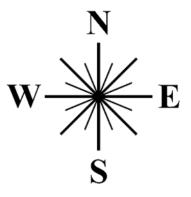
CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

19 OCTOBER 2022

The Meeting will be held at 9:00am 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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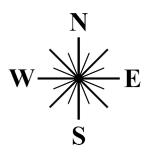
- 1. The Council may hold a public forum prior to each ordinary meeting of the Council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting. Public forums may also be held prior to extraordinary Council meetings and meetings of Committees of the Council.
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- 7. No more than three (3) speakers are to be permitted to speak 'for' or 'against' each item of business on the agenda for the Council meeting.
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- 9. If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may, in consultation with the Mayor or the

Mayor's nominated Chairperson, increase the number of speakers permitted to speak on an item of business, where they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so to allow the Council to hear a fuller range of views on the relevant item of business.

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

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

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 19 October 2022 9:00am 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 28 September 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Attachments:

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 September 2022

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - MENINDEE LANDFILL

I, Administrator Bob Stewart, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 19 October 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION:

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.

RATIONALE:

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

Attachments:

NIL

6.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MENINDEE RFS FACILITIES

I, Administrator Bob Stewart, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 19 October 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION:

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

RATIONALE:

I was recently approached by a resident and RFS volunteer seeking Council assistance to identify land for a new headquarters. My initial thoughts are that small communities need to seek consolidation of services and building infrastructure to get best value for expenditure.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

Attachments:

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

7.1 ADMINISTRATOR'S OCTOBER MINUTE FILE NUMBER: GD22/17495

| REPORT AUTHOR: | ADMINISTRATOR |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: | GENERAL MANAGER |

The run of wet weather continues, and the Darling River maintains high flows with minor and major flood levels. This wet weather has meant many of our roads have been closed.

Last month the Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP Minister for Local Government made a familiarisation and listening trip to Central Darling Shire visiting Wilcannia and White cliffs where she met with local shire residents.

I extended an invitation for a return visit to include Ivanhoe and Menindee. She also met with the GM and myself to discuss progress with the administration. Given the political cycle with state elections due early next year I believe it is unlikely we will get a decision on any future governance options until after that election.

The Minister sat in on our September Ordinary Meeting and she made comment. This may be viewed by going to our web page.

Communication with our residents and ratepayers has been a long standing issue. To address this issue, we have updated our web page, stream Council meetings, increased our social media presence, and issue press release to media and local organisations.

To further overcome this issue, we are investigating the production and distribution of a newsletter to all residents in the shire. Once the GM has worked through the operational mechanics, we will make a further announcement.

At the beginning of my administration, I offered communities the opportunity to establish Local Advisory Committees to work with Council's administration on the delivery of services and future infrastructure I would like to revisit this concept as we now have in place a 10 Year Shire Community Strategic Plan, a 4 year Delivery Plan and place base plans.

I see this process vitally important as September 2024/5 draws near and a possible return to an elected Council. This process would enable the community to better understand Council governance and processes.

I am committed along with our senior staff to meet each Committee quarterly to go through issues and progress on our Delivery Plan and Local Plans. I can see no better way of showing Government that as a community you are prepared to undertake a future governance role in a responsible manner.

I look forward to a further discussion on this.

Attachments:

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

| 8.1 | AMENDMENT TO FEES FOR 2022-23 | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| FILE N | UMBER: | GD22/16002 | |
| REPOR | T AUTHOR: | ACTING RATES OFFICER | |
| RESPO | NSIBLE 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 adopt the revised fees effective form 1 November 2022.

BACKGROUND:

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.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 July 2022, Council resolved to;

- 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.

REPORT:

The proposed amended fees were placed on public exhibition, on Council's website from 9 September 2022 until 10 October 2022. A Public Notice to this effect was issued by Council on 9 September 2022.

Due to a delay in commencing the exhibition period, the proposed effective date for the amended fees has been adjusted from 1 October 2022 to 1 November 2022.

No submissions were received during the exhibition period and as such, this report recommends final adoption of the amended fees as exhibited, effective from 1 November 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 | Objectives4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities.4.2 Efficient and effective services. |
| planning. GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment. | Objectives 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 have 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 Panning 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 were consulted in developing the revised fees.

External Exhibition:

The legislatively required public exhibition of the revised fees for a period of at least 28 days has been completed with no submissions received during the exhibition period.

Attachments:

1. EXHIBITION DRAFT - Central Darling Shire Council - 2022-23 Fees and Charges - July 2022

8.2 SMART WATER METERS, METER READING AND BILLING UPDATE

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/16721 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| REPORT AUTHOR: | FINANCE OFFICER (REVENUE) |
| 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 22 February 2023.

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, with collections separately reported since July 2022.

REPORT:

Water meters throughout the Shire were the last read in the last full week of August 2022.

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

The next round of water meters readings is planned for the last full week in November with accounts to issue 15 December 2022 and due for payment 16 January 2023.

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.

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 | <u>Objectives</u> |
| nvironment and a sustainable and well naintained built environment. | 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:

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

FILE NUMBER: GD22/16834

REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks Council's approval to write-off the residual balance of rates and charges outstanding on the former Menindee Golf Club property.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

The Menindee Golf Club Incorporated was registered as an Incorporated Association on 15 May 2002. It subsequently held a Western Land Lease over land at Menindee for the purpose of public recreation. Menindee Golf Club Incorporated was deregistered as an Incorporated Association on 26 June 2009, ceasing to be a legal entity from that date.

The Western Land Lease however continued through until 2 September 2022 when it was formally forfeited. The land was dedicated as Crown Reserve 1040134 for Public Recreation, also on 2 September 2022.

REPORT:

Notwithstanding the de-registration of Menindee Golf Club Incorporated in 2009, the Western Land Lease continued and as such the property remained rateable until the forfeiture of that lease on 2 September 2022. Continued rating of the property was required, under the Local Government Act 1993, even though the lease holder had become a defunct body with no legal status.

During the subsequent period (since de-registration in 2009) Council continued to receive some rate payments even though no party was liable to do so. We understand payments may have been made by community members who also continued to operate a community golf course on the Western Land Lease site.

Following consultation with interested stakeholders, Crown Lands have now caused forfeiture of the lease and the dedication of the land as a public reserve for public.

As a Public Reserve, the land is not rateable and as such rating ceased effective from 2 September 2022.

Following the requisite pro rata adjustments of 2022-23 levies, for period 2 September 2022 to 30 June 2022, a residual balance of rates and charges of \$4,668.87 remains outstanding.

As there is no legal entity responsible for payment. As an Incorporated Association, members of the former lease holder body are not personally liable for debts of the association. Additionally, as the rated property effectively ceased to exist upon forfeiture of the lease, there is no land to recover the debt from through a sale for unpaid rates.

The debt is not lawfully recoverable and as such it is necessary to write-off this residual.

Dedication of the land as a Reserve for Public Recreation should however provide the community with greater certainty about the continued availability of the land for the benefit of the general

community. Crown Lands are currently seeking expressions of interest from community members to act as the reserve managers.

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. | Objectives 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. |

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

| | Assessment |
|---------------|------------|
| Social | Positive |
| Environmental | NA |
| Economic | Negative |
| Governance | Positive |

Financial and Resource Implications:

The recommended write off is fully provided for in Council's provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts. As such there is no financial implication involved.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) s 572 - What happens if the rateability of land changes?

(1) A rate is proportionate to the portion of the year for which land is rateable and to the portion of the land which is rateable.

(2) A charge, other than a charge limited under section 503(2) to the cost of providing a particular service to land, is proportionate to the portion of the year for which land is rateable.

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) s 607 - Writing off of rates, charges and accrued interest

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 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.

Delegations – The General Manager is delegated to write off any individual rate or charge to a maximum of \$2000.00.

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:

8.4 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – SEPTEMBER 2022

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17694 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 September 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 | Current Month | Last Month | Movement | Interest Rate | Current Month Interest | YTD Interest |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Westpac 11am Investment Account | \$4,100,000.00 | \$6,100,000.00 | (\$2,000,000) | 0.35% | \$2,473.42 | \$3,272.46 |
| Operating Account | \$2,084,552.01 | \$2,767,276.83 | (\$682,724.82) | N/A | NIL | NIL |
| Post Office Clearing Account | \$15,606.32 | \$74,089.40 | (\$58,483.08) | N/A | NIL | NIL |
| Total Cash at bank as of 30 th September 2022 | | | er 2022 | \$6,200,158.33 | | |

Cash and Investment Accounts:

Commentary:

The net movement of cash for the month of September 2022 was a decrease of \$2,741,207.90.

Payments for the month of September 2022 totalled \$5,527,575.65. Being payments for wages and to suppliers.

Receipts for the month of September 2022 totalled \$2,754,850.83 with major receipts being:

| • | RMS Routine | e Mainte | nance and C | Contract | Works | \$2,423,718 |
|---|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | | • · • • • • • |

Infrastructure Package for COVID-19 Impacted Communities \$132,000

Restrictions:

| | Restriction Amount |
|--|--------------------|
| Total Restriction as of 30 th June 2022 | \$4,762,000 |

Attachments:

8.5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17695 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| REPORT AUTHOR: | FINANCE MANAGER |
| RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: | DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

The report indicates a YTD Net Operating Result before Capital Items of \$912,000 surplus, which is in line with expectations for this time of year.

The report shows no material variances for the month of September 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 30th September 2022.

| Income Statement September 2022 | Original | Budget | Actual | Variance | Variance | Notes |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|
| - | Budget | YTD | YTD | YTD | % | |
| | 2022/23 | | | | | |
| Income | (\$000's) | (\$000's) | (\$000's) | (\$000's) | | |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 2,483 | 2,483 | 2,478 | (5) | (0%) | |
| User Charges and Fees | 9,716 | 1,871 | 1,703 | (168) | (9%) | |
| Interest and Investment Revenues | 54 | 14 | 14 | - | 0% | |
| Other Revenues | 405 | 100 | 91 | (9) | (9%) | |
| Grants & Contributions - Operating | 8,744 | 1,987 | 1,987 | - | 0% | |
| Grants & Contributions - Capital | 24,394 | 1,850 | 1,850 | - | 0% | |
| Total Income from Continuing Operations | 45,796 | 8,305 | 8,123 | (182) | -2% | |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 6,968 | 1,741 | 1,612 | 129 | 7% | |
| Borrowing Costs | 39 | 3 | 3 | - | 0% | |
| Materials & Contracts | 7,696 | 1,923 | 1,792 | 131 | 7% | |
| Depreciation | 4,324 | 1,081 | 1,081 | - | 0% | |
| Other Expenses | 2,257 | 805 | 873 | (68) | (8%) | |
| Total Expenses from Continuing Operations | 21,284 | 5,553 | 5,361 | 192 | 3% | |
| Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations | 24,512 | 2,752 | 2,762 | 10 | 0% | |
| Net Operating Result before Capital Items | 118 | 902 | 912 | 10 | 1% | |

General Notes:

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

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

Depreciation is not a cash expense.

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

Variance Analysis:

There are no material variances (<10%) for September 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 | Objectives |
| Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the | 4.3 Skilled and informed Councillors and staff. |
| standards set by Council and providing | 4.2 Efficient and effective services. |
| community development and succession planning. | 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. |

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

| | Assessment |
|---------------|------------|
| Social | Positive |
| Environmental | NA |
| Economic | Positive |
| Governance | Positive |

Financial and Resource Implications:

Monitoring of monthly against budget enables timely financial management.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

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

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

OPTIONS:

No

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

N/A

External Exhibition:

N/A

Attachments:

8.6COUNCIL 2022-2023 CURRENT GRANTS REGISTERFILE NUMBER:GD22/17726

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 September 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.

In September 2022, Council has successfully been approved funding of \$100k for Disaster Risk Reduction Fund – Sunset Strip Stormwater Mitigation project from The Crown in Right of the State of New South Wales acting through Resilience NSW (ResNSW). This Project will deliver a comprehensive survey planning and design work in the Sunset Strip community to allow the Shire to complete important and necessary storm water mitigation works impacted by flooding. The Sunset Strip Storm Water Mitigation project will support the community to manage and therefore reduce the risks of floods by mitigating the impacts of flooding from the Menindee Lakes system and localised heavy rainfall on the community and its built infrastructure. This project expects to be completed by 31 March 2024.

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. | Objectives 2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire. |

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

| | Assessment |
|---------------|------------|
| Social | Positive |
| Environmental | Positive |

| Economic | Positive |
|------------|----------|
| Governance | 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 September 2022

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1 ANNUAL WRITTEN RETURNS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

FILE NUMBER:GD22/15251REPORT AUTHOR:GOVERNANCE OFFICERRESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to table the written returns of pecuniary interests which have been received by designated persons.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

BACKGROUND:

Under the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (the Model Code of Conduct), certain council officials are required to disclose their personal interests in publicly available returns of interests within 3 months after:

- (a) becoming a councillor or designated person, and
- (b) 30 June of each year, and
- (c) the councillor or designated person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under schedule 1 that has not been previously disclosed in a return lodged under paragraphs (a) or (b).

A return lodged within 3 months of 30 June must be tabled at the first council meeting after the last

day the return was required to be lodged.

REPORT:

Disclosure of personal interests operates as a key transparency mechanism for promoting community confidence in council decision making, whether by councillors or by staff or others under delegation.

For the purposes of the abovementioned disclosures, Council officials who were required to complete the returns are the following:

- Administrator
- General Manager
- Director Shire Services
- Director Business Services
- Manager Finance

As at **30 September 2022**, the following persons have lodged the required disclosures with the General Manager:

- Administrator
- General Manager
- Director Shire Services
- Director Business Services

- Manager Finance

Once confidential information in the disclosure forms have been redacted, the disclosures made by the abovementioned Council officials will be placed on Council's website as public access information in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, and the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009*.

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. | Objectives 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. |

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

| | Assessment |
|---------------|------------|
| Social | NA |
| Environmental | NA |
| Economic | NA |
| Governance | Positive |

Financial and Resource Implications:

NIL

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Disclosure of Council officials under the circumstances outlined above is prescribed in the *Model Code of Conduct.*

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

Complaints about breaches of these requirements are to be referred to the Office of Local Government (OLG) and may result in disciplinary action by the council, the Departmental Chief Executive, or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal

OPTIONS:

Council may pursue the following options:

- a) Receive the report
- b) Not receive the report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

NIL

External Exhibition:

Once confidential information in the disclosure forms have been redacted, the disclosures made by the abovementioned Council officials will be placed on Council's website as public access information in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, and the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009*.

Attachments:

9.2 STAFF TRAINING DAY-OFFICE CLOSURE

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17400 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| REPORT AUTHOR: | GENERAL MANAGER |
| RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: | GENERAL MANAGER |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To advise Council of office closures on Wednesday 23 November for staff training day and Christmas Lunch.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

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

REPORT:

On Wednesday 23 November, a planned staff training day has been scheduled from 10am to 1.30pm at Wilcannia. Following the training session, and while all staff are all together, this is a opportunity for staff to celebrate the Christmas Festive Season with a late lunch before traveling back to their home destinations. Normally in past years, celebration of Christmas has been done mid to late December, when staff come together.

Planned times for Offices closures are;

- Full day closure will affect the Ivanhoe and Menindee Offices to allow staff time to travel.
- Wilcannia Office will close at 10am and remain close for the entire day.
- Wilcannia Post Office will close at 10am, reopen at 3pm and close at 5pm at the end of the day.

All offices will reopen and operate as normal on the following day.

Christmas Lunch following the training session most likely be at the Wilcannia Club between 1.30 to 3pm.

A media release will be prepared and sent out to all media outlets to communicate Office closures

Attachments:

9.3 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17732 |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| REPORT AUTHOR: | HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER |
| RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: | GENERAL MANAGER |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

- 1. Receive 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

BACKGROUND:

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

REPORT:

Vacancies:

Below is the status of the positions being advertised:

| Position | Closing Date | Status / Progress | |
|--|----------------------|--|--|
| Cleaner | 26 September 2022 | No applications received. Exploring alternative options | |
| Executive Assistant to General Manager | 26 September 2022 | No applications received. Exploring alternative options. | |
| Administration Officer (Post Office) | 29 September 2022 | Application received from external to the Shire. Exploring additional options. | |
| Project Engineer (Water Treatment Plant) | 29 September 2022 | Selection Process Underway | |
| Utilities Engineer | 29 September 2022 | Selection Process Underway | |
| Governance Officer | 6 October 2022 | Selection Process Underway | |
| Truck Driver, Ivanhoe | 21 October 2022 | Recruitment Process Underway | |
| Truck Driver, Wilcannia | 21 October 2022 | Recruitment Process Underway | |
| Roads Engineer | 28 October 2022 | Recruitment Process Underway | |

As with all councils across NSW, Central Darling Shire Council is currently experiencing challenging in recruiting staff. Work is currently underway to explore options, including the provision of training to engage candidates from across the Shire for non-technical roles.

Organisational Structure:

| | | 2022/23 | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| Department | FTE as at 30 June 2022 | 2022/23 Approved FTE Budget | 2022/23 Approved Revised FTE Budget 30 Sept 2022 | Actual | Vacant | Proposed Variation |
| Governance | 5.23 | 6.09 | 5.23 | 3.66 | 1.57 | 0.00 |
| Business Services | 13.40 | 15.00 | 15.63 | 14.00 | 1.63 | 0.00 |
| Shire Services | 44.60 * | 44.68 * | 45.68 | 40.68 | 5.00 | +3.0 |
| Total | 63.23 | 65.77 | 66.54 | 59.34 | 8.20 | 3.00 |

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

Summary of Variations for 2022/23

An increase of **1.0 FTE** for a **Truck Driver**, **Ivanhoe**. A review of the scheduled work to be undertaken within the community has identified the requirement for additional resources with particular attention to appropriate truck licences. Estimated cost to budget is \$40k for the remainder of 2022/23.

An increase of **1.0 FTE** for a **Truck Driver**, **Wilcannia**. A review of the scheduled work to be undertaken within the community has identified the requirement for additional resources with particular attention to appropriate truck licences. Estimated cost to budget is \$40k for the remainder of 2022/23.

An increase of **1.0 FTE** for a **Labourer, Menindee**. A review of the scheduled work to be undertaken within the community, along with the scheduled works for Pooncaire Road, temporary additional resources have been identified. The position will be funded from the Pooncaire Road Construction Project. Estimated cost to budget is \$36k for the remainder of 2022/23.

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. | Objectives 4.3 Skilled and informed Councillors and staff. 4.2 Efficient and effective services. |

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

| | Assessment |
|---------------|------------|
| Social | Positive |
| Environmental | Positive |

| Economic | Positive |
|------------|----------|
| Governance | Positive |

Financial and Resource Implications:

There will be an estimated increase in the salary budget of \$116,000, including superannuation and oncosts, with the actual costs dependent upon the timing of the recruitment process.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Nil

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

The increase in resources will assist with managing the fatigue and wellbeing of staff due to increased workloads.

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2022

FILE NUMBER: GD22/16957

REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Environmental Services update for September 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

REPORT:

| | Statistics for September 2022 | |
|---|--|--|
| Development approvals / final | Number of DAs Approved – New Dwellings | 0 |
| certificates issued under Part 4, Part 5 of the <i>Environmental</i> | Number of DAs Approved – Renovation | 0 |
| Planning and Assessment Act 1979. | Number of DAs Approved – Other | 1 |
| Number of Certificates issued under the <i>Local Government Act</i> 1993. | Total Value of DAs Approved | \$59,000.00 \$5,576,000.00 Total \$5,635,000.00 |
| | Number of Construction Certificates / Crown Construction Certificates Issued | 1 |
| | Number of Complying Development Certificates issued | 0 |
| | Number of LGA S68 Approvals | 0 |
| | Number of Occupation Certificates Issued | 0 |
| | Number of completion Certificates issued (S68) | 0 |
| Food Safety | Food Premises Inspected | 3 |
| Council seizure activity | Returned to Owner | 2 dogs 1 cat |
| | Transferred to - Council's Facility from Seizure Activities | 1 dog |
| Animals in and arriving at council's facility | Surrendered | 6 dogs |
| | Animals transferred from Seizure Activities | 4 dogs |
| Animals Leaving Council's Facility | Released to owners | 4 dogs 1 cat |
| | Released to Organisations for Rehoming | 4 dogs |

| | Euthanased- Restricted Dogs | 2 dogs |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Water Sampling | Microbiology Samples Collected | 11 sample |
| | Chemistry Samples Collected | 0 |
| | Non-Compliant Samples | 0 |
| | Raw water pesticide sample | 1 sample- Wilcannia raw water; it had Chlorpyrifos-methyl above the AWDG. |

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 | <u>Objectives</u> |
| environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment. | 3.1 Collaborative approach to environmental management and protection. |
| | 3.3 Safe and reliable water supplies and road networks for Shire communities. |
| | 3.5 Well planned towns in accordance with LEP and sound planning principles. |
| GOAL 4: A consultative and professional | Objectives |
| Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing | 4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities. |
| community development and succession planning. | 4.2 Efficient and effective services. |

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

| | Assessment |
|---------------|------------|
| Social | Positive |
| Environmental | Positive |
| Economic | Positive |
| Governance | Positive |

Financial and Resource Implications:

Nil

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Nil

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

Nil

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

11.2 POONCARIE ROAD – PROGRESS REPORT

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17546 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 2021.
- The council sealed 29 kilometres (0-24km, 40-45km), and now these sections are open for traffic.
- The project team has completed stabilisation works of another 4.6km (25.4-30km), and sealing works were postponed several times due to weather. However, planning to complete these works within the next week.
- 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 \$7,702,121, 68% of the project cost for earthworks.
- The project cost to date is approximately \$21.8 million, and the council is waiting for the payment of \$ 8 million (milestone payment) within the next couple of months. The federal government has agreed to pay \$4 million in November, while the state component of another \$ 4 million may receive within this month.
- The main risk for the project now is the weather. Council lost more than two and half months this year due to prolonged rain. .

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

Project teams currently work between 30-40km and 61-56km. If all goes well on the weather front, the council can seal 40-45km of road work by the end of this year.

| Section/Location | Current activities and progress |
|---|--|
| 25.4-30km | Stabilisation works are completed. The council is waiting for favourable weather conditions to complete sealing works and open this section for traffic. |
| 30-38km | More than 95% of the earthworks have been completed. Stabilisation works will start on 25 th October. |
| 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 within the next few months. |

PROJECT STATUS

The following table summarises project constraints,

| r | |
|--------------|--|
| Schedule | The council lost approximately two and a half months due to prolonged rain. |
| | Furthermore, valuable time has been spent maintaining the road. However, |
| | the project team is optimistic that the 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 | Predicted La Nina weather pattern. |
| Resourcing | No issues to report |
| Quality | No issues to report |
| Other issues | |

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

- Sealing works(25-30km) 18th October 2022
- Stabilisation works (30-38km) Early 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:

11.3 ROADS AND AERODROME

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17691 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REPORT AUTHOR: | DEPUTY 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 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| HW21 Mt Manara North IS Seal | 111.23.02 | \$308,421.02 |
| | | |
| | Total WO | \$1,488,531.40 |

| Works Description | Original Budget | % Expended | Remaining budget |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| RMCC Routine | \$972,884 | 13% | \$842,160 |
| WO 2021/22 | \$3,141,179 | 31% | \$2,166,298 |
| WO 2022/23 | \$1,488,531 | 26% | \$1,107,153 |

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.

| Works Description | Original Budget | % Expended | Remaining Budget |
|--|--|------------|------------------|
| Regional Road Block Grant | \$2,863,000 - \$575,000 - \$400,000 = \$1,888,000 | 6% | \$1,783,751 |
| Regional Roads Repair Program 2021/22 | \$975,000 | 82% | \$172,803 |
| Regional Roads Repair Program 2022/23 | \$800,000 | 0% | \$800,000 |

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.

| Works Description | Original Budget | % Expended | Remaining Budget |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|
| Local Roads Component (FAG) | \$1,655,000 | 15% | \$1,404,819 |
| Mandalay Rd Floodways (R2R) | \$750,000 | 0% | \$747,090 |
| Wilc-Menindee East Rd Formation (R2R) | \$251,818 | 0% | \$251,818 |
| Smiths Hill White Cliffs (FLR) | \$1,860,000 | 5% | \$1,774,035 |
| Turleys Hill White Cliffs (LRCI Rd 3) | \$1,600,000 | 1% | \$1,578,715 |
| Union Bend Rd, stage 1 | \$559,474 | 40% | \$336,717 |

<u>Aerodromes</u>

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 \$72,750 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.

| Works Description | Original Budget | % Expended | Remaining Budget |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|
| Aerodromes R&M | \$210,500 | 8% | \$193,055 |
| RAUP Rd 9 | \$145,500 | 2% | \$143,160 |

Attachments:

11.4SERVICESFILE NUMBER:GD22/17692REPORT AUTHOR:DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICESRESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and Note the report.

REPORT:

Services Operational:

| Works Description | Original Budget | % Expended | Remaining Budget |
|---|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| Parks & Gardens/ \$196,000 Sporting Facilities | | 32% | \$132,349 |
| Ancillary Works | \$194,000 | 13% | \$168,695 |
| Street Cleaning/Bins | \$193,000 | 25% | \$144,338 |
| Buildings | \$431,000 | 10% | \$387,212 |
| Swimming Pools | \$423,500 | 5% | \$404,234 |
| Domestic Waste | \$204,000 | 22% | \$159,560 |

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 Oct 2022 and progress to date.

The infrastructure projects included in each funding stream are detailed below

| Works Description | Original Budget | % Expended | Remaining Budget |
|---|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| BSCCF Rd 3 – Wilcannia Skate Park | \$260,000 | 79% | \$54,166 |
| BSCCF Rd 3 - Playgrounds | \$188,340 | 36% | \$121,233 |
| BSCCF Rd 3 – Sunset Strip Playground | \$85,000 | 100% | \$0 |
| LRCI Rd 2 – Wil Post Office Flooring | \$100,000 | 34% | \$66,028 |
| 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 | 9% | \$447,821 |
| 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:

11.5 WATER AND SEWER

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17693 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REPORT AUTHOR: | DEPUTY 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 with 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.

| Works Description | Original Budget | % Expended | Remaining Budget |
|---|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| Wilcannia Water | \$340,000 | 29% | \$242,503 |
| Wilcannia Sewer | \$115,000 | 20% | \$91,823 |
| White Cliffs Water | \$205,750 | 15% | \$175,779 |
| Ivanhoe Water | \$326,500 | 20% | \$260,859 |
| Tilpa Water | \$22,500 | 0% | \$22,500 |
| Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer program | \$144,770 | 7% | \$135,016 |

The table below reflects expenditure to mid Oct 2022

Water and Sewer Capital Works

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

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

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

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

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

| Works Description | Original Budget | % Expended | Remaining Budget |
|--|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| White Cliffs WTP and Retic | \$5,500,000 | 22% | \$4,310,643 |
| Wilcannia WTP | \$3,500,000 | 42% | \$2,040,650 |
| Ivanhoe WTP | \$2,500,000 | 39% | \$1,531,707 |
| Smart Meters | \$50,000 | 0% | \$50,000 |
| Valve Replacements | \$150,000 | 5% | \$142,900 |
| Tilpa Village Pipeline | \$318,750 | 72% | \$88,064 |
| Tilpa Solar Array/ Pump | \$25,000 | 0% | \$25,000 |
| Ivanhoe Raw Water Switchboard Upgrades | \$75,000 | 0% | \$75,000 |

Attachments:

11.6 GRAVEL CRUSHING SERVICES

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17697 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REPORT AUTHOR: | DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES |
| RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: | DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information relating to Gravel Crushing Services within the Shire.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

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

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council, June 2021, Council resolved to:

Extend the Gravel Crushing Contract CDSC 2-2018 for a further 12 months based on the current schedule of rates + 2.5%

Jaws Earthworks were subsequently sent a Letter of Extension to 22 July 2022

Early 2022 Jaws Earthworks advised Council that they were not able to complete further gravel crushing works due to staff shortages and unavailability of sub-contractors.

Council staff subsequently sought quotations from reputed crushing contractors in the region. One response was received from Crushrite Pty Ltd which included gravel crushing rates within 5% of the awarded schedule of rates agreed with Jaws Earthworks.

Crushrite are currently engaged to complete committed works with Transport NSW and funded capital works (with committed timeframes) within the Local Government Area.

REPORT:

The Gravel Crushing Contract has now expired, and the recommendation above seeks to call fresh tenders via the open tender method

Pursuant to clause 166 of the Regulation, Council must decide whether it is going to use an open or selective tendering process.

The Open Tender method is suggested as it is deemed to provide the method that:

- Has the greatest likelihood of achieving the best value for money
- Meets its needs
- Is appropriate for the level of risk
- Is timely
- Avoids creating unnecessary costs for it and/or tenderers; and
- Safeguards the security and confidentiality of all tenders.

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. | Objectives 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire. |

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

| | Assessment |
|---------------|------------|
| Social | NA |
| Environmental | NA |
| Economic | Positive |
| Governance | Positive |

Financial and Resource Implications:

Council does not have the resources to crush its own gravel for the purposes of road building and maintenance.

Approximately 25% of the gravel pits within the shire produce better quality material if crushed. The remaining material is pushed with a Dozer

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council is a Control Authority pursuant to the Roads Act 1993 and carries responsibility under the Mining Act 1992 and the WHS Act 2011 to manage its contractors accordingly

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

WHS/ Public Risks are identified and controlled through project planning and system documents

OPTIONS:

Seek tenders via the selective tender method.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

11.7 CARADOC AIRSTRIP

| FILE NUMBER: | GD22/17727 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REPORT AUTHOR: | DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES |
| RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: | DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information so an informed decision can be made with respect to Caradoc Airstrip and the adjacent road alignment.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

Council staff have received a request from the Caradoc Station property owner to realign the road adjacent to the airstrip to accommodate possible Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) night landings.

REPORT:

To accommodate night landings in the event of an emergency, the airstrip requires fencing around the extent boundaries. The airstrip is constructed close to the existing road and the proposed fence line, if built, would be situated close to the road pavement and be cause for road safety concerns.

A survey was completed to ascertain feasibility of road realignment whilst keeping road formation within the gazetted road reserve. The survey found that it was not possible to fence the airstrip in its current location and it would be possible to realign with larger radius curves to accommodate a proposed fence line. The survey report is attached for information and salient comments are listed below:

1. Airstrip and Road formations were related to the road reserve as defined by D.P.1149310

and salient points staked for identification and understanding by observers.

2. Caradoc Station proprietors notified Council of their desire to have the airstrip

designated suitable for night landings by RFDS. This approval would necessitate the

construction of a perimeter fence some 45 metres easterly from and parallel to the

airstrip centreline.

3. The edge of the existing road formation impinges as close as some 32 metres from the current airstrip centreline thus precluding such approval.

4. Having examined the current road and airstrip geometry I am able to suggest an adjusted

road alignment which would remain within the road reserve and with other construction

(moving the northern end of the airstrip centreline 15 metres west and fence

construction) appear to satisfy these RFDS requirements.

5. This suggested road alignment also improves the current road alignment by the replacement of a tight 516.6 metre radius curve with a 1000 metre radius curve.

6. Existing and suggested road alignment geometries are summarised on my report diagram

R9-CAR attached.

The recommendation above seeks to realign the road to accommodate the proposed fenceline.

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 | <u>Objectives</u> |
| maintained built environment. | 3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire. |
| GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community | <u>Objectives</u> |
| receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services. | 1.5 Enhanced public order and safety. |

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

| | Assessment |
|---------------|------------|
| Social | Positive |
| Environmental | Negative |
| Economic | Negative |
| Governance | Positive |

Financial and Resource Implications:

The road realignment works are estimated at a cost of \$29,200.

The road is constructed of natural earth materials here and the realignment, if done in conjunction with maintenance grading works, would be an additional three days with a full grading crew to grub and clear, foundation works, tabledrain delineation, shape/ water/ roll and compact.

Gravel pavement is not included.

The recommendation above seeks to source the additional funds from the Local Roads maintenance budget

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council, as the Roads Authority, are under no obligation to realign the road from a legal perspective.

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

The curve realignment has merit for road safety.

The airstrip night landing capacity for the remote airstrip has merit for community safety in the event of an emergency

OPTIONS:

Do nothing and advise the property owner that the airstrip will need to be relocated outside the road reserve

Postpone the project and seek external funding for road realignment

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

1. Caradoc Airstrip Survey Report

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

14 **RESOLUTION TRACKER**

14.1 RESOLUTION TRACKER AS AT 5TH OCTOBER 2022

FILE NUMBER: GD22/16950

REPORT AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Attachments:

1. Resolution Tracker Report as at 5-10-2022

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, 23 November 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, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

PRESENT:Administrator, Bob StewartIN ATTENDANCE:Greg Hill (General Manager)Gordon Seeto (Director Business Services)Glenda Dunn (Senior Planning Officer) VideoKevin Smith (Finance Manager) VideoGemma Dillon (Senior Finance Officer)Darryl Telfer (Acting Rates Officer) VideoGokul Chandran (Finance Officer Revenue) VideoEvelyn Pollard (Human Resource Officer)Kim Cotter (Governance Officer) VideoGabrielle Johnson (Community Engagement Officer) VideoMs Wendy Tuckerman (Minister for Local Government)Mr Damien Jones (Secretary to Minister Tuckerman)Janette Bussell (Minutes Secretary) Video

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 9:03am

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 01-09-2022

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 02-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 August 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE -

Flooding of the Darling River continues and the Local Emergency Management Committee continues top meet weekly and will continue to do so until end of December.

Welcome to Minister Wendy Tuckerman, Minister for Local Government.

Ms Tuckerman advised that she is travelling throughout the shire on a listening tour and thanked Administrator Bob Stewart for the invitation.

She advised that she is looking to the council returning to elections in some form for 2024 and they are investigating which model will work best to ensure we continue to operate in an efficient manner.

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED: OCM 03-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Approve financial assistance of \$974.00 to the Anglican Parish of Broken Hill and the Far West, under Council's Community Grants Policy to partially cover the annual water service

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charge levied on its property, St Marys Church, Church Street White Cliffs NSW for the 2022-

- Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart
- That Council will:

8.2

23 period.

1. Receive the report

8.3 **CASH AND INVESTMENTS - AUGUST 2022**

RESOLVED: OCM 05-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report and note

8.4 **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AUGUST 2022**

RESOLVED: OCM 06-09-2022

- Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart That Council will:
- 1. Receive the report

9 **GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

9.1 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR OCTOBER ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: OCM 07-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive and note the report
- 2. The Octobers Ordinary Council meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday 19 October at 9am.

CARRIED

9.2 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND -ROUND FIVE-PROJECT SUBMISSION

CARRIED

CARRIED

CARRIED

CARRIED

RESOLVED: OCM 08-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart That Council will:

1. Receive the report and note the report

CARRIED

9.3 POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED: OCM 09-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

(i) Adopt the revised Policies attached to this report.

CARRIED

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: OCM 10-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report, noting the following adjustments to the approved 2022/23 FTE budget:
 - a) Shire Services An increase of 0.08 FTE.
 - b) Business Services An increase of 1.60 FTE.
 - c) Governance A decrease of 0.86FTE.
- 2. Council approves newly created positions as follows:
 - a) 1.0 FTE Project Engineer (Water Treatment Plant Project).
 - b) 1.0 FTE Truck Driver, Wilcannia
 - c) 0.63 FTE Cleaner

CARRIED

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 IN PRINCIPLE ADOPTION OF DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

RESOLVED: OCM 11-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

2. In relation to the Financial Statements and in accordance with Section 413 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended):

a) Council resolves that, in its opinion, the Draft General-Purpose Financial Statements and the Draft Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993, (as amended) and the Regulations* thereunder.

b) the Financial Statements be approved and signed by the Mayor(Administrator), the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer.

- 3. The Financial Statements be referred to Council's Auditor for audit.
- 4. The audited Financial Statements be forwarded to the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2022.
- 5. The General Manager be delegated authority to, after Council receives a copy of the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's report, place the Audited Financial Statements on public exhibition and give notice of the date that Council will present its Audited Financial Statements to Council.

CARRIED

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY THE WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

RESOLVED: OCM 12-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

Endorse the two development applications determined by the Western Regional Planning Panel

- (i) D20 21 PAN 158296 for the Maari Ma Community Health Facility at Bonney Street Wilcannia.
- (ii) D03 2022 PAN 203489 For the Baaka Cultural Centre at 42-44 Reid Street Wilcannia

CARRIED

11.2 POONCARIE ROAD – PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED: OCM 13-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.3 ROADS AND AERODROME REPORT

RESOLVED: OCM 14-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.4 WATER AND SEWER

RESOLVED: OCM 15-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.5 SERVICES

RESOLVED: OCM 16-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.6 UNSUPERVISED SWIMMING POOLS

RESOLVED: OCM 17-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Implement Unsupervised Swimming Pool Operations at Ivanhoe, White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Menindee.
- 3. Engage lifeguards to supervise patrons at the Menindee and Wilcannia Swimming Pools from 3:30pm to 6:30pm weekdays and from 3:00pm to 7:00pm weekends and Public Holidays

CARRIED

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11.7 STANDARD CONDITIONS PAPER FOR INFORMATION 14 9 2022

CARRIED

CARRIED

CARRIED

RESOLVED: OCM 18-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive and note the report
- 2. Note the new requirement for standard conditions and bespoke conditions for development approvals to be endorsed by Council and uploaded onto the NSW Planning Portal.
 - (a) Note the requirement for the standard format of the notice of determination to be issued through the NSW Planning Portal by the delegated council officer.
 - (i) Note the requirement for the standard conditions and bespoke conditions to be uploaded by council, by the 23 December 2022, onto the NSW Planning Portal.
 - (ii) Note the requirement for Council Officers to attend the NSW Planning Portal training to access and use the NSW Planning Portal for the new statutory requirements.

CARRIED

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

It was resolved that Council moved 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. Confidential section was closed to the public and began at 9:37am.

RESOLVED: OCM 19-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council 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 Supply and Delivery of Concrete Pipes Contract

Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2) - (c) as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The General Manager reviewed the resolutions of the confidential matters and reported the following for the listed reports:

13.1 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONCRETE PIPES CONTRACT

RESOLVED: OCM 20-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. That the <u>best fit for purpose tenderers</u> be awarded this contract as the Panel Source suppliers to Council for the period 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2024, and
- 3. That a provision be allowed for a 12-month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 30 September 2025.

CARRIED

14 **RESOLUTION TRACKER**

14.1 **RESOLUTION TRACKER**

RESOLVED: OCM 21-09-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

1. That the Resolution Tracker from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24th August, 2022 be received and noted and any amendments be noted.

CARRIED

15 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9:40am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 19 October 2022.

ADMINISTRATOR