date, however the lack of resources within the organisation and the large number of organisational and operational issues that have arisen in the last 4 months have placed significant burden on current staff.

The implementation plan has been discussed with Ross Woodward, Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government and a copy of this updated action plan has been sent to the DLG to ensure they remain up to date on Council's progress.

The DLG has organised a progress update meeting at Hay Shire Council for 23 February which the General Manager will be attending.

8.1.4 PENDING REPORTS

Due to staff absences and lack of resources, there have been a number of reports that have been held over from the February Council meeting. These include the 2nd quarter budget and operational plan review and the Major Roads Capital Projects Committee. Every endeavour will be made to have these reports prepared in time for the March Council meeting.

8.1.5 GENERAL MANAGER ACTIVITY/MEETING SCHEDULE

This schedule is provided for information purposes to keep Councillors informed of the meetings and activities that undertaken each month by the General Manager.

Date	Meeting participants/location	Subject
8 th December 2011	GM, Wilcannia Safehouse Opening.	Opening of the new Wilcannia Safehouse
	GM & Candela Alvarez-Rivera from Wings Drop In Centre, GM's Office	Activities at the Wilcannia Swimming Pool for Wings Drop In Centre
9 th December 2011	GM; Community Safety Precinct, Ivanhoe Fire Control Centre.	Police & Community Safety Matters
14 th December 2011	MANEX	
15 th December 2011	GM, Zoe Dobson & Jessica Rossell, GM's Office	RSD review
	GM & Greg Taylor	Reola Road Naming
15 th December 2011	GM & Candela Alvarez-Rivera from Wings Drop In Centre, GM's Office	Regarding Wilcannia Swimming Pool
	Staff Consultative and O H & S Committee Meetings, Customer Service Centre	
16 th December 2011	Audit Committee Meeting, Council Chambers	Audit Committee
	Water & Sewer Project - Phone meeting with Ian Burton	Water & Sewer Project
20 th December 2011	Council Meeting & Christmas Lunch, Council Chambers & Wilcannia Community Hall.	
11 th January 2012	GM & James Giddey & Eddy Harris	West Darling Arts

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Date	Meeting participants/location	Subject
	GM & Janelle King & Jack Beetson	Regarding Adult Literacy Campaign
11 th January 2012	MANEX	
12 th January 2012	Community Stakeholder Meeting	Darling and Menindee Flow management
18 th January 2012	GM & Damien Fisher 2BH , Broken Hill	Advertising
	GM & Robin Edgecumbe, Broken Hill	It Services
19 th January 2012	GM & Brendan Adams, Wilcannia	Wilcannia Oval
	Council, Minister Kevin Humphries & John Williams, Council Chambers, Wilcannia	
	GM & MES Leeanne Ryan	Property Inspections
23 rd January 2012	MANEX	
24 th January 2012	Council Meeting , Council Chambers, Wilcannia	
	Radio Interview ,	
25 th January 2012	GM, MES Leeanne Ryan,GM's Office	Second quarter budget review
26 th January 2012	Australia Day Celebration, Wilcannia Swimming Pool	
	GM & Brendan Adams, Wilcannia Oval	Wilcannia Oval
30 th January 2012	GM , Jack Beetson & William Bates, GM's Office	
	ABC Radio Interview	
	Chris Elliott, Wilcannia	Tourism
1 st February 2012	Nieves Rivera Centacare	Wilcannia Swimming Pools

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Date	Meeting participants/location	Subject
2 nd February 2012	GM, Rates Officer Greame Peake & Joy Walker HR Manager	Risk Management
	Ivanhoe Saleyard Meeting, Ivanhoe Saleyard	
3 rd February 2012	GM & Allen Dwyer GM Hay Shire, Hay	General Local Government Issues
	GM & Des Bilske GM Deniliquin Shire, Deniliquin	General Local Government Issues
6 th February 2012	Fire District Service Agreement Committee Meeting, Wilcannia	Fire District Service Agreement Committee
	Andrew Bell Western Lands Commissioner, Wilcannia	Regarding Reola Road naming
7 th February 2012	ABC Radio Interview Broken Hill	
	Adult literacy campaign launch, Baker Park Wilcannia	
8 th February 2012	GM & EHO Fran Scott	Wilcannia Swimming Pool Auswim Program
	GM & Zoe Dobson RSD, GM's Office	Various RSD Matters
9 th February 2012	Community Advisory group Teleconference, GM's Office	Floods
	GM & Felicity Taylor-Edwards, Centacare, GM's Office	Skills & Training Development
10 th February 2012	GM & Assistant Overseer Kevin Pumphrey	Flood Inspection, Pooncarie Road, Menindee
	GM & Schools Business Partnerships, Broken Hill	Skills & Training Development
13 th February 2012	GM & Local Emergency Management Committee, Customer Service Centre	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

8.2 CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTACHMENT 4

Summary

The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW have written to Council in relation to the contribution of funds for the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government campaign.

Commentary

The funds are required to support the campaign being led by the Australian Local Government Association. In mid-2011, the Prime Minister established an expert panel on the Constitutional recognition of local government, which released its findings on 22 December 2011.

The ALGA is soon to request all local government peak bodies and councils across Australia to contribute funds to a large scale national advertising campaign to garner support for a positive vote at an expected referendum on the issue in the future.

It is expected that a national advertising campaign on the issue will cost in excess of \$10m and that NSW councils based on their relative size and population, will be required to provide \$2.7m of this total.

In addition to these funds and the national campaign, the LGSA committed \$100,000 in 2010/11 and \$200,000 in 2011/12 to raising the profile of local government in NSW through the local promotion of the positive contribution that local government makes to NSW. The LGSA has also budgeted a further \$1,000,000 over the next two financial years to this activity.

To date, 85% of councils in Australia have moved motions in support of Constitutional recognition of local government.

Council has been advised that its special levy for the project will be \$8,930.98, plus GST. The levy will be payable in three equal instalments over three years, commencing from July 2012, in attempt to lessen the burden on councils in any given year. The advice from the LGSA on this matter has been couched in terms that imply that it is not mandatory for Council to contribute to the campaign. However, it is hoped that by providing early advice on the issue, that the LGSA is providing enough notice for Council to make an allocation in its 2012/13 annual budget.

Despite this, and allowing for Council's financial constraints, when spread over a 3 year period, the funding contribution from the Central Darling Shire will be a positive contribution to this important campaign, which could provide longer term benefits to Council.

The LGSA has advised that it will keep Council up to date on the next steps to be taken, which will follow an assessment of the Government's response to the report from the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

The LGSA has also advised that Council can expect to undertake work at a local level in support of the campaign. Further information will be provided on this matter in coming months by the LGSA.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

\$8,930.98 over 3 years from 2012/13.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council commit to contributing \$8,930.98 from 2012/13 – 2014/15 to the campaign for the Constitutional recognition of local government.

8.3 2012/13 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION – RURAL FIRE SERVICE ATTACHMENT 5

Summary

The RFS has submitted its 2012/13 Rural Fire Fighting Fund bid to Council for consideration.

Commentary

Council's contribution in 2011/12 is \$113,000 and the 2012/13 bid represents an increase of 5.45%.

The total funding for the operation of the Rural Fire Service in the Central Darling Shire Council area is budgeted to be \$1,018,648 in 2012/13. The funding formula for the fire fighting fund requires Council to contribute 11.7% of the total amount, at a cost to Council of approximately \$119,160 for the year.

The total cost of \$1,018,648 includes annual maintenance and repairs of \$86,000, hazard reduction works of \$20,000, equipment and PPE of \$38,000, purchase of a second hand tanker at \$149,750, and \$453,327 of district estimates (staff costs).

The increased contribution for 2012/13 is needed to fund the acquisition of one second hand crew cab tanker at a total cost of \$149,750. The initial bid considered at the recent District Liaison Committee included 2 second hand appliances to a total value of \$193,000.

Discussion at the liaison committee meeting on Monday 6 February was focused on both the need to upgrade the appliances across the district, as well as Council's capacity to pay an increased contribution given its financial situation.

Following that discussion, it was agreed that only 1 second hand appliance would be sought in 2012/13 and the funding bid amended accordingly. The revised bid as presented in this agenda takes account of the outcome of those discussions.

Council's contribution to the Rural Fire Fighting Fund is the most evident example (other than roads) of the way in which Council supports its rural communities who otherwise may have limited access to Council services. For this reason and in order to support the efforts of the RFS in providing a well-equipped and trained service to the Shire in what could be a potentially hazardous 2012/13 fire season, it is recommended that Council support the increased contribution.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

\$119,160 in 2012/13 financial year, an increase of ???% over 2011/12.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council commit to contributing approximately \$119,160 to the Rural Fire Fighting Fund for the 2012/13 financial year, in accordance with the RFFF bid.

8.4 2012 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Summary

Council was due to hold its March meeting in Tilpa, however flood waters will cut access to the township for a number of months.

Commentary

Floodwaters on the Darling River are expected to peak at 13m at Tilpa on about 10 March with major flooding expected. As a result of this flooding, the township could be cut off for a number of months.

Council was due to hold its March Council meeting in Tilpa on Tuesday the 20th, however that will now not be possible.

The meeting will need to be moved from this location to another town, with the recommendation being that the meeting be held in Wilcannia.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the March 2012 Council meeting be moved from Tilpa to Wilcannia due to the flooding of the Darling River.

SECTION 9. MANAGER TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

9.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

ATTACHMENT 6

9.1.1 FLOOD UPDATE

Please find attached Situation Report no. 8. Attachment 6

As detailed in the report and further information for Council, see below:

Tilpa – reach 13.0m around 10-3-12 with major flooding

As of today, Monday 13th February 2012, Council's contract grading crew, loader and trucks are working on SR3 Tilpa to Tongo Rd to carry out works to the Cutterburra crossings in anticipation of the impending flood waters. The Paroo crossings have since been completed. The levee around Tilpa has a minimum peak height of 13.2m and is anticipated to breach. The SES have had the levee inspected by geotechnical engineers and will inform Council on Tuesday 14th February 2012 of the outcome of this inspection. Counter Disaster Funding is available to Council for work on levee banks which has to be endorsed by the SES. Tilpa will be isolated for an a lengthy period of time whilst the river level is at this height. All river roads will be closed. All river properties will be affected.

Wilcannia – reach 11.0m around 23-2-12 with major flooding

All river roads are currently closed except MR68B Wilcannia-Menindee West side. Recent grading works have commenced on this road to maintain access as long as possible. The caravan park has been closed and septic pumps removed. The Warrali Estate levees have been inspected and leveled. The minimum crest levels are 12m which will be 1m below anticipated water levels. Some repair works will be carried out prior to the peak reaching Wilcannia and pumps will be on standby in the event of rain. All river properties will be affected.

Menindee – Friday 17th February 12th 2012 around 7.02m (35000meg release from the Lakes) with major flooding

SR11 Cemetery road is closed as of Sunday 12th February 2012 at a level of 6.56m; there will be an additional 0.5m of water rise here and at Lunatic Bend. Irrigation Rd is open for access at present but is anticipated to be closed shortly. SR37 Racecourse Rd was closed 2 weeks ago and will be closed for an unknown period of time. Crick Park is now inundated. MR68C Pooncarie Rd is currently open and is being monitored, with the forecast river levels this road is expected to be closed Thursday 16th February 2012. MR433 Menindee-Ivanhoe Rd is being monitored and remains open at present.

Local residents that will be affected include 19 properties, based on 2010 flood event. Council is assisting the SES where needed. Any evacuations that are required are dealt with by the NSW Police and are recorded on the register. Council will assist if required.

Any additional information that arises from the LEMC meeting Monday 13th February 2012 and updates from SES will be passed onto Councillors in the coming weeks.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

9.2 ROADS REPORT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of the 2011/2012 Roads section of the Engineering Department for the previous month.

Council currently has four grading crews operating with priorities being on the completion of flood damage works and anticipated flood works.

Commentary

State Roads:

- 84% work completed to date on the RMCC.
- RMCC \$148,110 included on emergency sealing works on the Cobb Highway south of Ivanhoe
- 2011/2012 RMCC works total budget for routine works on State Highways \$468,000. The additional works carried out will be reimbursed to Council and this total yearly budget increased.
- Five works order received for the year to the value of \$206,412. Four of these have now been completed.
- One works order from 2010/2011 outstanding for woody weed removal on highways up to the value of \$20,000 which is now in progress.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
RMCC	\$468,000	\$0	100%
Flood Damage 2010	\$298,000	\$0	100%
Flood Damage 2011	\$176,571	\$69,023	61%

Regional Roads:

- 2010/2011 Pooncarie Rd Bridge replacement and approach roads reconstruction commenced.
- 2011/2012 Balranald Rd reconstruction programmed for February 2012.
- All Regional Road 2010 Flood Damage works completed.
- Regional Road 2011 Flood Damage works have commenced. Works now completed White Cliffs Rd, Wilcannia to Menindee West Side Rd, MR433 Ivanhoe-Menindee Rd.
- Resealing works on Regional roads have commenced, the 3 roads identified were White Cliffs Rd, Menindee- Broken Hill Rd and Pooncarie Rd. Heavy patching works and resealing works on all roads have now been completed. White lining works to be done in conjunction with Highway works.
- Regional Road grading works in progress include MR68B Menindee – MR68A Tilpa West Side Rd, MR68C Pooncarie Rd.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
MR428 Kayrunnera Rd (2010/11)	\$1,100,000	\$4,335	97%
Talyawalka Bridge	\$1,800,000	\$588,440	67%
MR67 Balranald Rd (2011/12)	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	0%
Regional Road Block (including Supplementary and Traffic)	\$2,323,000	\$1,302,761	54%
Flood Damage 2010	\$643,000	\$0	100%
Flood Damage 2011	\$1,365,419	\$370,923	73%

Local Roads:

- 2010 Flood Restoration works completed on all local roads except SR5 Wanaaring Rd, SR3 Tongo Rd. \$300k remaining.

- 2011 Flood restoration works are in progress. Roads completed include SR10 Wilcannia to Menindee east Side Rd, SR7 Dry lake Rd.
- Recent grading works include SR18 Trida Rd, SR39 Moolah- Trida Rd, SR7 Dry Lake Rd, SR41 Sayers lake-Karpokora Rd, SR 15 Darnick-Pooncarie Rd.
- FAG total was \$1,391,646 and \$280,000 has been allocated to Town Improvement Funds.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$1,111,646	\$676,797	40%
Flood Damage 2010	\$2,833,281	\$297,490	90%
Flood Damage 2011	\$786,778	\$351,929	55%

Maintenance grading program attachment 9

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Various as displayed in the above table.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

Town Improvement Funds:

- \$70k per town to be funded from Untied Local Road (FAG) Funds.
- All towns contributed \$12,500 of allocated budget for Town Entrance Signs.
- Menindee playground and beach volleyball court complete. Clarification needed on softfall that was sourced and beach volleyball court net to be installed.
- Wilcannia playground to be installed in conjunction with RSD and Save the Children. Hood St seal extension earthworks to commence this year, sealing dates to be confirmed.
- White Cliffs causeway to be designed, costed and programmed. Playground works to be confirmed once costings obtained.

- Ivanhoe Oval irrigation works complete. Ivanhoe paving works complete. Clarification required on Playground location and scope of works.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Wilcannia	\$70,000	\$57,500	28%
White Cliffs	\$70,000	\$57,500	28%
Menindee	\$70,000	\$42,321	40%
Ivanhoe	\$70,000	\$29,265	58%

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Various as displayed in the above table.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Roads Report be received and noted.

9.3 SERVICES REPORT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of the services provided by the Engineering Department for the previous month.

Commentary

Town Maintenance:

- General routine inspections and maintenance.
- The table below references Parks and Gardens which include mowing, buildings and toilets. The Ancillary Works include Kerb and Gutter, Footpaths, Trees, Signs and Street lighting.
- Parks and Gardens budget has been expended due to increased maintenance works needed. Additional works carried out include Wilcannia Oval Lighting column repairs and Ivanhoe Sporting Ground works.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Parks & Gardens	\$52,000	-\$39,911	100%
Ancillary Works	\$102,000	\$8,322	82%
Street Cleaning/ Bins	\$113,500	\$40,765	64%
Aerodromes	\$53,000	\$19,557	63%

Water & Sewerage Maintenance:

- Wilcannia town water supply is currently being sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from ground tanks current levels detailed below:
Tank 1 = 4.5 m, Tank 2 = 4.5m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) 7.0m
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the underground bore fields. Morrison’s Lake storage is currently 400 megalitres, town storage dam 40 megalitres.
- Ivanhoe Filtration Plant is undergoing necessary repairs and maintenance prior to the utilisation of the storage water from Morrison’s Lake. \$58,587 spent to date on the plant. The NSW Office of Water will be in Ivanhoe on February 29th to assist in initial treatment of Morrisons Lake Storage Water.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Wilcannia Water	\$147,565	-\$25,259	100%
Wilcannia Sewer	\$95,760	\$50,386	47%
White Cliffs Water	\$82,100	\$24,713	70%
Ivanhoe Water	\$51,140	-\$51,280	100%

(a)Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b)Financial Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil to report at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Services Report be received and noted.

9.4 PROJECTS REPORT

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of projects being undertaken by the Engineering Department.

Commentary

Project	Comments	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Remote Communities Water & Sewer Project	Tender documents finalised for filtered reservoir internal relining and passed to Dept Public Works for comment.	\$2.7 Mil	\$2.7 Mil	0%
Wilcannia Weir	Steering Committee meetings suspended. Funding required for further REF report. S355 Committee in progress.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aboriginal Communities Water	Ongoing. Payment received for last 6 months. Interim arrangements have been extended for a further 12 months.	\$184k/annum	\$87,117	53%
Talyawalka Bridge	Sub structure work has commenced. Piling completed. Abutments and	\$1,800,000	\$588,440	67%

	headstocks poured. Beam placement in progress. Road works Commenced.			
Integrated Water Management Plan	GPS equipment purchased. Dept Public Works engagement in progress.	\$167,000	\$122,000	26%
Warrali Mission Footpath Upgrade	Funding clarified. Preliminary investigation and design commenced to identify services and refine footpath route.	\$121,000	\$121,000	0%

(a) Policy Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(b) Financial Implications

Various as displayed in the above table.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil to report at this stage.

(d) Community Consultation

As required

RECOMMENDATION

That the Projects Report be received and noted.

9.5 WHITE CLIFFS WATER SUPPLY – GLENHOPE AGREEMENT ATTACHMENTS 7 & 8

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the information relevant to a recent request from “Glenhope” station with regards to sourcing water from Wakefield storage dam. Attachment 7

Council should also consider the longer term strategic planning issues for White Cliffs water supply and this current arrangement.

Commentary

On 26th August 1986 Council entered into an agreement with Glenhope station with regards to land subdivision, water entitlements and infrastructure issues. Attachment 8.

The agreement transferred land from a western lands lease to Council for the purpose of a water reserve. In return for this land, Glenhope station was granted the right to:

- i) construct a windmill on the banks of the tank
- ii) take water from the tank by the mill in the pipe, not exceeding 38mm in diameter to feed a service tank with a float valve
- iii) make a tapping point from the rising main with a pipe not exceeding 20mm in diameter
- iv) take water from that tapping point provided that water from the mains is available to the White Cliffs township
- v) all water to be used for stock water only – irrigation is not permitted.

Council has received correspondence from Glenhope station requesting the use of the windmill and pump for the purpose of stock watering to service a concrete tank 6km from the storage dam. The windmill is a Council owned asset that has not been used for a number of years and is showing signs of deterioration.

The MTES recently carried out a site inspection with the owners of Glenhope station. On that inspection it was noted that the current water sourcing arrangements do not comply with the original agreement. There is a diesel generator with a submersible pump in place that pumps through 1” poly pipe to water stock for approx. 7km. There is a risk of water contamination and excessive leakage through such a long pump line.

The long term strategic planning for White Cliffs water supply should give highest priority to town water security. In this regard any non-urban (residential) use should be curtailed and ultimately stopped. The arrangement subject of this report should therefore be given for a limited period.

(a) Policy Implications

Possible transfer of a Council asset

(b) Financial Implications

To be determined. Possible cost of materials and labour to amend existing pipe connections.

(c) Legal Implications

Possible amendment to previous agreement

(d)Community Consultation

On site meeting held in December 2011 with Rick Taylor, Glenhope Station.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council consider the request from Rick Taylor, Glenhope Station and amend the agreement criteria as defined by Council correspondence 26th August 1986 accordingly.***
- 2. That Council advise “Glenhope” of its intention to prohibit non-residential water use from White Cliffs water supply once Council’s strategic water supply planning framework is settled and be subject to negotiation between respective parties.***

SECTION 10. MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

SECTION 11. FINANCE MANAGER’S REPORT

11.1 INVESTMENTS

Schedule of Investments – January 2012				
DATE	TIME PERIOD	INTEREST RATE	DUE DATE	TOTAL (\$)
Deposits at Call				
Westpac		4.55%		\$105,000
Australian Corporate Mortgage Backed Securities (Face Value)				
<i>Castlereagh Trust 90 Points over 3mth</i>				
<i>BBSW</i>		<i>6.05%</i>	<i>21-Jun-13</i>	<i>\$1,500,000.00</i>
Capital Value - 31 st January, 2012				\$ 893,280
Total Investments as at 31st January, 2012				
11 am Call Account				\$ 105,000
Mortgage Backed Security				\$1,024,485
				\$1,129,485

At Call refers to funds held at a financial institution that can be recalled within 24 hours.

The Mortgage Backed Security is a longer term investment with a floating interest rate on the Notes. The rate is adjusted every 3 months. Council classifies this facility as 'available for sale' which requires measurement at fair value at the end of the Period.

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).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schedule of Investments Report for January 2012 be received and adopted.

11.2 RATES COLLECTION STATEMENT

ATTACHMENT 9

The rates collection statement for the month for January 2012.

STATEMENT OF RATES and CHARGES as at 1st February 2012

Central Darling Shire Council – Ordinary Meeting – 21st February 2012

Fund	Current Levies	Current Interest	Arrears Incl Interest	TOTAL	Receipts	Adjustments W/offs & Credits	Pensioner Subsidy	Rates in Credit	BALANCE	
General	\$ 656,829	\$ 11,911	\$ 276,324	\$ 945,064	\$ 445,061	\$ 5,624	\$ 15,829		\$ 478,550	
Special	\$ 29,410	\$ 1,067	\$ 25,865	\$ 56,342	\$ 22,123	\$ 1,711			\$ 32,507	
Water	\$ 284,556	\$ 9,883	\$ 234,622	\$ 529,061	\$ 240,815	\$ 6,178	\$ 5,381		\$ 276,686	
Sewer	\$ 98,753	\$ 3,642	\$ 91,191	\$ 193,587	\$ 104,450	\$ 3,543	\$ 788		\$ 84,806	
Garbage	\$ 320,578	\$ 11,406	\$ 261,431	\$ 593,415	\$ 249,341	\$ 4,826	\$ 13,771		\$ 325,478	
Excess Water	\$ 250,947	\$ 10,258	\$ 251,096	\$ 512,301	\$ 240,826	\$ 94,951			\$ 176,524	
Charge on Land	\$ 644		\$ 31,750	\$ 32,393	\$ 2,406	\$ 432			\$ 29,555	
Rates in Credit								-\$ 42,432	-\$ 42,432	
TOTALS	\$1,641,716	\$ 48,168	\$ 1,172,278	\$2,862,162	\$ 1,305,021	\$ 117,265	\$ 35,769	-\$ 42,432	\$ 1,361,675	
Summary									Previous Balance	\$ 1,605,166
Receipts in January included the (almost complete) settlement of Council's largest outstanding claim (\$184,364). Payment of the outstanding interest and legal fees (\$11,588) is still being negotiated. No water charges were levied in January and credits were not significant. One assessment was written-off (\$1,595) due to the property being cancelled by the Land & Property Department. Two assessments (one owner) incurred legal fees (\$644). Rates in credit increased slightly (\$4,477). The overall position improved by \$243,491 in the month of January.									This Period	
In the three months November to January Rates & Charges owed fell from \$1,774,379 to \$1,361,675 a reduction of \$412,704. Of this, \$207,373 was a reduction in current Rates & Charges, while overdues fell by \$200,059. Rates in credit decreased by \$5,272.									Interest Raised	\$ 8,744
									Water Levies Raised	\$ -
									Supplementary Levy	\$ 644
									Receipts	\$ 246,600
									W/Offs & Adjustments	\$ 1,802
									Pensioner Rebate	\$ -
									Rates in Credit	\$ 4,477
									Current Balance	\$ 1,361,675
									Net Movement	-\$ 243,491

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Collection Report for January 2012 be received and adopted.

SECTION 12. CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.

12.1 MEDIA RELEASES

Date	Sender	Contents
18/01/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	New Funding for Tourism in Murray-Darling
24/01/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Australia Day Message 2012
24/01/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Workshops to Strengthen Local Liquor Accords
27/01/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Local Visits to Hear Concerns on the Proposed Basin Plan
01/02/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	School Zones Back in Force From 3 February
02/02/2012	Local Government, Office Of Water	NSW Office of Water Increase Releases from the Menindee Lakes
06/02/2012	Broken Hill City Council	Water Resources Working Group
07/02/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Locals Urged to Attend Public Meetings on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan in Mildura and Swan Hill
07/02/2012	Western Division Council of NSW	Putting the NSW Outback Upfront
07/02/2012	Local Government and Shires Association	Councils receive \$1.3 Million to Improve Roadside Vegetation
08/02/2012	Local Government and Shires Association	Rural Councils have their say around the State
10/02/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Newell Highway Safety Improvements

12.2 CIRCULARS/NEWSLETTERS

Sender	Date	Contents
Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW	20/01/2012	Local Government Weekly 3/12
Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW	25/01/2012	Local Government Weekly 4/12
Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW	03/02/2012	Local Government Weekly 5/12
Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW	10/02/2012	Local Government Weekly 6/12

SECTION 13. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

SECTION 14. DELEGATES' REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Delegates' reports be received and noted.

SECTION 15. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillors' Questions with Notice be received and noted.

15.1 CR LOONEY

1. Can we please have an update regarding obtaining an extractive industries License for gravel.

The application for approval to operate an extractive industry (road base quarry) on the Menindee Common has been submitted to the Dept of Primary Industries for their consideration. The determination of this application will provide a sound template for preparation of extractive industry applications for other sites. Applications for other sites will be progressed once approval is given for the Menindee Common site.

2. When can we expect to have the Burke & Wills gateway sign erected?

The Burke and Wills Sign issue is outstanding. However the reinstatement of the sign is not straightforward. The existing pillars are in need of repair and some doubt exists with respect to the structural capacity of the pillars to support the sign into the future.

An alternate presentation arrangement has been suggested by mounting the sign on square or round hollow section columns adjacent to the existing entrance. The matter is best resolved by arranging an on-site meeting with relevant stakeholders.

3. Any further progress on the Rural Addressing program in place by Shire.

Mark Schummacher from Rural Addressing visited late last year to assist Council in re-starting the Rural Addressing process. Mark agreed a finalisation date of early 2013 was acceptable.

Engineering has contracted consultants SMK to (in part) locate all property access points. The methodology is the same needed to complete the initial field work for the Rural Addressing project. SMK will commence work on Monday 20th February.

Following this work the addresses will be adopted into Council records and stakeholders advised. Rural address plates then need to be manufactured, distributed and erected.

4. I am concerned that the Menindee Fishing Challenge through Menindee Development Committee being a Section 355 Committee of Council has not been fulfilled. Can you please speak to the organisers to obtain financial statements?

Financial statements will be provided to Council when they have been received.

SECTION 16. URGENT BUSINESS

SECTION 17. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

CLOSED COUNCIL

Confidential Reports

(Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993)

Where it is proposed to close part of the 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.

The grounds on which part of the Council meeting may be closed to public are listed in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and are as follows:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals other than Councillors,
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret.
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
- (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property,
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.
- (h) during the receipt of information or discussion of information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

Section 10A(3) of the Act provides that if a meeting is closed during discussion of a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public (as referred to in section 10A(3) of the Act), the consideration of the motion must not include any consideration of the matter or information to be discussed in that other part of the meeting (other than consideration of whether the matter concerned is matter referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act).

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 a open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

For the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest section 10B(4) of the Act states it is irrelevant that:

- (a) a person may interpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may:
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the Council or committee concerned, or to Councillors or to employees of the Council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the Council or committee.

Resolutions passed in Closed Council

It is a requirement of Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that any resolution passed in Closed Council, or Committee be made public as soon as practicable after the meeting has ended. At the end of Closed Council or Committee meeting, the Chairperson will provide a summary of those resolutions passed in Closed Council or Committee.

Reports to be Considered in Closed Council

RECOMMENDATION

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

17.1 DOMESTIC GARBAGE COLLECTION – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A (2) (c) & (d) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, and/or is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Expressions of Interest (EOI) submissions concerning domestic garbage collection in order for Council to progress the consideration of garbage collection options which may lead to appointment a suitable contractor.

SECTION 18. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on the 20th March 2012 in Wilcannia commencing at 9:00am.
