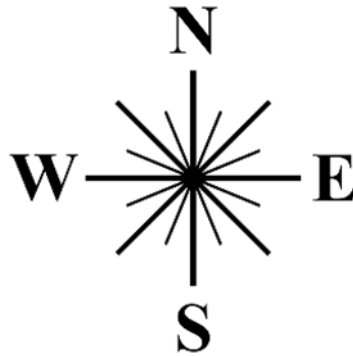


# **CENTRAL DARLING**



## **SHIRE COUNCIL**

### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **BUSINESS PAPER**

**23 NOVEMBER 2022**

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

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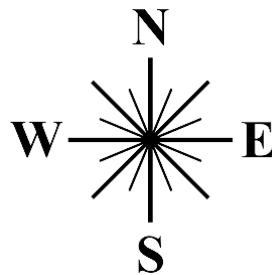
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# CENTRAL DARLING



## SHIRE COUNCIL

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 23 November 2022

9 am

Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia

### **BUSINESS PAPER AGENDA**

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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 19 October 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

### **Attachments:**

1. [Ordinary Council Meeting - 19 October 2022](#)

## **6 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

## **7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)**

### **7.1 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2022**

**FILE NUMBER:** GD22/19448

**REPORT AUTHOR:** ADMINISTRATOR

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

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Central Darling Shire and its communities like many other LGAs in the state continue to face the impacts of the ongoing wet weather pattern. For Communities on the Darling this has meant the prospect of flooding property and for some relocation.

As I have travelled about the state the damage to road and private property infrastructure is immense and local Councils and communities are going to require ongoing support as recovery gets underway. I have commenced lobbying for further ongoing support.

The declaration of Central Darling Shire as being eligible for Disaster Assistance was welcomed news.

The LEMC continues to meet weekly and has held emergency sessions to address updated flow forecasts to enable plan a response. My thanks go to all the agencies that attended the Menindee Community Information session. Over the coming days and weeks activity will increase on the ground and an Incident Management Centre will be set up in Broken Hill and specialist crews will come into the area. Aviation support is available.

The NSW Government has commissioned the NSW Audit Office to undertake an Audit of the Regulation and Monitoring of Local Government to report in May 2023.

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) provides the legal framework for the system of local government in New South Wales. The Act sets out the responsibilities and powers of councils, councillors and other persons and bodies. These include regulatory powers for the Minister for Local Government and the NSW Government in relation to the local government sector (councils, county councils and joint organisations).

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) is the primary department with responsibility for policy, legislative and program functions for local government matters, including activities to monitor and regulate the local government sector. These activities are primarily undertaken by the Office of Local Government (OLG) within DPE.

The objective of this audit is to assess whether DPE (OLG) is effectively monitoring and regulating the NSW local government sector under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The audit will focus on the effectiveness of arrangements in place for DPE (OLG) to undertake its regulatory functions, and whether DPE (OLG) has effective mechanisms to respond to risks and issues relating to council compliance and performance.

The audit will consider governance arrangements, strategic planning and performance monitoring to support DPE (OLG)'s regulatory approach and activities. It will also consider the policies, procedures and sector engagement activities used to monitor and respond to risks and issues relating to council compliance and performance. This will include consideration of the legislative powers available to DPE (OLG) under the *Local Government Act 1993*.



I intend to make a submission as I believe the long-term administration of Central Darling Shire is a case study of the issues on monitoring Councils performance, response by Government through the OLG and whether the LGA is fit for purpose.

The DRNSW Regional Housing Supply Unit's remit is to work collaboratively with relevant agencies, local councils and stakeholders to identify issues and solutions for the supply and availability of regional housing. Council has previously made a submission on Housing Supply in our community identifying issues and challenges.

A lack of available and affordable housing is a real barrier to achieving the State's regional recovery goals. DRNSW is developing a suite of regional housing initiatives tailored to local need that will assist in reducing housing pressures. These initiatives will reflect the 4 pillars of the NSW Housing Strategy, Housing 2041 (supply, affordability, diversity, resilience) and align with the Regional Housing Taskforce recommendations.

To inform more detailed program design and place-based solutions, DRNSW seeks to prepare a suite of Regional Housing Delivery Plans (Plans). The Plans will identify the number and diversity of housing requirements at a local scale and will explore the impediments to meeting this demand through free market supply options. The Plans will develop a suite of 'on the ground' options to reduce the current housing supply challenges and ensure service delivery and economic development in regional remain on track.

Regional Housing Delivery Plans also act to implement the recommendations released by the Regional Housing Taskforce on 9 November 2021. The Plans will facilitate the supply of 'development ready' land, provide more certainty as to where certain kinds of housing can be developed and review planning levers on the local level to support the delivery of housing in the near term.

In July 2022 contracts were awarded to consultants to deliver the ten Plans identified in tranche 1. Consultants are currently undertaking stakeholder engagement. Draft recommendations will be provided in September and Plans finalised in October 2022.

Each Plan must understand local housing demands from across the FER. The Plan must also identify the barriers or issues preventing the effective supply of housing to meet this demand as they relate to infrastructure capacity, local planning constraints, skilled workforce availability and local development capacity.

At a minimum, it is expected that this will involve consideration of the following :

- Understand the housing demand pressures by determining the aggregated demand for housing across the FER over a minimum 20-year period.
- demand for different typologies of housing.
- demand for housing across private purchase, rental market and social housing.
- demand for housing by different income brackets; and
- demand for housing based on different workforce types.

Understand local development capacity, by determining:

- skills shortages experienced by the industry.
- supply difficulties or delays impacting construction viability or timeframes.
- capacity of the local development industry to meet demand.
- ability to finance the delivery of new housing; and
- an overview of the logistical, resourcing and/or financing implications of addressing these matters.

This is an important body of work and housing issues has long been a critical issue for Central Darling Shire and is a key focus in our Strategic Community Plan. Council will participate in a briefing on the Project this month.

**Attachments:**

1. [Stakeholder letter](#)

## 8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 8.1 OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES UPDATE

**FILE NUMBER:** GD22/19013

**REPORT AUTHOR:** ACTING RATES OFFICER

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** FINANCE MANAGER

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on efforts to recover and reduce outstanding rates and charges.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Receive a further report regarding outstanding rates and charges at the Ordinary meeting of Council scheduled for on 22 February 2023.

#### 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 has since received reports on this topic at its Ordinary Meetings in August 2021, October 2021, February 2022, April 2022 and July 2022. At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 July 2022, Council resolved "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."

#### REPORT:

A report on this topic was not provided to the Ordinary meeting of Council in October 2022 as the author of this report was on leave for the first two weeks of October 2022 and the fact the October 2022 meeting has brought forward by one week to 19 October 2022.

#### Outstanding Rates and Charges Position Comparison

Position 30 June 2022 - Bracketed figures indicate movement since 31 March 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%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$1,002</b>	<b>(-\$62)</b>	<b>100%</b>

Position 31 October 2022 - Bracketed figures indicate movement since 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	0	4.7%	\$578	(\$25)	53.1%
\$5K to <\$10K	25	1	3.8%	\$175	(\$11)	16.1%
\$2K to <\$5K	58	5	8.8%	\$183	(\$14)	16.8%
\$1K to <\$2K	44	10	6.6%	\$62	(\$14)	5.7%
\$500 to <\$1K	47	-1	7.1%	\$34	(\$1)	3.1%
\$250 to \$500	109	42	16.5%	\$40	(\$17)	3.7%
\$100 to \$250	78	28	11.8%	\$14	(\$6)	1.3%
<\$100	270	38	40.7%	\$3	(\$1)	0.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$1,082</b>	<b>(\$87)</b>	<b>100%</b>

As annual rates and charges were levied in July 2022 and therefore not reflected in the 30 June 2022 figures, a comparison with the position from approximately 12 months ago is provided below:

Position 11 October 2021

Overdue Amount Range	Number of Properties		Percentage of Properties in Arrears	Total Overdue \$000's		Percentage of Total \$ Overdue
\$10K plus	32		5.00%	\$558		46.70%
\$5K to <\$10K	40		6.20%	\$279		23.30%
\$2K to <\$5K	60		9.30%	\$195		16.30%
\$1K to <\$2K	51		7.90%	\$74		6.20%
\$500 to <\$1K	75		11.70%	\$56		4.70%
\$250 to \$500	66		10.30%	\$23		1.90%
\$100 to \$250	48		7.50%	\$9		0.80%
<\$100	270		42.10%	\$2		0.10%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>642</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>\$1,196</b>		<b>100%</b>

Position 31 October 2022 – Bracketed figures indicate movement since 11 October 2021.

Overdue Amount Range	Number of Properties		Percentage of Properties in Arrears	Total Overdue \$000's		Percentage of Total \$ Overdue
\$10K plus	31	-1	4.7%	\$578	(\$20)	53.5%
\$5K to <\$10K	24	-16	3.8%	\$168	(\$111)	15.5%
\$2K to <\$5K	58	-2	8.8%	\$183	(\$12)	16.9%
\$1K to <\$2K	44	-7	6.6%	\$62	(\$12)	5.7%
\$500 to <\$1K	47	-28	7.1%	\$34	(\$22)	3.1%
\$250 to \$500	109	43	16.5%	\$40	(\$17)	3.7%
\$100 to \$250	78	30	11.8%	\$14	(\$5)	1.3%

<\$100	270	0	40.7%	\$3	(\$1)	0.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$1,082</b>	<b>(-\$114)</b>	<b>100%</b>

The tables above reflect a deterioration in the overdue rates position in the 4 months since 30 June 2022, with an increase in overdue accounts by 123 properties (22.8%) and approximately \$89,000 in overdue rates (8.9%).

The comparison over 12 months to October 2022 does however reflect an improvement of approximately \$106,000 (8.8%) over that period.

Whilst at least \$29,000 of the deterioration since June 2022 can be attributed to the annual rates and charges levy on the “hard core debt” component of the rate book (defined as arrears of 2 years and over without payment plan), there remains an underlying poor payment performance across our rate portfolio.

Recovery actions which commenced in September 2021, with the issue of 427 reminder notices with a value of \$984,000, have resulted in payments totaling approximately \$95,000. However these payments have partly been offset by approximately \$21,000 in legal costs added to the accounts subject to these actions.

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

<b>Action/Status</b>	<b>No. of Accounts</b>	<b>Amount Overdue \$000's</b>
<\$100	270	\$3
>=\$100 <\$250	75	\$13
Arrangement	35	\$173
Bad Debt - To be Written Off	1	\$6
Deceased Estate - awaiting probate	1	\$7
Deceased Estate - CL Licence - probable bad debt w/off	3	\$21
Deceased Estate - Future Sale Unpaid Rates	9	\$24
Future Recovery Action	212	\$252
Future Sale Unpaid Rates	9	\$46
Garnishee bank or wages	2	\$15
Hardship Application Under Review	1	\$16
Instalment Order (Payment Arrangement)	1	\$12
Sale of Land	41	\$483
Summons being served	1	\$10
<b>Total</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>\$1,082</b>

The anticipated improved engagement rates from these actions have not eventuated with most ratepayers under these actions failing to pay their arrears or make any contact with us – this is particularly surprising given many of these people have been personally served with legal processes.

A different approach seems necessary to bring about payment and/or contact/discussion.

Several initiatives are available to consider for possible implementation from early 2023 after initial cost benefit analysis. Additionally, a return to a regular, timely and cyclical debt recovery program will be critical to improved collections and is proposed to occur in parallel with other activities

including those reported below. It should be noted that many other Councils have only recently lifted the hold that was placed on legal activity at the height of the pandemic.

Resourcing these activities remains a challenge. Achieving and maintaining engagement with defaulting ratepayers is especially difficult as is maintaining focus on the activities and areas that can return best value outcomes.

#### Restriction of Water Supply

This remains a tool to generate customer response/engagement. Several of properties have been identified as suited to this option with initial notices being prepared at the time this report is being written. Further matters will continue to be reviewed to determine if water restriction is appropriate for other properties.

#### Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates

A report recommending that Council proceed with the sale of 38 properties under Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates provisions in the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* is included in the Confidential Section of the Business Paper for this meeting.

### **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> 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.

### **SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**

	Assessment
<b>Social</b>	NA
<b>Environmental</b>	NA
<b>Economic</b>	Positive    Improved Cashflow
<b>Governance</b>	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

**8.2 WRITE OFF RATES AND CHARGES - JULIE MARGARET JOHNSTONE - TERMINATED CROWN LICENCE 761869****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19446****REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: FINANCE MANAGER**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report seeks Council's approval to write-off the residual balance of rates and charges outstanding a terminated Crown Land Licence previously held in the name of Julie Margaret Johnstone.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Write-off rates and charges of \$6,418.89 outstanding against former Licence 761869 over Crown Land Lot 824 DP 761869 previously held by Julie Margaret Johnstone.

**BACKGROUND:**

Licence over Crown Land was granted to Ms Johnstone in 2006 following which the Valuer General issued a valuation for rating purposes and the property was rated from 1 July 2007.

Licence was terminated and valuation cancelled in October 2017. As the property was cancelled, rates ceased to be applicable from October 2017.

In the period that Licence was current and rateable the following transactions occurred:

<b>Transaction Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Annual Rates & Charges levies	\$4,853.06
Payments	-\$765.31
Interest Charges	\$1,448.87
Recoverable Legal Costs incurred/on-charged	\$882.27
<b>Net Balance</b>	<b>\$6,418.89</b>

**REPORT:**

In efforts to recover the unpaid rates and charges, legal action was initiated in 2018 however Ms Johnstone could not be located despite extensive efforts by council mercantile agents which included visits to properties in Menindee, Broken Hill and the Adelaide area.

An associate of Ms Johnstone, with whom we had contact following the 2020 sale for unpaid rates of another property she owned in Menindee, was unco-operative towards our requests for her details.

All reasonable efforts to locate Ms Johnstone have been exhausted.

Additionally, as the land which the rates were levied on was a Licence over Crown Land, which was terminated in 2017, there is no sale of land remedy available to Council.



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

<b>Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes</b>	<b>Delivery Outcomes</b>
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.

**SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**

	<b>Assessment</b>
<b>Social</b>	NA
<b>Environmental</b>	NA
<b>Economic</b>	NA
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

Nil. The recommended write off is fully provided for in Council's provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts.

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

*Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (NSW) s 131 (4)

An amount of rates or charges can be written off under this section only—

- (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.

Given that all reasonable efforts to locate Ms Johnstone have been exhausted, write off is recommended in accordance with s 131 (4) (d) above.

Delegations – The General Manager is delegated to write off any individual rate or charge to a maximum of \$2000.00. The recommended write-off therefore requires a resolution of Council.

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

No risks identified

**OPTIONS:**

No options identified

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**

**Internal Exhibition:**

Not required

**External Exhibition:**

Not required

**Attachments:**

NIL

**8.3 COUNCIL 2022-2023 CURRENT GRANTS REGISTER****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19460****REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary reconciliation of Council's current grant funding status as of 31 October 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 OPERATIONAL 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
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

**Delivery Outcomes:**

Accurate and timely reporting of funding sources and expenditure.

**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:**

None

**External Exhibition:**

None

**Attachments:**

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

**8.4 1.1 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – OCTOBER 2022****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19497****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 October 2022.

Council's total cash assets as at 31<sup>st</sup> October are: \$7,618,785.91

**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	\$2,900,000.00	\$4,100,000.00	(\$1,200,000.00)	1.05%	\$2,763.01	\$6,035.47
Operating Account	\$4,683,497.17	\$2,084,552.01	\$2,084,552.01	N/A	NIL	NIL
Post Office Clearing Account	\$30,288.74	\$15,606.32	\$14,682.39	N/A	NIL	NIL
Total Cash at bank as of 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022				\$7,618,785.91		

**Commentary:**

The net movement of cash for the month of October 2022 was a increase of \$1,418,627.48.

Payments for the month of October 2022 totalled \$4,562,278,.92. Being payments for wages and to suppliers.

Receipts for the month of October 2022 totalled \$5,962,314.74 with major receipts being:

- Pooncarie Road Funding Dept Transport NSW \$4,000,000
- Natural Disaster Funding Dept Transport NWS \$1,704,877

**Restrictions:**

Restriction Amount	
Total Restriction as of <a href="#">Date</a>	\$4,006,000

**Attachments:**

NIL

**8.5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT OCTOBER 2022****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19499****REPORT AUTHOR: FINANCE MANAGER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

The report indicates a YTD Net Operating Result before Capital Items of \$1.365 million surplus, which is in line with expectations for this time of year.

The report shows no material variances for the month of October 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:**

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

<b>Income Statement October 2022</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>%</b>	
	<b>2022/23</b>					
<b>Income</b>	<b>(\$000's)</b>	<b>(\$000's)</b>	<b>(\$000's)</b>	<b>(\$000's)</b>		
Rates and Annual Charges	2,483	2,483	2,478	(5)	(0%)	
User Charges and Fees	9,716	2,371	2,156	(215)	(9%)	
Interest and Investment Revenues	54	18	18	-	0%	
Other Revenues	405	118	126	8	7%	
Grants & Contributions - Operating	8,744	4,269	4,269	-	0%	
Grants & Contributions - Capital	24,394	5,695	5,695	-	0%	
<b>Total Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>45,796</b>	<b>14,954</b>	<b>14,742</b>	<b>(212)</b>	<b>-1%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>						
Employee Costs	6,968	2,012	1,852	160	8%	
Borrowing Costs	39	5	5	-	0%	
Materials & Contracts	7,696	3,298	3,316	(18)	(1%)	
Depreciation	4,324	1,441	1,441	-	0%	
Other Expenses	2,257	995	1,068	(73)	(7%)	
<b>Total Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>21,284</b>	<b>7,751</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1%</b>	
<b>Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>24,512</b>	<b>7,203</b>	<b>7,060</b>	<b>(143)</b>	<b>(2%)</b>	
<b>Net Operating Result before Capital Items</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>(143)</b>	<b>(9%)</b>	

**General Notes:**

Rates and Annual Charges are recognised as income when the rate is struck, generally the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> September and presented to Council at the November meeting. Any subsequently approved amendments to the budget will be shown in the November financial performance report to be presented to Council at its December meeting.

**Variance Analysis:**

There are no material variances (<10%) for October 2022.

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

<b>Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes</b>	<b>Delivery Outcomes</b>
GOAL 4: A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and	<u>Objectives</u>



efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing community development and succession planning.	4.2 Efficient and effective services.
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**SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**

	Assessment
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	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:**

N/A

**External Exhibition:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

NIL

**8.6 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19500****REPORT AUTHOR: FINANCE MANAGER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is to provide a summary of Council's financial performance against budget as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the variations to Council's 2022/23 Annual Budget.
3. Adopt the variations to Council's 2022/23 Annual Budget.
4. Adopt the variations to Council's 2022/23 Annual Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

*Regulation 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* provides a requirement that:

(1) Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter (except the June quarter), the responsible accounting officer of a council must prepare and submit to the council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the statement of the council's revenue policy included in the operational plan for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.

(2) A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:

(a) a report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure, and

(b) if that position is unsatisfactory, recommendations for remedial action.

In accordance with s.211 (Authorisation of expenditure) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005*:

(1) A council, or a person purporting to act on behalf of a council, must not incur a liability for the expenditure of money unless the council at the annual meeting held in accordance with subclause (2) or at a later ordinary meeting:

(a) has approved the expenditure, and

(b) has voted the money necessary to meet the expenditure.

The QBRs appear as Attachment 1 and have been produced in accordance with the guidelines and standards issued by the Office of Local Government.

**REPORT:****Operational Budget Result:**

The September Quarterly Budget review shows an increase in the projected 2022/23 operating surplus (before capital items) of \$17,000 to an overall projected operating surplus as at 30 June 2022 of \$135,000.

This result reflects the following movements:

**Income****1. Unbudgeted Private Works:**

Dill pad works to be carried out at Coona Coona for the Department of Regional NSW.

Amendment to the budget for User charges and fees - \$422,000 increase.

**Unbudgeted Routine Maintenance Works**

Additional works added to the original works plan State Highways NSW

Amendment to the budget for User charges and fees - \$422,000 increase

**2. Unbudgeted Capital Grants**

Funding to be received as part of the Regional Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 9, for works to be carried out at Emmdale Airstrip.

Amendment to the budget for Capital grants and contributions - \$72,000 increase

**Expenditure****3. Unbudgeted Materials and Contracts Expense**

The expected cost of carrying out the private works for the Department of Regional NSW as per Note 1 above.

Amendment to budget - \$324,000 increase

**Unbudgeted Materials and Contracts Expense.**

The expected cost of carrying out the private works for State Highways NSW as per Note 1 above.

Amendment to budget - \$422,000 increase

**Unbudgeted Materials and Contracts Expense.**

The expected cost of preparing and marketing property's for sale for unpaid rates as per a report to Council at November's Council Meeting.

Amendment to budget - \$85,000 increase

**Capital Budget Result:**

Budgeted capital expenditure will increase by \$72,000 to \$29.745 million.

This result reflects the following movements:

1. Additional expenditure due to additional grant funding received via the Regional Airstrips Upgrade Program Round 9. These funds are to be used for the continuing development of the Emmdale Airstrip.

**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> 4.2 Efficient and effective services.

**SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**

	Assessment
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

Monitoring of the Quarterly Budget Review enables timely financial management.

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

*Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* requires Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council.

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

Quarterly 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:**

N/A

**External Exhibition:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

1. [RAO Statement](#)
2. [Income Statement](#)
3. [Income & Expense by Activity](#)
4. [Variation Detail - Income Statement](#)
5. [Capital Budget](#)
6. [Variation Detail - Capital Budget](#)
7. [Cash & Investments](#)
8. [Variation Detail - Cash & Investments](#)
9. [Key Performance Indicators](#)
10. [Consultancy and Legal Expenses](#)

## **9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **9.1 FLOODING IN THE SHIRE**

**FILE NUMBER:** GD22/19441  
**REPORT AUTHOR:** GENERAL MANAGER  
**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is to provide Council an update on activities in the shire from flooding of the Darling River or by significant rainfall events.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

#### **REPORT:**

The Bureau of Meteorology advises rainfall over recent weeks and months has caused prolonged flooding along the Barwon and Darling Rivers with flood peaks flowing into the Barwon-Darling River System from multiple tributaries. Major flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Tilpa, Wilcannia and Menindee.

- The Darling River at Tilpa may reach around 13.10 metres during late November or early December, with major flooding.
- The Darling River at Wilcannia is likely to reach the major flood level (10.40 metres) by the end of November. The river level may reach around 11.00 metres during mid December, with major flooding.
- At Menindee moderate flooding is likely to continue over the coming weeks, with river level likely to reach near 9.60 metres by around 18 November. River levels are likely to remain steady around this level through to the end of November and during December.

A separate "Prepare to Evacuate" warning has been issued for low lying properties at Menindee. Residents are being asked to prepare to evacuate as driveway and road access to some properties are expected to become flooded with further increases to 9.6 metres are expected. Flood operations are being conducted by WaterNSW at Menindee Weir. Subject to inflow conditions the release levels may be extended further or increased which may lead to further rises at Menindee Town. The plan releases of 9.6 metres on the town gauge has shown to be working at the present in creating additional storage in the Menindee lake system for the expected incoming flows. However, if there is a significant storm event within the catchment of our region, this will alter the flows into the lakes storage, and it would then be necessary to increase flows out from the lakes system where properties will be further impacted by flooding. If there is an event that alters the flows everyone needs to be prepared for higher water levels above 9.6 metres at the town gauge. If this was to happen it would affect, or most likely close, the following roads:

- Little Menindee Creek - Tandou Roads (western end)
- Pumpkin Point Rd (all road)
- Irrigation Rd (majority)
- Budgie St
- Unnamed Roads and Streets off Menindee East Road (nearest to River)
- Ivanhoe /Menindee Road- Menindee end approximately 15km
- Pooncarie Road many sections of unsealed part of the road.
- Menindee East Road unsealed sections north of town

Racecourse Road has been raised and a side track in place. Authorities will be monitoring this area.

Tilpa and surrounding property owners are preparing for an expected flood peak of 11.1 metres. At this stage this is expected in late November. Council and the SES are assisting the community by flying in equipment and people into the town to assist in flood preparation. Council is also providing financial support with machinery and fuel, and council will be seeking financial assistance from the government for the cost. It is expected once the flood preparations works have been completed, all residents in Tilpa will evacuate the town by 19 November.

Wilcannia and surrounding area are not likely to be impacted greatly, however Victory Caravan Park remains closed, some private properties will have minor flooding and there has been livestock relocated by boat and helicopter.

Ivanhoe is also affected by flooding, not by the Darling River, but from local tributaries on the south side of the town, which has closed the Cobb Hwy between Ivanhoe and Hay and the Wool Track between Ivanhoe and Balranald. With rainfall being a regular occurrence, this closes the unsealed section of roads on the Cobb Hwy to Wilcannia and Wool Track to Cobar, making Ivanhoe isolated. At this stage no properties or major infrastructure is threatened by flooding. There has been the relocation and fodder supply of stranded livestock in the area, with reports of some properties only having less than 10% of their holdings available to manage their livestock.

White Cliffs is accessible by the Opal Miners Way during most times. Severe thunderstorms in past months have closed the road on numerous occasions which has resulted in reasonable amount of damage to sealed sections of the road. Other unsealed roads in the White Cliffs area are either closed, or open as caution due to being wet to travel on or result of storm damage.

Councils Local Emergency Management Committee continues to meet weekly and is required to support the SES in its ongoing operations who is the combat agency for managing the flood response.

Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) held a flood information drop-in session at Menindee on Friday, November 4. Friday's drop-in session was attended by representatives from the LEMC including the SES, Police and Water NSW. It was an opportunity for people to ask questions and receive the latest advice and information. The aim was to help ease people's anxiety about flooding. Authorities were on hand to discuss the potential for evacuations, provide modelling information about river heights and answer questions. The LEMC feels that the ABC Broken Hill coverage of the Menindee meeting has unfortunately tarnished the reputation of the committee. Instead of providing balanced and informative coverage, ABC Broken Hill seemed more interested in dramatising the feelings of a few anxious residents. It is disappointing that as a trusted media organisation the ABC missed the opportunity to fully inform the rest of the public about the information and support available. Furthermore, it added to any confusion which may exist in the community.

Central Darling Shire was declared eligible for assistance late last month. Primary producers affected by ongoing flooding in New South Wales can apply for recovery grants of up to \$25,000 as part of the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The Federal and State Governments are advising that the grants are now available for eligible primary producers in the Local Government Areas that have been disaster declared from the most recent storm and flood event. It followed severe flooding which began on September 14. Flooding has caused, and continues to cause, significant damage to areas within the Local Government Area. It is also resulting in significant distress for some residents and businesses. The Federal and State governments are encouraging primary producers not to self-assess. Instead, they should consult with their local Rural Financial Counselling Service or apply for the scheme so that the RAA can determine eligibility.

### **Attachments:**

NIL





## 9.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

**FILE NUMBER:** GD22/19589

**REPORT AUTHOR:** COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

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### 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 August 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022.

#### General Media Activities

Over the reporting period there were 27 media releases issued by Council as well as a number of public notices. The issues covered included:

- Council's involvement in the State Governments One Road initiative
- Boil water alerts
- The opening of the Ivanhoe MSO
- Rural addressing
- Grant funding for community events
- Construction on White Cliffs Water Treatment Plant
- Pooncarie Road upgrade
- Approval of regionally significant developments: Community Health and Wellbeing Facility, Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, and Baaka Cultural Centre
- Active Transport Plan
- The Menindee Megafauna tourism project
- Disaster declaration for Shire because of flooding

Local media reported on Council news. The General Manager and Administrator were involved in a number of interviews with radio stations ABC Broken Hill and 2WEB.

The Administrator has also been speaking with media after each Council meeting to talk about various outcomes and Council decisions.

#### Community Newsletter

During the reporting period a monthly newsletter was set up to provide information to residents about work being undertaken by Council. This will be mailed to residents.

A copy of the October newsletter is included with this report.

The newsletter provides another way for Council to communicate with residents who may not have access to the internet.

Council also continues to remind people where possible to monitor Council's Facebook and website for the latest community information.

#### Council Website

With flooding and road closures not surprisingly on the Council website the top page that people look at continues to be Road Conditions and Road Reports.

In the reporting period:

- There were 57,750 page views on the Council website. This is an increase on the previous reporting period which saw 44,816 page views.
- The average time spent on the website was 1 minute 35 seconds.
- There were 884 new users to the website.

The increased website visitors were mostly due to people wanting roads information. However, there were also increased views for job vacancies at Council. The Rural Addressing project also attracted attention from website visitors.

The Community Engagement Officer is directing people from Facebook to the website. This is to provide people with further information about news including road reports. If people can start to get in the habit of visiting the website, they can gain a greater knowledge about the types of information that Council has available. The website provides an opportunity to showcase all the work and information being provided by Council staff.

### What People are looking at on Council Website

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%)

*The previous reporting period.*

Page ?	Pageviews ?	↓
	57,750	% of Total: 100.00% (57,750)
1. /Services/Road-conditions	29,875	(51.73%)
2. /Home	8,579	(14.86%)
3. /about-the-shire/road-conditions-report.aspx	1,110	(1.92%)
4. /about-the-shire/road-condition-report.aspx	849	(1.47%)
5. /Council/Careers	848	(1.47%)
6. /Infrastructure/closed-roads	771	(1.34%)
7. /Planning/Addressing-Project	632	(1.09%)
8. /Council	611	(1.06%)
9. /Council/Meetings	504	(0.87%)
10. /Site-Footer/Footer-Widgets/Contact-Us	394	(0.68%)

*For the current reporting period.*

### Council Facebook Page

Similar to the website Road Reports were the main area of interest in the reporting period on Facebook. Road Reports made up more than half of the top ten posts.

In the top ten posts for the period, the only two which were not road reports were:

- Update on the Pooncarie Road project
- Wilcannia Caravan Park closure (due to flooding)

#### Top-performing organic posts

Here are posts that have performed well over the last 90 days. Understanding what's working can help you decide what to create and share next, so you can keep up the great work.

##### Highest reach on a post ⓘ



Facebook post

Oct 18, 2022, 10:06 PM

This post reached 2,170% more people (21,131 people) than your median post (931 people) on Facebook.

##### Highest reactions on a post ⓘ



Facebook post

A three-year road sealing project - the Pooncarie Road project - betw  
Sep 13, 2022, 6:15 PM

This post received 4,580% more reactions (234 reactions) than your median post (5 reactions) on Facebook.

##### Highest comments on a post ⓘ

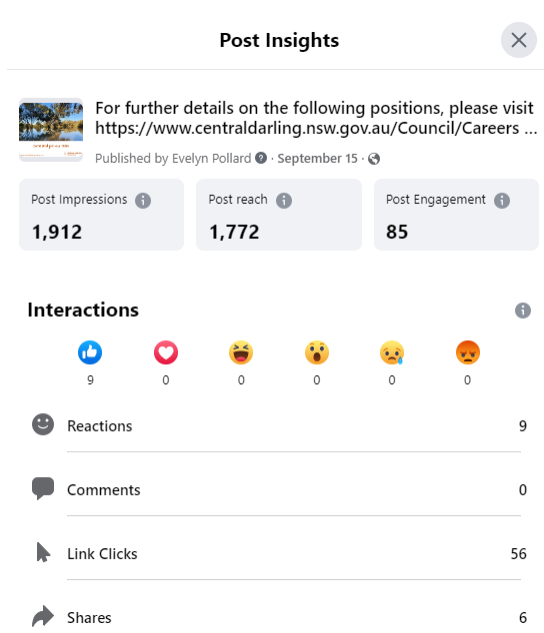


Facebook post

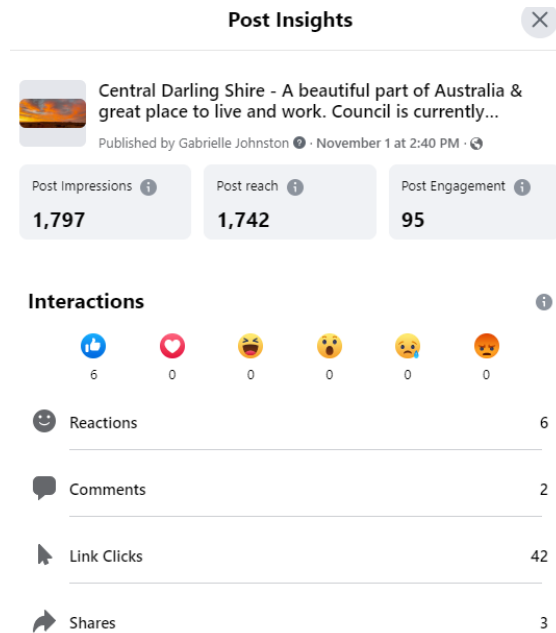
Please see an updated road report information is available on Council  
Sep 7, 2022, 6:54 PM

This post received 32 comments compared to your median post (0 comments) on Facebook.

Other popular posts in the reporting period included job vacancies with Council



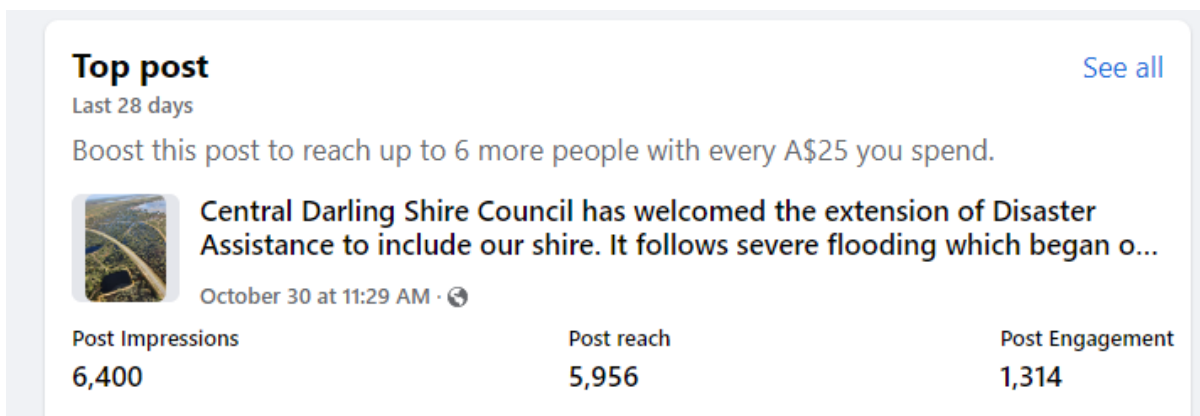
General post about various Council job vacancies.



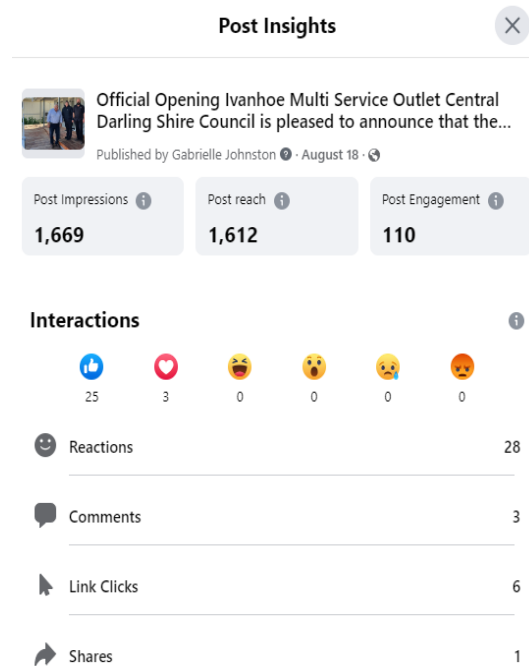
Post About Operations Manager position.

A top post in October

The



Ivanhoe MSO Opening was also a popular post in the reporting period



## Facts and Figures

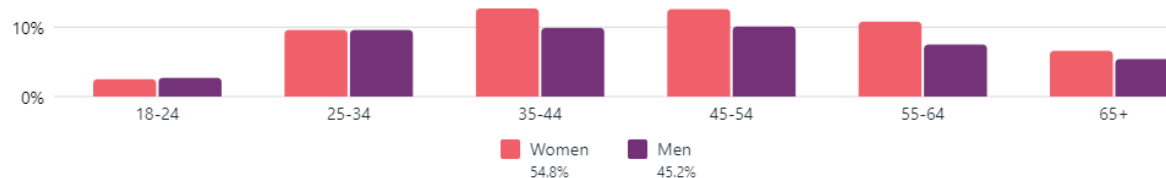
- Number of Facebook followers: 3,918
- Facebook Reach (Facebook estimate): 140,180. An increase of 74.4 per cent (compared with May to July). This is the number of people who saw content from the Council page. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of posts by the same people.
- Page views: 11,603. An increase of 249.9 per cent (compared with May to July).
- New page likes: 319. An increase of 21.3 per cent (compared with May to July).

### Audience ℹ️

Facebook Page followers ℹ️

**3,918**

Age & gender ℹ️



## Council LinkedIn page

The Community Engagement Officer is building Council's LinkedIn page.

LinkedIn offers exposure to corporate and government organisations. From a business perspective this has obvious benefits. The information sharing and networking opportunities are of benefit.

Council has been having difficulty recruiting for vacant positions. Because LinkedIn is a jobs networking site this is another avenue to let people know about job vacancies.

In the reporting period there were 254 page views. This compares to 192 page views for the period from May 1 to July 31 2022. The number of followers is increasing (as per table below).



### Summary

Community Engagement is a strong focus for Council. Council staff strive to make sure residents are informed about activities relating to Council and to provide information that may assist or inform residents. The new strategies being introduced – resident newsletter and focus on LinkedIn – build upon existing Community Engagement activities.

### Attachments:

1. [Resident Newsletter October 2022](#)

## **10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

Nil

## 11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

### 11.1 URBAN AND RURAL ADDRESSING PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

**FILE NUMBER:** GD22/19379

**REPORT AUTHOR:** SENIOR PLANNER

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide a progress update on the Urban and Rural Addressing project and for Council to endorse the draft street addressing. Council is also requested to endorse the public exhibition of the draft road, street and lane names for the Central Darling Shire Council area.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse
  - (a) The draft street addressing, as exhibited.
  - (i) Submission to the Geographic names board of the proposed street addressing and the draft road, street and lane names.
  - (b) The exhibition for 60 days of the draft nominated names for the unknown road, street and lane names.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Urban and Rural Addressing project exhibited the draft street addressing from the **22 August 2022 to 3 October 2022**.

Following the exhibition period Council received 38 submissions. Council considered the comments received and carried out further investigations on the raised issues. Council provided a response to the issues raised in the submissions.

Council as part of the Urban and Rural Addressing Project, intends to gazette existing lane, street and road names that are being allocated draft numbers across the Central Darling Shire Council area. This is to legalise the proposed draft street number/ addresses using the existing lane, street and road names.

To legalise the lane, street and road names, Council will firstly exhibit this list of names for comment.

Council will consult with the community and relevant land owners, including the local land council and Crown lands and the Barkandji Registered Native Title Body Corporate regarding the proposed draft road, street and lane names.

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 will submit the revised draft street numbering with the draft road, street and lane names to the NSW Geographic Names Board for review and comment.

#### 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. 1.2 Improved community services and facilities. 1.3 Enhanced community spirit, cultural and arts awareness and pride. 1.4 Improved opportunities for our communities. 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. 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire. 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.

#### SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive



**Financial and Resource Implications:**

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

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

Legalise urban and rural street addressing within 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:**

No internal exhibition.

**External Exhibition:**

Exhibition of the draft street addressing from the **22 August 2022 to 3 October 2022.**

**Proposed exhibition of the draft road, street and lane numbers for a minim of 60 days (covering Christmas holiday period).**

**Attachments:**

NIL

**11.2 POONCARIE ROAD – PROGRESS REPORT****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19418****REPORT AUTHOR: PROJECT ENGINEER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

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**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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- The council sealed 23.6 kilometres (0-24km, 25.4-30km,40-45km), and two sections are open for traffic. Council is striving to finish the remaining works and open a 25.4-30km section for traffic ASAP. Due to prolonged wet weather, the council faces difficulties in completing work as anticipated.
- The council received AHIP for the Karoola realignment and will initiate the necessary steps to acquire lands as soon as possible.
- The Aboriginal contractor has given one-third of the project's earthworks component. This is equivalent to \$7,864,193.29, 65% of the project cost for earthworks.
- The project cost is approximately \$23.1 million, and the council received \$4 million out of \$8 million (milestone payment). Council has yet to receive the \$4 million federal government component and may receive with this month.
- The main risk for the project now is the weather. Council lost more than three months this year due to unfavourable weather. Furthermore, considerable time has been spent on repair works and road maintenance works.
- A flood warning has been issued for Menindee and the nearby area; it is anticipated that the flood level at Menindee town gauge will peak at 10m. if this scenario eventuates, some of the sealed and unsealed sections of the road will go underwater. Although the road is designed for 1 in a 20-year flood events, an extreme flood event like this may damage some of the completed works. So far, the sealed road has provided immunity to the adverse weather situation and served its purpose. The project team is monitoring the current situation and will take necessary action to mitigate the problem.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**REPORT:**

Project teams currently work between 30-40km and 61-56km. One crew will undertake repair works on the unsealed 45-61km section within the next couple of days to open the road soon as possible.

**PROJECT STATUS**

Section/Location	Current activities and progress
30-38km	More than 95% of the earthworks have been completed. Stabilisation works will start on 28 <sup>th</sup> November (depending on whether condition)
38-40km	Earthworks are ongoing.
56-61 km	Blore team continue to work on the side track and Harcourt gravel pit.
Karoola Homestead- Environmental approval for the proposed realignment	The council received AHIP, and necessary land acquisition will be carried out.

The following table summarises project constraints,

Schedule	The council lost approximately three months due to prolonged rain. Furthermore, valuable time has been spent maintaining the road. However, the project team is optimistic that team can complete the project 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 \$21.8million.
Safety	No issues to report
Risk	<b>La Nina weather pattern.</b> <b>Flood warning to Menindee and nearby areas.</b>
Resourcing	No issues to report
Quality	No issues to report
Other issues	

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

- Stabilisation works (30-38km) -28<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Earthworks (38-40km and 56-61km)- ongoing
- Line marking (12-20km)- Postponed a couple of times due to bad weather. Council will bundle all Linemarking works at the end of the year.

**Attachments:**

NIL

**11.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19421****REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Environmental Services Update for October 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**REPORT:****REPORT: October 2022 – Planning & Building, Animal Control and Water control**

<b>Statistics for October 2022</b>		
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	0
	Total Value of DAs Approved	0
	Number of Construction Certificates / Crown Construction Certificates Issued	0
	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
	Section 10.7 Planning Certificates	10
Food Safety	Food Premises Inspected	2
Animal Control Activities -	Animals in and Arriving at Council's Facility	
	Seized	6
	Returned to Owner	4
	Transferred to - Council's Facility from Seizure Activities	2
	Animals in and arriving at council's facility	
	Abandoned or Stray	3
	Surrendered	12
	Animals leaving council's facility	
	Released to owners	1
	Died at Council's Facility(other than euthanased)	1

	Transferred to Rehoming Organisation	6
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	11
	Chemistry Samples Collected	3
	Raw water pesticide sample	1
	Non-Compliant Samples	<p>2 samples had coliform in Wilcannia rectics at Mission and Hood Street.</p> <p>1 sample's free chlorine was low at Mission.</p> <p>1 sample's turbidity was very high at White cliffs water filtration plant.</p> <p>Chemistry sampling showed that sodium in water at Leichardt Ivanhoe was higher than AWDG.</p> <p>Pesticide results showed Chlorpyrifos-methyl was higher than ADWG for raw water at Wilcannia Filtration Plant.</p>

Attachment: Nil

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

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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
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	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:**

N/A

**External Exhibition:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

NIL

**11.4 WATER AND SEWER****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19430****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 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 Nov 2022

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Wilcannia Water	\$340,000	39%	\$207,860
Wilcannia Sewer	\$115,000	26%	\$85,611
White Cliffs Water	\$205,750	19%	\$166,971
Ivanhoe Water	\$326,500	27%	\$239,888
Tilpa Water	\$22,500	0%	\$22,500
Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer program	\$144,770	27%	\$106,038

**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.

MSA have now been procured by Enviro Pacific. The company brings further resources and expertise to the contract and staff are working with management to finalise Construction Certificate requirements.

Offsite fabrications and equipment purchases are in progress. Site works are now programmed to commence January 2023. The current program aims to complete all 3 Water Treatment by September 2024

- 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. Tenders closed 27/9/2022. Public Works Advisory have been engaged to manage the design and tender process and Council will be involved in the tender review process October 2022.

Non-price and price criteria have been assessed and an updated report is included in the Confidential section of this agenda.

Council have submitted application for additional funding to complete the works in White Cliffs. Since time of funding awarded construction prices, materials, fuel etc have all increased resulting in higher than anticipated tendered prices.

- 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 was forecast for Dec 2022 but is now postponed until the village can be accessed
- 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 once Darling River levels drop
- Electrical switchboards at Ivanhoe, Morrisons Lake inlet and storage, will be replaced.

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

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
White Cliffs WTP and Retic	\$5,500,000	22%	\$4,281,275
Wilcannia WTP	\$3,500,000	43%	\$2,011,146
Ivanhoe WTP	\$2,500,000	40%	\$1,501,369
Smart Meters	\$50,000	0%	\$50,000
Valve Replacements	\$150,000	5%	\$142,900
Tilpa Village Pipeline	\$318,750	80%	\$64,310
Tilpa Solar Array/ Pump	\$25,000	0%	\$25,000



Ivanhoe Raw Water Switchboard Upgrades	\$75,000	0%	\$75,000
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**Attachments:**

NIL

**11.5 SERVICES****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19431****REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

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**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 and note the report

**REPORT:****Services Operational:**

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$196,000	44%	\$109,036
Ancillary Works	\$194,000	16%	\$163,160
Street Cleaning/Bins	\$193,000	36%	\$123,286
Buildings	\$431,000	25%	\$322,241
Swimming Pools	\$423,500	8%	\$391,104
Domestic Waste	\$204,000	27%	\$149,499

**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 Nov 2022 and progress to date.

The infrastructure projects included in each funding stream are detailed below

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
BSCCF Rd 3 – Wilcannia Skate Park	\$260,000	79%	\$54,166
BSCCF Rd 3 - Playgrounds	\$188,340	38%	\$116,222
BSCCF Rd 3 – Sunset Strip Playground	\$85,000	100%	\$0
LRCI Rd 2 – Wil Post Office Flooring	\$100,000	52%	\$48,210
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	11%	\$434,281
DSP Drought – Addressing Project	\$300,000	68%	\$96,846
DSP Drought – Building demolitions Wilcannia	\$300,000	71%	\$86,955
DSP Drought – Minor Playground Upgrades	\$100,000	9%	\$90,976
DSP Drought – Streetscape Iv/Wilc	\$160,000	10%	\$143,318
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

**Attachments:**

NIL

**11.6 ROADS AND AERODROME****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19432****REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****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

2022/23 RMCC Works Orders issued last financial year which are in progress include:

HW21 Mt Manara North IS Project	111.23.01	\$1,180,110.38
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HW21 Mt Manara North IS Seal	111.23.02	\$308,421.02
	Total WO	\$1,488,531.40

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining budget</b>
RMCC Routine	\$972,884	25%	\$731,750
WO 2021/22	\$3,141,179	31%	\$2,166,298
WO 2022/23	\$1,488,531	42%	\$868,997

### **Regional Roads**

Council maintains 790km of Regional Roads throughout the Shire.

2022/23 Regional Road Block Grant amount (including roads, traffic and supplementary components) is \$2,863,000

2021/22 Regional Roads Repair Program was successful with \$400,000 funding of the \$975,000 total cost. The remaining funds 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 second quarter of 2022/23

2022/23 Regional Roads Repair Program was successful with \$400,000 funding of the \$800,000 total cost. The remaining funds to be sourced from the Regional Roads Block Grant which is reflected in the table below. MR68C Pooncarie Rd, reconstruct and seal 2.64km of failed pavement which is programmed for completion by May 2023

The table below reflects expenditure to mid Sep 2022.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,863,000 –	45%	\$1,035,041

	\$575,000 – \$400,000 = \$1,888,000		
Regional Roads Repair Program 2021/22	\$975,000	86%	\$137,635
Regional Roads Repair Program 2022/23	\$800,000	0%	\$799,886

### **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 Sep 2022.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
<b>Local Roads Component (FAG)</b>	\$1,655,000	23%	\$1,278,794

<b>Mandalay Rd Floodways (R2R)</b>	\$750,000	0%	\$747,090
<b>Wilc-Menindee East Rd Formation (R2R)</b>	\$251,818	0%	\$251,818
<b>Smiths Hill White Cliffs (FLR)</b>	\$1,860,000	11%	\$1,658,827
<b>Turleys Hill White Cliffs (LRCI Rd 3)</b>	\$1,600,000	2%	\$1,574,592
<b>Union Bend Rd, stage 1</b>	\$559,474	40%	\$336,717

### **Aerodromes**

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

Council's application under the Remote Aerodrome Upgrade Program (RAUP) Rd 9 was successful. Emmdale aerodrome bore supply and grading works will receive \$52,750 being 50% of the project costs will be funded by the Federal Govt. The remaining 50% will be funded by Council.

The table below reflects expenditure to mid July 2022.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
<b>Aerodromes R&amp;M</b>	\$210,500	8%	\$193,055
<b>RAUP Rd 9</b>	\$105,500	2%	\$102,894

### **Attachments:**

NIL

**11.7 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOUR (4) PUMP/ BIKE TRACKS FOR WILCANNIA, MENINDEE, IVANHOE AND WHITE CLIFFS****FILE NUMBER: GD22/19501****REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

To provide Council with the delegated assessment reports by an independent consultant, for the following development applications

1. D07/2022 PAN 257867 Recreation Area pump/ bike track at 96 Hood Street Wilcannia.
2. D11/2022 PAN 267479 Recreation Area pump/ bike track at 26 Yartla Street Menindee.
3. D10/2022 PAN 267681 Recreation Area pump/ bike track at 42 Leichhardt Street Ivanhoe.
4. D12/2022 PAN 271813 Recreation Area pump/ bike track at 20 Ethel Street White Cliffs.

To recommend to Council the approval of the development applications, D07/2022 PAN 257867 - 96 Hood Street Wilcannia, D11/2022 PAN 267479 - 26 Yartla Street Menindee, D10/2022 PAN 267681 - 42 Leichhardt Street Ivanhoe , and D12/2022 PAN 271813 - 20 Ethel Street White Cliffs, for the installation of pump/ bike tracks.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. **Receive and note Information on the delegated assessment reports by an independent consultant, for development applications D07/2022 PAN 257867 - 96 Hood Street Wilcannia, D11/2022 PAN 267479 - 26 Yartla Street Menindee, D10/2022 PAN 267681 - 42 Leichhardt Street Ivanhoe , and D12/2022 PAN 271813 - 20 Ethel Street White Cliffs**  
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2. **Approve the development applications D07/2022 PAN 257867 - 96 Hood Street Wilcannia, D11/2022 PAN 267479 - 26 Yartla Street Menindee, D10/2022 PAN 267681 - 42 Leichhardt Street Ivanhoe , and D12/2022 PAN 271813 - 20 Ethel Street White Cliffs, for the erection of the four (4) pump/ bike tracks.**

**BACKGROUND:**

Central Darling Shire Council received funding for the four (4) pump/ bike tracks. The four sites are within Crown reserves at Wilcannia – Burke Park, Menindee- Burke and Wills Park, Ivanhoe- Ivanhoe Recreational and Sports Ground and the crown land White Cliffs Sports Ground Park.

The delegated assessment reports were prepared by independent town planner – Barnsons Consulting Pty Ltd.

There were no submissions received for any of the four (4) proposed pump/ bike tracks, after the 28 day exhibition upon the Central Darling Shire Council website.

These pump / bike tracks are funded under for the Strong Country Communities SCCF 3, and SCCF4 – 0915 - Central Darling Community Pump Tracks Project.

**PROCESS:**

The four (4) development applications were placed on public exhibition for 28 days, upon the Central Darling Shire Council website. There were no submissions received for the development applications.



The four (4) development applications were assessed by an independent Town Planner – Barnsons Consulting Pty Ltd (Dubbo).

The independent town planner prepared the delegated assessment reports for the four (4) proposed pump/ bike tracks found that there was no environmental impact for the proposed works in each location.

The reports found that the pump/ bike tracks were a positive contribution to the towns of Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs.

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

<b>Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes</b>	<b>Delivery Outcomes</b>
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. 1.4 Improved opportunities for our communities. 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> 2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.
GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.	<u>Objectives</u> 3.5 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> 4.4 Engaged leaders and volunteers in each community.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**

	<b>Assessment</b>
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

#### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

These four pump/ bike tracks are part of a funding project.

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

N/A

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

N/ A

**OPTIONS:**

None

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**

**Internal Exhibition:**

None

**External Exhibition:**

Exhibited for 28 days on the Central Darling Shire Council Website.

**Attachments:**

NIL

## **12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Nil

## 13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides that Council may close to the public that part of the meeting that deals with matters of a confidential nature.

The grounds on which a meeting is closed to the public must be specified in the decision to close the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council Meeting move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A 2 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified.:

#### 13.1 Sale of Land For Unpaid Rates

**FILE NUMBER:** GD22/19357

**REPORT AUTHOR:** ACTING RATES OFFICER

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** FINANCE MANAGER

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Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2) - (b), (c) and (d) as it relates to discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer, information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
- (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
- (iii) reveal a trade secret.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council moves out of Confidential and back into Open Chambers.

## **14 RESOLUTION TRACKER**

### **14.1 RESOLUTION TRACKER REPORT**

**FILE NUMBER:** GD22/19447

**REPORT AUTHOR:** EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Resolution Tracker from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022 be received and noted and any amendments be noted.

#### **Attachments:**

1. [Resolution Tracker Report](#)

## **15 MEETING CLOSE**

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

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on    in    at    .

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2022**

**PRESENT:** Administrator, Bob Stewart

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Greg Hill (General Manager)  
Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)  
Gordon Seeto (Director Business Services) - video  
Glenda Dunn (Senior Planning Officer) – video  
Gabrielle Johnston (Community Engagement Officer) - video  
Kevin Smith (Finance Manager)  
Gemma Dillon (Senior Finance Officer)  
Darryl Telfer (Acting Rates Officer) - video  
Gokul Chandran (Finance Officer Revenue)  
Evelyn Pollard (Human Resource Officer) - video  
Janette Bussell (Minutes Secretary) - video

## **1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was declared open at 9.00am

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

An acknowledgement of the traditional Barkindji 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 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.

### **RESOLVED: OCM 01-10-2022**

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 02-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 September 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

**CARRIED**

## **6 NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - MENINDEE LANDFILL**

**RESOLVED: OCM 03-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That a report on the Menindee Landfill be presented to a future Council Meeting detailing

1. Requirements to address disposal, recycling, Fire control, windblown litter (including upgrade fencing) and signage to improve operations at the landfill.
2. Estimate to seal the existing gravel road to the landfill.
3. That Options be developed including costings for public consultation.
4. That a future Management Plan and Operational Procedures be developed.

**CARRIED**

### **6.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MENINDEE RFS FACILITIES**

**RESOLVED: OCM 04-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the GM meet with RFS Zone Management to determine any future Plans to upgrade or replace the Menindee RFS Shed.

**CARRIED**

## **7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)**

### **7.1 ADMINISTRATOR'S OCTOBER MINUTE**

**RESOLVED: OCM 05-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

Darling River continues to be in flood and will be for some time. Local Emergency Management Committee continues to meet every week and will continue until December.



Community newsletter is now being produced for every postal box within the shire.  
Community Advisory Committees will be put on the agenda in the coming months.

**CARRIED**

## **8 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **8.1 AMENDMENT TO FEES FOR 2022-23**

**RESOLVED: OCM 06-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Resolve to adopt the revised fees effective from 1 November 2022.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 SMART WATER METERS, METER READING AND BILLING UPDATE**

**RESOLVED: OCM 07-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. The General Manager will provide further reports through the regular Shire Services Reports

**.CARRIED**

### **8.3 WRITE OFF RATES AND CHARGES - MENINDEE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED (DEREGISTERED)**

**RESOLVED: OCM 08-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Write-off rates and charges of \$4,668.87 outstanding against Western Land Lease 9646 previously held by the former Menindee Golf Club Incorporated.

**CARRIED**

### **8.4 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – SEPTEMBER 2022**

**RESOLVED: OCM 09-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report **CARRIED**

## **8.5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **RESOLVED: OCM 10-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report **CARRIED**

## **8.6 COUNCIL 2022-2023 CURRENT GRANTS REGISTER**

### **RESOLVED: OCM 11-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report **CARRIED**

## **9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **9.1 ANNUAL WRITTEN RETURNS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

#### **RESOLVED: OCM 12-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report **CARRIED**

### **9.2 STAFF TRAINING DAY-OFFICE CLOSURE**

#### **RESOLVED: OCM 13-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Notes the closure of Shire Offices on Wednesday 23 November for Training and Christmas Lunch.

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

**RESOLVED: OCM 14-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Approve the increase to the organisational structure of 3.00 FTE for the following positions:
  - (a) 1.0 FTE – Truck Driver, Ivanhoe (permanent)
  - (b) 1.0 FTE – Truck Driver, Wilcannia (permanent)
  - (c) 1.0 FTE – Labourer, Menindee until 30 June 2024

**CARRIED**

**10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

Nil

**11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS****11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2022****RESOLVED: OCM 15-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

**CARRIED**

**11.2 POONCARIE ROAD – PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLVED: OCM 16-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**CARRIED**

**11.3 ROADS AND AERODROME****RESOLVED: OCM 17-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**CARRIED**

#### **11.4 SERVICES**

##### **RESOLVED: OCM 18-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and Note the report.

**CARRIED**

#### **11.5 WATER AND SEWER**

##### **RESOLVED: OCM 19-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**CARRIED**

#### **11.6 GRAVEL CRUSHING SERVICES**

##### **RESOLVED: OCM 20-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Seek tenders for Gravel Crushing Services within Central Darling Shire via the open tender method

**CARRIED**

#### **11.7 CARADOC AIRSTRIP**

##### **RESOLVED: OCM 21-10-2022**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Realign the Monolon Road adjacent to Caradoc Station Airstrip within the road reserve
3. Fund the works from the Local Roads Component of the Financial Assistance Grant.

**CARRIED**

## **12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Nil

## 13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

## 14 RESOLUTION TRACKER

### 14.1 RESOLUTION TRACKER AS AT 5TH OCTOBER 2022

#### RESOLVED: OCM 22-10-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

1. That the Resolution Tracker from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 be received and noted and any amendments be noted.

**CARRIED**

## 15 LGNSW CONFERENCE

Due to the predicted severe weather and storms for our region, Administrator Bob Stewart and General Manager Greg Hill have agreed not to attend this conference so they can be available within Central Darling region in the event of any weather emergencies.

## 16 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at **9.30am**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 23 November 2022.

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**ADMINISTRATOR**