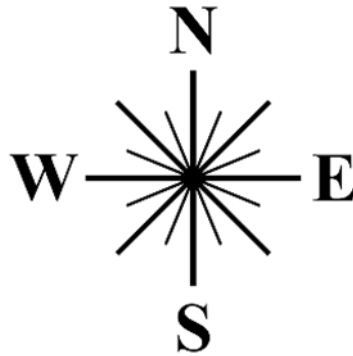


CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

24 AUGUST 2022

The Meeting will be held at 9 am in the
Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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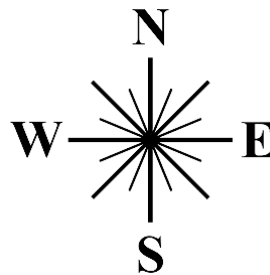
PUBLIC FORUM - EXTRACT FROM THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE POLICY

1. The Council may hold a public forum prior to each ordinary meeting of the Council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting. Public forums may also be held prior to extraordinary Council meetings and meetings of Committees of the Council.
2. Public forums are to be chaired by the Mayor or their nominee.
3. To speak at a public forum, a person must first make an application to the Council in the approved form. Applications to speak at the public forum must be received by same day 8.50am before the date on which the public forum is to be held and must identify the item of business on the agenda of the Council meeting the person wishes to speak on, and whether they wish to speak 'for' or 'against' the item.
4. A person may apply to speak on no more than two (2) items of business on the agenda of the Council meeting.
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6. The General Manager or their delegate may refuse an application to speak at a public forum. The General Manager or their delegate must give reasons in writing for a decision to refuse an application.
7. No more than three (3) speakers are to be permitted to speak 'for' or 'against' each item of business on the agenda for the Council meeting.
8. If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may request the speakers to nominate from among themselves the persons who are to address the Council on the item of business. If the speakers are not able to agree on whom to nominate to address the Council, the General Manager or their delegate is to determine who will address the Council at the public forum.
9. If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may, in consultation with the Mayor or the

- Mayor's nominated Chairperson, increase the number of speakers permitted to speak on an item of business, where they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so to allow the Council to hear a fuller range of views on the relevant item of business.
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 11. The General Manager or their delegate is to determine the order of speakers at the public forum.
 12. Each speaker will be allowed five (5) minutes to address the Council. This time is to be strictly enforced by the Chairperson.
 13. Speakers at public forums must not digress from the item on the agenda of the Council meeting they have applied to address the Council on. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the Chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the Chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.
 14. A Councillor (including the Chairperson) may, through the Chairperson, ask questions of a speaker following their address at a public forum. Questions put to a speaker must be direct, succinct and without argument.
 15. Speakers are under no obligation to answer a question put under Clause 4.14. Answers by the speaker, to each question are to be limited to three (3) minutes.
 16. Speakers at public forums cannot ask questions of the Council, Councillors or Council staff.
 17. The General Manager or their nominee may, with the concurrence of the Chairperson, address the Council for up to three (3) minutes in response to an address to the Council at a public forum after the address and any subsequent questions and answers have been finalised.
 18. Where an address made at a public forum raises matters that require further consideration by Council staff, the General Manager may recommend that the Council defer consideration of the matter pending the preparation of a further report on the matters.
 19. When addressing the Council, speakers at public forums must comply with this code and all other relevant Council codes, policies and procedures. Speakers must refrain from engaging in disorderly conduct, publicly alleging breaches of the Council's Code of Conduct, or making other potentially defamatory statements.
 20. If the Chairperson considers that a speaker at a public forum has engaged in conduct of the type referred to in Clause 4.19, the Chairperson may request the person to refrain from the inappropriate behaviour and to withdraw and unreservedly apologise for any inappropriate comments. Where the speaker fails to comply with the Chairperson's request, the Chairperson may immediately require the person to stop speaking.
 21. Clause 4.20 does not limit the ability of the Chairperson to deal with disorderly conduct by speakers at public forums in accordance with the provisions of Part 14 of this code.
 22. Where a speaker engages in conduct of the type referred to in Clause 4.19, the General Manager or their delegate may refuse further applications from that person to speak at public forums for such a period as the General Manager or their delegate considers appropriate.

23. Councillors (including the Mayor) must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to any item of business that is the subject of an address at a public forum, in the same way that they are required to do so at a Council or Committee meeting. The Council is to maintain a written record of all conflict-of-interest declarations made at public forums and how the conflict of interest was managed by the Councillor who made the declaration.

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 24 August 2022

9 am

Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Council Meeting will be declared open by the Mayor/Administrator.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to Elders past and present.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW Councillors and Council staff are required to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 July 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Attachments:

1. [Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 July 2022](#)

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE -

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13685
REPORT AUTHOR: ADMINISTRATOR
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

August Administrators Minute

During this month we have worked with our adjoining Councils Broken Hill and Wentworth to lobby on water issues impacting the Darling River and Menindee Lakes.

- 1 Joint submission on Draft Western Water Strategy
- 2 Motion to Region 4 of the MDA Annual Conference

Motion:

To call for an amendment to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment's Western Regional Water Strategy to increase the critical dry conditions trigger for the Menindee Lakes System from 195GL of total storage across all Lakes - to 480GL of total storage in Lakes Wetherell and Pamamaroo only, which will guarantee an accessible 12 month quality water supply for critical environmental and human needs for river communities and First Nations lands of the Lower Darling-Barka.

To express disappointment and dismay that public consultation of the Draft Western Regional Water Strategy failed to adequately consult the river communities of the Lower Darling-Barka; and that it has just recently been purported in media that Ministerial approval of the Draft Strategy has been given whilst public consultation was still ongoing and before the department had reported its findings.

Objective:

This motion to amend the Western Regional Water Strategy is endeavoring to protect the environmental, ecological, social integrity of First Nations lands and communities of the Lower Darling-Barka and the Menindee Lakes System during periods of drought to ensure an accessible quality water supply for critical environmental and human needs for townships whose only permanent water supply is provided by the Lakes; and to prevent a recurrence of the previous devastation caused by unregulated floodplain harvesting in the Upper Darling-Barka and its tributaries which exacerbated unprecedented low rivers, drought and destruction of the river's ecosystems in the Lower Darling-Barka and Menindee Lakes System.

The objective of this motion is also to provide connectivity of the Darling-Barka and Murray Rivers to ensure a healthy river system for all.

Key Arguments:

A critical dry conditions trigger of 195 GL of total storage across all lakes at the Menindee Lakes System is inadequate and will not guarantee a 12 month water supply for the river communities of the Lower Darling-Barka or prevent a recurrence of the previous ecological disaster.

Attachments:

NIL

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, IVANHOE BRANCH

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12833

REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to the request from Country Women's Association, Ivanhoe Branch, for financial assistance under Council's Community Grants Policy to assist with paying the 2022-23 annual service charges levied by Council on the association's property at 64 Columbus Street, Ivanhoe NSW.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Approve financial assistance of \$1,000 to the Country Women's Association, Ivanhoe Branch under Council's Community Grants Policy to partially cover the annual service charges levied on 64 Columbus Street, Ivanhoe NSW for the 2022-23 period.

BACKGROUND:

Council adopted the Community Grants Policy at its Ordinary Meeting on the 29 June 2022. That Policy provides for Council to provide Financial Assistance to not for-profit community-based organisations, groups and individuals that meet community needs and to benefit residents within our community. The Policy also provides that in-kind support for the waiver of Rates, Fees, Charges, and goods is considered Financial Assistance within this Policy and therefore may be eligible for consideration.

Council has previously provided the CWA Ivanhoe Branch (CWA Ivanhoe) with assistance under the Community Grants Policy in respect of the 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 rates.

REPORT:

The CWA Ivanhoe owns and operates from its premises located at 64 Columbus Street, Ivanhoe NSW.

CWA Ivanhoe provides a strong support network and lobby to improve conditions and welfare of women and families especially in isolated rural areas as a regular supporter of community events in the Ivanhoe district. It is wholly dependent upon a team of volunteers to sustain its continuance.

Unfortunately, it's activities continue to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and it has conducted very few fundraising activities over the past year.

The aims of the CWA of NSW are:

- a) To bring all women and families together and form a network of support.
- b) To provide a forum for the voice of all women in New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.
- c) To improve conditions and welfare of all women and families especially in country areas.
- d) To support schemes which enhance the value of country living, especially health and educational facilities.
- e) To encourage development in regional areas and to increase the viability of rural communities and the environment.

- f) To provide a voice to Government at all levels.
- g) To promote international goodwill friendship understanding and tolerance between all people.

The CWA Ivanhoe has requested financial assistance to cover the Annual Rates and Charges levied on its premises in Ivanhoe. The amount of the levy payable by the association is \$1,466.00 consisting of annual charges for waste and water supply services. Given the premises are used on an occasional basis only, the demand placed on the waste and water supply services is also considered to be extremely low and as is the actual cost of providing these services to the CWA Ivanhoe.

The Community Grants policy limits assistance to \$1000 per year and requires applicants to meet certain criteria including that it has no outstanding debts of any kind to Council. That criteria and all others within the policy are met.

As maximum funding provided under the Policy is less than that requested, if this request is approved as recommended, CWA Ivanhoe will need to cover the shortfall of \$466.00 from other sources.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPEARTIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.	<u>Objectives</u> 1.1 Closer co-operation and cohesion between community groups.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	NA
Economic	NA
Governance	NA

Financial and Resource Implications:

A budget allocation of \$10,000 is available under the Donations & Contributions budget for 2022-23, none of which has been expended or committed to date.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Assistance is permitted under *Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993* and the application fully satisfies the criteria set out in Council’s Community Grants Policy.

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

No risks identified.

OPTIONS:

1. Refuse application completely.
2. Approve application for a lesser amount.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Not required.

External Exhibition:

Not required.

Attachments:

1. [Application - Request for Financial Assistance - CWA Ivanhoe](#)

8.2 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WHITE CLIFFS

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12834
REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to the request from the Anglican Parish of Broken Hill and the Far West, for financial assistance under Council's Community Grants Policy to assist with paying the 2022-23 annual service charges levied by Council on the church's property at Johnson Street White Cliffs, NSW.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Approve financial assistance of \$1,000 to the Anglican Parish of Broken Hill and the Far West, under Council's Community Grants Policy to partially cover the annual service charges levied on 64 Columbus Street, Ivanhoe NSW for the 2022-23 period.

BACKGROUND:

Council adopted the Community Grants Policy at its Ordinary Meeting on the 29 June 2022. That Policy provides for Council to provide Financial Assistance to not for-profit community-based organisations, groups and individuals that meet community needs and to benefit residents within our community. The Policy also provides that in-kind support for the waiver of Rates, Fees, Charges, and goods is considered Financial Assistance within this Policy and therefore may be eligible for consideration.

Council has not previously provided funding to the Anglican Parish of Broken Hill and the Far West for this purpose.

REPORT:

The church property at White Cliffs is used for church services, at most once per year. However, the property is more frequently (but only occasionally) used by a community group, none of which members are church members, but who have an interest in the historical perspective of the area. This group also maintains and cares for the building. The church receives no income from the property.

This request is to assist with coverage of the annual service charges of \$1,040 for waste services and water supply (not usage) levied on its premises in White Cliffs.

Given the premises are used on a very occasional basis only, the demand placed on the waste and water supply services is also considered to be extremely low and as is the actual cost of providing these services to the premises.

The Community Grants policy limits assistance to \$1000 per year and requires applicants to meet certain criteria including that it has no outstanding debts of any kind to Council. That criteria and all others within the policy are met.

As maximum funding provided under the Policy is less than that requested, if this request is approved as recommended, the church will need to cover the shortfall of \$40 from other sources.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.	<u>Objectives</u> 1.1 Closer co-operation and cohesion between community groups.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	NA
Economic	NA
Governance	NA

Financial and Resource Implications:

A budget allocation of \$10,000 is available under the Donations & Contributions budget for 2022-23, none of which has been expended or committed to date.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Assistance is permitted under *Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993* and the application fully satisfies the criteria set out in Council’s Community Grants Policy.

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

No risks identified.

OPTIONS:

1. Refuse application completely.
2. Approve application for a lesser amount.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Not required.

External Exhibition:

Not required.

Attachments:

1. [Application - Request for Financial Assistance - St Mary's White Cliffs](#)

8.3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – JULY 2022

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13594
REPORT AUTHOR: FINANCE MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide a summary of Council’s cash and investments as at the 31st July 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

REPORT:

Cash and Investment Accounts:

Cash and Investment Accounts	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Interest Rate	Current Month Interest	YTD Interest
Westpac 11am Investment Account	\$6,100,000.00	\$1,100,000.00	NIL	0.35%	\$ 90.41	\$ 90.41
Operating Account	\$3,007,170.06	\$12,243,840.39	\$9,236,670.33	N/A	NIL	NIL
Post Office Clearing Account	\$35,246.06	\$18,426.22	\$16,819.84	N/A	NIL	NIL
Total Cash at bank as of 31st July 2022				\$9,142,416.12		

Commentary:

The net movement of cash for the month of July 2022 was an decrease of \$4,219,850.49

Payments for the month of July 2022 totalled \$9,712,581.61. Being payments for wages and to suppliers and included a transfer of \$5,000,000.00 to the Westpac investment account.

Receipts for the month of July 2022 totalled \$475,911.28 and did not include any major funding receipts.

Restrictions:

	Restriction Amount
Total estimated restrictions as of 30 June 2023	\$4,762,000

Attachments:

NIL

8.4 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT JULY 2022

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13597
REPORT AUTHOR: FINANCE MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide a summary of Council's financial performance against budget as at 31st July 2022.

The report indicates a YTD Net Operating Result before Capital Items of \$1.399 million surplus, which is in line with expectations for this time of year.

The report shows no material variances for the month of July 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

BACKGROUND:

Council has been working towards improving its financial reporting systems to meet best practice financial reporting guidelines. In line with these objectives a monthly report is to be presented to Council on its financial performance against budget.

REPORT:

This monthly financial performance report provides Council with a summary of performance against budget as 31st July 2022.

July 2022	Original	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance
	Budget	YTD	YTD	YTD	%
	2022/23				
Income	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	
Rates and Annual Charges	2,483	2,483	2,477	(6)	0%
User Charges and Fees	9,716	38	38	-	0%
Interest and Investment Revenues	54	2	2	-	0%
Other Revenues	405	33	32	(1)	(3%)
Grants & Contributions - Operating	8,744	129	129	-	0%
Grants & Contributions - Capital	24,394	-	-	-	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	45,796	2,685	2,678	(7)	0%
Expenses					
Employee Costs	6,968	483	480	3	1%
Borrowing Costs	39	1	1	-	0%
Materials & Contracts	7,696	192	180	12	6%
Depreciation	4,324	360	360	-	0%
Other Expenses	2,257	248	258	(10)	(4%)
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	21,284	1,284	1,279	5	0%
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	24,512	1,401	1,399	(2)	0%
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	118	1,401	1,399	(2)	(0%)

General Notes:

Rates and Annual Charges are recognised as income when the rate is struck, generally the 1st of July.

Grants and Contributions are recognised when received, unless previously invoiced.

Depreciation is not a cash expense.

There are no current amendments to the annual budget. The annual budget will be reviewed as at 30th September and presented to Council at the November meeting.

Variance Analysis:

There are no material variances (<10%) for July.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 4: A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing community development and succession planning.	<u>Objectives</u> 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. 4.2 Efficient and effective services.

	4.3 Skilled and informed Councillors and staff.
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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Monitoring of monthly against budget enables timely financial management.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

Monthly financial reporting allows Council to keep informed of the progress of the budget to actual income and costs.

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

No

External Exhibition:

No

Attachments:

NIL

8.5 COUNCIL 2022-2023 CURRENT GRANTS REGISTER

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13635
REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary reconciliation of Council’s current grant funding status as of 31 July 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

BACKGROUND:

To deliver Council’s commitment to transparency and greater financial management it has developed a Grants and Contributions Register for public access to be presented during ordinary Council Meetings.

REPORT:

With that stated purpose in mind, Council will continue to update the respective incumbent Grants status details into its in-house Pulse program which documents all of Council’s Projects under each funding facility.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPEARTIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 2: A strong regional economy supported by developing industries, strong businesses and increased employment.	<u>Objectives</u> 2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Accurate and timely reporting of funding sources and expenditure

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Regulation 208 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 provides a requirement that:

A member of the staff of a council who has control of any of the council's accounting records must—

- (a) produce those records for inspection and audit in proper order whenever directed or requested to do so by the council's mayor, responsible accounting officer, general manager (if not the council's responsible accounting officer) or auditor or by the Director-General or a person to whom the Director-General's functions under section 430 of the Act have been delegated or subdelegated under section 745 of the Act, and
- (b) render all practicable assistance to the mayor, responsible accounting officer, general manager, auditor, the Director-General or such a delegate or subdelegate with respect to those records.

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

Periodic reporting enables Council to keep both funding providers and the community informed on the deployment of those funds as intended and as such significantly mitigate the risk of inappropriate usage of those funds.

OPTIONS:

There are no alternative options.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Exhibition:**

None

External Exhibition:

None

Attachments:

1. [Council Current Grants and Contribution Reconciliation](#)
2. [Morris & Piper Advisory Monthly Report July 2022](#)

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND -ROUND FIVE

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12983
REPORT AUTHOR: GENERAL MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 (SCCF-R5) aims to boost the wellbeing of communities in regional areas by providing new or upgraded social and sporting infrastructure, or community programs that have strong local support. The funding available for projects in the Central Darling Shire Local Government Area (LGA) is \$1,239,285.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report
2. A report be presented to September's Council meeting detailing the projects which has been submitted to SCCF R5

REPORT:

The Stronger Country Communities Fund was introduced by the NSW Government in 2017. To date, the Fund has invested \$500 million into over 2,000 projects across every corner of regional NSW. These projects have boosted the wellbeing of the towns we call home and this new investment will support grassroots projects to reinvigorate rural communities.

The funding available for projects in the Central Darling Shire Local Government Area (LGA) is \$1,239,285. Of this \$852,008 is available to Council as the applicant with the balance (\$387,277) of the allocation open only to eligible community organisations. Council is encouraged to partner with community groups as the lead applicant where the project involves council-owned infrastructure.

Round Five of the SCCF will open to all eligible applicants on 5 August 2022. Applications for councils will close at 5pm AEST on 23 September 2022. Council staff will prepare and submit variety of projects by utilising Town and Village Improvement Plans, which will provide benefits across the Shire. A further report will be presented September meeting on the projects which has been submitted.

Attachments:

1. [Letter-Stronger Country Communities Fund-Round Five](#)

9.2 ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS MEMBERSHIP

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13400
REPORT AUTHOR: GENERAL MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To report that Council has joined a group of Councils to form the Alliance of Western Councils. The purpose of the alliance is to provide a strong voice to advocate to various levels of governments, collaborate and support each council common issues or specific issue facing a LGA, and networking and resource sharing to delivering better local Governance and outcomes for communities. The annual subscription to the Alliance of Western Councils is \$5,500.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

Objectives of the Alliance of Western Councils: -

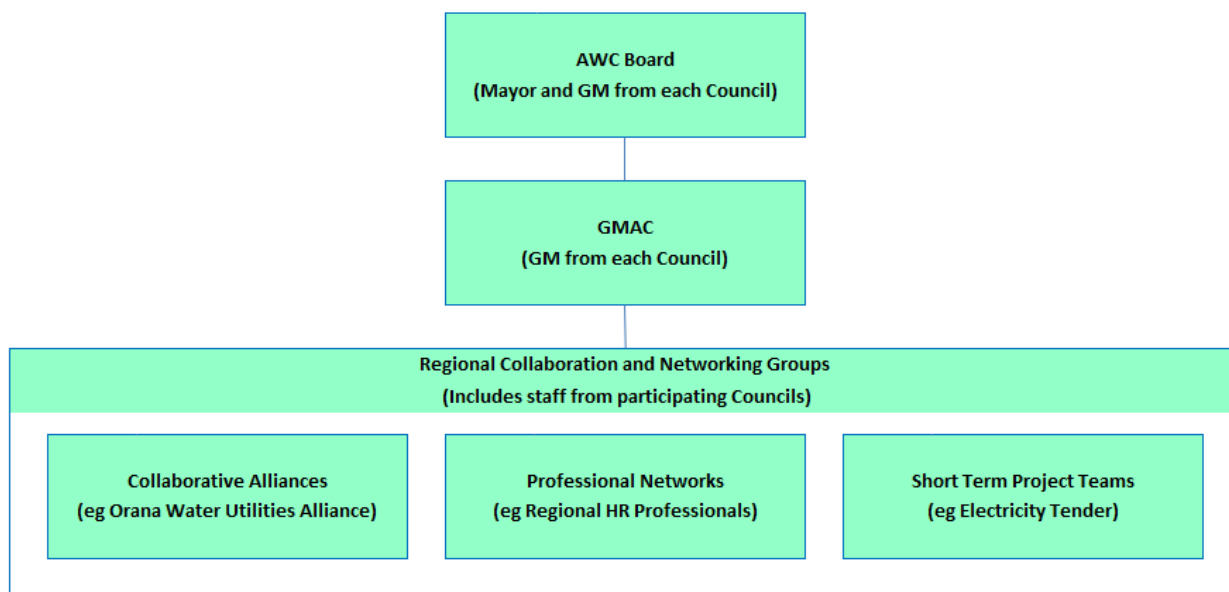
- A strong voice to advocate to State and Federal Government
- Collaboration of Councils working together on common issues
- To support each LGA on issues specific to their Council, which may not be issues for the region
- Networking together for the benefit of delivering better local Governance and Outcomes for our Communities
- To resource share where possible

The Alliance shall consist of the following member councils: -

- Bogan Shire Council
- Bourke Shire Council
- Brewarrina Shire Council
- Central Darling Shire Council
- Cobar Shire Council
- Coonamble Shire Council
- Dubbo Regional Council
- Gilgandra Shire Council
- Mid-Western Regional Council
- Narromine Shire Council
- Walgett Shire Council
- Warren Shire Council

- Warrumbungle Shire Council

The following structure has been adopted –



Each member council will be represented by two delegates entitled to vote. Delegates to the Board of the Alliance to be Mayor and General Manager (or delegate) of each member council.

General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC) is made up of the General Manager/Acting General Manager from each member council. GMAC provides advice and recommendations to the Board.

It is recognised that a number of groups already exist across the Region with the aim of increasing collaboration and networking amongst member Councils (eg the Orana Water Utilities Alliance and the Regional HR Professional Group.) Some of these Groups have their origins in the former OROC and some have developed independently and have a wider membership than this Alliance (eg Orana Risk and Safety Management Group). GMAC may from time to time seek to establish new Groups amongst member Councils. (eg Health and Building Surveyor Professional Group).

Central Darling has been members of the Orana Water Utilities Alliance for a number of years which has proven beneficial in prepare policies, procedures and technical advice for water and wastewater management.

Attachments:

1. [Alliance of Western Councils Constitution](#)

9.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT**FILE NUMBER: GD22/13674****REPORT AUTHOR: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with regular updates on Community Engagement activities

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

This report covers the period from April 26, 2022 to July 31, 2022.

GENERAL MEDIA

Over the reporting period there were 46 media releases issued by Council as well as a number of public notices. The issues covered included the Boil Water Alerts for Wilcannia and Ivanhoe, matters from Council Ordinary meetings, road related issues, flood mapping grant, filming in the shire, recognition of two local health care workers (Dawn Evans and Rebecca Hatch), various grants received by Council and the Menindee Megafauna project.

Local print publications reported on Council news. Over the reporting period The General Manager and Administrator were involved in a number of interviews with radio stations ABC Broken Hill and 2WEB.

The Community Engagement Officer also spoke on ABC Radio about positive news stories in the shire, which were non-operational matters. On going the Community Engagement Officer will also be speaking on 2WEB on a regular basis about positive community news/events.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

During the reporting period there were 44,816 page views on Council's website.

When it came to page views not everyone stayed very long on the website. In the reporting period 19,940 website page views lasted between 0-10 seconds. While, 6,379 page views lasted from 1 minute to 3 minutes. This is consistent with many business websites and digital specialists strive to find ways to encourage people to extend their exploration of websites for longer periods. This low retention is something that the Community Engagement Officer will be working on in coming months. The website aims to help provide people with an increased understanding of the Council and the information and services it provides and it is important that the website sees people accessing the information.

75.1 per cent of the page views were from returning visitors. We know that once people visit the website, they are happy to come back this is an important metric to note.

In the reporting period 96.3 per cent of website views were from within Australia.

The next highest traffic source was from the USA with 1.7 per cent of total views.

Of note 45.44 per cent of website views originated from Sydney and 18.12 per cent from Melbourne. Given that the most popular item being searched for on the website related to road information (see graph below) it is possible to assume tourists are one of the biggest users of the website and that they are particularly looking for roads information.

What people looked at on the website during the reporting period.

Page ?	Pageviews ?	
	44,816	
	% of Total: 100.00% (44,816)	
1. /Services/Road-conditions	22,872	(51.04%)
2. /Home	7,703	(17.19%)
3. /about-the-shire/road-conditions-report.aspx	1,418	(3.16%)
4. /Infrastructure/closed-roads	846	(1.89%)
5. /about-the-shire/road-condition-report.aspx	692	(1.54%)
6. /Council	591	(1.32%)
7. /Council/Meetings	585	(1.31%)
8. /Council/Careers	498	(1.11%)
9. /Site-Footer/Footer-Widgets/Contact-Us	336	(0.75%)
10. /Council/Organisation/Management	305	(0.68%)

COUNCIL FACEBOOK

Central Darling Shire Council has an outstanding Facebook page. Current page likes on Facebook are 2968.

In the reporting period (compared to the period from January 18 to April 25, 2022) Council Facebook had a reach of 99,060, which was a 98.8 per cent increase. It received 3,728, page visits, which was a 40.6 per cent increase. There were 296 new page likes, which was an increase of 33.3 per cent.

The increase in page likes is a metric which we are particularly wanting to see because it shows that more people are enjoying the content and finding it worthwhile.

The other important aspect to look at is Reach because due to the Facebook algorithm only a fraction of page followers will see the content posted. The Community Engagement Officer is working on various strategies to increase organic (no paid) reach. One way to do this is to ensure that content is connecting with people, that what is being posted is of interest to followers to the extent that they are prepared to comment and share the information. If people like something, this then means Facebook’s algorithm will show the post to more Page followers because the content is found to be engaging.

As well as road reports the stand-out Facebook posts in the reporting period included:

A Council job opportunity for a few weeks work for a painter in Wilcannia. This post saw 139 reactions, 35 comments and 47 shares.

Council asked residents in Wilcannia about playground equipment at War Memorial Park. It was an unofficial straw poll to find out if residents wanted more equipment or shade over the existing equipment. The responses were very helpful to Council. The post had 13 comments and 8 shares.

Council congratulated Menindee resident Blanche Stephens on celebrating her 100-th birthday. This post saw 400 reactions, 68 comments and 16 shares.

Highest reach on a post ⓘ



Facebook post
If you are travelling around the Ce
weekend please take care on our r
Aug 5, 2022, 12:08 AM

Highest reactions on a post ⓘ



Facebook post
Congratulations to Blanche
Stephens of Menindee who is...
Jun 23, 2022, 9:02 PM



Performance

Reach ⓘ

Total
1,882 Worst Best

This post reached more people than **74%** of your 50 most recent Facebook posts and stories.

Reach 1,882

Performance

Reach ⓘ

Total
14,029 Worst Best

This post reached more people than **98%** of your 50 most recent Facebook posts and stories.

Reach 14,029

Wilcannia playground post.

Painter job opportunity post.

Ends

Attachments:

NIL

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13683
REPORT AUTHOR: HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the current human resource activities to ensure the organisation meets its statutory and legislative requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

BACKGROUND:

This report has been created with the view to provide regular updates to Council on key human resource matters as it relates to the continuity in the delivery of services to the community, and the associated financial impacts.

REPORT:**Vacancies:**

Below is the status of the positions being advertised:

Position	Closing Date	Status / Progress
Governance Officer	13 May 2022	Candidate offered position
Community Engagement Officer	13 May 2022	No appointment made. Continuing with current arrangement
Plumber	13 May 2022	Position to be readvertised due to candidate not presenting to work and unable to be contacted.
Administration Officer (Post Office)	1 August 2022	Selection process underway
Team Member (Ivanhoe)	1 August 2022	Selection process underway

Organisational Structure:

Below is a summary of the FTE numbers for 2022/23 as at 10 August 2022:

Department	FTE as at 30 June 2022	2022/23					Proposed Revised Budget
		Approved Budget	Approved Revised Budget	Actual	Vacant	Variation	
Governance	5.23	6.09	6.09	4.66	1.43	0	6.09
Business Services	13.40	15.00	15.00	14.00	1.00	0	15.00
Shire Services	44.60 *	44.68 *	44.68 *	39.68	5.00	+2.0	46.68
Total	63.23	65.77	65.77	58.34	7.43	67.69	67.77

* Includes 3.53 FTE for casuals and 1.58 FTE for swimming pool attendants.

The figures above capture the 2022/23 FTE Budget as adopted by Council, with a comparison against the previous year.

Below is a summary of changes / updates to the 2022/23 FTE budget against the 30 June 2022 figures:

Shire Services

The increase of 0.08 FTE is due to an adjustment to accurately reflect the hours worked.

Business Services

The increase of 1.60 FTE is due to the adjustment of the hours of part-time employees.

Governance

The increase of 0.86FTE against the previous financial is a newly created position of Executive Officer Baaka Cultural Centre. This position is externally funded through the funding received.

Summary of Variations for 2022/23

An increase of **1.0 FTE** for a **Project Engineer**. It is proposed that this position will be for a period of three (3) years to manage the Water Treatment Plant and Water Reticulation Project. The position is externally funded through the funding received.

An increase of **1.0 FTE** for a **Truck Driver, Wilcannia**. This increase is due to the conversion of an employee from casual to permanent full-time in accordance with the requirements under the Local Government (State) Award.

2021/22 Staff Turnover:

Staff turnover during the 2021/22 Financial Year has been calculated at 3.60%.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Community Strategic Plan Outcome

Goal 4. A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing community development and succession planning.

Delivery Outcome

Objective 4.2 Efficient and effective services and informed Councillors and staff

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Potential career opportunities from within the community.	Nil
Environmental	Improve reputational and Service Delivery to communities.	Nil
Economic	Improve Service Delivery to communities.	Nil
Governance	Council meets its legislative and statutory requirements	The requirement for additional staff may come at a financial cost to Council

Financial and Resource Implications:

Attracting quality candidates is challenging for Council which has an impact on the service delivery.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council has an obligation to ensure that it meets all legislative obligations as it relates to the employment relationship. In addition to reputational impact, financial penalties apply where Council is found to breach its obligations.

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

Regular monitoring and review of employment related practices will assist Council in addressing financial and business risks, along with staff wellbeing.

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition

Nil

External Exhibition

Nil

Attachments:

NIL

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 POONCARIE ROAD – PROGRESS REPORT

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13407
REPORT AUTHOR: PROJECT ENGINEER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The main scope of the Pooncarie Road project is to seal 61km of road section south of Menindee, NSW. Construction work commenced on 18th January.
- To date, the project team has sealed 0-24km, and now this section is open for traffic. The project team is planning to seal another 5km (40-45km) before the end of August 2022.
- The Indigenous Participation target is 21.58% of the total project cost. Indigenous business Blore has been given two sections of the road construction work. This is equivalent to \$ \$7,167,757, 74% of the project cost for earthworks. However, due to internal disputes, Blore has pulled out one crew and informed the council that they are unable to provide a second crew for the project. Furthermore, Barkandji native group monitors are involved in the project.
- To meet the council’s commitments to the funding authorities the council has allocated an additional crew to complete the project on time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

Project teams currently work between 40-45km and 31-39km. Depending on the weather the council can seal 40-45km by mid-August-2022.

PROJECT STATUS

Section/Location	Current activities and progress
25-31km	Blore team continues earthworks on this section.
31-39km	Earthwork is ongoing. Except for one culvert, all the other culverts are in place.
40-45km	Stabilisation works are ongoing, sealing works are scheduled after stabilisation work. Estimate to complete this section by mid-August 2022.
Karoola Homestead-Environmental approval for the proposed realignment	Draft REF and AHIP applications have been received and the council has provided comments.
Line marking	5-12km and 20-24km, line marking works were completed.

The following table summarises project constraints,

Schedule	The council lost approximately two months due to prolonged rain. Furthermore, valuable time has been spent maintaining the road. However, the project team is optimistic that the project can be completed on time.
Cost	The council received an extra \$14.6 million (A total of \$39.6 million including contingencies) through the Federal government budget to complete the project. To date, the project cost is \$17.97million.
Safety	No issues to report
Risk	No issues to report.
Resourcing	One crew from the Tolbra contractor will replace the Blore crew. Unfortunately, the project lost an experienced team. However, the council will bring an additional resources to meet the deadlines.
Quality	No issues to report
Other issues	

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING MONTH (with scheduled completion dates)

- Sealing works (40-45km)- Mid-August 2022.
- Earthworks (26-38km)- Nov-2022.
- Road maintenance work (full length including side-tracks)- ongoing work as required.

Attachments:

NIL

11.2 ADDITIONAL ALCOHOL FREE ZONES FOR WILCANNIA, MENINDEE AND IVANHOE**FILE NUMBER: GD22/13598****REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to inform Council of the proposed addition to the Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe, that is to include each of the above mentioned town's cemetery

The addition to the Alcohol Free Zone zones is regulated under Section 644 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Ministerial Guidelines.

This process requires evidence of the effectiveness of Alcohol Free Zones from preventing Alcohol related criminal activity and injuries. The proposed additional alcohol free zones is to be substantiated by police statistics for alcohol related criminal activity within the cemetery areas of Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe. This information and the maps of the proposed additional areas for the Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee will be placed on the Council Website and in Council offices for 30 days for community comment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
 - (a) Following consultation on the proposed addition to the Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe as indicated on the attached maps, council will approve the addition to the Alcohol Free Zones.
 - (b) The additional Alcohol Free Zone at Wilcannia is defined as:
 - (i) Wilcannia Cemetery and the extension to the Wilcannia Cemetery being the Lot 1 DP 1105854, Lot 1 DP 1105881, Lot 1 DP 1105882, Lot 1 DP 1105883, Lots 7326-7327 DP 1181235, Lot 1 DP 1181250 Parish Wilcannia County Young.: Lot 7325 DP 1181235 Parish Wilcannia County Young.
 - (c) The additional Alcohol Free Zone at Menindee is defined as:
 - (i) Menindee Cemetery and extension to the cemetery being the: Lot 1 DP 668365, Lot 1 DP 668366, Lots 7314-7315 DP 1179461 Parish Perry County Menindee.: Lot 1 DP 914765 Parish Perry County Menindee.
 - (d) The additional Alcohol Free Zone at Ivanhoe is defined as:
 - (i) Ivanhoe Cemetery - Lot 7310 DP 1179752 Parish Ivanhoe County Mossgiel, and Lot 7310 DP 1179752 Parish Ivanhoe County Mossgiel.

The proposed additional alcohol free zones will be established for the period 26 September 2022 to 27 September 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The addition of new Alcohol Free Zones for each cemetery within Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe, requires Council to notify and advertise the proposed Alcohol Free Zones under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Ministerial Guidelines.

REPORT:

Council will follow the requirements under the *Local Government Act* and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones and will undertake the following:

Council will notify the following stakeholders in regard to the renewal of the Alcohol Free Zones:

1. NSW Police – Barrier Command
2. Far West Local Health District
3. Aboriginal Land Councils – Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe.
4. Anti Discrimination Board NSW.

Council will advertise the maps for the proposed additional areas added to the Alcohol Free zones upon Councils website and in Council offices for 30 days for comment.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPEARTIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.	<u>Objectives</u> 1.1 Closer co-operation and cohesion between community groups. 1.2 Improved community services and facilities. 1.3 Enhanced community spirit, cultural and arts awareness and pride. 1.5 Enhanced public order and safety.
GOAL 2: A strong regional economy supported by developing industries, strong businesses and increased employment.	<u>Objectives</u> 2.1 Expansion of industries and growth in businesses.
GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.	<u>Objectives</u> 3.5 Well planned towns in accordance with LEP and sound planning principles.
GOAL 4: A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing community development and succession planning.	<u>Objectives</u> 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. 4.2 Efficient and effective services. 4.4 Engaged leaders and volunteers in each community.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The addition to the Alcohol Free Zones is in accordance with the requirements under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Ministerial Guidelines.

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

The addition to the Alcohol Free Zones protects the health and public safety of the communities within Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe.

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Exhibition:**

N/A

External Exhibition:

Exhibition required for 30 days on the Council Website and within Council Offices.

Attachments:

1. [Alcohol Free Zone map Menindee](#)
2. [Alcohol Free Zone Wilcannia](#)
3. [Alcohol Free Zone Ivanhoe](#)

11.3 ADOPT THE RENEWAL OF THE ALCOHOL FREE ZONES FOR WILCANNIA, MENINDEE AND IVANHOE**FILE NUMBER: GD22/13601****REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to inform Council of the close of the exhibition period for the proposed renewal of the Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe. This information and the maps of the existing Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee were placed on the Council Website and in Council offices for 30 days for community comment from 21 July until 21 August 2022.

There were no submissions received within the exhibition period.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the renewal of the Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe.
 - (a) The Alcohol Free Zone at Wilcannia is defined as:
 - (i) All made and maintained public roads within the township of Wilcannia.
 - (ii) All made and maintained footpaths within the township of Wilcannia.
 - (b) The Alcohol Free Zone at Menindee is defined as:
 - (i) All made and maintained footpaths and roads within:
 - (ii) All of Noloira Street from Nora Street to Bourke Street,
 - (iii) All of Menindee Street from Nora Street to Landells Street,
 - (iv) All of Yartla Street from Nora Street to Landells Street,
 - (v) All of Paringa Street from Nora Street to Landells Street,
 - (vi) All of Pruella Street from Haberfield Street to Landells Street,
 - (vii) All of Bear Street from Noloira Street to Menindee Street,
 - (viii) All of Cole Street from Menindee Street to Nora Street,
 - (ix) Nora Street from Noloira Street to Paringa Street,
 - (x) Haberfield Street from Noloira Street to Pruella Street,
 - (xi) Perry Street and Noloira Street to Pruella Street,
 - (xii) Bourke Street from Noloira Street to Pruella Street,
 - (xiii) Landells Street from Menindee Street to Pruella Street
 - (c) The Alcohol Free Zone at Ivanhoe is defined as:
 - (i) All made and maintained footpaths and roads within:

- (ii) All of Raleigh Street from Wills Street to Behring Street Columbus Street from Wills Street to Behring Street.
- (iii) All of John Street
- (iv) All of Elkington Street All of Robert Street. Wills Street from Columbus Street to Raleigh Street.
- (v) Bourke Street from Columbus Street to Raleigh Street,
- (vi) Kennedy Street from Columbus Street to Raleigh Street,
- (vii) Cook Street from Columbus Street to Raleigh Street
- (viii) Behring Street from Columbus Street to Raleigh Street

The renewed alcohol free zones will commence for the period of 25 August 2022 to 26 August 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Council has undertaken the required notification and public consultation process for the renewal of the Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPEARTIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
<p>GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.</p>	<p><u>Objectives</u></p> <p>1.1 Closer co-operation and cohesion between community groups.</p> <p>1.2 Improved community services and facilities.</p> <p>1.3 Enhanced community spirit, cultural and arts awareness and pride.</p> <p>1.4 Improved opportunities for our communities.</p> <p>1.5 Enhanced public order and safety.</p>
<p>GOAL 2: A strong regional economy supported by developing industries, strong businesses and increased employment.</p>	<p><u>Objectives</u></p> <p>2.1 Expansion of industries and growth in businesses.</p> <p>2.2 Employment growth.</p>
<p>GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.</p>	<p><u>Objectives</u></p> <p>3.5 Well planned towns in accordance with LEP and sound planning principles.</p>
<p>GOAL 4: A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing community development and succession planning.</p>	<p><u>Objectives</u></p> <p>4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities.</p> <p>4.2 Efficient and effective services.</p> <p>4.4 Engaged leaders and volunteers in each community.</p>

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The renewal of the Alcohol Free Zones is in accordance with the requirements under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Ministerial Guidelines.

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

The renewal of the Alcohol Free Zones protects the health and public safety of the communities within Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe.

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Exhibition:**

N/A

External Exhibition:

Exhibition was carried out on the Council Website for 30 days as required under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Ministerial Guidelines.

Attachments:

1. [Map of Alcohol Free Zone Ivanhoe](#)
2. [Map of Alcohol Free Zone Menindee](#)
3. [Map of Alcohol Free Zone Wilcannia](#)

11.4 PROPOSED EXHIBITION AND GAZETTAL OF STREET AND ROAD NAMES WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES BOARD.

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13602
REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to exhibit on Councils website the list of existing lane, street and road names not yet gazetted, but in use, and then submit this list to the Geographical Names Board for gazettal.

As part of the Urban and Rural Addressing Project, draft numbers / addresses have been allocated to a number of lanes, streets and roads that have names, however, are not yet gazetted but in use. This list of lanes, streets and roads will be exhibited on Councils website for 28 days, and then submitted for review by the Geographical Names Board. A list of lanes, streets and roads without names has been prepared, and will also be exhibited for public comment on the Councils website for 28 days.

The final aim is to have all Central Darling Shire Council area lanes, streets and roads with legal names and accurate street numbering and addresses. This will assist the emergency services work across the Central Darling Shire Council area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the exhibition of the road, street and lane names that are in common use, but not gazetted, for comment.
3. Endorse the exhibition of the road, street and lanes without names, for comment.
4. Following public exhibition, a report will be provided to Council to endorse a submission to the Geographical Names Board of the existing and proposed lane, street and road names across the Central Darling Shire Council area, for review and gazettal.

BACKGROUND:

Council as part of the Urban and Rural Addressing Project, intends to legalise by gazettal the existing lane, street and road names that are being allocated draft numbers across the Central Darling Shire Council area.

To legalise the lane, street and road names, Council will firstly exhibit this list of names for comment. Following the exhibition, Council proposes to submit a list of existing lane, street and road names along with a list of lane, street and road with no current names for review of the Geographical Names Board.

Under the *Roads Act 1993* the Council of a local government area and the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) are the road naming authorities. The Geographical Names Board (GNB), under the authority of the Surveyor-General, is a relevant party and must be notified of any new road names.

Road naming authorities must adhere to the procedure outlined in the *NSW Road Regulation 2018* and policy outlined in the NSW Address Policy and User Manual.

REPORT:

Council is currently undertaking the Urban and Rural Addressing Project, part of this project is the nomination of street number/ addresses using the existing or proposed lane, street and road names.

The first step in the process is to submit to Council for exhibition upon the Council website, the list of existing lane, street and road names in use, but not yet gazetted. The list of roads, streets and lanes with no allocated name identified in the Urban and Rural addressing project are also submitted to Council for exhibition and for public comment.

Following the exhibition period, Council will then submit a list of existing lane, street and road names along with the list of lane, street and roads with no names for review and gazettal, by the Minister for Geographical Names Board.

The lists are as follows:

1. Road, Street and Lane names in use, however not gazetted.
2. Roads, Streets and Lanes with no names – identified in the Urban and Rural Addressing project.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
<p>GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.</p>	<p><u>Objectives</u></p> <p>1.1 Closer co-operation and cohesion between community groups.</p> <p>1.2 Improved community services and facilities.</p> <p>1.3 Enhanced community spirit, cultural and arts awareness and pride.</p> <p>1.4 Improved opportunities for our communities.</p> <p>1.5 Enhanced public order and safety.</p>
<p>GOAL 2: A strong regional economy supported by developing industries, strong businesses and increased employment.</p>	<p><u>Objectives</u></p> <p>2.1 Expansion of industries and growth in businesses.</p> <p>2.2 Employment growth.</p> <p>2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.</p>
<p>GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.</p>	<p><u>Objectives</u></p> <p>3.1 Collaborative approach to environmental management and protection.</p> <p>3.2 Improved town entrances and streetscapes.</p> <p>3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.</p> <p>3.5 Well planned towns in accordance with LEP and sound planning principles.</p>
<p>GOAL 4: A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing</p>	<p><u>Objectives</u></p> <p>4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities.</p> <p>4.2 Efficient and effective services.</p>

community development and succession planning.	4.3 Skilled and informed Councillors and staff. 4.4 Engaged leaders and volunteers in each community.
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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

This project is part of the Urban and Rural Addressing Project.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

To legalise the road, street and lane names across the Central Darling Local Government Area.

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

Finalising the legal road, street and lane names assists in easy identification of property addresses in case of an emergency.

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

N/A

External Exhibition:

External Exhibition is required for a minimum of 28 days before Council submits the list of road, street and lane names to be gazetted, to the Geographical Names Board. The exhibition for comment of the lanes, streets and roads with no current names will encourage community participation in the selection of the lane, street and road names.

Attachments:

NIL

11.5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13603
REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide a summary of Council’s Environment Services statistics for the month of July 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

REPORT:

<u>Statistics for July 2022</u>		
Development approvals / final certificates issued under Part 4, Part 5 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> . Number of Certificates issued under the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Number of DAs Approved – New Dwellings	0
	Number of DAs Approved – Renovation	0
	Number of DAs Approved – Other	1
	Total Value of DAs Approved	\$150,000.00
	Number of Construction Certificates / Crown Construction Certificates Issued	1
	Number of Complying Development Certificates issued	0
	Number of LGA S68 Approvals	0
	Number of Occupation Certificates Issued	0
	Number of completion Certificates issued (S68)	0
Food Safety	Food Premises Inspected	3
Animal Control Activities -	Impounded	4 Dogs
	Surrendered	1 Dogs
		0 Cats
	Rehomed	0 Dog 0 Cats
	Returned to Owner	4 Dog 0 Cats
	Euthanized	1 Dog 0 Cats
	Registrations	1 Dog
Microchipped	0	
Penalty Notices Issued	0	
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	14
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0

	Non-Compliant Samples	1 sample with high turbidity at Wilcannia, 3 samples with high chlorine levels at Ivanhoe, 2 sample with high turbidity at White cliffs.
	Raw water pesticide sample	1 pesticide water sample from darling river as raw water for water treatment plant. It had Chlorpyrifos-methyl above AWDG.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.	<u>Objectives</u> 1.2 Improved community services and facilities. 1.5 Enhanced public order and safety.
GOAL 2: A strong regional economy supported by developing industries, strong businesses and increased employment.	<u>Objectives</u> 2.1 Expansion of industries and growth in businesses. 2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.
GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.	<u>Objectives</u> 3.1 Collaborative approach to environmental management and protection. 3.3 Safe and reliable water supplies and road networks for Shire communities. 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.
GOAL 4: A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing community development and succession planning.	<u>Objectives</u> 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. 4.2 Efficient and effective services. 4.3 Skilled and informed Councillors and staff.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

N/A

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

N/A

External Exhibition:

N/A

Attachments:

NIL

11.6 ROADS AND AERODROMES REPORT

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13747
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on road and aerodrome maintenance and capital works expenditure within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

REPORT:**State Roads**

Council are engaged by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to maintain the State Highway network within the Shire boundaries. The two State Highways are the Barrier Highway and the Cobb Highway.

Council are engaged under contract conditions specified under the Routine Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC). The contract details routine works required to be completed throughout the year and capital works which are supplied to Council via a Works Order (WO).

2022/23 RMCC Routine Maintenance preliminary allocation is: \$972,884

2021/22 RMCC Works Orders issued last financial year which are in progress include:

HW21 Kerpa St North IS Final seal	111.22.13	\$224,143.35
HW21 Mt Manara Sth IS Final Seal	111.22.14	\$235,509.20
HW21 Springdale IS Final Seal	111.22.15	\$339,003.50
HW21 Springdale South IS Final Seal	111.22.16	\$151,826.50
HW21 Bushley IS	111.22.17	\$1,218,598.73
HW21 Slamannon IS Borrow Pits and 2 groundwater tanks	111.22.18	\$58,416.00
HW21 Mt Manara crush and stockpile gravel	111.22.20	\$769,500.00
HW8 Alma Park Culvert Replacement	111.22.21	\$144,181.94
	Total WO	\$3,141,179.22

No Works Orders have been received 2022/23 Financial Year to date, the table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining budget
RMCC Routine	\$972,884	3%	\$940,871
WO 2021/22	\$3,141,179	19%	\$2,541,783

Regional Roads

Council maintains 790km of Regional Roads throughout the Shire.

2022/23 Regional Road Block Grant amount (including traffic and supplementary components) has not been confirmed. The figures below reflect the 2021/22 allocation. Payments to Council's will be made in July and January with any reconciliations required being done in January following State (RMS) budget adoption.

2021/22 Regional Roads Repair Program was successful with \$400,000 being 50% of the project costs. The remaining funds is proposed to be sourced from the Regional Roads Block Grant which is reflected in the table below. MR433 Ivanhoe-Menindee Rd, 3km reconstruction and seal completion was delayed due to rain events and will continue into the first quarter of 2022/23

2022/23 Regional Roads Repair Program has not been finalised. Council will be updated upon receipt of application advice.

The table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,235,000	1%	\$2,219,802
Regional Roads Repair Program 2021/22	\$975,000	8%	\$899,459

Local Roads

Council maintains 1600km of Local Roads throughout the Shire.

2022/23 The Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) – Local Roads Component, has not been confirmed. Estimated on last year's allocation as \$1,655,000

2022/23 Roads to Recovery (R2R) allocation is \$1,001,818. Two capital improvement projects are proposed to be delivered this year.

Water NSW have engaged Council to undertake Upgrade works to Union Bend Rd, Wilcannia. The project aims to provide all weather access for the new weir construction traffic scheduled for commencement 2022. The project will be delivered in 3 stages, stage 1 is programmed to commence Tuesday 7 December 2021. High Darling River Levels has delayed this project due to inundation.

Fixing Local Roads (FLR) Program was successful for funding of \$1,860,000 with contribution amount of 10% to complete the realignment, construction and seal of the ring road around Smiths Hill, White Cliffs

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 (LRCI Rd 3) included allocation of \$1,600,000 to complete the realignment, construction and seal of the ring road around Turleys Hill, White Cliffs

The table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$1,655,000	6%	\$1,556,247
Mandalay Rd Floodways (R2R)	\$750,000	0%	\$750,000
Wilc-Menindee East Rd Formation (R2R)	\$251,818	0%	\$251,818
Smiths Hill White Cliffs (FLR)	\$1,860,000	4%	\$1,785,305
Turleys Hill White Cliffs (LRCI Rd 3)	\$1,600,000	1%	\$1,578,715
Union Bend Rd, stage 1	\$559,474	40%	\$336,717

Aerodromes

Council maintains 6 aerodromes throughout the Shire; Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe, White Cliffs, Tilpa and Emmdale.

The table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Aerodromes R&M	\$210,500	1%	\$208,540

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.	<u>Objectives</u> 3.3 Safe and reliable water supplies and road networks for Shire communities. 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

N/A

OPTIONS:

NIL

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

No

External Exhibition:

No

Attachments:

NIL

11.7 SERVICES UPDATE**FILE NUMBER: GD22/13748****REPORT AUTHOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the services expenditure on all associated assets within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

REPORT:**Services Operational:**

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$196,000	1%	\$193,939
Ancillary Works	\$194,000	8%	\$178,192
Street Cleaning/Bins	\$193,000	3%	\$188,085
Buildings	\$431,000	13%	\$375,940
Swimming Pools	\$423,500	0%	\$422,900
Domestic Waste	\$204,000	3%	\$196,940

Services Infrastructure Capital Works

Council has received funding to improve facilities throughout the Shire through the Building Stronger Country Communities Funds Round 3, Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 2 and 3, Far West Joint Organisation Funding, DSP Local Drought Support, Crown Reserves Improvement Funding, Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program

The table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022 and progress to date.

The infrastructure projects included in each funding stream are detailed below

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
BSCCF Rd 3 – Wilcannia Skate Park	\$260,000	69%	\$80,449
BSCCF Rd 3 - Playgrounds	\$188,340	36%	\$121,233
BSCCF Rd 3 – Sunset Strip Playground	\$85,000	100%	\$0
LRCI Rd 2 – Wil Post Office Flooring	\$100,000	0%	100,000
LRCI Rd 3 – Ivanhoe Oval Upgrade	\$200,000	0%	\$200,000
LRCI Rd 3 – Tilpa Park Playground	\$203,636	0%	\$203,636
MDBEDP – Victory Park Amenities	\$489,665	5%	\$463,804
DSP Drought – Addressing Project	\$300,000	65%	\$105,300
DSP Drought – Building demolitions Wilcannia	\$300,000	71%	\$87,377
DSP Drought – Minor Playground Upgrades	\$100,000	9%	\$90,976
DSP Drought – Streetscape Iv/Wilc	\$160,000	10%	\$143,450
DSP Drought – Community Hall Upgrades	\$20,000	29%	\$14,208
CRIF – Tilpa Electrical Upgrade	\$103,714	0%	\$103,714
CRIF – Victory Park Electrical Upgrade	\$130,000	0%	\$130,000

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.	<u>Objectives</u> 3.2 Improved town entrances and streetscapes. 3.3 Safe and reliable water supplies and road networks for Shire communities. 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

n/a

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

n/a

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

n/a

OPTIONS:

n/a

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

n/a

External Exhibition:

n/a

Attachments:

NIL

11.8 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE

FILE NUMBER: GD22/13749
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on water and sewer maintenance, capital works and expenditure on all assets within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

REPORT:

Water & Sewerage Operations:

- Wilcannia’s potable water supply is sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from Wakefield Tank. Wakefield Tank storage supply is 8.2m, 12 months’ supply remaining.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from Morrison’s Tank. Morrison’s Tank capacity, 400 megalitres. 20 months’ supply remaining
- The Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer Program contributes to Councils operational costs for services supplied to the Wilcannia Mallee and Waralli precincts.
- the table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022.

The table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Wilcannia Water	\$340,000	6%	\$320,313
Wilcannia Sewer	\$115,000	0%	\$114,750
White Cliffs Water	\$205,750	3%	\$199,860
Ivanhoe Water	\$326,500	2%	\$321,375
Tilpa Water	\$22,500	0%	\$22,500
Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer program	\$144,770	0%	\$144,770

Water and Sewer Capital Works

- Council awarded the contract for new Water Treatment Plants at Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs on 1 July 2021 to Membrane Systems Australia. Council received Section 60 approval on 10 August 2022.

Works will commence at White Cliffs Monday 15 August 2022. The current program aims to complete all 3 Water Treatment by September 2024

MSA programmed further visits to all three water treatment plants week commencing 15 August 2022. Offsite fabrications and equipment purchases are in progress.

- The White Cliffs Reticulation design has been completed, Environmental inspections including Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment have been completed and Aboriginal Heritage Impact permit (AHIP) was received June 2022. Date for calling tenders for civil works here is 11 August 2022. Public Works Advisory have been engaged to manage the design and tender process.
- Tilpa Village emergency water supply works via a 17km pipeline and bore are in progress. The projects stage 2 works are funded through Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 2. The works have been delayed due to high Darling River flows and route inundation, completion is forecast for Dec 2022
- Smart meters and valve replacements are scheduled for 2022/23 in Ivanhoe and Wilcannia.
- Tilpa Village Solar Array and pump at the weir pool pump station will be upgraded
- Electrical switchboards at Ivanhoe, Morrisons Lake inlet and storage, will be replaced.

The table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022 for Capital Projects.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
White Cliffs WTP and Retic	\$5,500,000	20%	\$4,374,651
Wilcannia WTP	\$3,500,000	37%	\$2,187,535
Ivanhoe WTP	\$2,500,000	35%	\$1,625,818
Smart Meters	\$50,000	0%	\$50,000
Valve Replacements	\$150,000	5%	\$142,900
Tilpa Village Pipeline	\$318,750	33%	\$213,978
Tilpa Solar Array/ Pump	\$25,000	0%	\$25,000
Ivanhoe Raw Water Switchboard Upgrades	\$75,000	0%	\$75,000

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPEARTIONAL PLAN:

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 4: A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing community development and succession planning.	<u>Objectives</u> 4.2 Efficient and effective services.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

n/a

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

n/a

Risk Management - Business Risk/Work Health and Safety/Public:

n/a

OPTIONS:

n/a

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

n/a

External Exhibition:

n/a

Attachments:

NIL

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

14 RESOLUTION TRACKER

Nil

15 MEETING CLOSE

The Ordinary Council Meeting will be declared closed by the Mayor/Administrator.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 28 September 2022 in Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia at 9 am.

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY 2022**

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Hill (General Manager)

Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)

Gordon Seeto (Director Business Services)

Glenda Dunn

Kevin Smith

Gemma Dillon

Darryl Telfer

Gokul Chandran

Evelyn Pollard

Gabrielle Johnson

Janette Bussell

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 9:07am

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by the Administrator, Bob Stewart.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Mode Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW Councillors and Council staff are required to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

RESOLVED: OCM 01-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

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

None received.

CARRIED

No declarations were received.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED: OCM 02-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 June 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE -

RESOLVED: OCM 03-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. Council writes to the local State Member(s), the Treasurer the Hon Matt Kean MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience the Hon Stephanie Cook MP and the Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman MP:
 - a. Expressing Council's objection to the NSW Government's determination on ownership of Rural Fire Service assets;
 - b. Advising of the impact of the Government's position on Council finances of this accounting treatment;
 - c. Informing that Council will not carry out RFS assets stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Central Darling Shire Council's financial statements;
 - d. Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to permanently clear up inequities and inconsistencies around the accounting treatment of Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets by acknowledging that rural firefighting equipment is vested in, under the control of and the property of the RFS; and
 - e. Amending s119 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 so that the effect is to make it clear that RFS assets are not the property of councils.
2. Council writes to the Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey MLC, the Shadow Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib MP, the Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren MP, the Greens Spokesperson for Local Government Jamie Parker MP and the leaders of the Shooters,

Fishers and Farmers, Animal Justice and One Nation parties Robert Borsak MLC, Emma Hurst MLC and Mark Latham MLC:

- a. Advising Members of Central Darling Shire Council's position, including providing copies of correspondence to NSW Government Ministers; and
 - b. Seeking Members' commitments to support NSW Councils' call to amend the Rural Fires Act 1997 as set out in correspondence.
3. Central Darling Shire Council writes to the Auditor General advising that notwithstanding any overtures of future qualified audits, it will not carry out RFS stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Central Darling Shire Council's financial statements, noting that the State Government's own Local Government Accounting Code of Practice and Financial Reporting provides for councils to determine whether or not they record the RFS assets as council assets.
4. Council promotes these messages via its digital and social media channels and via its networks.
5. Re-affirms its complete support of and commitment to local RFS brigades noting that Central Darling Shire Council's action is entirely directed towards the NSW Government's nonsensical position that rather than being owned and controlled by local brigades, RFS assets are somehow controlled by councils, which councils consider to be a cynical financial sleight of hand abdicating the NSW Government's responsibilities at the cost of local communities.
6. That Central Darling Shire Council affirms its support to Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and requests LGNSW continue advocating on Council's behalf to get clarification finally from the State Government about the accounting treatment of RFS assets

CARRIED

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 SMART WATER METERS, METER READING AND BILLING UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 04-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Receive a further report on Smart Metering, Meter Reading and Billing at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 26 October 2022.

CARRIED

8.2 OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 05-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Receive a further report at the Ordinary meeting of Council on 26 October 2022 on progress of efforts to reduce outstanding Rates and Charges.

CARRIED

8.3 AMENDMENT TO FEES FOR 2022-23**RESOLVED: OCM 06-07-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Resolve to place the revised fees on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
3. Receive a further report at the conclusion of the public exhibition period to consider submissions received during public exhibition and consider adopting the revised fees effective 1 October 2022.

CARRIED

8.4 GRANTS REGISTER REPORT**RESOLVED: OCM 07-07-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

CARRIED

8.5 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – JUNE 2022**RESOLVED: OCM 08-07-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report **CARRIED**

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**9.1 FIX THE AMOUNT OF RATES AND CHARGES WHICH MAY BE WRITTEN OFF ONLY BY RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED: OCM 09-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Fix the amount of rates and charges above which any individual rate or charge may be written off under clause 131 Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 of only by resolution of the council at \$2,000.

CARRIED**9.2 PURCHASE OF THREE MODULAR PUMPTRACKS****RESOLVED: OCM 10-07-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Council resolves to purchase three pump tracks from Pakitect Pty Ltd for the cost of \$414,000, due to the unavailability of a competitive tender process and in consideration of the *Local Government Act 1993 Section 531*

CARRIED**10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS****10.1 2022-23 RENEWAL OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL AND SERVICE NSW****RESOLVED: OCM 11-07-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Resolve to renew CDSC's Partnership Agreement with Service NSW for 2022-23

CARRIED**11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS****11.1 PROPOSED EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT NUMBERING FOR THE URBAN AND RURAL ADDRESSING PROJECT****RESOLVED: OCM 12-07-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the public exhibition and community consultation for 42 days, of the draft numbering for the Urban and Rural Addressing Project.

CARRIED

11.2 POONCARIE ROAD – PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED: OCM 13-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

RESOLVED: OCM 14-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

CARRIED

11.4 ROADS AND AERODROME REPORT

RESOLVED: OCM 15-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.5 WATER AND SEWER REPORT

RESOLVED: OCM 16-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report**CARRIED**

11.6 SERVICES REPORT

RESOLVED: OCM 17-07-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

14 RESOLUTION TRACKER

Nil

15 MEETING CLOSE

At the close of the meeting, Administrator Stewart acknowledged the great work done by the volunteers, emergency services and CDSC staff in supporting the community of Menindee Community during the recent flood events.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at **9:27am**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 24 August 2022.

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ADMINISTRATOR