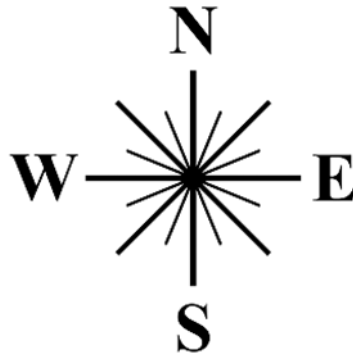


CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

27 JULY 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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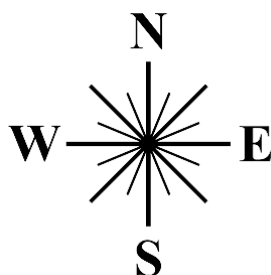
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 21. Clause 4.20 does not limit the ability of the Chairperson to deal with disorderly conduct by speakers at public forums in accordance with the provisions of Part 14 of this code.
 22. Where a speaker engages in conduct of the type referred to in 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, 27 July 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 29 June 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Attachments:

1. [Ordinary Council Meeting - 29 June 2022](#)

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE -

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12264
REPORT AUTHOR: ADMINISTRATOR
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

It has been a rather busy couple of months representing Council at various events namely

- Australian Local Government General Assembly in Canberra from the 18th to the 21 June. And Council was represented by the GM and me. This has been the first Assembly in 2 years due to Covid and represented a good opportunity to network with those in the sector. The opportunity was taken to meet with OLG to discuss the FSW Joint Organisations and the next steps to see the Central Darling Report released.
- The Alliance of Western Councils held a meeting at Nyngan on Friday the 30th June where're presentations were delivered by the Hon Dugald Saunders Minister for Western NSW on government initiatives in the budget. Ashley Albury on Regional Housing programs to address this crisis issue.

The Darling River is still in flood and continues to impact our communities and the event is being managed by the lead combat agency the SES supported by the other emergency services and functional areas. The Central Darling Emergency Management Committee who has been meeting twice a week during the event.

Following representations to the Minister for Emergency Services the Hon Steph Cooke a response has been received (copy in this agenda) advising that the issues raised have been referred to the State Rescue Board and a review has commenced. This is good news, and we need to ensure that Far Western Communities receive a adequate and timely level of service. However, communities must engage to ensure that they have the capacity and resilience to respond during emergencies.

At last month's Council Meeting Community Strategic Plan documentation was adopted and it will be presented to Government Agencies in a series of workshops in Broken Hill and Dubbo. This is a critical piece of work that will guide and support CDS into the future and represents the community's vision. Thank you for all those that took the time and engaged in the process your efforts are appreciated as it is your plan.

MAYORAL MINUTE – ACCOUNTING TREATMENT OF RURAL FIRE SERVICE ('RED FLEET') ASSETS

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

Report

I am calling on Councillors to support the local government campaign on the financial accounting treatment of Rural Fire Service (RFS) mobile assets known as the 'Red Fleet'.

A long-standing dispute over the accounting treatment of the Red Fleet has come to a head with the the Auditor-General's 2021 Report on Local Government on 22 June 2022. The Audit Report reemphasises the State Government determination that RFS assets are the "property" of councils and must be recorded in Council's financial statements with Council required to therefore absorb all depreciation costs.

The *Audit Office Local Government Report* has reinforced the notion that RFS mobile and other fire-fighting assets can somehow be deemed to be council assets and applies more pressure on councils and the Office of Local Government (OLG) to conform with this determination, even though councils do not have effective management or control of these assets.

Councils across the State and Local Government NSW (LGNSW) refute this determination. Councils do not have any say in the acquisition, deployment, or disposal of these assets. Comparable assets held by Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the State Emergency Service (SES) are not vested anywhere other than with the organisations that purchase, use, maintain and dispose of them.

Councils and LGNSW have also raised concerns that the requirement breaches Australian Accounting Standards. The State Government's own *Local Government Accounting Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting* provides for councils to determine whether to record RFS assets on their books as council assets. This position has been confirmed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment in his letter to the Auditor-General dated 7 June 2022, presented in Appendix 1 on page 47 of the 2021 Local Government Audit Report.

Council notes advice from LGNSW that many councils are refusing to comply with the Auditor General's instructions. Councils remained firm in 2021, resisting pressure to record RFS assets with the majority (68), choosing not to record the RFS mobile assets in accordance with the *Local Government Accounting Code*. This was the same number of councils as in 2020. LGNSW is encouraging councils to continue resisting pressure from the Audit Office and make their own determinations notwithstanding overtures that ongoing non-compliance with the Auditor General's instructions may result in future qualified financial reports.

The latest Audit Report has made further impositions on (Council) by:

- recommending Council undertakes a stocktake of RFS assets and records the value in Council's financial statements;
- warning that if Council does not recognise the assets, it will be found non-compliant and will have a high risk finding reported; and
- calling on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (OLG) to intervene where councils do not recognise rural firefighting equipment.

The Government's blanket determination is not only nonsensical, but also inconsistent with the treatment of the comparable assets of other emergency service agencies such as Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the State Emergency Service (SES). There is no rational reason for maintaining this anomaly.

LGNSW has been advocating this position on councils' behalf and has written to the NSW Treasurer the Hon. Matt Kean MP, Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Steph Cooke MP, Minister for Local Government the Hon. Wendy Tuckerman MP and the Auditor-General, Ms Margaet Crawford to express the local government sector's strong objection to the NSW Government's determination, applied by the Auditor-General, that RFS assets are the property of councils for accounting purposes and amend the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.

LGNSW has advised it will continue its advocacy efforts on councils' behalf and is asking all affected councils in NSW to consider adopting a resolution advising the Audit Office that Council will not carry out the RFS stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets on Council's financial statements.

Attachments:

1. [LGNSW letter to Ministers, Treasurer and Auditors](#)

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 SMART WATER METERS, METER READING AND BILLING UPDATE

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12024

REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report aims to provide Council with an update on the smart water meter rollout, water meter readings and water consumption billings.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

Smart metering of filtered water supplies in Ivanhoe and Wilcannia was substantially completed in March 2020 with further smart metering installed in October 2020. Funding of these works was provided through the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program.

Smart metering of the White Cliffs filtered water supply is proposed as part of the reticulation network upgrade works in that township.

Raw water supplies are metered in Ivanhoe but are unmetered in Wilcannia. It is proposed that smart metering in White Cliffs will occur in conjunction with the reticulation system upgrade in that town.

There are no plans to install smart meters on raw water supplies in either Ivanhoe or Wilcannia. White Cliffs does not have a raw water supply.

Council received a report on smart metering, water meter reading and billing activities at its Ordinary meeting on 24 February 2021. That report identified that approximately 70-80 filtered water services in Ivanhoe and Wilcannia do not yet have smart meters installed.

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on 22 April 2021, Council resolved to:

Receive quarterly reports on water meter reading, billing and collections commencing in April 2021.

Council has received quarterly reports on these matters since that time.

Collections have also been reported through regular Outstanding Rates and Charges Update reports since 25 August 2021.

At the Ordinary meeting of Council on 27 April Council resolved to:

1. ***Receive the report.***
2. ***Receive further reports on Smart Water Metering, Meter Reading and Billing at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 27 July 2022.***

3. Receive future updates on Water Consumption Account collections through Outstanding Rates and Charges Update reports.

REPORT:

Water meters throughout the Shire were the last read in the last full week of May 2022/first week of June 2022.

Water Consumption accounts were issued on 15 June 2022 with the due date for payment of 17 July 2022.

The next round of water meters readings is planned for the last full week in August with accounts to issue 15 September 2022 and due for payment 15 October 2022.

Council’s water billing program was restored to a true quarterly cycle in March 2021 and has remained on schedule since that time. Completion of smart metering will further improve Council’s capacity to maintain a quarterly program going forward.

Whilst the collection of water consumption charges may have been impacted by delays in billing, during 2019 and 2020, the maintenance of a quarterly program over the past 15 to 18 months, has removed those impacts.

Council has previously received regular reports on the outstanding water consumption accounts and will continue to do so through separate reports addressing the overall collection of rates charges.

An updated quote to complete smart metering in Ivanhoe and Wilcannia was previously sought and had been expected in time to allow completion of smart metering by 30 June 2022.

Unfortunately, the updated quote has not been finalised as staff continue to investigate the exact nature of equipment and fittings required. Staff are continuing to work with the supplier/installer to have the remaining smart metering completed by the end of the 2022 calendar year.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPEARTIONAL 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> 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire. 3.3 Safe and reliable water supplies and road networks for Shire communities.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive Improved customer engagement through regular billing
Environmental	Positive Improve water efficiency through regular meter reading and smart meter technology
Economic	Positive Improved cashflow stability through regularity in billing
Governance	Positive Compliance with Council’s water billing program

Financial and Resource Implications:

Council's adopted Capital Works program/budget includes \$50,000 for smart metering.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

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

None identified

OPTIONS:

None identified.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Relevant internal stakeholders have been engaged with and will continue to influence future outcomes in this space.

External Exhibition:

Not required.

Attachments:

NIL

8.2 OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES UPDATE

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12026
REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report aims to provide Council with update on efforts to recover and reduce outstanding rates and charges.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

At Council’s Ordinary Meeting on 20 May 2021, Council considered the report Outstanding Rates, Charges and Other Debts and resolved

“That the General Manager bring forward an action plan to reduce outstanding debt”.

Council received reports on these matters at its Ordinary Meetings on 25 August 2021, 27 October 2021, 23 February 2022 and 27 April 2022.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 April 2022, Council resolved:

1. Receive the report.
2. Receive a further report at the Ordinary meeting of Council in July 2022 on progress of efforts to reduce outstanding Rates and Charges.
3. Adopt the Draft Debt Recovery Policy and to be placed on the website.

REPORT:

Outstanding Rates and Charges Position Comparison

Overdue by Amount as of 31 March 2022

Overdue Amount Range	Number of Properties		Percentage of Properties in Arrears	Total Overdue \$000’s		Percentage of Total \$ Overdue
\$10K plus	29	(-2)	5.3%	\$532	(-\$24)	50.0%
\$5K to <\$10K	35	(0)	6.4%	\$243	(-\$1)	22.8%
\$2K to <\$5K	56	(0)	10.2%	\$173	(-\$7)	16.3%
\$1K to <\$2K	41	(0)	7.5%	\$60	(\$1)	5.5%
\$500 to <\$1K	40	(-17)	7.3%	\$29	(-\$11)	2.7%
\$250 to \$500	47	(-7)	8.5%	\$18	(-\$1)	1.7%
\$100 to \$250	49	(-18)	8.9%	\$8	(-\$3)	0.8%
<\$100	205	(-48)	46.0%	\$2	(-\$1)	0.1%
Totals	502	(-92)	100%	\$1,065	(-\$47)	100%

(Bracketed figures indicate movement since 31 January 2022)

Overdue by Amount as of 30 June 2022

Overdue Amount Range	Number of Properties		Percentage of Properties in Arrears	Total Overdue \$000's		Percentage of Total \$ Overdue
\$10K plus	31	(2)	5.8%	\$553	(\$21)	55.2%
\$5K to <\$10K	24	(-11)	4.5%	\$164	(-\$79)	16.4%
\$2K to <\$5K	53	(-3)	9.9%	\$169	(-\$4)	16.9%
\$1K to <\$2K	34	(-7)	6.3%	\$48	(-\$11)	4.8%
\$500 to <\$1K	49	(9)	8.9%	\$35	(\$6)	3.5%
\$250 to \$500	67	(20)	12.5%	\$23	(\$5)	2.3%
\$100 to \$250	50	(1)	9.3%	\$8	(\$0)	0.8%
<\$100	231	(26)	42.9%	\$2	(\$0)	0.1%
Totals	539	(37)	100%	\$1,002	(-\$62)	100%

(Bracketed figures indicate movement since 31 March 2022)

Further improvement in collections is evident in quarter to 30 June 2022. During this period the 4th rate instalment fell due 31 May 2022 and the 3rd quarter water consumption account fell due 17 April 2022 however the total overdue reduced by \$62,000 (\$109,000 reduction over 5 months since 31 January 2022).

A comparison of arrears movements for period 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 is shown below.

Overdue Amount Range	Number of Properties		Percentage of Properties in Arrears	Total Overdue \$000's		Percentage of Total \$ Overdue
\$10K plus	31	(-1)	5.8%	\$553	(-\$63)	55.3%
\$5K to <\$10K	24	(-24)	4.5%	\$164	(-\$177)	16.4%
\$2K to <\$5K	53	(-17)	9.9%	\$169	(-\$55)	16.9%
\$1K to <\$2K	34	(-17)	6.3%	\$48	(-\$25)	4.8%
\$500 to <\$1K	49	(-44)	8.9%	\$35	(-\$32)	3.4%
\$250 to \$500	67	(-34)	12.5%	\$23	(-\$12)	2.3%
\$100 to \$250	50	(-28)	9.3%	\$8	(-\$5)	0.8%
<\$100	231	(51)	42.9%	\$2	(-\$2)	0.1%
Totals	539	(-114)	100%	\$1,002	(-\$371)	100%

(Bracketed figures indicate movement since 30 June 2022)

NB: The above movement (June 2021 to June 2022) includes write-offs totaling \$106K of which \$83K relates to shortfalls from sale of land for unpaid rates so actual arrears recovered in that period was \$265K.

Recovery action has continued to be impaired. Due to the lack of response to service of statements of claim by Court Post (where the Court attends to the posting of summonses) and given known issues with mail delivery and collections, it was decided that personal service would be attempted. Securing the services of a suitable process server prepared to perform the work took some time due to the relatively low numbers of matters involved and the remoteness of the debtors being pursued. Further delays were caused by the delay in travel and difficulties in locating debtors.

Most of those issues have been overcome with a 21 matters now having statements of claim served and ready for Council to apply for default judgement. A further 9 matters are expected to have statements of claim served (or attempted/reattempted) over the coming month.

Once default judgements are secured, we anticipate having a better engagement rate with defaulting ratepayers which will assist resolving arrears through discussion and payment plans or in determining the next steps for forced recovery i.e. enforcement of judgement, restriction of water supply or sale of land.

A summary of outstanding amounts by amount range and action/status is provided below:

Action/Status	No. of Accounts	Amount Overdue
>\$100 <=\$250	45	\$7,538
>=\$100	231	\$2,349
Arrangement	49	\$203,288
Deceased	8	\$66,197
Future Recovery Action	130	\$126,225
Future Sale Unpaid Rates	9	\$32,743
Letter of Demand	1	\$1,633
Next Sale for unpaid rates	21	\$229,480
Plan Restriction of Water	1	\$7,113
Possible Write Off	2	\$16,810
Statement of Claim Issued	9	\$41,965
Statement of Claim Served	21	\$176,145
Summons Warning	7	\$37,751
Under Review	4	\$53,879
Total	538	\$1,003,116

Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates

At least 21 properties have been identified as requiring sale for unpaid rates at the next opportunity with 9 others identified for sale once the arrears on those exceed 5 years.

Further properties are likely to be identified a requiring sale for unpaid rates as the current recovery actions progress however it is appropriate to continue existing actions to ensure sale of land is exercised as a last resort.

It is expected staff will be in a position to make recommendations for the sale of land for unpaid rates at the Ordinary meeting of Council scheduled for 26 October 2022

Restriction of Water Supply

One property have been identified as suitable to implement water restriction to recover arrears. Matters will continue to be reviewed to determine if water restriction is appropriate for other properties.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPEARTIONAL 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> 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	NA
Environmental	NA
Economic	Positive Improved Cashflow
Governance	Positive Improved Collection Ratio

Financial and Resource Implications:

None identified.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The relevant Policy, Legal and Statutory framework includes;

Local Government Act 1993

Civil Procedure Act 2005

Council's Debt Recovery Policy

Council's Economic Hardship Policy

The Office of Local Government's Debt Management and Hardship Guidelines

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

None identified.

OPTIONS:

None identified.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

None applicable.

External Exhibition:

None applicable.

Attachments:

NIL

8.3 AMENDMENT TO FEES FOR 2022-23

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12213
REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To provide Council with information and the recommendation for Council to approve and adopt the revised list of fees replace fees list previously adopted by Council with the Central Darling Shire Council Operational Plan 2022-23.

The additional list is to cover the fees and charges to be added to the schedule of adopted fees and charges in the current Council Operational Plan, this will enable Council to charge for services that are currently provided. At present Council is unable to charge for certain services as the Central Darling Shire Council Operational Plan 2021 2022 omitted the fees and charges. This addition to the Council Operation Plan 2021-2022, is to ensure that Council is recovering the costs of these services

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 October 2021, Council resolved that a range of additional fees be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and to receive a report at the conclusion of the exhibition period to take into account any submissions that were received.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 15 December 2021, Council resolved to endorse and adopt the additional fees and charges list as an appendix to the Central Darling Shire Council Operational Plan 2021-2022.

During preparation of the Draft Operational Plan for 2022-23, the additional fees adopted at the December 2021 meeting of Council were not included. Consequently, the additional fees were not publicly exhibited in time for adoption with the Operational Plan for 2022-23.

REPORT:

The attached list of fees, which includes items not previously adopted for 2022-23, is a complete list of all fees and is intended to replace the fees adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council, as part of the Operational Plan 2022-23, on 29 June 2022.

A full review of additional fees adopted in December 2021 has been performed in consultation with a range of staff to ensure the proposed list as attached represents a complete suite of fees suitable for adoption by Council.

The revised fees align with relevant regulations where applicable. There has also been some alignment of unprescribed fees where different fees were set for similar services. The review has also identified areas increases in fees, over those charged in 2021-22 is appropriate in order to cover increases in operational costs.

Due to there being a minimum period of 28 days for the public exhibition of the revised fees it is expected Council will receive a further report at the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 28 September

2022 to consider submissions received and to adopt the revised fees. Given the timing of the September 2022, and to provide a clear cut over point, it is proposed that the revised fees will become operational from 1 October 2022.

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> 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. 4.2 Efficient and effective services.
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.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	NA
Environmental	NA
Economic	Positive Improved cost recovery
Governance	Positive Alignment of prescribed fees with regulations where applicable

Financial and Resource Implications:

The financial/revenue impact additional/increased fees has not been estimated.

No impacts on resourcing have been identified

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Section 608 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the LGA) enables Council to set fees for a range of services it provides, under the LGA or any other Act or the regulations as follows;

- supplying a service, product or commodity
- giving information
- providing a service in connection with the exercise of the council’s regulatory functions—including receiving an application for approval, granting an approval, making an inspection and issuing a certificate
- allowing admission to any building or enclosure.

Proposed fees include alignment of Council’s fees with various regulatory authorities including the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

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

No risks identified.

OPTIONS:

Continue with the existing fees which exposes Council to providing services for insufficient income to cover the associated costs.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

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

A range of staff have been consulted in developing the revised fees.

External Exhibition:

Public exhibition of the revised fees for a period of at least 28 days is required. Any submissions received through the public exhibition must be considered by Council before it may adopt and apply the revised fees.

Attachments:

1. [EXHIBITION DRAFT - Central Darling Shire Council - 2022-23 Fees and Charges - July 2022](#)

8.4 GRANTS REGISTER REPORT

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12253
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 30 June 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. It is intended to complete the initial update by the end of June 2022.

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> 1.4 Improved opportunities for our communities.
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.
GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.	<u>Objectives</u> 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> 4.2 Efficient and effective services.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
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Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Ensures that any funding sourced is being deployed within the approved scope of services, works and facilities for which they were intended.

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:**

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

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

8.5 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – JUNE 2022**FILE NUMBER: GD22/12309****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 30th June 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

REPORT:

In accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005*, a monthly report setting out details of all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* is required to be submitted to Council.

Cash and Investment Accounts:

Cash and Investment Accounts	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Interest Rate	Current Month Interest	YTD Interest
Westpac 11am Investment Account	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,100,000.00	NIL	0.10%	\$47.61	\$355.93
Operating Account	\$12,243,840.39	\$11,294,315.03	\$949,525.36	0.01%	NIL	NIL
Post Office Clearing Account	\$18,426.22	\$519,404.07	(\$500,977.85)	N/A	NIL	NIL
Total Cash at bank as of 30 June 2022				\$13,362,266.61		

Commentary:

The net movement of cash for the month of June 2022 was an increase of \$448,547.41

Payments for the month of June 2022 totalled \$3,262,032.61 being, payments for wages and to suppliers.

Receipts for the month of June 2022 totalled \$3,650,014.23 being predominately:

- Grants Water Treatment Plants \$1,031,625
- RMS Works completed \$ 470,102
- LRCI Funding \$1,001,818

Restrictions:

	Restriction Amount
Total Restriction as of 30 June	\$5,711,000

Attachments:

NIL

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

FILE NUMBER: GD22/11561
REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks to establish a maximum amount of rates and charges above which any individual rate or charge may be written off only by resolution of the council.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

Clause 131 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regs) provides that Council must, from time to time, by resolution, fix the amount of rates and charges above which any individual rate or charge may be written off only by resolution of the council.

It is unclear if Council has previously established or fixed the maximum amount which may be written off in the absence of a resolution of Council.

REPORT:

A resolution made under clause 131 of the Regs effectively delegates to the General Manager authority to write off any individual rate or charge, up to the maximum amount determined by Council.

Clause 131 (2) of the Regs provide that the write-off of amounts below the maximum set by Council may be written off either by a resolution of the council or by order in writing of the council's general manager.

And:

In the absence of a resolution under subsection (1), rates and charges can be written off only by resolution of the council.

Clause 131 (4) of the Regs sets out the circumstances under which an amount of rates or charges can be written off under this section as follows:

- (a) if there is an error in the assessment, or
- (b) if the amount is not lawfully recoverable, or
- (c) as a result of a decision of a court, or
- (d) if the council or the general manager believes on reasonable grounds that an attempt to recover the amount would not be cost effective.

In order to operate effectively and efficiently, at times it is necessary to write off rates and charges. Generally, such write-offs relate to small amounts resulting from interest charges being raised on overdue rates the payment of which has been overlooked or disputed. These would generally meet the requirements of not being cost effective to recover.

Clause 131 (6) of the Regs require the general manager to advise the council of rates and charges written off by written order of the general manager. It is proposed that such advice be provided to council annually at the time of adopting Council’s financial statements or annual report.

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the LGA) also provides for the write-off of rates and charges in the following circumstances:

- S 564 Where a payment arrangement is in place and is complied with.
Councils Economic Hardship Policy provides that interest on outstanding deferred amounts will not accrue, provided that the ratepayer honours the payment agreement entered.
- S 567 If a person is unable to pay rates and charges when they became due, or is unable to pay accrued interest, for reasons beyond the person’s control.
- S 583 Pensioner Concessions on rates and charges as calculated in accordance with the LGA. Currently the NSW Government fund 55% of pensioner concession write offs under this provision.
- S 607 Provides that regulations may also specify circumstances in which a council may write off rates and charges and interest accrued on unpaid rates and charges.
- S 719 Where there is a shortfall from a sale of land for unpaid rates.

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> 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. 4.2 Efficient and effective services.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	NA
Environmental	NA
Economic	NA
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

No adverse financial implications have been identified. It should be noted that no amounts may be written off, by Council resolution or under delegation to the general manager, unless the circumstances set out in clause 131 of the Regs are met.

Significant positive resource implications can be achieved through elimination of the need to seek Council’s resolutions for individual write-offs.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Clause 131 (1) suggests that Council must establish a maximum amount of rates and charges above which any individual rate or charge may be written off only by resolution of the council.

Making such a resolution would see Council in compliance with that regulation.

Section 377 of the LGA provides that this function may be delegated to the general manager whilst section 378 of the LGA provides that the function may subsequently be sub-delegated to another employee of council. Council's Register of Delegations records that the write-off function under Clause 131 of the Regs is delegated to the General Manager and the Director Business Services.

In the absence of a resolution under clause 131 of the Regs as recommended, those delegations would be ineffective.

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

No risks identified.

OPTIONS:

1. Not resolve to fix the amount above which rates and charges may be written off only by a resolution of council.
2. Resolve to fix the amount above which rates and charges may be written off only by a resolution of council as \$0.00.
3. Fix a different amount above which write offs may be written off only by a resolution of council to that recommended in this report.

Options 1 and 2 are not recommended on the basis that it would delay finalising requests for write-offs pending Council approval. Subject to timing of requests and of Council meetings such delays could be up to 6 or 7 weeks. Either of options 1 or 2 would potentially see Council dealing with items of immaterial financial consequence.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Relevant Council staff have been engaged and consulted with in developing the recommendations in this report.

External Exhibition:

External exhibition is not required under any legislative, regulatory or policy provision.

Attachments:

NIL

9.2 PURCHASE OF THREE MODULAR PUMPTRACKS

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12025
REPORT AUTHOR: GENERAL MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The report is seeking Council determination to purchase three pump tracks from Pakitect Pty Ltd, for the value of \$414,000, due to the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the State Governments', Stronger Country Communities Fund-Round 4 (SCCF-R4), Council will be receiving \$764,263. Community consultation for Council's Community Strategic Plan, the youth in our communities have expressed keen interest in bike, skate and pump track facilities in Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs. Whilst Wilcannia pump track funding has been secured by Stronger Country Community Fund Round 3, the remaining three locations, funding is being sourced for these projects by SCCF-R4. Works has already commenced on Wilcannia Pump Track with the purchase and delivery of the pump track and the installation of the gravel pad for the pump track to be located on.

REPORT:

Research done by the Director for Shire Services resulted in Pakitect being the only supplier in Australia for Modular pump tracks. While alternative construction of a pump track can be done using road base and asphalt, this is not deemed suitable for our area due to the establishment cost of contractors for construction and the ongoing maintenance, as well the potential compliance to Australian Standards.

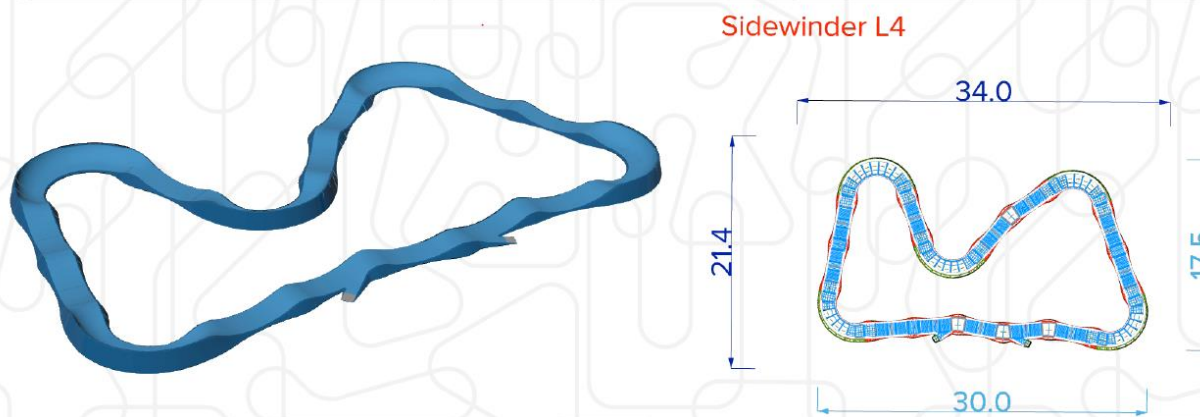
A modular pump track offers recreational facility for all wheeled sports, including bikes of all types, scooters, and skateboards. The pump tracks are made from glass fibre reinforced polymer with a proprietary high grip riding surface and tubular steel frame to resist harsh weather conditions. The tracks can be assembled easily above-ground on compacted road base installed by non-specialised trades. Pakitect pump tracks comply with AS EN 14974:2021 -*Skateparks-safety requirements and test methods*.

The cost to purchase the three pump tracks are exceeding Council procurement Policy for obtaining three quotes and would have to go to tender. However, due to there is only one supplier based in Australia, Council can decide to make the purchase of the pump tracks because of the unavailability of competitive or reliable tender process, *Local Government Act 19993-Section 55 (3) (i)*.

Quotations received from Pakitect for \$414,000 includes international shipping with packaging landed in Adelaide, custom cleared, unpacked and freighted to Ivanhoe, Menindee and White Cliffs. The remaining of the funds (\$350,263) will be used for the construction of gravel pads, landscaping and installation of park furniture for each of the sites.

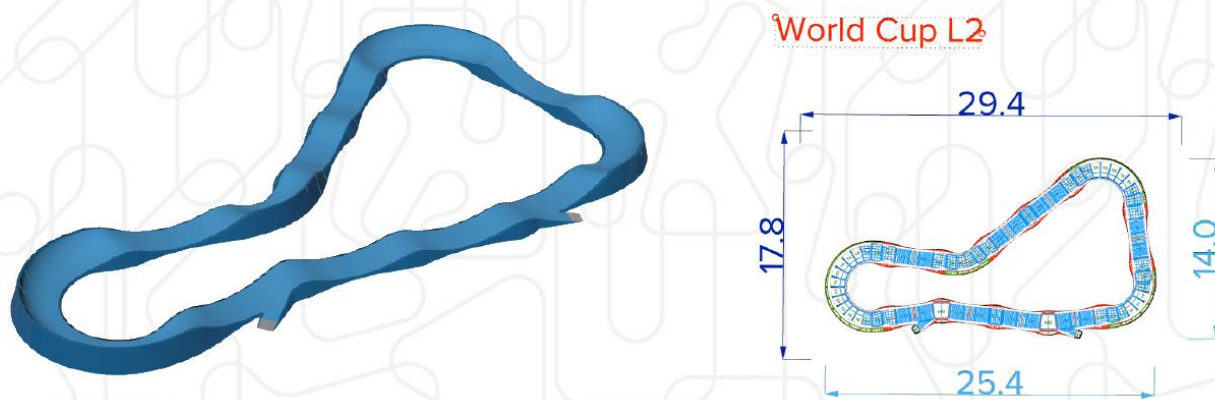
Menindee Pump Track

Track Configuration	Colours	Rideable surface length	Installation Area	Price (exc GST)
Sidewinder L4 including: X1 & X5 L+R on/off ramps	TBA	88m	34m x 21m	\$167,500



Ivanhoe Pump Track

Track Configuration	Colours	Rideable surface length	Installation Area	Price (exc GST)
World Cup L2 including: X1 & X5 L+R on/off ramps	TBA	64m	34m x 21m	\$130,300

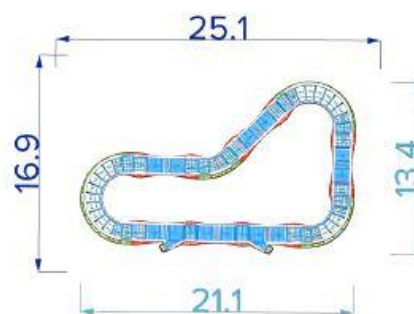


White Cliffs Pump Track

Track Configuration	Colours	Rideable surface length	Installation Area	Price (exc GST)
World Cup L1 including: X1 & X5 L+R on/off ramps	TBA	55m	25m x 17m	\$116,200



World Cup L1



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>1.2 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>

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	NA
Economic	Positive
Governance	NA

Financial and Resource Implications:

No impact- project funded by Stronger Country Community Fund-Round Four

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council Procurement Policy

EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENT TO TENDER OR QUOTE Council can enter into an agreement without a Tender or Contract above \$5,000 and less than \$250,000 without seeking Quotations, in accordance to the Local Government Act 1993 - Section 55 (3), if:

- Council resolved that the services being sought are of such a specialised or confidential nature that it would be impractical or disadvantageous to seek Quotations or Tenders.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 55

55 (3) (i) a contract where, because of extenuating circumstances, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders,

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

Pump Tracks comply with AS EN 14974:2021 -Skateparks-safety requirements and test methods.

OPTIONS:

Council can decide to resolve not to purchase of the three pump tracks by not proceeding with the project.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

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

Not required

External Exhibition:

Not required

Attachments:

1. [Menindee pump track quote](#)
2. [Ivanhoe pump track quote](#)
3. [White Cliffs pump track quote](#)

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 2022-23 RENEWAL OF PARTNESHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL AND SERVICE NSW

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12266
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this Partnership Agreement between CDSC and Service NSW is to:

- Provide the services of Service NSW for Business, which is a division of Service NSW with a mandate of being the one front door for businesses in NSW to access government information and services.
- Provide the framework within which Services will be delivered.
- Document the responsibilities of Service NSW and the Council on the provision of Services.
- Provide mechanisms to manage the relationship between the Parties.
- Promote a collaborative approach to working together in a timely and effective manner and to act in good faith.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

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

BACKGROUND:

- 1) Service NSW is a Division of the Government Service established under the Service Act. The functions of Service NSW include the exercise of customer service functions, within the meaning of the Service Act; other functions conferred by statute; and other functions relating to the delivery of Government services, as directed by the Minister responsible for Service NSW.
- 2) Section 7 of the Service Act makes provision for customer service functions to be delegated by other NSW Government agencies to the Chief Executive Officer ('CEO').
- 3) Section 8 of the Service Act enables the CEO to enter into Agreements with local government agencies for the exercise of a non-statutory customer service function of the agency; or with respect to the exercise of a customer service function delegated to the CEO.
- 4) Subsection 8(4) of the Service Act provides that an Agreement with a council, a county council or a joint organisation within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993* must be approved by a resolution of the council, county council or joint organisation, must be approved before it is entered into.
- 5) Service NSW partners with the Council to promote and deliver the services of Service NSW for Business to businesses across NSW.
- 6) The purpose of this collaboration is to ensure awareness and access to Government services to all businesses in NSW.
- 7) The Services of Service NSW for Business are free for the Council and for customers.
- 8) The PPIP Act and the HRIP Act set out information handling principles that apply to public sector agencies (as defined in section 3 of the PPIP Act). As public sector agencies, the parties must not do anything, or engage in any practice, that contravenes a privacy principle that applies to them.
- 9) Section 14 of the Service Act makes provision for the disclosure and use of information, including personal information, for the purposes of the exercise of customer service functions

- by the CEO. Section 14 has effect despite the provisions of any other Act, including the PPIP Act and the HRIP Act.
- 10) Section 15 of the Service Act makes provision for the collection of personal information for the purposes of the PPIP Act and the HRIP Act, by Service NSW.
 - 11) Section 16 of the Service Act enables an Agreement made under the Service Act, or a delegation of a customer service function by an agency to the CEO, to provide for the exercise by Service NSW of functions relating to access to information under the Government information (Public Access) Act 2009 and functions relating to the State Records Act 1998, in connection with the functions of the council concerned. The responsibilities of Agencies under the *State Records Act 1998* include making and keeping full and accurate records of their office.
 - 12) The Parties will agree to enter into an Agreement under section 8 of the Service Act, incorporating the terms on this Agreement.

REPORT:

The proposed Partnership Agreement is not legally binding, however to optimise the services/products offered to the local community, the Parties will:

- A. Work collaboratively and in good faith in a timely and effective manner, with open communication to achieve shared objectives;
- B. Facilitate a partnership relationship that promotes and achieves continuous improvement and accountability;
- C. Ensure that each of its Personnel complies with this Agreement and all applicable laws and policies relating to the Services, including the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*;
- D. Comply with the agreed timelines for meeting obligations to ensure efficient and effective delivery of Services;
- E. Work together to identify and manage shared risks;
- F. Work together to prioritise initiatives and enhancements, particularly where there are limitations on time and resources; and
- G. Work together to respond to the media, advise Ministers, and consult each other when developing communications that impact on Services.

Service NSW will:

- A. Provide the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, subject to any Change Request;
- B. Exercise the required standard of skill, care and diligence in its performance of the Services and ensure that its Personnel have appropriate qualifications and skills to provide the Services;
- C. Take responsibility for the management of records it creates or holds as a result of the exercise of a customer service function, where required; and
- D. Take responsibility for performing necessary maintenance of its systems and data managing the impact on customers from Service NSW system outages and working in conjunction with the Council.

Council will:

- A. Provide Service NSW with all information, inputs, resources and subject matter expertise in a timely manner as required to enable Service NSW to provide the Services as set out in the Agreement;
- B. Take responsibility for the management of records it receives or holds following the exercise of a customer service function by Service NSW.

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> 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. 4.2 Efficient and effective services.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

To the full extent permitted by law, neither Council or Service NSW will be liable to the customer for the customer’s actions or responsible for any liability, loss or cost suffered directly or indirectly by the business in connection with the Service NSW for Business service.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Service NSW complies with the NSW Government Cyber Security Policy and operates an information security management system that is certified against ISO 27001. These engagement Terms do not extend the certification scope to the Council’s specific activities.

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

All systems and technology provided by Service NSW internally and through third-party vendors, operate through multiple data centres to achieve high availability. Service NSW systems are architected, where practicable and possible, to ensure continuity of service in the event of a data centre disruption or outage.

Service NSW may collect, use, disclose, store and retain personal information when exercising functions for the Council:

Where Service NSW exercises functions for the Council, Service NSW can share information it obtains with the Council without separately requesting the customer’s consent. Service NSW can also share the information it obtains with any person that the Council is authorised or required to disclose the information to in accordance with the Service Act.

The Parties agree that Service NSW will not have access to the Council’s information system.

OPTIONS:

Discontinue with Service NSW partnership

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

N/A

External Exhibition:

N/A

Attachments:

1. [Renewal CDSC and Service NSW Partnership Agreement 2022-23](#)

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 PROPOSED EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT NUMBERING FOR THE URBAN AND RURAL ADDRESSING PROJECT

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12214
REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with Information relating to the public exhibition and community consultation of the draft property and dwelling numbering for the Urban and Rural Addressing Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

Addresses or numbering, connects people to a place and place names constitute the most commonly used spatial reference. There has been exponential growth in the demand for relevant, accurate and authoritative address or numbering information to support community, Government, and business.

Many web and database applications rely on addresses/ numbering as the central reference point to connect services and integrate data. As a result, addresses must adhere to the basic principles that they are simple, singular (i.e., not-duplicated), intuitively understood and relevant to place.

These addressing/ numbering principles are important for both Government and the community. The community depends on the use of consistent addresses for service delivery and public safety, particularly when it comes to emergency response times. Government depends on it to deliver infrastructure and policies that make a difference to the economy and people’s lives.

REPORT:

The Urban and Rural addressing project is near completion of the draft property and dwelling numbering for the Central Darling Shire Council area (excluding White Cliffs dugouts- due to delays from Crown lands).

The draft property and dwelling numbering will be placed on exhibition for not less than 42 days for public comment.

The proposed Urban and Rural address numbers will be presented on an online mapping portal which will be accessed via Council’s website. Residents will be able to search and pan the map to see the proposed numbering allocated to each property.

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

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
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<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>2.3 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>3.4 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 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>4.3 Skilled and informed Councillors and staff.</p>

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Project is 100% funded up to \$300,000 in the DSP Local Drought Support Package Funding to improve the addressing system within the Shire.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The NSW Address Policy and User Manual was released in October 2019. The updated NSW Address Policy and User Manual is all encompassing and replaces the previously separate NSW Addressing User Manual, NSW Address Policy and NSW Retrospective Address Policy.

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

Extensive Community Consultation will be required including liaising with residents for

changing numbers, exhibition of the addressing plan, rural addressing education.

OPTIONS:

Nil. Rural and Urban Addressing is required to be implemented.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Nil

External Exhibition:

Yes

Public exhibition for community consultation for not less than 42 days for public comment.

The proposed Urban and Rural address numbers will be presented on an online mapping portal which will be accessed via Council's website. Residents will be able to search and pan the map to see the proposed numbering allocated to each property.

Attachments:

NIL

11.2 POONCARIE ROAD – PROGRESS REPORT**FILE NUMBER: GD22/12234****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 0-12km and 20-24km, and now these sections are open for traffic. The project team is planning to seal the 12-20km road section next week and connect the full stretch from 0-24km.
- 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 \$6,955,061.85, 80% of the project cost for earthworks. Furthermore, Barkandji native group monitors are involved in the project.
- The Blore team has pulled out from the project due to internal issues, the council is waiting for their confirmation/response and hopefully, they will sort out these challenges as soon as possible. Currently, this is a major risk to the project. council is looking for other alternatives and mitigation strategies to overcome this issue.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

Project teams currently work between 12-20km, 40-45km and 31-39km. At the moment, project teams are on track to complete another 13 km within the next month.

PROJECT STATUS

Section/Location	Current activities and progress
12-20km	Stabilisation works were completed on 6 th July 2022. Sealing works will commence on 19 th July 2022.
25-31km	Blore teams continue earthworks on this section.
31-39km	Earthwork is ongoing.
40-45km	CDSC has completed earthworks and planning to seal this section in early 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	Scheduled Linemarking works were postponed due to the unavailability of accommodation in the Menindee or Broken hill for the crew. The contractor will provide a new scheduled date for the work.

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.
Cost	The council received an extra \$14.6 million (including contingencies) through the Federal government budget to complete the project. To date, the project cost is \$16.3 million.
Safety	No issues to report
Risk	Blore team has pulled out from the project due to internal issues. If this is not sorted out within the next few weeks, it will be a major setback to the project.
Resourcing	
Quality	No issues to report
Other issues	

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

- Sealing works (12-20km) -19th July 2022. This section will be opened for traffic by the end of next week.
- Stabilisation works (40-45km) – End of July 2022
- Sealing works (40-45km)- Second week of August 2022.
- Line marking (5-12km, 20-25km) – contractor to confirm new dates.
- Road maintenance work (full length including side-tracks)- ongoing work as required.

Attachments:

NIL

11.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12263
REPORT AUTHOR: ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide a summary of Council's Environmental Services statistics for the month of June 2022.

The swimming pool policy for Central Darling Shire Council is attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

REPORT:

Statistics for June 2022		
Development, construction and activity approvals for June 2022	Number of Development approvals - New Dwellings	0
	Number of Development approvals - Renovation	0
	Number of Development approvals - Other	2
	Total value of development approvals	\$649,200.00
	Number of Construction Certificates issued	0
	Number of Complying Development Certificates issued	0
	Number of Occupation Certificates issued	1
	Number of LGA S68 approvals	0
	Number of LGA Notice of Completion issued S68	0
Food safety		
	Number of Food premises inspected	2
Animal Control		
	Impounded	5 dogs 0 Cats
	Rehomed	5 dogs 0 Cats
	Returned to owner	5 dogs 0 cats
	Euthanized	0 dogs

		0 cats
	Registrations	0
	Microchipped	0
	Penalty notices issued	0
Water sampling		
	Microbiology samples collected	10
	Non compliant samples	2 samples with high turbidity. One was at Wilcannia Ross Street with turbidity of 9.83 NTU, and the next one was in white Cliffs Caravan Park with turbidity of 17.8 NTU.
	Pesticides samples	1
	Chemistry samples Collected	0
	Darling River Algae samples	0

Attachments:

1. [Swimming Pool Policy](#)

11.4 ROADS AND AERODROME REPORT

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12594
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 and note 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

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.

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

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

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.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Aerodromes R&M	\$124,000	126%	-\$32,806

Attachments:

1. [Works Program July 2022](#)

11.5 WATER AND SEWER REPORT

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12597
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

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 and note 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 7.8m, 10 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.

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 submitted the 100% Design and application for Section 60 approval on 31 January 2022.

Works are expected to commence at White Cliffs Aug 2022 pending Section 60 approval from DPE Water and issue of Construction Certificate. The current program aims to complete all 3 Water Treatment by June 2024

MSA visited all 3 locations 7 March to 9 March 2022 and are finalising layout drawings and technical specifications at present. 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 early 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 date 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

Attachments:

NIL

11.6 SERVICES REPORT

FILE NUMBER: GD22/12598
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

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 and note the report

REPORT:

Water & Sewerage Operations:

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Tilpa Solar Array/ Pump	\$25,000	0%	\$25,000
Ivanhoe Raw Water Switchboard Upgrades	\$75,000	0%	\$75,000

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, 24 August 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, 29 JUNE 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 9.10am

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 01-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

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

CARRIED

No declarations were received.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED: OCM 02-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 May 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

Administrator Bob Stewart expressed his appreciation to SES & LEMC regarding the flooding of the Darling River at Menindee. The LEMC have been meeting twice per week to ensure that the community are well informed, prepared and supported and Mr Stewart thanked all agencies involved.

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 ADOPTION OF DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2022-23

RESOLVED: OCM 03-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Note and acknowledge submissions made during the public exhibition period.
3. Adopt the 2022-23 Operational Plan and Budget.
4. Make and levy the following rates and charges under the *Local Government Act 1993* for the 2022-23 year.
 - a. In accordance with Sections 492-494, 497-499, 533-535 and 543 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following ordinary rates for the 2021/22 year as follows:
 - i. Farmland Rate ad valorem amount 0.001003 cents in the dollar
 - ii. Farmland Base Amount: \$130.00
 - iii. Residential Rate ad valorem amount 0.065217 cents in the dollar
 - iv. Residential Base Amount \$130.00
 - v. Business Rate ad valorem amount 0.058942 cents in the dollar

vi. Business Base Amount \$130.00

b. In accordance with Sections 496 and 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and impose charges for waste management services in 2021/22 as follows:

Domestic Waste Service Charges Levied under Section 496 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>	Charge Unit	2022-23 Charge
<p>Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge (previously known as an “Unoccupied” property charge) <u>Purpose:</u> Fund waste management facilities to meet potential future demands from vacant land. <u>Applies to:</u> All vacant parcels of rateable land within the Wilcannia, Ivanhoe or Menindee Waste Collection areas. <u>Purpose:</u> Fund waste management facilities to meet potential future demands from vacant land.</p>	Per Property	\$314.00
<p>Domestic Waste Management Service <u>Purpose:</u> Entitlement to a weekly collection of a 240 litre waste bin & free access to to dispose of domestic waste at Council's Waste Management Facility in the town the property is located in. <u>Applies to:</u> All properties within the Ivanhoe, Menindee or Wilcannia Council's waste collection areas, with an approval for a residential building.</p>	Per Property	\$663.00
<p>Domestic Waste Management Service – Sunset Strip <u>Purpose:</u> Provide Sunset Strip residents with free access to the dispose of domestic waste at the Sunset Strip Waste Management Facility. <u>Applies to:</u> All rateable properties in Sunset Strip.</p>	Per Property	\$80.00
<p>Domestic Waste Management Service – White Cliffs <u>Purpose:</u> Provide residents of the White Cliffs township with free access to the dispose of domestic waste at the White Cliffs Waste Management Facility. <u>Applies to:</u> All rateable properties in the White Cliffs township.</p>	Per Property	\$66.00
<p>Domestic Waste Management – Additional Bin Collection Services <u>Purpose:</u> Weekly collection of additional 240 litre waste bin (additional charge per bin). <u>Applies to:</u> All properties within the Wilcannia, Ivanhoe or Menindee Waste Collection areas where an additional Domestic Waste Collection service(s) has/have been requested and provided.</p>	Per Bin	\$663.00
<p>Waste Management Service Charges - Non Domestic Levied under Section 501 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i></p>	Charge Unit	2022-23 Charge
<p>Waste Management Service <u>Purpose:</u> Entitlement to a weekly collection of a 240 litre waste bin. <u>Applies to:</u> All properties within any of Council's waste collection areas where a Waste Collection service has been requested and provided.</p>	Per Property	\$663.00

<p>Waste Management Additional Bin <u>Purpose:</u> Entitlement to a weekly collection of additional 240 litre waste bins. <u>Applies to:</u> All properties within any of Council's waste collection areas where an additional Non Domestic Waste Collection service(s) has/have been requested and provided.</p>	Per Bin	\$663.00
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c. In accordance with Sections 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy charges for water supply services in 2022-23 as follows:

Water Service Charges - Wilcannia		
Service Charge Description	Charge Unit	2022-23 Charge
Filtered Water Connected	Per Connection	\$257.00
Non- Potable/Raw Water Connected	Per Connection	\$1,011.00
Filtered Water Availability	Per Property	\$169.00
Non Potable/Raw Water Availability	Per Property	\$169.00
Filtered Water Usage	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.66
Filtered Water Usage – Metered Non Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.66
Non Potable/Raw Water Usage – Metered Non Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.66
Water Service Charges - Ivanhoe		
Service Charge Description	Charge Unit	2022-23 Charge
Filtered Water Connected	Per Connection	\$300.00
Non- Potable/Raw Water Connected	Per Connection	\$503.00
Filtered Water Availability	Per Property	\$224.00
Non Potable/Raw Water Availability	Per Property	\$224.00
Filtered Water Usage	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$4.08
Non Potable/Raw Water Usage – Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$1.77
Filtered Water Usage – Metered Non Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$4.91
Non Potable/Raw Water Usage – Metered Non Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$4.08
Water Service Charges – White Cliffs		

Service Charge Description	Charge Unit	2022-23 Charge
Filtered Water Connected	Per Connection	\$974.00
Non- Potable/Raw Water Connected	Per Connection	\$974.00
Filtered Water Availability	Per Property	\$852.00
Non Potable/Raw Water Availability	Per Property	\$852.00
Filtered Water Usage	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.98
Non Potable/Raw Water Usage – Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.98
Filtered Water Usage – Metered Non Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.98
Non Potable/Raw Water Usage – Metered Non Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.98

- d. In accordance with Sections 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy charges for sewerage services in 2022-23 as follows:

Service Charge Description	Unit Type	2022-23 Charge
Sewerage Service Charge	Per property – up to 2 connections	\$915.00
Sewerage Service Additional Charge	Per connection – more than 2 connections	\$315.00

- e. 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 *Local Government Act 1993*, being 6.00 per cent per annum for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- f. Fees and Charges for the use of services provided by the Council as detailed in the Operational Plan and Budget 2022-23 be adopted in accordance with Section 608 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED

8.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – MAY 2022

RESOLVED: OCM 04-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

CARRIED

8.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT MAY 2022

RESOLVED: OCM 05-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

CARRIED

8.4 ADOPTION OF DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023-2032

RESOLVED: OCM 06-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Adopt the report of the Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2032

CARRIED

8.5 COUNCIL 2021-2022 CURRENT GRANTS REGISTER

RESOLVED: OCM 07-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will

1. Receive and adopt the report

CARRIED

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1 FILMING IN THE SHIRE

RESOLVED: OCM 08-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the Filming Policy, Application and Approval Process
3. The Filming Policy, Application and Approval Process to be placed on Council website for public access.

CARRIED

9.2 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

RESOLVED: OCM 09-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the suite of documents that make up the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - a. CDSC Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032
 - b. Ivanhoe and District Improvement Plan 2022-2032
 - c. Menindee and District Improvement Plan 2022-2032
 - d. Sunset Strip and District Improvement Plan 2022-2032
 - e. Tilpa and District Improvement Plan 2022-2032
 - f. White Cliffs and District Improvement Plan 2022-2032
 - g. Wilcannia and District Improvement Plan 2022-2032
 - h. CDSC Advocacy Plan
 - i. CDSC Disability Inclusion Action Plan
3. The suit of documents for the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework be placed on Councils website.

CARRIED

9.3 COMMUNITY DONATIONS POLICY

RESOLVED: OCM 10-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the revised Policy.
3. The revised Community Donations Policy be placed on Council's website.

CARRIED

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: OCM 11-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

CARRIED

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE**RESOLVED: OCM 12-06-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and Note the report.

CARRIED**11.2 DESAILLY STREET WILCANNIA****RESOLVED: OCM 13-06-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Apply to purchase Crown Road – Desailly Street Wilcannia
 - (i) Note the costs involved in the purchase of Crown Land.
3. Upon transfer of ownership, close Desailly Street at the intersection of the Barrier Highway (Myers Street).
4. Delegate authority to General Manager to proceed with the road closure

CARRIED**11.3 32 COLUMBUS STREET LOT 9, 10 AND 11 DP30593 AT 32 COLUMBUS STREET IVANHOE****RESOLVED: OCM 14-06-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. That Council agree to the consolidation of lots 9,10 and 11 DP 30593, know as 32 Columbus Street Ivanhoe for the purpose of erection of a new multiservice office.
 - (a) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Deposited Plan Administration Sheet.
 - (b) That the Common Seal of the Central Darling Shire Council be affixed.

CARRIED**11.4 ROADS TO RECOVERY 2022/2023 ALLOCATIONS****RESOLVED: OCM 15-06-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Allocate the 2022/2023 Roads to Recovery funding to the following projects:
 - Mandalay Rd, White Cliffs – Floodway Reconstructions
 - Wilcannia-Menindee East Rd – Formation reconstruction and new culverts

CARRIED

11.5 POONCARIE ROAD – PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED: OCM 16-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.6 CONSOLIDATION OF LOT 1 IN DP905928, LOT 1 DP906662 AND LOT 1 DP 906058 AND LOT 2 DP 905928 - COUNCIL LAND IN ROSS STREET WILCANNIA

RESOLVED: OCM 17-06-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. The General Manager be authorised to sign the Deposited Plan Administration Sheet.
 - (a) The Common Seal of Central Darling Shire Council be affixed.

CARRIED

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

14 RESOLUTION TRACKER

Nil

15 URGENT BUSINESS - RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES FOR WILCANNIA, MENINDEE AND IVANHOE

RECOMMENDATION:

Cr Bob Stewart

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the exhibition for public comment on the proposed renewal of the Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe, for 30 days.
 - (a) Following consultation on the proposed renewal of the Alcohol Free Zones for Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe as indicated on the attached maps, council will approve the re-establishment of the existing Alcohol Free Zones.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) 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
 - (d) 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
- for the period 25 August 2022 to 26 August 2026.

3. General Manager be given authority to extend the limits of the restrictions to include the cemetery as so required.

MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at **9.45am**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 27 July 2022.

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ADMINISTRATOR