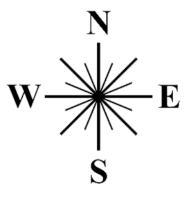
CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

22 MARCH 2023

The Meeting will be held at 9am 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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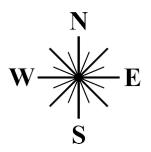
- 1. The Council may hold a public forum prior to each ordinary meeting of the Council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting. Public forums may also be held prior to extraordinary Council meetings and meetings of Committees of the Council.
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- 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.
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- 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, 22 March 2023 9am 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 22 February 2023 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Attachments:

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 22 February 2023

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE -

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3527
REPORT AUTHOR:	ADMINISTRATOR
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	GENERAL MANAGER

Central Darlings Future

Council has been successful in attracting Grants to improve services and infrastructure across the Shire. We have actively pursued grants as part of our business model because if we only relied on rates and charges the level and quality of services that could be delivered would not be acceptable. This reliance on grant-to-grant funding as opposed to a reliable and predictable revenue source makes a long-term approach to financial planning for service delivery difficult and unsustainable in the long term.

Property rates and annual charges deliver very limited income and along with the annual Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant represent the Councils only source of discretionary funding, as nearly all other revenues are linked to specific areas of expenditure(grants). This means that Council must constantly ration and prioritize available resources towards works, services and organisational capacity which ultimately results in the delivery of a makeshift or substandard service outcome for the community.

Community expectations of service delivery standards far exceed the capacity of the organisation to meet under the current arrangements.

A focus over the past 3 years has been rebuilding the organisations system processes to ensure regulatory compliance. Whilst significant progress has been made, the organization is like a sandcastle, whereby at any time a redirection of resources could undermine or wash away any gains.

Moreover, CDS does not have sufficient funds to operate, maintain, renew, replace and upgrade its assets. To deliver services and meet regulatory requirements demanded on local government we must employ a skilled and experienced staff. Attracting and maintaining that staff base has proved challenging for a rural and remote community.

Critical decisions about the future governance and financing of the shire have been deferred and it is imperative that government come to terms with the reality of the long-term costs of delivering an adequate standard of service and democratic governance to the shire.

There will be no decision on a future governance model before the upcoming state election, as a critical component of the process that is community consultation has not occurred. With local government elections set for September 2024 early consultation must occur. The issues facing Central Darling are well known and documented, but what is lacking is the will to have an open discussion that puts the issues on the table and commitment to a long term sustainable solution.

The reality what is needed is a new governance model that can deliver sustainable services to the Far West Community, committed ongoing funding from treasury to underwrite the ongoing cost and a sense of urgency by government to resolve the issues.

Administration of Central Darling was never going to solve the fundamental issues facing Central Darling, and we must now hold the Government to account to bring forward a solution and engage with our community.

This will be a priority after the March State election.

<u>Attachments:</u>

NIL

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, WHITE CLIFFS BRANCH

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3545
REPORT AUTHOR:	ACTING RATES OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	FINANCE MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to the request from Country Women's Association, White Cliffs, for financial assistance under Council's Community Grants Policy to cover the 2022-23 annual service charges levied by Council on the association's property in Johnston Street White Cliffs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Approve financial assistance of \$1,000.00 to the Country Women's Association, White Cliffs Branch under Council's Community Grants Policy to assist with payment of the annual service charges for the 2022-23 period on its Johnston Street, White Cliffs property.

BACKGROUND:

Council's current Community Grants Policy was adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on the 22 June 2022. That Policy provides for Council to provide Financial Assistance to not for-profit community-based organisations, groups and individuals that meet community needs and to benefit residents within our community. The Policy also provides that in-kind support for the waiver of Rates, Fees, Charges, and goods is considered Financial Assistance within this Policy and therefore may be eligible for consideration.

Council has previously provided the CWA White Cliffs Branch (CWA White Cliffs) with assistance under the Community Grants Policy in respect of the 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 annual service charges. The previous application by CWA White Cliffs was considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 22 September 2022 where Council resolved;

- 1. Receive and note the report.
- 2. Approve financial assistance of \$993.00 to the Country Women's Association, White Cliffs branch under the council's Community Grants Policy to cover the annual services charges for the 2020-2021 period on its Johnston Street, White Cliffs property.
- 3. Approve financial assistance of \$1,000 to the Country Women's Association, White Cliffs branch under the council's Community Grants Policy to cover the annual services charges for the 2021-2022 period on its Johnston Street, White Cliffs property.

Assistance for the 2020-21 period was granted notwithstanding the application did not fully comply with the policy requirement that the applicant must have no outstanding debts to Council, on the basis that the Secretary was unaware of the need to reapply annually which resulted in a delay in making application.

REPORT:

The CWA White Cliffs owns and operates from its premises located on Johnston Street White Cliffs NSW.

The aims of the CWA of NSW are:

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

The application complies with Council's Community Grants Policy except for the requirement that the applicant have no outstanding debts to Council as the annual charges levy of \$1,040.00 for 2022-23 are unpaid. These charges are payable by quarterly instalments and at this time 3 of the 4 instalments, totalling \$780.00, are overdue.

The annual charges consist of a waste management service charge of \$66.00 and a water service charge of \$974.00. Given the premises are utilised on an occasional basis only, the demand placed on the waste and water supply services (for which the annual charges apply) is believed to be very low and as such the actual cost of providing these services to the premise is also very low.

Whilst the annual charges have not been paid for 2022-23, quarterly Water Consumption Charges have been paid on time throughout the 2022-23 period and are currently up to date.

From the application and subsequent discussion with the Vice-President it is understood that the previous committee was not active and allowed its membership and presence in the community to dwindle. The organisation was at risk of closing prior to its AGM in November 2022 when a new committee was elected. Membership has since been increased significantly from approximately 7 to 27 and fundraising activities commenced with the aim of raising sufficient funds to cover the next 12 month's operating expenses.

It is believed the lateness of this application, after due date for payment of 3 of 4 quarterly rate instalments have past, is primarily due to the previous committee inactivity.

Recommendation for assistance is limited to \$1,000 as this is the maximum amount of funding available for a single applicant under the Community Grants Policy.

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

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.	Objectives 1.2 Improved community services and facilities.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	NA
Economic	NA
Governance	NA

Financial and Resource Implications:

Expenditure for the assistance sought is provided for within the 2021-22 budget – from the

Donations & Contributions budget of \$10,000.00, of which \$8,026.00 remains available.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Assistance is permitted under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The application satisfies criteria set out in Council's Community Grants Policy with the exception that the applicant has an existing outstanding debt to Council, as detailed in the report.

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

No risks identified

OPTIONS:

Council may refuse the application on the grounds that the applicant is currently in arrears on its annual charges and as such the application fails to fully comply with the policy. This option is not supported given the longstanding history of the applicant providing support to the White Cliffs Community and its current revitalisation efforts under the new committee.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

None undertaken

External Exhibition:

Not required

Attachments:

1. Country Women's Association White Cliffs - request financial assistance - 2022-23 annual rates and charges

8.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2023

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3589
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 28th February 2023.

Council's total cash assets as at 28th February is: \$12,208,496.07

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	nterest Rate Month Interest		
Westpac 11am Investment Account	\$6,500,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	(\$1,500,000.00)	1.25%	1.25% \$9,735.61		
Operating Account	\$5,708,496.07	\$2,462,265.04	\$3,246,231.03	N/A	N/A NIL		
PostOffice Clearing Account	\$46,987.30	\$46,987.30	NIL	N/A	NIL	NIL	
Tota	Total Cash at bank as of 28 th February 2023 \$12,208,496.07						

Commentary:

The net movement of cash for the month of February 2023 was an increase of \$1,699,244.36.

Payments for wages and creditors for the month of February 2023 totalled \$4,138,625.06.

Receipts and transfers for the month of February 2023 totalled \$7,384,856.09 with major receipts being:

•	Regional Roads Repair Program	\$4	,361,246
•	SCCF Round 4 1 st Instalment	\$	305,705
•	Federal Assistance Funding Instalment 2	\$	479,822
•	Far West Joint Organisation	\$	225,000

Restrictions:

	Restriction Amount
Total Restriction as of 30 June 2023	\$4,006,000

Attachments:

NIL

8.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3590
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 28th February 2023.

The report indicates a YTD Net Operating Result before Capital Items of \$209,000 surplus, which is better than expected for this time of year.

The report shows two material variances for the month of February 2023.

Being:

- 1. A favourable variance of \$20,000 for Interest and Investment Revenue.
- 2. A favourable variance of \$650,000 for Employee Costs.

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 28th February 2023.

Central Darling Shire Council						
Income & Expenses Budget Review Stateme	nt - Consolid	lated				
Income Statement February 2023	Amended	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance	Notes
	Budget 2022/23 as per QBR2	YTD	YTD	YTD	%	
Income	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)		
Rates and Annual Charges	2,483	2,483	2,476	(7)	(0%)	
User Charges and Fees	10,544	7,029	6,461	(568)	(8%)	
Interest and Investment Revenues	54	42	62	20	48%	1
Other Revenues	405	285	299	14	5%	
Grants & Contributions - Operating	10,428	7,680	7,680	-	0%	
Grants & Contributions - Capital	21,991	15,460	15,640	180	1%	
Total Income from Continuing Operations	45,905	32,979	32,618	(361)	(1%)	
Expenses						
Employee Costs	6,968	4,564	3,914	650	14%	2
Borrowing Costs	39	9	9	-	0%	
Materials & Contracts	10,112	7,980	8,030	(50)	(1%)	
Depreciation	4,324	2,883	2,883	-	0%	
Other Expenses	2,257	1,850	1,933	(83)	(4%)	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	23,700	17,286	16,769	517	3%	
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	22,205	15,693	15,849	156	1%	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	214	233	209	(24)	(10%)	

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.

The annual budget was reviewed as at 31st December and presented to Council at the February meeting. Approved amendments to the budget have been incorporated into the above Income Statement. The next budget review will be as at the 31st March 2023, and will presented to Council at its May 2023 meeting.

Variance Analysis:

The report shows two material variances for the month of February 2023.

Being:

1. A favourable variance of \$20,000 for Interest and Investment Revenue.

This variance is due to increased interest rates and Council having a higher level of cash to invest than expected. Council also takes a very conservative approach to this budget line.

1. A favourable variance of \$650,000 for Employee Costs.

This variance is due to Council currently having a number of vacant positions and a number

of staff being on extended leave.

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 4.2 Efficient and effective services.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Monitoring of monthly against budget enables timely financial management.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

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

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

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

N/A

External Exhibition:

N/A

NIL

8.4 GRANTS REGISTER – FEBRUARY 2023

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3598
REPORT AUTHOR:	FINANCE MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary reconciliation of Council's current grant funding status as of 28th February 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

BACKGROUND:

To deliver Council's commitment to transparency and improved financial management, Council has developed a Grants and Contributions Register, to provide information on grants applied for and received.

REPORT:

For the month of February 2023.

The following applications have been finalized and submitted:

- NSW EV Fast Charging Site Host (Expression of Interest) for Menindee, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs.
- Local Government Recovery Grants (NSW) (\$1,000,000 ex GST) multiple projects across Shire.

Notification has been received that the following applications have been successful:

• Fixing Local Roads Program - Racecourse Rd, Menindee, Sealing and Resilience Improvement (NSW) (\$2,343,472 ex GST)

The following grant applications are currently being drafted:

• Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program Application (NSW).

Reporting and acquittal update:

- SCCF Rd 2 acquittal has progressed and should be finalised in March 2023.
- Continued to work on SCCF Rd3-0448 milestone report.
- Implementation Meeting for the Sunset Strip Stormwater Mitigation project held 23 February 2023.
- Regional Youth Holiday Break Completion & Acquittal Report submitted.

- Continued to work on acquittal for LSP-040 (DSP Tranche 2). Advice received from the Department of Regional NSW that the final report for LSP-039 had been approved and payment recommended.
- Continued to work on Community Events Program 0137 Reporting and variation (Aboriginal Community Engagement Workshops).
- Attempting to close out the Menindee Diorama acquittal with localised input.

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

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 2: A strong regional economy supported	<u>Objectives</u>
by developing industries, strong businesses and increased employment.	2.1 Expansion of industries and growth in businesses.
	2.2 Employment growth.
	2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

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

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

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:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

N/A

External Exhibition:

N/A

Attachments:

- 1. Morris & Piper Advisory Monthly Report February 2023
- 2. Tracking Report February 2023

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1	CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY REVIEW	
FILE N	JMBER:	GD23/3364
REPOR	T AUTHOR:	GOVERNANCE OFFICER
RESPO	NSIBLE DIRECTOR:	GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is for the Council to review and adopt the Draft Corporate Credit Card Policy Version 2, which has been updated in line with the Office of Local Government (OLG) Guideline on the use and management of credit cards.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report.
- 2. Approve the Draft Corporate Credit Card Policy Version 2.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2022, Councils were advised by the Office of Local Government (OLG) to provide the OLG's Guidelines on the use and management of credit cards to the Audit and Risk Improvement Committee (ARIC). Receipt of this advice prompted a review of Central Darling Shire Council (CDSC)'s Corporate Credit Card Policy.

REPORT:

To assist Councils to develop and/or review their credit card policies and to build consistency across the sector, the Office of Local Government developed the Guideline on the Use and Management of Credit Cards in September 2021, under section 23A of the Local Government Act 1993. Councils must take this guideline into consideration when developing or reviewing their credit card policy.

The Guideline is based on NSW Treasury's credit card policy and guidelines that apply to NSW state agencies, to the extent its principles are relevant to local government and was developed in response to a performance audit of credit card usage at six local councils by the NSW Audit Office.

Initial consultation on Version 2 of the Corporate Credit Card policy was undertaken with the General Manager, Finance Manager, Senior Finance Officer, and Human Resources Officer, with only minor adjustments made as a result. As Version 1 does not meet elements of the OLG's Guidelines, it was thought prudent to ask for ARIC's input and review of the updated Policy before presenting it to the next Council meeting for adoption. CDSC'S ARIC reviewed and approved the draft at their meeting on 22 February 2023.

This process was co-ordinated by the Governance Officer as the Policy Owner (Director of Business Services) is on leave.

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

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
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Council providing relevant attainable and	<u>Objectives</u> 4.2 Efficient and effective services.
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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	NA
Environmental	NA
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Nil

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The *Local Government Act 1993* (section 8B) and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (clause 209) require all Councils to establish effective internal control mechanisms for financial management, expenditure and accounting records.

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

The revised Corporate Credit Card Policy enforces best practice credit card management and details the responsibilities of individual cardholders, including risk management, preventative controls, and detective controls.

OPTIONS:

That Council:

Adopts the draft policy as presented, or makes recommendations for any changes needed before adoption.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

To all CDSC corporate credit card holders, the Finance Team, and ManEx group.

External Exhibition:

On CDSC's website.

Attachments:

NIL

9.2 CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2027

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3371
REPORT AUTHOR:	HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the report is seeking Council endorsement to public exhibit the Central Darling Shire Council Workforce Management Plan during April before Council consider adopting the Plan at its May Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Endorse to place the Central Darling Shire Council Workforce Management Plan on Public Exhibition for 28 days during April
- 3. Report to May Council meeting on comments received from the Public Exhibition with the intention of adopting the plan at the Council meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Workforce Management Plan was developed as part of a suite of documents forming part of Council IP&R (Integrated Planning and Reporting) documents. The suite of documents consists of:

- Community Strategic Plan overarching the entire Shire.
- Place based Town and Village plans for White Cliffs, Wilcannia, Menindee Ivanhoe, Sunset Strip and Tilpa.
- Advocacy Plan
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Tourism Action Plan

REPORT:

A council's workforce plan is required to consider what people, with what skills, experience and expertise are required. It provides an opportunity to plan adjustments to the workforce to meet changing priorities and takes into account new technologies.

The Workforce Management Strategy is required to address issues such as, however not limited to:

- an ageing workforce
- succession planning
- providing opportunities to create and retain positions for local young people
- incentives and other programs that will support the council to be an employer of choice
- learning and development
- performance management
- recruitment strategies to fill skills gaps
- workforce diversity.

Using the process and framework recommended by the Office of Local Government, the Central Darling Shire Councils Workforce Management Plan comprises the following components:

• current workforce demographics, including capability and structure;

- the opportunities and challenges face by Council both from an internal and external perspective; and
- strategies and actions to address the opportunities and challenges.

Staff were engaged to identify actions for inclusion as part of the plan development. The final draft was presented to the Workplace Consultative Committee and staff as required under the Local Government (State) Award.

The Workforce Management Plan will need to go through a final community public consultation before Council can adopt the plan. Following March Council meeting the Workforce Management Plan be placed on public exhibition for 28 days for public comments before Council potentially adopts the plan at May's Council meeting.

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	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

The Workforce Management Plan addresses opportunities and challenges identified in ensuring adequate resourcing levels to deliver the Community Strategic Plan.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The Workforce Management Plan is a requirement under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

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

The Workforce Management Plan addresses the employee and business risks identified in addressing a sustainable workforce.

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Consultation with internal staff has been undertaken.

External Exhibition:

External Exhibition is required for a minimum of 28 days for comment.

Attachments:

1. Central Darling Shire Council Workforce Management Plan - 2023-2027

9.3 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3372
REPORT AUTHOR:	HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

BACKGROUND:

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

REPORT:

Vacancies:

Below is the status of the positions being advertised:

Position	Closing Date	Status / Progress
Project Manager *	27 March 2023	Recruitment Underway
Project Engineer *	27 March 2023	Recruitment Underway
Road Engineer *	27 March 2023	Recruitment Underway
Operations Manager *	27 March 2023	Recruitment Underway
Management Accountant	27 March 2023	Recruitment Underway
Finance Officer	27 March 2023	Recruitment Underway
Environmental Professional	3 April 2023	Recruitment Underway
Executive Assistant	N/A	Council continues to source candidates.
Truck Drivers	N/A	Council continues to source candidates.

Of note, the positions marked with * are currently undergoing a further round of advertising. To address the shortage of suitable candidates, Council is extending the sourcing of candidates to those seeking sponsorship to work in Australia. To be considered for the vacancies, candidates will need to demonstrate a successful Working Visa application.

Following several advertising campaigns, both within and outside the Shire, Council continues to seek suitably qualified candidates to fill the Executive Assistant and Truck Driver roles.

Organisational Structure:

		2022/23				
Department	FTE as at 30 June 2022	Original Approved Budget	Approved Revised Budget 19 Oct 2022	Actual	Vacant	Proposed Variation
Governance	5.23	6.09	5.20	4.20	1.00	0
Business Services	13.40	15.00	15.63	13.00	2.00	-0.63
Shire Services	44.60 *	44.68 *	48.68 *	39.68	9.00	0
Total	63.23	65.77	69.51	56.88	12.00	-0.63

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

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

A decrease of 0.63FTE for Business Services is due to several unsuccessful attempts to recruit for a Cleaner. Following a review of business requirements, the function has been outsourced to an organisation from within the Wilcannia community.

Annual Staff Assessments

In line with the requirements under Local Government (State) Award, the Annual Staff Assessment process has commenced with all assessments to be completed by 30 April 2023, with any step progression increase to come into effect from 1 July 2023.

The assessment process underwent a refresh and refocus during 2022 to ensure that the assessments met the requirements of the Award in addressing skills and capability. In addition the assessments also align with the work being undertaken around expected behaviours and conduct as part of our workplace culture program.

Wilcannia Career Expo

Following discussions with key agencies, including Wilcannia Central School, Council will be participating in the Wilcannia Career Expo scheduled for 27 April 2023 to be held at Wilcannia. The expo will provide Council an opportunity to showcase the different career opportunities available.

Following the expo, work will continue to build the connection between Council and the schools as part the initiative to "grow our own" workforce from within our community.

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	Objectives 4.3 Skilled and informed Councillors and staff.

J - 1 5	4.2 Efficient and effective services.
community development and succession	
planning.	

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Attracting quality candidates is challenging for Council which has an impact on the current resourcing levels and budgets.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

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

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

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

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

NIL

9.4 WILCANNIA VISTOR ACCOMODATION BUSINESS CASE

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3430
REPORT AUTHOR:	GENERAL MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the report is to advise Council recently secured funding of \$156,356 for Wilcannia Visitor Accommodation Business Case and endorse the recommendation to engage consultants to conduct the work.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Acknowledge the engagement of Dunn & Hillam Architects and Balmoral Group in accordance to the Local Government Act 1993 Section 55 (3) services being sought are of such as specialized and urgent in nature.
- 3. Endorse the General Manager to engage:
 - a. Dunn & Hillam Architects for Stage One Feasibility and Concept Design
 - b. Balmoral Group for Strategic Business Model and development
- 4. A report be presented to Council on completion of Wilcannia Visitor Accommodation Business Case.

BACKGROUND:

Late last year Council applied for funding for Wilcannia Visitor Accommodation business case and was informed earlier this year of being successful in securing \$156,356 the funding. The Wilcannia Visitor Accommodation Business Case project will address the critical shortage of visitor accommodation available in Wilcannia and the resulting economic impact on the town and region.

Wilcannia has numerous issues with the lack of accommodation currently available with no commercially operated motel accommodation available in the township. Both existing motels were extremely outdated and have closed to the public with one being used for staff accommodation for the adjoining roadhouse. Visitors to the town, whether tourists or those visiting for work, are heavily reliant on the Council owned and operated Caravan Park (with no cabin accommodation) and a private rural caravan park 5 kilometres from town that also operates basic tourist cabins. The current situation fails to cater for visitors to the town who are not self-accommodating through caravans or camping, with the nearest available motel accommodation located in the town of White Cliffs almost 100 kilometres from Wilcannia. Visiting workers accommodation is particularly impacted with those visiting for work having to stay in basic cabins (if available) or drive in for the day from White Cliffs, Broken Hill (196 kilometres) or Cobar (260 kilometres).

This project will fund a strategic business case to look at the options for the business model and construction of a motel accommodation in town and the viability of linking the operations of the motel with the management and operation of the council owned Victory Park Caravan Park.

The business case would explore not only the viability of these accommodation options, the operating models required to run both assets in a viable way, but also explore the overall economic impact on the town of Wilcannia and the region more broadly. This business case will also result in architecturally designed and costed concept design to support the future stages of the project.

REPORT:

The \$156,356 secured funding, comprised quotations for works to be done by:

- Dunn & Hillam Architects- \$74,140 Stage One Feasibility and Concept Design
- Balmoral Group -\$57,844 Strategic Business model and development

There is a contingency of \$24,372 for project management and other associated cost if incurred. Both Dunn & Hillam Architects and Balmoral Group have indicated their current quotation for works currently remains and are able to commence immediately on their assigned work. The Funding Deed activities must commence within 6 months from the commencement date and the activities must be completed by 30 September 2023. Council Procurement Policy Quotation and Tender Threshold values between \$30,000- \$249,000, requires three written quotes.

Seeking additional quotes from providers has been problematic as there is lack of interest due to other commitments, and if so, their quotes would most likely exceed the current funding budgetary restraints and timeframes in the delivery of their work. Therefore, it would be prudent for Council to engage Dunn & Hill and Balmoral Group to commence works on the Business Case and architecture plans to ensure meeting 30 September 2023 deadline.

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

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 2: A strong regional economy supported	Objectives
by developing industries, strong businesses and increased employment.	2.1 Expansion of industries and growth in businesses.
	2.2 Employment growth.
	2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	NA
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Nil- project is fully funded

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Procurement Policy -EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENT TO TENDER OR QUOTE Council can enter into an agreement without a Tender or Contract above \$5,000 and less than \$150,000 without seeking Quotations, in accordance to the *Local Government Act 1993* - Section 55 (3), if:

- Council resolved that the services being sought are of such a specialised or confidential nature that it would be impractical or disadvantageous to seek Quotations or Tenders,
- A genuine emergency exists;
- Quotations are provided by an approved procurement service provider such a Local Government Procurement. In any circumstance where a decision is not to Tender, in accordance to the Local Government Act 1993 Section 55 (3), Council must record its reasons in writing for any exemptions.

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

Nil

OPTIONS:

Alternative option is not to proceed with the project.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

- 1. Dunn & Hillam Arthitects-quote
- 2. Balmoral Group -quote

9.5 MAY AND JUNE COUNCIL MEETNGS

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3533
REPORT AUTHOR:	GENERAL MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the report is to advise the Administrator will not be attending the scheduled Council Meetings in person, scheduled for 24 May and 28 June; however, will be attending both meetings by audio-visual link due to exceptional circumstance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Note the Administrator will not be attending the schedule Council meetings on 24 May and 28 June 2023 in person, however, will be attending both meetings by audio-visual link due to exceptional circumstance.

BACKGROUND:

The Administrator has advised the General Manager, he has been scheduled for surgery on his knee on the 2nd May 2023. As part of the Administrator recovery, he will not be able to travel for some months.

The Model Code of Meeting Practice, section 5.16, Meeting held by audio-visual link, does allow a meeting of council to be held by audio -visual link due to exceptional circumstances.

REPORT:

The Administrator has requested the Ordinary Council meetings schedule for 24 May and 28 June to be held audio-visual link. This would allow the Administrator to conduct both meetings by audio-visual link from his residence at Orange whilst recovering from survey.

The council meeting will still be held at the Wilcannia Chambers as originally planned, with the Administrator conducting the meeting by audio-visual link from his residence. The General Manager and staff will still be attending the meetings at the Wilcannia Chambers. The public gallery and questions from the gallery will be available to the public prior to the commencement of the meetings.

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:

Nil

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

Nil

OPTIONS:

There are no other options.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Not required

External Exhibition:

Notice of meeting will have explanation the Council meeting will be Chaired by audio-visual link.

Attachments:

NIL

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1	ENIVRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE	
FILE N	UMBER:	GD23/3534
REPOR	T AUTHOR:	SENIOR PLANNER
RESPO	NSIBLE DIRECTOR:	DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide a summary of Council's Environment Services statistics for the month of February 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

BACKGROUND:

Statistics for December 2022/ January 2023		
Development approvals / final certificates issued under Part 4, Part 5 of the <i>Environmental</i> <i>Planning and Assessment Act</i> <i>1979.</i> Number of Certificates issued under the <i>Local Government Act</i> <i>1993.</i>	Number of DAs Approved – New Dwellings	0
	Number of DAs Approved – Renovation	0
	Number of DA s approved – Commercial/ Industrial	0
	Number of DA s approved – Rural Industry/ Agriculture	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 Section 10.7 Planning Certificates issued (S68)	10
	Number of other approvals or certificates issued under the Local Government Act 1993 (S138, S123 etc)	0
Animal Control Activities -	Animals in and Arriving at Council's Facility	
	Seized	0
	Returned to Owner	4
	Transferred to - Council's Facility from Seizure Activities	2
	Animals in and arriving at council's facility	
	Surrendered	5
	Animals leaving council's facility	
	Released to organizations for rehoming	0

	Unable to rehome	0
	Total in council facility	12
	Nuisance dog	0
	Incident dog attack	0
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	13
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0
	Raw water pesticide sample	0 project finished in December 2022
	Microbiology Pool samples	3

Attachment: Nil

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

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.	<u>Objectives</u>
	1.2 Improved community services and facilities.
	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.	Objectives
	2.2 Employment growth.
	2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.
GOAL 3: A protected and supported natural environment and a sustainable and well maintained built environment.	Objectives
	3.1 Collaborative approach to environmental management and protection.
	3.3 Safe and reliable water supplies and road networks for Shire communities.
	3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.
GOAL 4: A consultative and professional Council providing relevant, attainable and efficient delivery of services as per the standards set by Council and providing community development and succession planning.	Objectives
	4.1 Effective communication and consultation with Shire communities.
	4.2 Efficient and effective services.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive

Governance Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Nil

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

NII

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

Nil

Attachments:

NIL

11.2 SERVICES

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3623
REPORT AUTHOR:	DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

Services Operational:

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$196,000	80%	\$38,656
Ancillary Works	\$194,000	25%	\$146,410
Street Cleaning/Bins	\$193,000	101%	\$0
Buildings	\$431,000	45%	\$236,405
Swimming Pools	\$423,500	50%	\$210,165
Domestic Waste	\$204,000	55%	\$92,675

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 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	100%	\$0
BSCCF Rd 3 - Playgrounds	\$188,340	90%	\$19,681
BSCCF Rd 3 – Sunset Strip Playground	\$85,000	97%	\$2,549

LRCI Rd 2 – Wil Post Office Flooring	\$100,000	52%	\$48,182
LRCI Rd 3 – Ivanhoe Oval Upgrade	\$200,000	3%	\$193,121
LRCI Rd 3 – Tilpa Park Playground	\$203,636	0.2%	\$203,159
MDBEDP – Victory Park Amenities	\$489,665	62%	\$186,588
DSP Drought – Addressing Project	\$300,000	68%	\$96,846
DSP Drought – Building demolitions Wilcannia	\$300,000	95%	\$16,232
DSP Drought – Minor Playground Upgrades	\$100,.000	43%	\$57,355
DSP Drought – Streetscape Iv/Wilc	\$160,000	14%	\$138,394
DSP Drought – Community Hall Upgrades	\$20,000	29%	\$14,208
CRIF – Tilpa Electrical Upgrade	\$93,342	47%	\$49,657
CRIF – Victory Park Electrical Upgrade	\$117,000	0%	\$117,000

Attachments:

NIL

11.3 WATER AND SEWER

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3629
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 an 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 6.8m, 9 months' supply remaining.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from Morrison's Tank. Morrison's Tank capacity, 350 megalitres. 18 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	74%	\$87,266
Wilcannia Sewer	\$115,000	57%	\$49,865
White Cliffs Water	\$205,750	37%	\$130,450
Ivanhoe Water	\$326,500	45%	\$180,482
Tilpa Water	\$22,500	14%	\$19,310
Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer program	\$144,770	49%	\$74,393

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 (CC) requirements. The CC has now been issued for White Cliffs.

Offsite fabrications and equipment purchases are in progress. Enviro Pacific commenced mobilisation at White Cliffs work site in February 2023. The current program aims to complete all 3 Water Treatment by end of 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 were involved in the tender review process October 2022.

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.

Council received advice Mon 6 February 2023 advising that no additional funding is available at this time. Staff will meet with Public Works Advisory mid-February 2023 to discuss scope of works and further negotiations with the preferred civil works contractor for the town retic upgrade.

A report on options for Reticulation works is included in this agenda.

- 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 was incomplete due to flood and inundation by the end of 2022. The installed equipment has been recently inspected by the contractor after the flood receded. A proposal for completing the project will be presented shortly by the engaged contractor.
- Smart meters and valve replacements are scheduled for 2022/23 in Ivanhoe and Wilcannia. Valve replacements equipment was purchased. Construction and fitting work are expected in April 2023.
- Tilpa Village Solar Array and pump at the weir pool pump station was installed on 10 March 2023. There will be minor works to be completed in the next few weeks to protect the installed asset from livestock and vermin.
- Electrical switchboards at Ivanhoe, Morrisons Lake inlet and storage, will be inspected by contractors with expertise in similar rural and remote settings in order to present a suitable solution for upgrading.

The table below reflects expenditure for Capital Projects.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
White Cliffs WTP and Retic	\$5,500,000	23%	\$ \$4,240,532
Wilcannia WTP	\$3,500,000	43%	\$1,991,680
Ivanhoe WTP	\$2,500,000	40%	\$1,487,624

Smart Meters	\$50,000	0%	\$50,000
Valve Replacements	\$150,000	5%	\$136,443
Tilpa Village Pipeline	\$318,750	97%	\$8,060
Tilpa Solar Array/ Pump	\$25,000	100%	\$0
Ivanhoe Raw Water Switchboard Upgrades	\$75,000	0%	\$75,000

Attachments:

NIL

11.4 WASTE FACILITIES OPERATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN AND LONG TERM PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3690
REPORT AUTHOR:	DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the documents relating to the operational management of its landfills and seek to place these documents on Public Exhibition for comment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Place the Waste Facilities Operational Strategic Plan and all Long-Term Plans of Management on Public Exhibition for no less than 28 days and report back to Council with a report detailing any comments received.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council, February 2023, a report was considered by Council that addressed the Menindee Waste Services and operations of the Menindee Landfill. The Administrator requested that a further report be presented to Council detailing the documents, financial impacts and any further information about sealing the Menindee Landfill access road.

REPORT:

The Waste Facilities Operational Strategic Plan (WFSP) and the Long-Term Plans of Management (LTPoM) were completed by Robert Bailey Consulting and Robert Amaral Consulting in January 2021.

Comprehensive investigations were undertaken to ascertain the status and condition of the landfill sites and to provide recommendations to assist Council with compliance and management within the limited budget constraints of Council.

The reports have been referenced for operational management, being year one (or Milestone 1), of the LTPoM. Budgets have been adopted accordingly and staff are working to implement recommendations as suggested.

The recommendation in the WFSP to close and rehabilitate the Sunset Strip waste facility has not been actioned. Further stakeholder engagement plans and community consultation is required if Council agree with this element of the overall strategy.

The recommendation above seeks to advertise the documents for all landfills and seek community feedback. A further report will be presented to Council following the exhibition period.

The financial impacts of implementation are detailed in the WFSP, section 5.5.2.

The Menindee Landfill access road is proposed to be reconstructed and sealed in conjunction with the Racecourse Rd upgrade project. Council were successful under the State Governments Fixing Local Roads program to upgrade this road. The works are to be completed by March 2025.

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

Community Plan Strategic Plan Outcomes	Delivery Outcomes
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GOAL 1: A healthy and cohesive community receiving recognition and supported by coordinated, appropriate and affordable services.	 <u>Objectives</u> 1.2 Improved community services and facilities. 1.1 Closer co-operation and cohesion between community groups. 1.4 Improved opportunities for our communities.
	1.5 Enhanced public order and safety.
GOAL 2: A strong regional economy supported	Objectives
by developing industries, strong businesses and increased employment.	2.3 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.
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.
	3.4 Improved infrastructure across the Shire.
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:

As detailed in the WFSP, section 5.5.2

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Nil

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

Nil at this time. This report seeks to engage community feedback only.

OPTIONS:

Do not advertise the documents for public comment.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

- 1. Ivanhoe LTPoM
- 2. Waste Facilities Strategic Plan
- 3. Menindee LTPoM
- 4. Wilcannia LTPoM
- 5. White Cliffs LTPoM
- 6. Tilpa LTPoM

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 Jetpatcher Machine - Award of Tender

FILE NUMBER:	GD23/3641
REPORT AUTHOR:	DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

14 **RESOLUTION TRACKER**

Nil

15 MEETING CLOSE

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

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 in Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia at 9am.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA ON WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT:Administrator, Bob StewartIN ATTENDANCE:Greg Hill (General Manager)
Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)
Glenda Dunn (Senior Planning Officer)
Gemma Dillon (Senior Finance Officer)
Darryl Telfer (Acting Rates Officer) (video)
Evelyn Pollard (Human Resource Officer)
Kara Mohr (Risk & WHS Officer)
Nerida Carr (Governance Officer)
Gabrielle Johnston (Community Engagement Officer)
Jane McEwan (Customer Services Manager)
Janette Bussell (Minutes Secretary)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 9.02am

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

PUBLIC GALLERY SUMMARY:

Question – Rural/Urban Addressing issues around public information sessions; more information re legal addressing, costs for both householders and businesses.

Response from Greg Hill, General Manager advising that Council will:

- 1. Extend the public consultation period for another 60 days.
- 2. Will conduct information sessions at Wilcannia, White Cliffs, Ivanhoe and Menindee where the community can engage one to one with council staff to get their questions and concerns answered.
- 3. Include more information in the residents monthly newsletters, including timeframes, legal requirements for business licences and costs involved for adding/changing house numbering for both private and business customers.

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 01-02-2023

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 02-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 December 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

Nil

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 COUNCIL 2022-2023 CURRENT GRANTS REGISTER

RESOLVED: OCM 03-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

CARRIED

8.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - JANUARY 2023

RESOLVED: OCM 04-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

8.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2023

RESOLVED: OCM 05-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

8.4 OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 06-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

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 24 May 2023, and any other reports that may be received prior to this.

CARRIED

8.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

RESOLVED: OCM 07-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the 2nd Quarter Budget Review as at 31 December 2022;
- 2. Adopt the variations to Council's 2022/23 Annual Budget.
- 3. Note that the projected operating surplus for the financial year 2022/23 is \$214,000.
- 4. Note that the projected capital works budgeted expenditure for the financial year 2022/23 is \$25.555 million

.CARRIED

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1 TOURISM ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED: OCM 08-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart That Council will:

CARRIED

CARRIED

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Endorse to place the Tourism Action Plan on Public Exhibition for 28 days during March
- 3. Report to April Council meeting on comments received from the Public Exhibition with the intention of adopting the plan at the Council meeting.

CARRIED

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD INSTRUMENT TEMPLATE - LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN - CLAUSE 5.22 SPECIAL FLOOD PROVISION.

RESOLVED: OCM 09-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Receive and note Information on the proposed amendment to the *Standard Template Local Environmental Plan* regarding the Clause 5.22 Special Flood considerations.
- 3. Support the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012* adopting Clause 5.22 Special Flood Considerations. This is to assist council when future flood events occur within the Central Darling local government area.

CARRIED

11.2 PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD FOR THE NEW WILCANNIA WEIR AND COMMUNITY RIVER PLACE AT UNION BEND PARK.

RESOLVED: OCM 10-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Note the status of the Wilcannia Weir project and proposed access road
- 3. Council staff continue negotiations with Department Planning and Environment Regional Projects -Water, for Council preferred design and source of remuneration for ownership and ongoing maintenance for proposed access roads.
- 4. Council staff continue negotiations with Department Planning and Environment Regional Projects -Water, with proposed Community River Place area at the Union Bend Park upgrade and the ongoing future maintenance of the Crown Reserve.
- 5. A report be provided to Council on the outcomes of discussion with Department Planning and Environment Regional Projects- Water, on the proposed access road and Community River Place area at the Union Bend Park.

CARRIED

11.3 **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED FEBRUARY 2023**

RESOLVED: OCM 11-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Note Information on the development applications D14/2022 PAN 282901 New Amenities Block at Victory Caravan Park - 26068 Barrier Highway Wilcannia and DA15/2022 PAN 284119 New Canteen Building at Ivanhoe Sportsground, 48 Leichhardt Street Ivanhoe.
- 3. Approve the development applications D14/2022 PAN 282901 New Amenities Block at Victory Caravan Park – 26068 Barrier Highway Wilcannia and DA15/2022 PAN 284119 New Canteen Building at Ivanhoe Sportsground, 48 Leichhardt Street Ivanhoe, subject to conditions.

11.4 ENIVRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 12-02-2023

Administrator Bob Stewart Mover:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.5 ROADS AND AERODROME

RESOLVED: OCM 13-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.6 SERVICES UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 14-02-2023

Administrator Bob Stewart Mover:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.7 WASTE SERVICES, MENINDEE

CARRIED

CARRIED

CARRIED

CARRIED

RESOLVED: OCM 15-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Bring a further report to implement all actions recommended by the Waste Facilities Operations Strategic Plan and the Menindee Waste Facility Long Term Plan of Management including time schedule, budget implications and the possibility of sealing the tip road.

CARRIED

11.8 WATER AND SEWER

RESOLVED: OCM 16-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive and note the report
- 2. Council receive a further report for the March Council meeting, on the detailed estimate to complete works in-house, resources and contractor availability for the White Cliffs Reticulation works.

CARRIED

11.9 REGIONAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM 2023-24

RESOLVED: OCM 17-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Apply for \$450,000 maximum funding amount for 3km reconstruction and seal on MR433 Ivanhoe-Menindee Road
- 3. Allocate \$550,000 contribution amount in the 2023-24 budget for consideration in May/ June 2023

CARRIED

11.10 EMMDALE BORE

RESOLVED: OCM 18-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Pay the sum of \$35,255 (GST Incl) to Virginia Beard for the reimbursement costs of bore construction costs at the Emmdale Roadhouse

3. Create an easement over lot 2 DP 757003 for the purpose of rights of access to land and to construct a pipeline from the Emmdale Bore to the Emmdale Aerodrome

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 9.36am.

RESOLVED: OCM 19-02-2023

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 Amenities Building Victory Park Caravan Park - Award of Tender

Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2) - (c) and (d) 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 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.

13.2 Hardship Application - Julianne Clarke

Item 13.2 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2) - (b) as it relates to discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

CARRIED

RESOLVED: OCM 20-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

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

CARRIED

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

13.1 AMENITIES BUILDING VICTORY PARK CARAVAN PARK - AWARD OF TENDER

RESOLVED: OCM 21-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report
- 2. Resolve that the tender for the construction of the new amenity block facility at Victory Park Caravan Park be awarded to Wardle Builders and a further report be presented to the March Council meeting on the additional funding pay for these works. **CARRIED**

13.2 HARDSHIP APPLICATION - JULIANNE CLARKE

RESOLVED: OCM 22-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report.
- Subject to Ms Clarke complying with a payment arrangement under *the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) S564*,and continuing to own and reside at 110 Woore Street Wilcannia, Lot 3 DP 668266 and 110A Woore Street Wilcannia, Lot 1 DP 906553, and that these payments will continue.

CARRIED

14 **RESOLUTION TRACKER**

14.1 RESOLUTION TRACKER

RESOLVED: OCM 23-02-2023

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

1. That the Resolution Tracker from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on December 14th 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 9.57am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 22 March 2023.

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ADMINISTRATOR