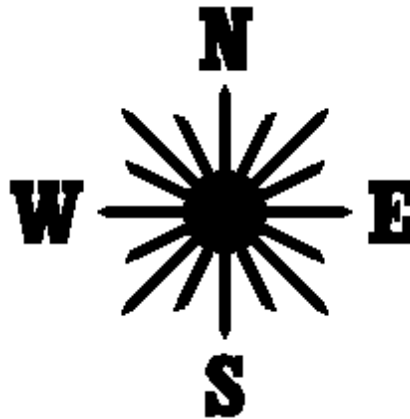


## Mission Statement

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

9:30am Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012

at

Menindee

**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 Community Hall, Menindee Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 commencing at 9:30am.

Morning tea is scheduled to be served at 11:00am and lunch at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Supper Room.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> May 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 – MAY 2012

Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012					
Minute #	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Due Date	Action Taken
13-9-11	Inform Councillors and Staff of the changes and Council's new policy "Public Interest Disclosures Act : Internal Reporting Policy".	GM	EM	18/11/2011	
14-9-11	Review of Internal Audit Committee	GM		18/10/2011	Report to December Council meeting. <b>COMPLETED</b>
15-9-11	Oversee the flood restoration works behind the Wilcannia Post Office	MES			Correspondence sent 27/9/2011, No action from CDEP. Letter re-sent 02/05/12
	Oversee the repainting of the tables and chairs in Wilcannia	MES			Correspondence sent 27/9/2011, No action from CDEP. Letter re-sent 02/05/12
	Present designs for the Wilcannia Community Hall	MES		18/10/2011	Correspondence sent 27/9/2011, No

Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012					
Minute #	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Due Date	Action Taken
	mural to Council				action from CDEP. Letter re-sent 02/05/12
	Present designs and locations of graffiti boards to Council	MES			Correspondence sent 27/9/2011, No action from CDEP. Letter re-sent 02/05/12
17-9-11	Seek external support for Murray Darling Foundation fund.	GM			Not commenced.
19-9-11	A proposal for the development of PCYC Clubs for Menindee and Ivanhoe be developed.	GM		18/10/2011	Not commenced.
21-9-11	Web Accessible Disclosure Log and Register of Contracts be developed.	GM	IT		Not commenced.
22-9-11	Request to the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Far Western NSW for financial and professional assistance with the implementation of the project plan.	GM	EM		Letters sent 11 October 2011. <b>COMPLETED</b>
	IPRL Project Plan form part of the GM's performance agreement	Council	GM		
42-11-11	Arrange for quote for removal of asbestos from Knox & Downs site	GM	MES	2/12/2011	Refer to minute 26-02-12.



Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012					
Minute #	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Due Date	Action Taken
4-12-11	Playground proposal in Mallee	GM	MES		In progress. Playground construction completed. Land transfer to be actioned.
12-12-11	Council workshop the issue of Council's future structure and invite the Minister for LG to a meeting.	GM			DLG advised that future structure of Council is to be considered by new Local Government Reform Panel. Panel's consultation schedule being developed, together with discussion paper. <b>COMPLETED.</b>
17-12-11	Contact the Murray Darling Basin Authority about organising public consultation for the shire in early 2012.	GM			Letter sent. <b>COMPLETED.</b>
28-12-11	Organise renewal of temporary licence for Holdaways	MES			<b>COMPLETED</b>
30-12-11	Contact the NSW Office of Water for further information on the shepherding water for the Environment	MES			Report to June Council meeting.
49-12-11	Progress the matter of the future ownership of the White Cliffs solar power station and a report be provided to Council	GM			GM has contacted Essential Energy regarding the matter and the process to gift the land to Council will commence shortly.

Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012					
Minute #	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Due Date	Action Taken
51-12-11	Report into the review of council housing costs and cost recovery as well as future housing costs.	GM/MES		Jan-12	Draft Housing policy to be re-presented at June 2012 Council meeting.
8-1-12	General Manager to negotiate venue hire fees with Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes for Menindee RTC	GM			Letter sent. Alternative venue found. <b>COMPLETED.</b>
14-01-12	Survey to be completed on lots 15 & 16 in DP 2809. Council to seek clarification to disposal of land and the possibility of waiving rates.	GM	RATES		Survey to be completed in February.
19-02-12	White Cliffs Water Supply - Glen Hope Agreement, too seek urgent legal advice regarding the original agreement	MTES			In progress - letter has been sent to Austen Brown Boog. Reply received, Council to supply additional requested information.
26-02-12	The General Manager, as a matter of urgency, make contact with hazardous material consultant and arrange an assessment of the level and presence of asbestos on the Knox and Downs site and location of the asbestos.	GM			Assessment completed, awaiting report from consultant. <b>COMPLETED.</b>
7-3-12	That the April meeting of Council be transferred from Menindee to Wilcannia and the June meeting of Council from Wilcannia to Menindee	GM			

Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012					
Minute #	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Due Date	Action Taken
15-3-12	That Council allocate up to \$150K of 2011/12 Regional Road Blockfunding for surveying and design of Yampoola crossing on the Menindee - Pooncarie Rd	MTES			In progress.
16-3-12	That Council allocate the remaining \$914,345 of the 2011/12 Regional Road Block funding to the Ivanhoe - Balranald Rd	MTES			In progress.
22-3-12	That Council receive the report and defer all debate on 2012/2013 rating revenue until the draft 2012/2013 budget is brought before Council.	FM	GM		<b>COMPLETED</b> 15 May 2012
28-3-12	That Council give in principle support to the Wilcannia Central School's proposal of restricting retail sales to children during school hours in an attempt to increase school attendance rates.	GM			
29-3-12	That Council investigate responsibility for nature strip maintenance with a view to developing a policy.	MTES			Draft policy in progress
31-3-12	That Council purchase a new Kiota tractor from western farm machinery and that council defer disposal of plant 1017 for a min of six months	MTES			Complete

Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012					
Minute #	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Due Date	Action Taken
6-4-12	That option two is the preferred option of the Central Darling Shire in the review of Local Government engagement with the RFS	GM			Letter sent to LGSA. <b>COMPLETED.</b>
10-4-12	That the June 2012 Council meeting be deferred from Tuesday 19th June until the Friday 29 June 2012	GM			
	That Council approve the submission of a joint motion to the 2012 National General Assembly from the Central Darling Shire and the City of Ryde on the topic of "Plugging the Skills Shortage in Rural Councils".	GM			Motion put to NGA on Wednesday 20 June and was carried. <b>COMPLETED.</b>
12-4-12	Advise the digital switchover taskforce that it will opt to the satellite subsidy scheme				Letter sent. <b>COMPLETED.</b>
	Seek grant funding for the upgrade of its self help television re transmission towers and make representation to State and Federal Governments on this issue.	GM			
26-4-12	That Council as the trust Manager of the Menindee Common advertise the draft Menindee Common Management Plan for a period of 28.	MES			Ends exhibition period on 22 June 2012

Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012					
Minute #	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Due Date	Action Taken
	That Council as the Trust Manager of the Menindee Common consider any submissions that are received on the Draft Menindee Common Management Plan in consultation with the Department of Primary Industries and make any changes as necessary; that the final plan be submitted to the Minister for Primary Industries for final approval after the public exhibition period and consideration of any submissions received.	MES			Commence after exhibition period ends
30-4-12	That Council provides in principle support for the rebuild of the Wilcannia Wharf structure to its original state in its original location on the west side bank of the Darling River behind Ray Hunter Park.	MES			Letter sent to Wilcannia Tourism Assoc. <b>COMPLETED</b>
40-4-12	That Council appoint Mr Vern Hembrow and Mr.Gary Mottau as independent members to Councils Audit Committee.	GM			Letters sent. <b>COMPLETED.</b>
43-4-12	Approval given for the acquisition of three new garbage compactor trucks	MTES			In progress
	Council write to the two repondents to its EOI for domestic garbage collection thanking them for their	MTES			<b>COMPLETED</b>

Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012					
Minute #	Required action from Resolution	Responsible Officer	Secondary Support	Due Date	Action Taken
	responses.				
5-5-12	1. adopt the community strategic plan for the purposes of public consultation for a 28 day period 2. adopt the delivery program 2012/13-2015/16, incorporating the 2012/13 operational plan and budget for the purposes of public consultation for a 28 day period. 3. adopt the 3.6% ministerial rate pegging limit increase for the 2012/13 year. 4. adopt the resourcing strategy ,including the transport asset management plan, the stormwater asset management plan the buildings and land improvements asset managemnet plan and the workforce management plan for the purposes of public consultation for a 28 day period	GM			In progress
6-5-12	That council approve the following projects of 2011/12 \$5,000 allocation for tourism-related projects: 1. Menindee Regional Tourist Association 2. Wilcannia Community Tourism Association				

<b>Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012</b>					
<b>Minute #</b>	<b>Required action from Resolution</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Secondary Support</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
9-5-12	That council approve the following applications for funding under its Financial Assistance Grants program for 2012/13; Wilcannia Community Working Party, Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council, Wilcannia Community Tourist Assoc, Kilfera field day, Ivanhoe Golf Club, Ivanhoe Youth Centre, Menindee Meals on Wheels, Menindee Children's Centre, Menindee Branch CWA, Menindee Uniting Church, Menindee Landcare Group, Menindee Regional Tourist Association, Men-in-dee Shed, Friends of Old Tintinallogy, Sunset Strip Golf Club, White Cliffs Sporting Club, Ivanhoe Revival Group.	GM			
23-5-12	Councils commits \$540,000 per annum from its regional roads block grants, roads to recovery funding and the supplementary component of the regional road block grant over the next 3 years for the reconstruction and sealing of the Ivanhoe-Balranald road (MR67) and seek additional funding of \$200,000 from the State Government, \$200,000 from roads and maritime services and \$ 200,000 from Bemax, per annum for 3 years.	MTES/ GM			Letters sent to Bemax and John Williams MP, advising of Council decision.

<b>Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012</b>					
<b>Minute #</b>	<b>Required action from Resolution</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Secondary Support</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
28-5-12	Council participate in National Tree Day 2012 Sunday 29th July 2012 and provides trees to all communities and schools in the Shire as per budgetary allocations	MES			In Progress
29-5-12	Council adopt the document titled Draft Sale of Council land policy and the draft policy be places on public exhibition for 28 days, and further a report be presented to Council after the 28 day exhibition period regarding any submissions received during the exhibition period.	GM			
30-5-12	That the Knox and Downs development and implementation of a proposal for clean up of the site in conjunctions with local employment services and agencies with funding being sought through by these groups and through government agencies.	GM			Quotes for asbestos removal being sought.
33-05-12	That an amended Draft Employee Housing Policy be presented to Council. The amendment became the motion and was put and carried.	MES			Changes undertaken as per Council's instruction. Draft policy to be presented to Council at June meeting.
42-05-12	That Council award the tender 2012/12 for the design, manufacture, supply and installation commission and	MTES			Complete



<b>Status of Council Resolutions - May 2012</b>					
<b>Minute #</b>	<b>Required action from Resolution</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Secondary Support</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
	defects liability fo fluoridation equipment at the Wilcannia water treatment plant.				

## 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

Councillor Ron Page has submitted five notices of motion pursuant to Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

### **Motion 1**

18-6-2012

Notice of Motion

Central Darling Shire Council

Meeting date 29-6-12

Motion

That the Central Darling Shire Council put \$10,000.00 the budget for 2012-2013 for a 150 yr celebration race meeting held at the Menindee Racecourse.

Councillor Ron Page

### **Motion 2**

18-6-2012

Notice of Motion

Central Darling Shire Council

Meeting date 29-6-12

Motion

That the Central Darling Shire Council put \$1,000.00 in the budget 2012-2013 for the Menindee Fishing Competition in Menindee in the year 2012.

Councillor Ron Page

**Motion 3**

18-6-2012

Notice of Motion

Central Darling Shire Council

Meeting date 29-6-12

Motion

That the Central Darling Shire Council spend the money raised from the fishing competition on a new swing set and a slippery dip set.

Councillor Ron Page

**Motion 4**

18-6-2012

Notice of Motion

Central Darling Shire Council

Meeting date 29-6-12

Motion

That the Central Darling Shire Council put \$30,000.00 for the year 2012-2013 budget \$10,000.00 for each ward, for the future of the tourist numbers needed in Central Darling Shire Council.

Councillor Ron Page

## SECTION 7. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

## SECTION 8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### 8.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

### ATTACHMENT 1 & 2

#### 8.1.1 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – POLITICAL DONATIONS ATTACHMENT 1

The NSW Election Funding Authority has advised Councils of changes to political donation laws, which came into effect in March 2012.

A copy of this advice was sent to all Councillors, however the advice is reproduced in this agenda in order to ensure that the information is available both to Councillors and the wider public.

In summary, the changes as they relate to local government elections are as follows:

Political donations other than by individuals on the electoral roll are prohibited and it is unlawful for such donations to be accepted. It is also unlawful for an individual to make a political donation to a political party, elected member, group, candidate or third party campaigner on behalf of a corporation or other entity.

Likewise, it is also unlawful for a corporation or other entity to make a gift to an individual for the purpose of the individual making a political donation to a party, elected member, group, candidate or third-party campaigner.

It is unlawful for industrial organisations or other entities to pay an annual or other subscription to a party for affiliation with the party. Such payments constitute political donations.

Political donations are those in relation to State elections and elected members of the NSW Parliament, local government elections and elected members of councils or matters unconnected to any election or elected member.

The definition of electoral expenditure and electoral communication expenditure has been modified. These expenditures do not include expenditure incurred by an entity or other person if the expenditure is not incurred for the dominant purpose of promoting or opposing a party or the election of a candidate or candidates or influencing the voting at an election.

The advice includes the overall reminder that councillors and candidates should know and understand their obligations and responsibilities under the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981.

#### 8.1.2 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS GENERAL INFORMATION ATTACHMENT 2

Preparation for the 2012 local government election is well advanced, with a number of key deadlines imminent.

Applications for non-resident ratepayers to enrol on the non-resident electoral roll close on 30 July. The applicable form has been placed on Council's website and been available for a number of weeks. These forms must be returned to Council for processing.

The Returning Officer for the Central Darling Shire Council election is Darren Flowers. An initial meeting between Council and Mr. Flowers is to be held on 4 July. In addition to the appointment of the returning officer, an Office Manager has also been appointed by the Electoral Commission. The Returning Officer will commence duties from their office on 23 July.

The Electoral Commission is responsible for the placing of advertisements in relation to the 2012 election. Advertisements are soon to be placed in relation to the calling for nominations for the election.

Council has also recently been advised of the cost of the conduct of the 2012 election by the NSW Electoral Commission. The budget estimate supplied is based on the Electoral Commission's service charter and totals \$15,873.

### 8.1.3 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting participants/location</b>	<b>Subject</b>
2 <sup>ND</sup> May 2012	GM & Brendan Adams	Wilcannia Football Oval
3 <sup>RD</sup> May 2012	GM & Staff	CSP/Operational Plan/Budget Workshop
8 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM	Adult Literacy Campaign Graduation Ceremony
10 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM, Mayor, Ward Councillors	Community Safety Precinct Committee
	GM & Lynda Edwards	Do Not Knock signage program
11 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM & Peter Lupton	HACC Services
14 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM, MES, MTES, FM, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clr Looney , Clr Page & Clr Brown	Budget Workshop
15 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	Council Meeting in Darnick	
16 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM	ABC Radio Interview



<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting participants/location</b>	<b>Subject</b>
	GM	RDA Far West regarding Transport Strategy (Teleconference)
17 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM	Wilcannia CWP
	MANEX	
18 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM	ABC Radio Interview
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2012	GM, Sisters of Mercy Maureen Healy & Trisha Vagg	Storage space for St. Vincent de Paul
20 <sup>TH</sup> - 24 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM	LGMA Congress Perth
25 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM	ABC Radio interview regarding road funding
28 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM	LG Financial Professional Conference Sydney
29 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clr Linnett & Ray Najar – General Manager MDA	MDA – Murray Darling Basin issues
30 <sup>TH</sup> May 2012	GM, MES & Ian Sinclair	LEP information forum in White Cliffs
	GM, MES & Ian Sinclair, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clr Sullivan	LEP information forum for Councillors in Wilcannia
1 <sup>ST</sup> June 2012	GM & Mayor	NSW Anti-Discrimination Board meet & greet Wilcannia
3 <sup>RD</sup> - 4 <sup>TH</sup> June 2012	GM, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clr Linnett and Clr Wellings	LGSA Shires Association Conference Sydney
7 <sup>TH</sup> June 2012	GM – Broken Hill	LGMA Regional Roadshow

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting participants/location</b>	<b>Subject</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	GM, MTES, MES, Clr Brown & Clr Wellings	White Cliffs Works Committee Meeting
	GM, MTES, MES, Clr Brown	Wilcannia Works Committee Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	GM, MTES, MES, Mayor, Clr Linnett	Ivanhoe Works Committee Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	GM, MES, Brendon Adams, Steve Ross	Building development Wilcannia Football Oval
	GM, MTES, MES ,Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Menindee Works Committee Meeting
17 <sup>TH</sup> – 20 <sup>TH</sup> June 2012	GM, Mayor	National General Assembly Canberra
21 <sup>ST</sup> June 2012	MANEX	

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

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

## **8.2 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK ATTACHMENT 3 & 4**

### **Summary**

Council has prepared a number of draft plans under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, which have been advertised for public comment and feedback. These plans are the Community Strategic Plan, Workforce Management Plan, three Asset Management Plans and the 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget. These plans can now be adopted by Council.

Council must also adopt the 2012/13 rates and charges as part of this process.

Council has also prepared a further three Asset Management Plans which can be adopted for the purposes of public consultation.

### **Commentary**

At its May meeting, Council resolved to adopt the following plans for the purposes of public consultation:

- Community Strategic Plan 2012/13 – 2022/23
- Delivery Program – 2012/13 (incorporating 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget)

- Resourcing Strategy – Workforce Management Plan, Transport Asset Management Plan, Buildings and Land Improvements Asset Management Plan, Stormwater Asset Management Plan

Following that public consultation period and up to the time of writing this report, only 1 public submission had been received, which was from the Ivanhoe Community Working Party. In its submission, which is in relation to the Operational Plan, the CWP suggests that Council include reference to Aboriginal peoples as the first peoples and custodians of the area covered by the Shire.

The CWP also suggests that Council clarify the comments made in relation to the Aboriginal history of the area and the references to the Paakantyi and Ngiyampaa Nations. It is also suggested that Council consistently use the term Aboriginal, rather than indigenous.

In relation to other aspects of the Plan, it is suggested that Council make changes in relation to its youth-related initiatives, as well as public order and safety, tourism assets, playgrounds, communication and consultation.

Council should consider this submission and make changes to the Plan as it deems relevant. Other submissions may be received by Council after this report is written; they will be presented to Council for consideration at the meeting.

Council is now in a position to be able to adopt the final versions of the above plans, as well the rates and charges contained in the draft 2012/13 Operational Plan and budget.

In addition to the above plans having been prepared, Council has also now received the final draft versions of the following Asset Management Plans:

- Water
- Sewer
- Plant & Equipment

These plans complete the full set of Asset Management Plans that were to be prepared by Council. Following review of these plans at the Council meeting, Council should adopt the plans for the purposes of public consultation.

Jacqui Hansen, an asset management consultant, has prepared these plans in collaboration with Council staff. Jacqui will be in attendance at the Council meeting to provide Councillors with an overview of the plans and the role she has played in their development.

The following report has been provided by Jacqui in relation to the Asset Management Plans:

### **Introduction to Asset Management**

Our modern way of life is underpinned by a vast infrastructure of roads, water supply, waste disposal, energy, telecommunications, recreational networks and property. This infrastructure is taken for granted until it fails or no longer provides the required service.

Infrastructure assets are stationary systems or networks that serve defined communities where the system as a whole is intended to be maintained indefinitely to a specified level of service by the continuing replacements and refurbishment of its components. For example, it is intended that the water asset network in the towns of Central Darling Shire will continue to serve the community indefinitely. Pipes and equipment will be replaced and refurbished as needed to keep the system functioning satisfactorily.

Asset Management is a formalised approach to the management of these infrastructure assets. It is being adopted as best practice around the world. The legislative requirement for all Council infrastructure assets to be covered by asset management plans is now being progressively mandated across Australia. Some States already require asset management plans to be developed and implemented in order for subsidies to be paid.

*The goal of asset management is to meet the required level of service, in the most cost-effective manner, through the management of assets for present and future customers. (International Infrastructure Management Manual IIMM V3.0 2006)*

The key elements of asset management are;

- Taking a lifecycle approach
- Developing cost –effective management strategies for the long term
- Providing a defined level of service and monitoring performance
- Understanding and meeting the impact of growth through demand management and infrastructure investment
- Managing the risks associated with asset failures
- Sustainable use of physical resources
- Continuous improvement in asset management practices

### **The Asset Management Process**

Council is seeking to establish a “core” level of asset management, in order to improve the management of its infrastructure assets towards best practice and meet legislative requirements.

These are the steps that Council should look to follow, according to the nationally consistent framework for sustainable asset management and financial management, mandated through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in May 2009.

1. Develop a core strategic approach to asset management for the organisation, linked through the Policy to Council’s overall corporate vision, mission and objectives. Seek to foster a “whole of organisation” approach to asset management with a strong level of commitment and ownership from elected members, senior management and staff in the organisation.

*Council adopted an Asset Management Policy in September 2011. Three draft asset management plans are presented to Council for consideration as an attachment to this report.*

2. Establish an asset management team with appropriate leadership and clearly defined roles, responsibilities and reporting frameworks. Establish a co-ordination role to ensure a multi-disciplinary input is achieved from all stakeholders across the organisation. Ensure adequate resources and authorities are put in place to allow the team to achieve their set goals.
3. Establish what data is available is currently available in asset registers and held elsewhere in various systems within the organisation. Review the data to establish what additional data might be need to be collected or collated from existing sources to assist in the asset management process.
4. Commence the asset management plan preparation. It is suggested by the IIMM that a “core” level plan be the target for the first plan and that it be refined over time with later editions.
5. Review the levels of service expected of the assets subject of the plan with due regard to the community’s expectations and ability to pay for the services.
6. Carry out a risk assessment process to assist in the decision making for the organisation in setting priorities and determining action that will need to be included in the asset management plans to minimise the risks to the organisation.
7. Develop expenditure projections based on lifecycle cost analysis, with separation into new assets, replacement or renewal of assets, as well as the normal operation and maintenance costs. These projections will need to be developed from forecasting future demands for services based on growth, new technology, changing community expectations etc.
8. Carry out financial planning to identify funding gaps between the projections identified and the currently available funding. Review the strategies that are available through revenue raising or modifications of the services to be provided. This can feed into the long term financial plans of the organisation.
9. Completion of the asset management plan, with on-going condition and performance monitoring providing data for input into future revisions of the plan.

*Draft asset management plans for Council’s transport, stormwater and building assets were presented to Council for consideration in May.*

*Draft asset management plans for water, sewer and plant and equipment assets are presented now in June and are provided as attachments to this report.*

*Consequently, the overwhelming bulk of Council’s assets are now covered by an asset management plan. Any assets that may have “slipped though the net” this time, will be picked up in the next versions of the plans.*

10. With completion of the plan, there is the need to incorporate steps on how it can be improved. This recognises that asset management is in fact a journey of continuous

improvement. It is suggested that there be annual reviews of how well the plan is meeting the strategic objectives of the organisation, which will lead to improvement actions that can be documented for future implementation over a reasonable timeframe.

11. The final step in the completion of the asset management plan is the updating of the asset management policy. It is felt that until the first pass of developing the plans is complete, the various stakeholders across the organisation are unlikely to have a full appreciation of all the implications to which they need to commit for the process to succeed. Accordingly, a review and affirmation of the policy provides a good sign-off to the continuing commitment to a whole of organisation asset management planning process.

### **Water Asset Management Plan**

A draft Water Asset Management Plan has been developed for the water supply assets in Central Darling Shire using the IPWEA asset management (NAMS.PLUS) methodology.

It covers the following infrastructure assets:

- Bore - Wilcannia
- Dams
- Filtered Water
- Filtration
- Pumping Stations
- Reticulation
- Rising Mains
- Untreated Water
- Weirs

The water network is provided to the towns of Ivanhoe, White Cliffs and Wilcannia only.

The plan investigated the **costs** to Council to provide the water supply service.

There are two key indicators of cost.

- The life cycle cost being the average cost over the life cycle of the asset, and
- The total maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required to deliver existing service levels in the next 10 years covered by Council's long term financial plan.

The life cycle cost to provide the water service is estimated at \$747,390 per annum.

In the 2012/13 financial year Council is expected to receive \$1,297,000 funding from the Federal Government, via the NSW Office of Water, for improvements to water services in Wilcannia. Consequently, Council's planned life cycle expenditure for year 1 of the asset management plan is \$1,495,038 which gives a life cycle sustainability index of 2.00.

In future years, (years without this one-off funding) Council's planned life cycle expenditure will be \$198,038 which gives a life cycle sustainability index of 0.26.

The total maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required to provide the water service the in the next 10 years is estimated at \$7,036,250. This is an average of \$703,625 per annum.

Council's maintenance and capital renewal expenditure for year 2 of the asset management plan of \$202,390 giving a 10 year sustainability index of 0.29. (Year 1 is not used for analysis because it does not reflect future year's expenditures).

As can be observed above the cost of providing a water supply service to the community is significant and requires an on-going financial commitment from Council.

*If the Federal grant funds are excluded from consideration, the low sustainability indices reveal that Council is not investing adequately in the renewal and replacement of water supply assets, for the benefit of future generations.*

This **actions** resulting from this asset management plan, which will enable Council to better manage its water supply assets, are:

- Audit the Water Assets register and breakdown the large assets into individual components
- Update the asset register and add any unregistered assets such as water meters, valves, fire hydrants etc
- Inspect and assess the condition of the water assets in order to estimate the remaining useful life and reassess the useful life of assets. Look closely at the assets in White Cliffs and Ivanhoe as they are not the focus of Federal grant funding in 2012/13.
- Establish a reporting system to update the asset register with feedback from the field including new assets, replaced assets, renewed assets etc.
- Separate water related job costs. Maintenance job costs should be split into reactive, planned and cyclic. Capital job costs into: renewal, upgrade and new.
- Undertake a customer satisfaction survey and consult with the community to identify the desired levels of service.

### **Sewer Asset Management Plan**

A draft Sewer Asset Management Plan has been developed for the sewer network in the Central Darling Shire using the IPWEA asset management (NAMS.PLUS) methodology.

It covers the following infrastructure assets;

- Sewer augmentation

- Sewer evaporation ponds
- Sewer reticulation
- Sewer rising mains
- Sewer wells

Central Darling Shire Council provides a sewerage service to the town of Wilcannia and certain Aboriginal Communities only.

There are two key indicators of cost to provide the sewer service.

- The life cycle cost being the average cost over the life cycle of the asset, and
- The total maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required to deliver existing service levels in the next 10 years covered by Council's long term financial plan.

The life cycle cost to provide the sewer service is estimated at \$104,644 per annum. Council's planned life cycle expenditure for year 1 of the asset management plan is \$75,359 which gives a life cycle sustainability index of 0.72.

The data available for the development of this plan looked at sewer system at a relatively high level only. It did not contain any detail on each individual sewer asset. Therefore it could not be used to develop accurate renewal projections. At this time, it is not possible to reliably estimate the maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required in the coming 10 years.

This **actions** resulting from this asset management plan which will enable Council to better manage its water supply assets, are:

- Develop a detailed inventory of **individual** sewer assets. This may involve an audit of the existing sewer assets register and breakdown the large assets into individual components. Add in any unregistered assets such as manholes. Redevelop this AM Plan using the new information.
- Inspect and assess the condition of the sewer assets in order to estimate the remaining useful life and reassess the useful life of assets.
- Separate sewer related job costs. Maintenance job costs should be split into reactive, planned and cyclic. Capital job costs into: renewal, upgrade and new.
- Fund sewer asset renewal – annual on-going budget allocation to replace sewer assets before they fail.
- Establish a reporting system to update the asset register with feedback from the field including new assets, replaced assets, renewed assets etc.
- Undertake a customer satisfaction survey and consult with the community to identify the desired levels of service.



*It is strongly recommended that more data be collected on the sewer assets and that following this the Sewer Asset Management Plan be revisited, in order to provide more accurate projections to feed into Council's Long Term Financial Plan.*

### **Plant and Equipment Asset Management Plan**

A draft Plant and Equipment Asset Management Plan has been developed for the plant and equipment assets utilised by Central Darling Shire using the IPWEA asset management (NAMS.PLUS) methodology.

It covers the following infrastructure assets;

- Small plant (e.g. cars, 4wd and utes)
- Other plant (e.g. trucks, trailers, bobcat and backhoe)
- Equipment (e.g. slashers, wackers, drills, saws and pumps)

The plan investigated the **costs** to Council to provide the plant and equipment service.

There are two key indicators of cost.

- The life cycle cost being the average cost over the life cycle of the asset, and
- The total maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required to deliver existing service levels in the next 10 years covered by Council's long term financial plan.

The life cycle cost to provide the plant and equipment service is estimated at \$430,056 per annum. Council's planned life cycle expenditure for year 1 of the asset management plan is \$596,670 which gives a life cycle sustainability index of 1.39.

The total maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required to provide the plant and equipment service the in the next 10 years is estimated at \$6,749,110. This is an average of \$674,911 per annum.

Council's maintenance and capital renewal expenditure for year 1 of the asset management plan of \$596,670 giving a 10 year sustainability index of 0.88.

This **actions** resulting from this asset management plan, which will enable Council to better manage its plant and equipment assets, are:

- Job costs to be split into maintenance (planned, cyclic and reactive) and capital (replacement and new) costs.
- Renewal Gap analysis from this AM Plan to support long term financial planning – and match Council's Ten Year Plant and Equipment Replacement Program.
- Annual review of Levels of Service to compare current Levels of Service with targets.
- Increased interaction with the plant operators and users to ascertain the 'agreed' Levels of Service.

- Regular data validation process to ensure completeness of Asset Register. All replacements and disposals to be recorded in the register.

Of the three asset management plans presented today for the consideration of Council, the numbers for the Plant and Equipment AM Plan “stack up best”. Council has an established Plant Replacement Program, which is funded annually. The Plant Replacement Program has a 5 year horizon and considerable thought goes into the development and maintenance of this program. As a consequence, the sustainability indices for plant and equipment are close to 1 (ideal) and these assets can be considered to be managed sustainably.

### **Implications**

Council is required to develop asset management plans for all of the infrastructure assets under its stewardship.

A deadline of 30 June 2012 has been set by the NSW Government.

These three asset management plans (Water, Sewer and Plant and Equipment) , combined with the three presented to Council last month (Transport, Buildings and Stormwater), meet this requirement for Council.

It must be noted however, that the development of core asset management plans to cover all of the assets under Council’s stewardship is only the start of the process. Best practice asset management involves not only regular updating of the AM Plans when new information becomes available, but the use of the AM Plans as reference documents in the day-to-day management of the assets.

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

This body of work represents the highest level of planning and budgeting documents that Council produces.

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

Financial implications are included in the draft 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget.

#### **(c) Legal Implications**

Nil to report at this stage.

#### **(d) Community Consultation**

Has been undertaken for a 28 day period in relation to most of the plans and will be required for the additional 3 asset management plans.

## ***RECOMMENDATIONS***

### ***That Council:***

- 1 Adopt the Community Strategic Plan 2012/13 – 2021/22.***
- 2 Adopt the Delivery Program 2012/13-2016/17, incorporating the 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget.***

- 4 *Adopt the Resourcing Strategy, including the Transport Asset Management Plan, the Stormwater Asset Management Plan, the Buildings and Land Improvements Asset Management Plan and the Workforce Management Plan.*
- 5 *Adopt the Water Asset Management Plan, the Sewer Asset Management Plan and the Plant & Equipment Asset Management Plan for the purposes of public consultation for a 28 day period.*
- 6 *Adopt, in accordance with section 406 of the LGA 1993, the 2012/13 Draft Operational Plan and Budget as described and as amended in the body of the report;*
- 7 *Approve, in accordance with part 9, division 5, clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the 2012/13 Draft Operational Plan and Budget subject to the amendments as outlined in the body of the report;*
- 8 *Receive and note the submissions made in relation to the Draft 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget and that replies be made in relation to the submissions;*
- 9 *Make and levy, in accordance with section 494, Section 518, Section 515 of the LGA 1993, the following ordinary rates for the year 2011-2012 as follows:*
  - *Residential rate in the dollar 0.073598995, Business rate in the dollar 0.0660590, Farmland rate in the dollar 0.002735947, with a base amount of \$115.82.*
- 10 *Make and levy, in accordance with the LGA 1993, the following special rates Ivanhoe 0.07478370 rate in the dollar, Wilcannia 0.04157760 rate in the dollar, Menindee 0.01302985 rate in the dollar, White Cliffs 0.021465897 rate in the dollar, with a base amount of \$2.00.*
- 11 *Make and impose charges, in accordance with section 501 and section 502 of the LGA 1993, for water supply services in 2012/13 as described in the Draft 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget;*
- 12 *Council make and impose charges, in accordance with section 501 and section 502 of the LGA 1993, for sewerage services in 2012/13 as described in the Draft 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget;*
- 13 *Make and impose charges, in accordance with section 496 and section 501 and section 502 of the LGA 1993, for waste management services in 2012/13 as described in the Draft 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget;*
- 14 *Council make and impose the maximum charge for interest on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with section 566 (3) of the LGA 1993;*

- 15** *Adopt the fees and charges for the actual use of services provided by the Council as detailed in the Draft 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget, in accordance with section 502 of the LGA 1993.*

### 8.3 MELBOURNE – BRISBANE INLAND RAIL ROUTE SYMPOSIUM ATTACHMENT 5

#### **Summary**

Retrospective approval is sought for the attendance of Clr. Reid at the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail Symposium in Parkes from 21- 22 June.

#### **Commentary**

Clr. Reid requested that she be booked in to attend the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail Symposium to be held in Parkes from 21-22 June. Due to the timing of the Council meeting being deferred until 29 June, it has not been possible for this request to be considered by Council in accordance with the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy.

Clr. Reid has attended this Symposium on Council's behalf.

The Symposium was being held to explore the key issues related to the development of the inland rail route between Melbourne and Brisbane. The Symposium will feature a cohort of eminent speakers including the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, the Hon Warren Truss MP, Mr Bryan Nye, CEO Australasian Railway Association, Professor Philip Laird, Wollongong University and Mr John Hearsch, Great Australian Trunk Rail. The former CEO of QLD Rail Mr Vince O'Rourke will chair the Symposium.

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

Councillor attendance at certain events and the payment of costs for attendance at such events is covered by the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors policy.

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

The estimated cost of Clr. Reid attending the Symposium is \$750.

#### **(c) Legal Implications**

Nil to report at this stage.

#### **(d) Community Consultation**

Nil to report at this stage.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1** *That Council approve the attendance of Clr. Reid at the Melbourne - Brisbane Inland Rail Symposium in Parkes from 21-22 June 2012.*
- 2** *That costs associated with the attendance of Clr. Reid at the Melbourne - Brisbane Inland Rail Symposium in Parkes from 21-22 June 2012 be paid in accordance with the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors.*

### 8.4 PROMOTING BETTER PRACTICE REVIEW UPDATE

Council last received an update at its April meeting on the progress made against the 56 recommendations that arose from the Division of Local Government's Promoting Better Practice Review of Council in 2011.

Discussions with the Division of Local Government indicate that there is going to be a lesser emphasis and focus on the PBP action plan and achievement against the recommendations arising from the Review.

This is due to the work that has been undertaken in relation to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, as well as the establishment of the Local Government Reform Panel.

During the discussion with the DLG, it was also highlighted that in their opinion, the initial action plan developed by Council was unachievable, which has turned out to be the case. Council adopted an amended action plan with revised timelines at its meeting in April 2012, which is reflective of the unrealistic nature of the initial action plan timeframes.

Despite the DLG assigning the PBP review a lesser priority due to the formation of the Local Government Reform Panel, the need for improvement and reform to Council's processes remains a pressing issue and work will continue to implement the 56 recommendations that arose from the review.

The last action item undertaken by Council related to the preparation of 3 new policies. This is in accordance with recommendation 1 from the review. Those policies are:

- Human Resource Management
- Fraud & Corruption Prevention
- Secondary Employment
- Risk Management

Council considered these policies at its February meeting and they were advertised for public comment and feedback throughout April and May. As a result of this public consultation process, no feedback from the public was received. The policies can now be adopted in their final form by Council

Further updates in relation to Council's progress in implementing the recommendations from the Review will continue to be provided.

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

***That Council adopt the Human Resource Management, Fraud & Corruption Prevention, Secondary Employment and Risk Management policies.***

## SECTION 9. MANAGER TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

### 9.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

ATTACHMENT 6

#### 9.1.1 IVANHOE WATER SUPPLY

NSW Office of Water inspector, Bruce Lamont, will be in Ivanhoe 20 & 21 June for initial raw water testing, calibration of dosing pumps and treatment assessment. The treatment plant storage dam will be emptied of the stored bore water over the coming month and pumping can commence from Lake Morrison Reservoir.

Lake Morrison's reservoir storage is now at capacity after recent pumping topped this supply up.

#### 9.1.2 WILCANNIA FLUORIDATION

Prominent Fluid Controls have indicated that they will be in a position to install the new fluoride system in the next 8 to 10 weeks. Operators are attending fluoridation training/ certification in June.

#### 9.1.3 GRADING PROGRAM – ATTACHMENT 6

The June 2012 grading program has been included to enable Council to follow the progress of the grading crews working throughout the Shire. Any changes, updates will be presented on a monthly basis.

#### 9.1.4 YAMPOOLA CROSSING, MR68C POONCARIE RD – ATTACHMENT 7

Council has received the Yampoola Crossing options report from consultants, Barnson. As detailed in the report, no cost estimates have been supplied for each of the three options supplied. Further investigation is now required. Council will engage a registered surveyor to survey the road reserve and adjacent property boundaries in order to determine if road realignment is possible. Staff will present to Council a more comprehensive report in this regard, as further information becomes available.

The cost of the consultant's initial survey and report is \$12,200.

### ***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, reconstruction works and RMS ordered works.

**Commentary**

**State Roads:**

- RMCC \$148,110 included on emergency sealing works on the Cobb Highway south of Ivanhoe.
- 2011/2012 RMCC works total spending for routine works on State Highways \$540,000. The additional works carried out will be reimbursed to Council and this total yearly budget increased.
- Eight works orders received for the year to the value of \$1,149,897. Six of these have now been completed.
- Heavy patching and resealing works have commenced on the Barrier Highway and Cobb Highway
- Cobb Highway works that are in progress include gravel re-sheeting (RMS Works Order \$200,127), flood restoration works \$217,142 and maintenance grading works.
- RMS has indicated that it will attend Council on the 6th June 2012 for the proposed capital works inspection.

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>
<b>RMCC</b>	\$540,000	\$0	100%
<b>Flood Damage 2010</b>	\$298,000	\$0	100%
<b>Flood Damage 2011</b>	\$176,571	\$26,000	85%
<b>Flood Damage 2012</b>	\$217,142	\$162,899	25%

**Regional Roads:**

- 2010/2011 Pooncarie Rd Bridge replacement and approach roads reconstruction in progress.
- 2011/2012 Balranald Rd reconstruction in progress.
- All Regional Road 2010 Flood Damage works completed.
- All Regional Road 2011 Flood Damage works completed.
- Regional road 2012 Flood Damage assessments are in progress.
- Heavy patching and resealing works on Regional roads have been completed. White lining works to be done in conjunction with Highway and reconstruction works.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
<b>MR428 Kayrunnera Rd (2009/2010)</b>	\$1,100,000	\$4,335	97%
<b>Talyawalka Bridge (2010/2011)</b>	\$2,040,000	\$10,275	99%
<b>MR67 Balranald Rd (2011/12)</b>	\$2,015,000	\$1,672,447	17%
<b>Regional Road Block (including Supplementary and Traffic)</b>	\$2,323,000	\$191,769	92%
<b>Flood Damage 2010</b>	\$643,000	\$0	100%
<b>Flood Damage 2011</b>	\$1,365,419	\$0	100%

**Local Roads:**

- 2010 flood restoration works completed.
- 2011 flood restoration works completed.
- 2012 flood damage assessments are in progress.
- FAG total was \$1,391,646 and \$280,000 has been allocated to Town Improvement Funds.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
<b>Local Roads Component (FAG)</b>	\$1,391,646	\$297,713	79%
<b>Flood Damage 2010</b>	\$2,833,281	\$2,833,281	100%
<b>Flood Damage 2011</b>	\$786,778	\$786,778	100%

**(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 in conjunction with RSD. Hood St seal extension complete.
- White Cliffs causeway in progress. 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	\$30,541	56%
White Cliffs	\$70,000	\$34,058	52%
Menindee	\$70,000	\$20,421	71%
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 Technical and Engineering Services 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.

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Gardens</b>	\$94,000	-\$51,698	100%
<b>Ancillary Works</b>	\$102,000	-\$26,142	100%
<b>Street Cleaning/ Bins</b>	\$113,500	\$7,467	94%
<b>Aerodromes</b>	\$53,000	-\$10,216	100%
<b>Public Conveniences</b>	\$37,250	-\$434	100%

**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 = 5.2 m, Tank 2 =5.6m, Tank 3 (Wakefield) 8.75m.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from the underground bore fields. Morrison's Lake storage is currently 450 megalitres, town storage dam 50 megalitres.

- Ivanhoe filtration plant has undergone necessary repairs and maintenance prior to the utilisation of the storage water from Morrison’s Lake. The NSW Office of Water has indicated that it will be present in mid to late June for initial treatment.

	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Wilcannia Water	\$308,250	\$58,432	81%
Wilcannia Sewer	\$93,500	\$23,340	75%
White Cliffs Water	\$108,500	\$5,517	95%
Ivanhoe Water	\$145,500	-\$12,160	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 Technical and Engineering Services Department.

**Commentary**

Project	Comments	Original Budget	Remaining Budget	% Expended
Remote Communities Water & Sewer	Tenders in progress. DPW pre tender meeting 14-3-12	\$3.03 Mil	\$3.03 Mil	0%

Project				
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	-\$2,283	100%
Talyawalka Bridge	Structure 95% complete.  Safety Barrier and White Lining outstanding	\$2,040,000	\$10,275	99%
Integrated Water Management Plan	GPS equipment purchased. Dept Public Works Engagement in progress	\$167,000	\$8,354	95%
Warrali Estate Footpath Upgrade	Key Stakeholder Meeting held 8-3-12  Lighting proposal and costings in progress.	\$121,000	\$81,481	33%
Old Wilcannia Bridge	Timber Ordered	\$90,000	\$36,089	60%

**(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 LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS COMMUNIQUE

### Summary

Whilst attending the annual Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA ) conference in Coffs Harbour, issues were raised and addressed during the NSW Local Roads Congress.

The NSW Roads & Transport Directorate, a partnership of the (IPWEA) and Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW in holding the 2012 NSW Local Roads Congress resolved to announce the following communiqué.

This Congress congratulates the NSW Government on its initiation of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan and the establishment of a Local Government advisory group and seeks representation from the NSW Roads & Transport Directorate on this panel. The Congress looks forward to working collaboratively with Transport for NSW in developing Integrated Regional Transport Plans which will address the efficient movement of freight to/from markets including agricultural product, address the needs of tourism, provide for alternate transport modes (e.g. public transport, cycling and walking) and ensure social connectedness. Planning should include looking at the opportunities for increased movement of freight by rail to reduce the reliance on heavy vehicles in city and regional areas, a State wide strategy for the location of intermodal hubs and a clear plan to ensure the efficient delivery of goods to and from ports including international air ports.

The State Government needs to assess the potential for improvements to transport infrastructure outside the Sydney metropolitan area, including how this can drive economic growth and decentralisation and aid in reducing conflict between freight movements and traffic congestion within Sydney.

The State Government should revisit the extent of allocation of capital funds to major infrastructure works and reallocate 20% of these funds to reintroduce a substantial minor capital works programme (for projects up to \$20million in value).

The Congress notes the substantial reduction in real terms of the Block and Repair grant programmes over the last decade. The Congress calls on the State government to increase

Regional Road funding based on the Construction Cost index. We also call on the State government to form regional partnerships between the RMS and local government practitioners to facilitate assessment of the condition and capacity of the Regional Road network and to enable this information to be fed into Integrated Regional Transport Plans. This partnership should also have the specific goal of building capacity of practitioners through shared training and experiential opportunities.

The Congress once again highlights the critical need for increased levels of funding to meet the backlog of \$667million in maintenance of infrastructure assets. The Congress recognises the critical part R2R funding plays in maintaining local road infrastructure and applauds extension of this programme to 2014. However, it is noted that no undertaking has been given to make this programme permanent after 2014 and the level of funding increased and tied to the Road Construction Cost Index so that an adequate level of service can be provided to local communities. Federal funding provided for infrastructure to date has largely been allocated to new infrastructure works with little being provided to meet the funding gap identified in the reports published by the Roads & Transport Directorate.

The Congress requests that a review of existing maintenance responsibilities for State and National Highway road reserves be carried out by Transport for NSW to clarify responsibilities and funding arrangements applying to Local Government.

Local Government recognises the need to implement more efficient freight transport links across the State. A major impediment to realising this efficiency results from the limited load capacity of a large number of bridges on regional and local roads. The Congress calls on both State and Federal Governments to establish an assistance programme modelled on the highly successful Timber Bridges on Regional Roads Programme as a matter of urgency.

The Congress notes the work complete to date under the COAG Road Reform Plan (CRRP) and awaits a determination which may provide some compensation for the road pavement deterioration attributed to higher mass limits. In addition, the establishment of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator on 1st January 2013 will rationalise the management of heavy vehicles on a national basis, however, it is noted that satisfactory outcomes from this process will be dependent on the sourcing of additional funding for road authorities.

The Congress calls on Transport for NSW to provide continued funding for existing Road Safety Officers under the Local Government Road Safety Programme (LGRSP) for the duration of the National Road Safety Strategy.

The Congress notes the activities undertaken over the last year to address the skills shortage and implores the Local Government Industry to continue to work with State and Commonwealth Governments, professional bodies and tertiary educational institutions to address the worsening skills shortage by introducing more training incentives.

**(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 Council writes letters to the State and Federal Members of Parliament requesting their support for the issues canvassed in the IPWEA Communiqué arising from the 2012 NSW Local Roads Congress.***

## SECTION 10. MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

### 10.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

ATTACHMENT 8 & 9

#### 10.1.1 YOUR COMMUNITY HERITAGE PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 8

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities advising that Council's application for funding under the Your Community Heritage Program has been successful.

In early 2012, a funding application was prepared to assist Council meet the cost of replacing a number of heritage signs in Wilcannia to re-establish the town's heritage trail. The funding has also been sought to assist Council update heritage leaflets. The amount of funding received through the grant is \$7,272.72, and will be expended by 31 December 2012.

#### 10.1.2 2012 SIMS METAL REGIONAL WASTE TO ART

ATTACHMENT 9

The 2012 SIMS Metal Regional Waste to Art competition was held in Forbes during May 2012. A number of entries from Central Darling were forwarded for the competition. It is pleasing to note that three local artists from Central Darling received awards. These were:

Emma Dowton – Highly Commended Primary Functional

Cree Mitchell – Sustainable Building/Sculpture 2 Dimensional

Gil Wheadon – Sustainable Building/Sculpture Functional

#### 10.1.3 LAKE MENINDEE PLANTATION RESERVE (R86859)

Notification has been received from the NSW Department of Primary Industries –Catchment and Lands that the Sunset Strip Progress Association Inc has been appointed as the Trust Manager of the Lake Menindee Plantation Reserve Trust for a term expiring on 31 May 2015. The appointment was notified in the Government Gazette of 1 June 2012. The new trust is charged with the care, control and management of Reserve 86859 for the purpose of plantation, urban services and public recreation at Sunset Strip.

#### 10.1.4 WHITE CLIFFS SOLAR STATION

Discussions with Essential Energy are continuing on the White Cliffs Solar Station. To date Essential Energy is awaiting approval from their Board of Directors for the site to be transferred to Council. Further information will be provided to Council when available.

#### 10.1.5 COMPREHENSIVE LEP

Council's Comprehensive LEP remains on public exhibition until 22 June 2012. One submission has been received at this stage. A further detailed report will be provided to Council at the July 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

#### 10.1.6 DRAFT MENINDEE COMMON MANAGEMENT PLAN



Council'S Draft Menindee Common Management Plan remains on public exhibition until 22 June 2012. One submission has been received at this stage. A further detailed report will be provided to Council at the July 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**10.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPT STATISTICS FOR MAY 2012**

**Summary**

This report provides a statistical summary of legislative activities undertaken by Environmental Services within May 2012.

**Commentary**

The statistics are provided to Council on a monthly basis. The below table demonstrates achievements and results for May 2012.

<u>Statistics for May 2012</u>	
Number DAs approved for May 2012	2 – broken down into the following categories; Commercial = 1 Residential = 1
Total Value of DAs approved for May 2012	\$684,000
Food Premises inspected in May 2012	10 inspections
Animal Control activities for May 2012	Impounded = 11, Euthanised = 5 dogs and 3 cats Registered = 0, Microchipped = 40
Water sampling for May 2012	Microbiology Samples Collected = 10 Chemistry Samples Collected = 1 Disinfection By Products = 0 Non-compliant Samples = 1

**(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 Consultations**

Nil to report at this stage.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Environmental Services Department Statistics for May 2012 report be received and noted.*

## 10.3 NETWASTE 2012-15 STRATEGIC WASTE PLAN

## ATTACHMENT 10

### Summary

This report provides Council with details of NetWaste's Strategic Waste Plan for 2012-15.

### Commentary

NetWaste recently developed and submitted to the EPA for funding the 2012-15 Strategic Waste Plan to guide the group's activities over the next three years. The document highlights the six priority areas for focus and outlines the actions for implementation as follows:

1. Enablement – To empower member Councils to better address the waste management challenges within their communities. NetWaste is intending to develop training plans, review their communication strategy, organise and host regular NetWaste forums in conjunction with learning workshops, review meeting attendance and encourage NetWaste members to attend forums and conferences as able.
2. Financial Systems – To provide financial management systems to enable successful delivery of the strategy objectives in the defined time frames. This will be undertaken through addressing budget uncertainty from the EPA, through undertaking quarterly reviews of the NetWaste budget, securing grant funding where possible, assisting Councils with financial modelling to manage their waste activities.
3. Engagement – To develop meaningful connectivity with all stakeholders within the community in the delivery of waste education and awareness in the achievement of strategic goals by creating a sense of community ownership. This will be undertaken through preparation of a Waste Education Plan, improve lost recycling opportunities and increase low resource recovery rates.
4. Problem Wastes- To remove problem waste from the waste stream through identification, separation and collection for appropriate recycling or responsible disposal. This will be undertaken through collection of hazardous waste and addressing litter concerns.
5. Infrastructure – To provide appropriate infrastructure to meet local and regional needs by assisting training needs of small Councils with uncontrolled landfill sites, assist Councils to train staff to develop Environmental Management Plans for landfills, encourage diversion of organics and recycling of same, try and encourage e-waste recycling, encourage further commercial recycling.
6. Resource Recovery – To achieve an upward trend of recovered resources as measured year on year and move towards attainment of the WARR (Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act) strategy goals. This will be implemented through identifying domestic resources lost to landfill, continuing to source contracts for scrap metals, greenwaste processing, kerbside and domestic waste services and used oil collection, expand into new services for concrete crushing, e-wastes and problem wastes, finding markets for glass, identifying commercial wastes lost to landfill, and identifying public place resources lost to landfill.

The strategy also includes a section which aims to celebrate the successes of NetWaste over the last 17 years by briefly highlighting some of the significant milestones. A copy of the strategy has been provided for Councillors' information, the document will also be placed on Council's website.

**(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 Consultations**

Nil to report at this stage.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the NetWaste 2012-15 Strategic Waste Plan report be received and noted.***

**10.4 ENVIRONMENTAL WATER SHEPHERDING IN NSW ATTACHMENT 10**

**Summary**

This report provides Council with an update on the draft proposed water shepherding arrangements in NSW.

**Commentary**

In October 2011, Council was sent a brief report “Shepherding Water for the Environment – Progress of the NSW Water Shepherding Project 2011” to introduce the water shepherding project and to provide an update on its progress. The preferred shepherding methodology previously outlined in that report has now been further investigated by the NSW Office of Water and details around the draft proposed water shepherding arrangements are now available in the attached report titled “Proposed arrangements for Shepherding Environmental Water in NSW – draft for consultation”.

Water shepherding represents a new concept in water management. The concept involves facilitating the movement of licensed water through a river system from its original upstream location where it would have been extracted, to a downstream location. The water shepherding arrangements have been developed to apply to environmental water entitlements in the first instance. One of the guiding principles in the memorandum of understanding in relation to shepherding water for the environment is that water shepherding will not have an adverse impact on third parties. The operation of licences in the Barwon-Darling and its tributaries will be unaffected by the proposed shepherding arrangements.

Council is invited to make comment in the draft proposed water shepherding arrangements during the consultation period. Submissions close 2 July 2012. This information can also be downloaded from the website [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)

**(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 Consultations**

Nil to report at this stage

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That the Environmental Water Shepherding in NSW report be received and noted.***

**10.5 PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT INQUIRY**

**ATTACHMENT 12**

**Summary**

This report advises Council that an inquiry into the management of public land in NSW is being undertaken.

**Commentary**

Correspondence has been received advising the NSW Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 is currently conducting an inquiry into public land management. A copy of the terms of reference is attached for Councillor's information, and is as follows:

1. The conversion of Crown Land, State Forests and agricultural land into National Park estate or other types of conservation areas, including the:
  - a. Process of conversion and the assessment of potential operational, economic, social and environmental impacts
  - b. Operational, economic, social and environmental impacts after conversion, and in particular, impacts upon neighbours of public land and upon Local Government
  - c. That the following cases be considered in relation to Terms of Reference (1a) and (1b):
    - River Red Gum State Forests in the Southern Riverina,
    - Native Hardwood State Forests in Northern NSW
    - Yanga Station in the Balranald Shire, and
    - Toorale Station in Bourke Shire.
2. The adherence to management practices on all public land, that are mandated for private property holders, including fire, weed and pest management practices.
3. Examination of models for the management of public land, including models that provide for conservation outcomes which utilises the principles of "sustainable use".
4. Any other related matters.

Council is invited to make a submission to the inquiry; the closing date for submissions is Friday, 3 August 2012. The committee has resolved to hold three public hearings in Sydney and conduct a number of hearings and site visits to areas of interest.

**(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 Consultations**

Nil to report at this stage.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the Public Land Management Inquiry report be received and noted.***

**10.6 DRAFT EMPLOYEE HOUSING POLICY**

**ATTACHMENT 13**

**Summary**

This report presents the draft Employee Housing Policy for Councillors to adopt.

**Commentary**

The draft Employee Housing Policy has been changed as per Councillors' request and re-presented for adoption at this meeting. Last month Councillors resolved "***That an amended Draft Employee Housing Policy be presented to Council***". Councillors requested that the following changes be undertaken to the draft Employee Housing Policy as follows:

- removal of rental subsidy for Council staff, apart from housing provided to senior staff and contract staff
- removal of exemptions for utilities, apart from utilities provided for senior staff and contract staff
- removal of requirement for houses to be furnished, apart from housing provided for contract staff

A copy of the amended policy has been attached for Councillors to review. It is noted from information sourced from other councils that some councils offer subsidised housing and some do not. It is up to individual councils to formulate policy on how to manage employee housing, however inclusions to attract and retain quality staff should be considered in these deliberations.

The new revised policy provides considerable information outlining Council's position on Council-owned employee housing. Some items that have been addressed and included in the draft policy include:

Allocation of housing – makes statements about subsidised housing for senior officers and staff who own housing in Wilcannia. Also deals with staff tenure issues, external allocations and contract staff.

Quality and grade of housing – Six different grades of housing have been identified, and each house has been placed into one of these six grades depending on the style of house, condition and configuration. Also outlines the staff positions allocated to each housing grade.

Financial information – provides recommendations on rental values as per rental valuation undertaken by Mr Jim Hickey from LJ Hooker, Broken Hill (see attached rental valuation report). Also stipulates regularity of rental value appraisals, CPI adjustments, expenditure of rental income, utility costs and yard maintenance responsibilities.

Tenancy – provides information on tenants, how to commence a tenancy with Council, bond payable, and how to end a tenancy with Council.

Environmental responsibility – provides a statement about environmentally sustainable fixtures.

The draft policy provides an extensive number of changes in comparison to Council’s currently adopted policy. Many of the items included in the draft policy clarify areas of uncertainty with current housing arrangements, and provide sufficient detail for management to make informed decisions when the need arises.

**(a) Policy Implications**

The policy is in draft form, and requires review by Council and adoption. Upon adoption of the final draft document after the public exhibition period, Council will need to rescind the currently adopted policy and replace it with the new policy.

**(b) Financial Implications**

Nil to report at this stage

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil to report at this stage

**(d) Community Consultations**

The draft policy will need to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days prior to the final draft being adopted by Council.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***1. That Council adopt the Draft Employee Housing Policy and place it on public exhibition for 28 days.***

***2. That a report be presented to Council after the 28 day exhibition period regarding any submissions received during the exhibition period.***

***3. That when adopted, the Employee Housing Policy be applied to new employees of Council, or to existing employees who are allocated or re-allocated housing as a result of the operation of the new policy.***

***4. That Council approve the concept of establishing new housing in the form of transportable buildings in a set of six detached dwellings in Woore Street, Wilcannia.***

**10.7 WHITE CLIFFS HALL**

### **Summary**

This report provides Council with information on a recent announcement of funding for the White Cliffs Hall.

### **Commentary**

Correspondence has been received from Ms Gaye Nicolls from the Central Darling Arts Association advising Council that their application for funding for the White Cliffs Hall has been successful; the amount received is \$37,840. The application for funding was lodged with the Premiers Department in late 2011 and the funding will be utilised to construct a catwalk, purchase room dividers, lectern, easels and install track lighting and spot lights.

Works need to be completed to the hall to rectify recent water damage sustained to the ceiling through large rainfall events earlier in the year. Council's insurer advises the damage is covered under Council's insurance policy.

The Central Darling Arts Association also indicate they will be holding The Underground Art Festival in White Cliffs from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

#### **(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 Consultations**

Nil to report at this stage.

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the White Cliffs Hall report be received and noted***

## **10.8 CARBON PRICING**

**ATTACHMENT 14**

### **Summary**

This report provides Council with information received on the Australian Government's Carbon Pricing mechanism.

### **Commentary**

Correspondence has been received regarding the Australian Government carbon pricing. The attached correspondence provides further information on the pricing. In summary the prices include the following;

- Landfill activities – Additional pricing only applies to those landfills generating more than 25,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. CDSC does not fit in this category.

- Electricity costs – The carbon price is expected to increase electricity costs, however local government is encouraged to take up energy efficiency opportunities.
- Construction and fuel costs – some increased costs are expected in the fuel and construction area. This is likely to impact on Council, although there are also expected to be offsetting savings arising from off road fuel rebates.

No other details have been provided at this stage, however it is understood that the Australian Government will be rolling out its Clean Energy Future Plan and Council is encouraged to take up any funding offers and opportunities that may arise from the plan to assist meet rising costs as a direct result of the increases from carbon pricing.

**(a) Policy Implications.**

Nil to report at this stage.

**(b) Financial Implications**

Increased costs for electricity, fuel and construction may be expected.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil to report at this stage.

**(d) Community Consultations**

Nil to report at this stage.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***That the Carbon Pricing report be received and noted***



## SECTION 11. FINANCE MANAGER’S REPORT

### 11.1 INVESTMENTS

#### Schedule of Investments – May 2012

DATE	TIME PERIOD	INTEREST RATE	DUE DATE	TOTAL (\$)
<b>Deposits at Call</b>				
Westpac		4.55%		\$435,000
<b>Australian Corporate Mortgage Backed Securities (Face Value)</b>				
<i>Castlereagh Trust 90 Points over 3mth</i>				
<i>BBSW</i>		6.05%	21-Jun-13	\$1,500,000.00
Capital Value - 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2012				\$1,016,130
<b>Total Investments as at 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2012</b>				
11 am Call Account				\$ 435,000
Mortgage Backed Security				<u>\$ 1,016,130</u>
				<u>\$ 1,451,130</u>

**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 May 2012 be received and adopted.*

**11.2 RATES COLLECTIONS STATEMENT**

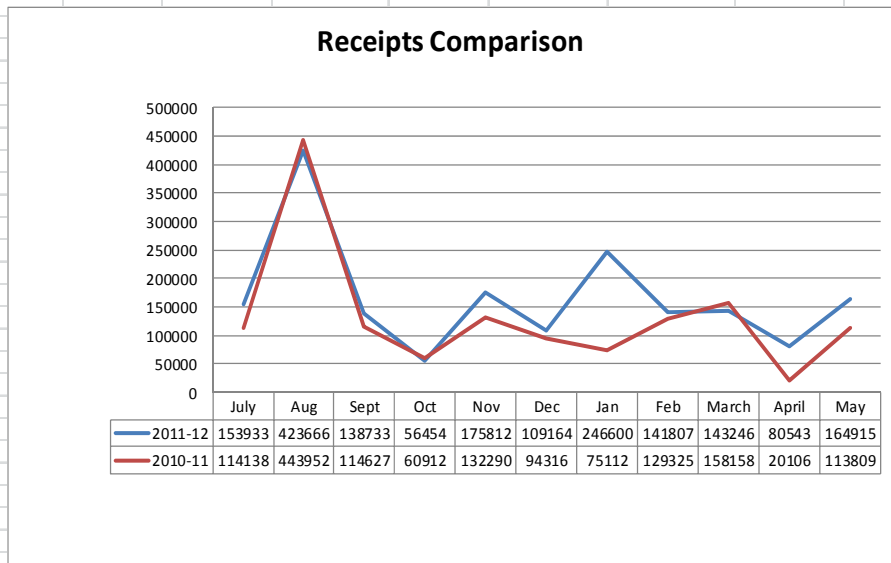
The rates collection statement for the month for June 2012 is presented for Council’s information.

**STATEMENT OF RATES and CHARGES as at 1st June 2012**

Fund	Current Levies	Current Interest	Arrears Incl Interest	TOTAL	Receipts	Adjustments W/offs & Credits	Pensioner Subsidy	Rates in Credit	BALANCE
General	\$ 656,829	\$ 19,205	\$ 276,324	\$ 952,358	\$ 633,723	\$ 7,524	\$ 16,414		\$ 294,697
Special	\$ 29,410	\$ 1,709	\$ 25,865	\$ 56,983	\$ 30,048	\$ 1,882			\$ 25,053
Water	\$ 284,556	\$ 15,148	\$ 234,622	\$ 534,325	\$ 318,003	\$ 7,785	\$ 5,819		\$ 202,718
Sewer	\$ 98,753	\$ 5,090	\$ 91,191	\$ 195,034	\$ 138,399	\$ 3,546	\$ 788		\$ 52,302
Garbage	\$ 320,578	\$ 17,907	\$ 261,431	\$ 599,916	\$ 334,266	\$ 6,440	\$ 14,590		\$ 244,620
Excess Water	\$ 466,678	\$ 15,299	\$ 251,096	\$ 733,073	\$ 376,814	\$ 108,775			\$ 247,483
Charge on Land	\$ 644		\$ 31,750	\$ 32,393	\$ 4,279	\$ 432			\$ 27,682
Rates in Credit								-\$ 58,842	-\$ 58,842
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,857,447</b>	<b>\$ 74,357</b>	<b>\$ 1,172,278</b>	<b>\$3,104,083</b>	<b>\$ 1,835,532</b>	<b>\$ 136,385</b>	<b>\$ 37,610</b>	<b>-\$ 58,842</b>	<b>\$ 1,035,713</b>

Summary	Previous Balance	Value
Receipts in May were almost 45% up on last year - \$164,915 vs \$113,809 - or \$51,106. Water levies of \$85,971 were raised and credits of \$15,054 were issued, due largely to (1) a misread meter (\$9,660), (2) incorrect levies being credited (\$4,771) and (3) interest on these levies being written off (\$489). The overall position after allowing for the water levies raised and credits issued improved by \$88,863	<b>This Period</b>	
	Interest Raised	\$ 6,069
	<b>Water Levies Raised</b>	<b>\$ 85,971</b>
	Supplementary Levy	\$ -
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 164,915</b>
	W/Offs & Adjustments	\$ 15,054
	Pensioner Rebate	\$ -
	Rates in Credit	\$ 934
	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,035,713</b>
	<b>Net Movement</b>	<b>-\$ 88,863</b>

Aged Balances	Current	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years & Over	Interest	Rates in Credit	
1/05/2012	\$414,138	\$147,325	\$117,583	\$77,350	\$57,581	\$135,865	\$232,642	-\$57,908	\$1,124,576
1/06/2012	\$342,691	\$141,726	\$112,817	\$76,105	\$56,718	\$131,304	\$233,194	-\$58,842	\$1,035,713
<b>Net movement</b>	<b>-\$71,447</b>	<b>-\$5,599</b>	<b>-\$4,766</b>	<b>-\$1,245</b>	<b>-\$863</b>	<b>-\$4,561</b>	<b>\$552</b>	<b>-\$934</b>	<b>-\$88,863</b>



**RECOMMENDATION**

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

11.3 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW

ATTACHMENT 15

**Summary**

The review of Council's budget as at the end of March 2012 has been undertaken. The results of the review are included in the attachment. The review will need to be adopted by Council.

**Commentary**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget review has been undertaken and is presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

The Audit Committee reviewed the results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter review at its meeting on 22 June. Feedback from the Audit Committee will be provided to Council at the meeting on 29 June.

A number of changes have been made since the 2<sup>nd</sup> review was undertaken and presented to Council at the April Council meeting. These changes are detailed in the attached documents.

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil.

**(b) Financial Implications**

As detailed in the attached budget review document.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil.

**(d) Community Consultation**

Nil.

***RECOMMENDATION***

***1 That Council adopt the 3rd quarter budget review as presented at the 29 June 2012 ordinary Council meeting.***

**SECTION 12. CORRESPONDENCE****RECOMMENDATION***That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.***12.1 MEDIA RELEASES**

Date	Sender	Contents
2/05/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Workcover must be reformed
2/05/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	NSW Schools and Hospital Budgets to be Impacted by the Carbon Tax
3/05/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams welcomes inquiry into the management of public land in NSW
4/05/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	More Police Officers for the Murray-Darling
14/05/2012	Department of Primary Industries, Office of Water	Invitation to comment on proposed arrangements for shepherding environmental water in NSW
25/05/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams welcomes new mental health telephone service
25/05/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams welcomes new mental health telephone service
5/06/2012	Western Division Councils of NSW	Shooters welcome in Western National Parks
5/05/2012	Shires Association of NSW	Shires Association believe communication and key to strengthening Local Government
05/06/2012	Shires Association of NSW	Mayors and Councillors recognized for outstanding service to their communities

Date	Sender	Contents
06/06/2012	Shires Association of NSW	Shires Association votes for Council operational disengagement with Rural Fire Service operations
06/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Calling for container deposit legislation petition due Friday: Williams
06/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Funds on offer for Local Crown Reserves
12/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Building for the Future budget delivers more infrastructure for the Murray-Darling
13/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams urges farmers and stakeholders to have their say on the draft Native Vegetation regulation 2012
13/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Williams welcomes funding for Murray-Darling Schools
13/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Work continues on Barham Bridge
13/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Bridge Inspections along Murray River
13/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Speed limit changes on Sturt Highway between Gol Gol and Buronga
13/06/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Nominations Open for 2012 NSW Carers Awards
18/06/2012	The Hon Duncan Gay MLC Minister	\$5 Million in Grants available boating infrastructure projects
19/06/2012	Western Division Councils of NSW	Halt New National Parks in NSW

Date	Sender	Contents
20/6/2012	Member for Murray-Darling	Only 500 signatures needed to reach the 10,000 signatures mark: Well Done Murray-Darling Constituents for your support.

## 12.2 CIRCULARS/NEWSLETTERS

Sender	Date	Contents
Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW	4/05/2012	Local Government Weekly 18/12
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	7/05/2012	Amendments to the Local Government Act 1993
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	7/05/2012	Release of Companion Animals taskforce dicussion paper
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	16/05/2012	Determination of the Local Government remuneration tribunal
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	24/05/2012	Councils Engaging Young People
NSW Government	24/05/2012	50:50 Vision -Councils for Gender Equity program
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	25/05/2012	Canindate diversity strategy and thinking about becoming a Councillor
Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW	25/05/2012	Local Government Weekly 21/12
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	29/05/2012	Boarding house tariffs for Residential rating and fee for Section 603 certificates for 2012/13
NSW Government	1/06/2012	Temporary policy to apply to proposals to change Local Government Boundaries in NSW

Sender	Date	Contents
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	6/06/2012	Information about rating for 2012/13
NSW Government LG Grants Commission	6/06/2012	2012-13 Financial Assistance Grants Advance payment
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	6/06/2012	Release of the Destination 2036 Action Plan
Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW	8/06/2012	Local Government Weekly 23/12
NSW Government Premier& Cabinet	20/6/2012	Councillor induction and professional development – a guide for Councils

## SECTION 13. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the MANEX Minutes dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 be received and noted.*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the White Cliffs Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be received and noted.*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Wilcannia Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be received and noted.*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Ivanhoe Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be received and noted.*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Menindee Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be received and noted.*



**Central Darling Shire Council**

**Minutes - MANEX Meeting**

**Thursday 17 May 2012 – 3.30pm, Council Chambers**

**1. Apologies**

Nil.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held 1 May 2012 reviewed.

**3. Council meeting – 15 May 2012**

- Outstanding action items discussed.

**4. Governance**

- Integrated Planning & Reporting Update – update provided by GM on status of all plans. Discussion on plans took place.
- Promoting Better Practice Review Update – discussion took place in relation PBP action items, including tendering review, records review, policy development, elected member training.
- General Manager advised of his absence from 21 -24 May to attend LGMA congress.
- Audit Committee meeting to be held Friday 22 June.
- 2012 Council election – discussion regarding upcoming action items.

**5. Corporate and Community Services**

- Discussion took place regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Review, FBT return and preparation for end of financial year.

**6. Legislative Compliance**

- Key items are IPR public consultation and LEP public consultation.

**7. Risk Management**

- 8-12 safe work method statements for roads being reviewed.
- Incident/accident reports were discussed.

**8. Work Health and Safety**

- Safety induction processes for staff and contractors were discussed.

**9. Human Resource Management**

- Discussion took place in relation to various HR management issues.

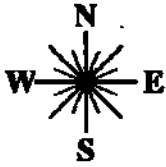
**10. Technical & Engineering Services**

- Topics discussed included Wilcannia & White Cliffs water quality issues; the Warrali Estate footpath project; the Aboriginal Adult Literacy campaign in the workplace; dates for Works Committee meetings

**11. Environmental Services**

- Main topic discussed was the Victory Park Caravan Park

**Meeting closed 5:25pm**



# **CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL**

Constituted 1 May 1959

## **White Cliffs Works Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Held**

**Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 – White Cliffs Hotel**

*The meeting commenced at 10:00am.*

### **1. APOLOGIES:**

#### **Attendance:**

Tim Drew

General Manager

Graham Wellings

Councillor CDSC

Reece Wilson

Manager Technical and Engineering Services

Leeanne Ryan

Manager Environmental Services

Tony Latham

Town Ganger

#### **Residents**

Wayne Pascoe

Bill Hoskins

Bill Watson

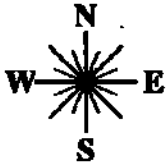
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### **2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011, White Cliffs Hotel

### **3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

- Swimming Pool – Earth movement has caused the structure to dislodge between the building and the awning, structural repairs required. The Chemical shed is to be relocated and the eye-wash station will be relocated and connected when this has been done. Fibreglass in the pool wall requires repairs
- Intersection safety concerns were raised at the last Traffic Committee Meeting. Engineering to survey and overlay on CAD software the roadtrain turning circles. A design for improvement for the intersection can then be done and submitted to the RTA for funding under the road and pedestrian safety program.
- Steps at the Community Hall are of concern. Do the steps comply with Australian Standards? Also have a look at the railing on the steps.
- Shade over the pool, \$5,000 grant has not been acquitted. Drawing to be done and submitted to Council. MES to follow up and report back to next meeting
- Survey and design outstanding for the main street intersection



# **CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL**

Constituted 1 May 1959

## **Wilcannia Works Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Held  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - RTC**

*The meeting commenced at 2:00pm.*

### **1. APOLOGIES: MAYOR LONGFELLOW**

#### **Attendance:**

Paul Brown	Councillor CDSC
Tim Drew	General Manager
Reece Wilson	Manager Technical and Engineering Services
Leeanne Ryan	Manager Environmental Services

#### **Community Members**

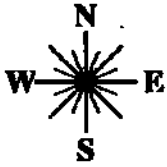
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### **2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – Shire Chambers

### **3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

- Wilcannia Cemetery –boundary extensions to be completed next financial year, budget allowance has been made.
- Has \$10,000 been included in next year's budget for community orientated work? In the past this money has been utilised for CDEP or other worthy volunteer projects. Councils MES has approached Summit who now need to speak to the Cemetery Committee.
- Storm water outlet adjacent to the old Wilcannia Bridge is 90% complete. Headwall and rock gabion mattresses outstanding
- Open Bins to be replaced with new Wheelie Bins and Stands in parks and tourist areas. Baker Park and Ray Hunter Park to have steel bins that are non flammable due incidents in the past.
- Playground – Funding proposal submitted through the RSD (Zoe Dobson) for \$80k for a new playground to be installed at Baker Park. Council has been asked to contribute \$25k towards this project for softfall and shade shelter. Awaiting funding submission outcome.
- Drainage issues were raised from the Shire depot to the Motel. Water laying here for extended periods after rain. Engineering to survey and report back at the next meeting.
- Mission Footpath – update as to the status of Councils submission for the Mission Footpath upgrade to the value of \$121k. Construction has commenced and needs to be completed by end of June.
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# **CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL**

Constituted 1 May 1959

## **Works Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Ivanhoe RFS Building**

*The meeting commenced at 11.00am.*

### **1. APOLOGIES: PETER SULLIVAN**

**Attendance:**

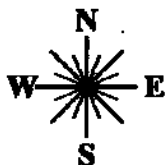
Ray Longfellow	Councillor CDSC
Clive Linnett OAM AFSM	Councillor CDSC
Reece Wilson	Manager Technical and Engineering Services
Tim Drew	General Manager
Leeanne Ryan	Manager Environmental Services

### **2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – Ivanhoe MSO

### **3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

- Investigation needed to clarify the easement, if any, from the Cobb Highway to the heritage ground tanks behind the pub. Also clarify land ownership of ground tanks. MES to follow up
- Street Lighting night inspection required with Orient Energy and Councillors. Refer to Emma Ginnivan who may have all necessary contacts. To be done next financial year as part of the tasks identified in the Operational Plan.
- Ivanhoe hospital is undergoing improvements, approximately \$500k, which has been forecast to take 16 weeks to complete. Possible further works may be forthcoming.
- Old storage tanks within the oval – It has been noted that the tanks have not been removed as stated under the conditions of purchase. MTES to follow up.
- Ngiyampaa Signage – 2 signs were installed, one of which was stolen weeks after installation. Engineering to reinstate and erect the new signage on the Ivanhoe-Cobar Rd once received.
- Ivanhoe Oval – The amenities are still in a deplorable condition and need attention / maintenance carried out before they deteriorate beyond repair. The tuckshop, changerooms and toilets need to be locked up with advisory signs installed on the doors and a key provided to the Post Office for distribution to those who need it (School sports days etc). There has been little to no action in improving the sporting oval surface in nearly 12 months despite comments from the



# **CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL**

Constituted 1 May 1959

## **Works Committee Meeting** **Meeting Held** **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Community Hall**

*The meeting commenced at 11.00am.*

### **1. APOLOGIES:**

#### **Attendance:**

Moya Reid	Councillor CDSC
Lorraine Looney	Councillor CDSC
Ron Page	Councillor CDSC
Tim Drew	General Manager
Reece Wilson	Manager Technical and
Engineering Services	
Leeanne Ryan	Manager Environmental
Services	
Trevor Jones	Town Ganger
Ray Longfellow	Mayor
(Community Members)	
Ross Files	
Harold Bates	
Evelyn Bates	
Cindy Bates	

### **2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – Menindee MSO

### **3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

- Menindee Streets Drainage issues – Main area of concern was the Haberfield/ Cawndilla area. Engineering has surveyed and investigated the possibility of installing culverts or other options to fix the problem here. It is feasible and has been estimated at \$170k.
- Road down to the pump station – Country Water to be approached for any funding contributions to improve this section of road. Letter from Council to be written and sent to Guy Chick.
- Improve pram ramp/ wheelchair access from kerb to post office. Engineering is unable to build from the footpath to the kerb as it does not comply with the Australian Standards grade for disabled access.

## SECTION 14. DELEGATES' REPORTS

*Clr Linnett*



*Western Lands Advisory Council*  
*P O Box 1840*  
*Dubbo N.S.W. 2830*

18 June 2012

### COMMUNIQUE

The 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Western Lands Advisory Council was held in Cobar on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2012.

The Advisory Council members were given eight presentations at the meeting so members had a quantity of information to take back to their various organisations.

The members were pleased to have the recently appointed Deputy Director General Catchments and Lands, Ms Renata Brooks, who is based in Orange, attend the meeting, and provide a brief overview of the Department of Trade Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS).

DTIRIS is a very diverse portfolio that is considered to be the State's economic development agency and delivers a broad range of Government services, including regulatory and compliance work; research and development; education; advisory services; business development; grant provision; policy development and advice; and commercial products such as timber and Soil Conservation Services.

Mr Graham Harding, General Manager Crown Lands, Department of Primary Industries, Newcastle, whose attendance is always welcomed, addressed the members on the Corporate Plan for Crown Lands, including key performance indicators, particularly service delivery and integrating priorities. Cabinet approval has been sought for major reforms within Crown Lands – to remove impediments to service delivery with a new model to be introduced shortly.

Crown Lands is also working with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to review the NSW *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*. The co-ordinating Minister for the Department of Trade Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services is the Hon Andrew Stoner, Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services.

Mr Ben Allen Vertebrate Pest Research Unit, Department of Primary Industries, Broken Hill, spoke to the Advisory Council on Wild Dog Management which is a major issue. In conjunction with the Australian Wool Industry, DPI is running Wild Dog Management Workshops in various locations in the Western Division with very positive feedback being received on the workshops from landholders.

The Advisory Council members were informed of the benefits of para-aminopropiophenone (PAPP), a new chemical poison developed for use on foxes and wild dogs. PAPP compliments the existing use of sodium fluoroacetate (or '1080') by providing a safer alternative to 1080 for places where the risks of 1080 to people and domestic animals (i.e. pet dogs) are prohibitive. The availability of PAPP for fox and wild dog control is critical to addressing the continued decline of the sheep and goat industries in western NSW and elsewhere around Australia.

Wild dog problems are rapidly increasing in our region, and there is an urgent need for changes to legislation to enable various tools (e.g. M44 ejectors) and poisons (e.g. PAPP) to be made accessible to individual landholders to assist with wild dog/dingo management and control which is an ongoing major issue in the region.

The legislation for PAPP needs to enable it to be registered as a “Schedule 6 Chemical” by the Regulatory Authorities, which would allow easier access to the chemical and it would then be available at more outlets.

The Advisory Council has written to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) in Canberra (who is the Authority responsible) and the relevant Federal Ministers requesting for the registration of products containing PAPP to be expedited to address the rapidly growing incidence of wild dog predation in the sheep production lands of Western NSW. It is understood that this proposal has been in the pipeline for a number of years.

PAPP is the preferred method for controlling wild dogs/dingoes where the risks of 1080 are prohibitive, especially as there is an antidote for any farm dogs that are accidentally poisoned. It is also important to note that 1080 baits cannot be used on “organic” properties or properties that export to the United States of America.

Mr John Tracey, Manager, Invasive Species Programs, Invasive Species Branch, Department of Primary Industries, Orange, also spoke to the Advisory Council on Wild Dog Management.

The main points of the presentation were –

- A community approach to the management of wild dogs is essential as wild dogs are a shared problem, dispersed across all land tenures and collaborative solutions are required to deal with this issue.
- Landholders are responsible for pest control/management/eradication (including wild dogs) on their properties, and a lack of landholder participation is the biggest threat to effective control. This can be an issue as some landholders are not aware they have a wild dog issue and there are also absentee landholders.
- It is important to consider regional landscapes, and the movement of dogs with co-operation and consistency between Wild Dog associations, particularly in relation to control actions and monitoring. Isolated actions are less effective than a unified approach.
- Members were updated on the various management plans, monitoring methods and control methods used.

Mr Ben and Mrs Liarne Mannix from Bourke gave a presentation from a landholder’s perspective of how they have been affected by, and how they deal with wild dog control and management. They played a major role in the formation of the Ledknapper Wild Dog Action Group Inc which was formed in February 2008 as a direct result of the escalating wild dog activity in the north-west part of NSW. The Ledknapper Group has been campaigning for wild dog control in the Western Division and to date is directly responsible for killing 130 wild dogs since inception. They have received funding from several organisations for their baiting programs, and it is critical to their success that there is group participation and co-ordination.

Mr Ken Harrison, General Manager Western Catchment Management Authority (WCMA), gave an update on the Western Catchment Action Plan Review – 2012. The current Catchment Action Plan (CAP) is based on the previous Catchment Management Board’s Blueprint which runs from 2006 to 2016. This Blueprint is now due for a midterm review. The new CAP will be “recast” for ten years and will incorporate some changes. The basic principles of the CAP are to keep the basis of the “old” CAP and to base the review on what worked and what didn’t; incorporate resilience assessment; refine targets into what is measurable; only deal with issues that the CMA can influence; incorporate carbon issues; and address the Natural Resource Commission’s framework.

A CAP provides high level strategic targets to guide investment in natural resource management over the long term (5 – 10 year).

Mr Brian Boyle, Chief Executive Officer, Game Council of NSW, based in Orange, addressed the Advisory Council and outlined the role and functions of the Game Council.

The Game Council was established in 2002 under the provisions of the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* and is a small, but highly politicised organisation, within the Department of Primary Industries.

The objectives of the Game Council are:

- To provide for the effective management of introduced species of game animals; and
- To promote responsible and orderly hunting of those game animals on public and private lands and of certain pest animals on public lands.

The vision of the Game Council is to be the leading promoter, educator and advocate of Volunteer Conservation Hunting and as such continues to develop a comprehensive range of education programs to ensure all licensed hunters are hunting safely, legally and ethically.

The Game Council is also developing networks and strategies for working on its own, or co-operatively with the NSW Police and landholders, in an effort to eliminate illegal hunting and associated rural crime which is always an ongoing problem.

Mr Des Jones, representing the interests of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), who resides at Wentworth, (WLAC membership pending) addressed the Advisory Council on the role of the NSWALC.

There are 9 Regions in NSW and the core business of the NSWALC is Land Rights and Land Rights issues. About 10% of the Land Tax revenue is paid to the NSWALC to fund land purchases and incentive programs. The NSWALC, as an organisation, is reviewed every 5 years and all Local Land Councils are required to put in reports.

The NSWALC is the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs and aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. It also provides advice to the relevant Minister and Government on matters relating to Aboriginal persons and also acts as an advisor to, and negotiates with, Governments and other stakeholders, to ensure the preservation of Aboriginal land rights.

The objectives of the NSWALC are:

- a) To improve, protect and foster the best interests of Aboriginal persons within NSW; and
- b) To relieve poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, destitution and helplessness of Aboriginal persons within NSW.

Other points the Advisory Council members were updated on were:

- The Guidelines for eligibility to apply for Natural Disaster Funding have been reviewed and the Unincorporated Area has now been included. Advisory Council members were also advised that the Guidelines will include the NSWALC and the National Parks & Wildlife Service. The Treasurer has approved an interim "Accommodation" that enables the Wild Dog Destruction Board and the Tibooburra Aerodrome Trust to apply for Natural Disaster Relief Funding to repair the damage caused by the wind storms and floods that have occurred over the past 3 years.
- The Legal Road Network Project Team has completed the capture of the roads in Bourke Shire and half the roads in Bogan Shire. Currently about 30% of roads in the Cobar Shire are in production.
- The Wilcox Report into the mining issues of concern in the Lightning Ridge area was generally well received. The majority of the Recommendations are considered to be good and workable. The Department of Minerals and Energy have started to implement reforms or recommendations that can be implemented without reference to Ministerial level. The proposed reforms and recommendation have not yet been signed off on.
- The Western Division Range Condition Assessment Program (WDRCAP) has commenced with positive feedback being received from landholders. The WDRCAP has a target of 140 inspections to be completed each year, being 70 nominated properties and 70 other



properties. At the end of March 2012, 38 of the 70 nominated properties and 79 other properties had been inspected. Due to heavy rain and flooding the collection of biomass photostandards has been a slower than expected process. The results for Balranald, Bourke and the Unincorporated Area are still being compiled, with Wentworth to be the next area.

- All RMO reports, maps and photographs are being stored in a central electronic database in Dubbo. The biomass raw data and photostandards are also being stored in a central electronic database, with restricted access to maintain security.

The next meeting of the Western Lands Advisory Council is to be held in Cobar on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2012.

For any further information please contact Mrs Jenny McLellan, Chair.  
Mobile: 0419 279 610.

***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. How does Shire propose to spend the \$51,025 saved from the cartage at the Menindee Common gravel pit?**

At this stage it is proposed that Council does not spend any of the money saved as a result of accessing gravel from the Menindee Common, but rather that the savings be directed towards addressing Council's cash flow shortfall.

**2. What action does Shire take when S355 Committee of Council do not send financial statements by August each year.**

Council generally sends reminder letters to those Committees that do not provide their financial statements each year.

#### 15.2 CR REID

**1. Some time ago a request for a breakdown of operations of RTC and MSO was asked. Has this taken place and if not when can it be expected?**

The financial breakdowns for the RTC and MSO will be provided as part of the first quarter budget review, which is in accordance with the General Manager's KPI requirements.

**SECTION 16. URGENT BUSINESS**

**SECTION 17. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

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*The next meeting of Council will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in Sunset Strip commencing at 9:30am.*

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