

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA
ON WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE 2021.**

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Greg Hill
Acting Director Business Services, Kevin Smith
Human Resource Officer, Evelyn Pollard
Acting Rates Officer, Darryl Telfer
Senior Finance Officer, Gemma Dillon
Senior Planner, Glenda Dunn
Community Engagement Officer, Jennie Geerdink
Executive Assistant, Jamie Parsons

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

NIL

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW Councillors and Councilstaff 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.

The General Manager disclosed an item of interest in relation to confidential item 12.1 – Tender for the WTPs. It was noted that the General Manager had a personal friendship with one of the Contractors over 20 years ago and has not had contact with that person since that time. The General Manager wasn't involved in the Tender process, or the evaluation and it was only brought to his attention when the report was sent to him. The General Manager has stated that he will stay present in the room for the meeting and will not take part in the debate. It has been noted that this is a Non-Pecuniary conflict of interest under Section 451 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 ORDINARY MEETING – 24 JUNE 2020

Resolved

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 May 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Minute Number: 01-06-2021

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING

NIL

6. MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

6.1 ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 02-06-2021

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 ADOPTION OF DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2021/22

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Note and acknowledge that there were no submissions received during the public exhibition period.
3. Adopt the 2021/22 Operation Plan and Budget.
4. Make and levy the following Rates and Charges under the *Local Government Act 1993* for the 2021/22 year.
 - a) in accordance with Sections 492-494, 497-499, 533-535 and 543 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following ordinary rates for the 2021/22 year as follows:
 - Farmland Rate ad valorem amount 0.001003 cents in the dollar.
 - Farmland Base Amount: \$130.00
 - Residential Rate ad valorem amount 0.064774 cents in the dollar
 - Residential Base Amount \$130.00
 - Business Rate ad valorem amount 0.058061 cents in the dollar
 - Business Base Amount: \$130.00
 - b) In accordance with Sections 496, 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and impose charges for Waste Management Services in 2021/22 as follows:

Domestic Waste Service Charges Levied under Section 496 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>	Charge Unit	2021-22 Charge
Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge (Previously known as an "Unoccupied" property charge)	Per Property	\$306.00

<p><u>Purpose:</u> Fund waste management facilities to meet potential future demands from vacant land.</p> <p><u>Applies to:</u> All vacant parcels of rateable land within any of Council's waste collection areas.</p>		
<p>Domestic Waste Management Service</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Entitlement to a weekly collection of a 240-litre waste bin & free access to dispose of domestic waste at Council's Waste Management Facility in the town the property is located in.</p> <p><u>Applies to:</u> All properties within the Ivanhoe, Menindee or Wilcannia Council's waste collection areas, with an approval for a residential building.</p>	Per Property	\$646.00
<p>Domestic Waste Management Service – Sunset Strip</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Provide Sunset Strip residents with free access to the dispose of domestic waste at the Sunset Strip Waste Management Facility.</p> <p><u>Applies to:</u> All rateable properties in Sunset Strip.</p>	Per Property	\$78.00
<p>Domestic Waste Management Service – White Cliffs</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Provide residents of the White Cliffs township with free access to the dispose of domestic waste at the White Cliffs Waste Management Facility.</p> <p><u>Applies to:</u> All rateable properties in the White Cliffs township.</p>	Per Property	\$64.00
<p>Domestic Waste Management – Additional Bin Collection Services</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Weekly collection of additional 240 litre waste bin (additional charge per bin).</p> <p><u>Applies to:</u> All properties within the Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, or Menindee Waste Collection areas where an additional Domestic Waste Collection service(s) has/have been requested and provided.</p>	Per Bin	\$646.00

<p>Waste Management Service Charges - Non-Domestic Levied under Section 501 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i></p>	Charge Unit	2021-22 Charge
<p>Waste Management Service</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Entitlement to a weekly collection of a 240-litre waste bin.</p> <p><u>Applies to:</u> All properties within any of Council's waste collection areas where a Waste Collection service has been requested and provided.</p>	Per Property	\$646.00
<p>Waste Management Additional Bin</p>	Per Bin	\$646.00

Purpose: Entitlement to a weekly collection of additional 240 litre waste bins. Applies to: All properties within any of Council's waste collection areas where an additional Non-Domestic Waste Collection service(s) has/have been requested and provided.		
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- c) In accordance with Sections 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes and levy charges for Water Supply Services in 2021/22 as follows:

Water Service Charges - Wilcannia		
Service Charge Description	Charge Unit	2021-22 Charge
Filtered Water Connected	Per Connection	\$251.00
Non- Potable/Raw Water Connected	Per Connection	\$986.00
Filtered Water Availability	Per Property	\$165.00
Non-Potable/Raw Water Availability	Per Property	\$165.00
Filtered Water Usage	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.57
Non-Potable/Raw Water Usage – Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	Not Applicable
Filtered Water Usage – Metered Non-Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.57
Non-Potable/Raw Water Usage – Metered Non-Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.57
Water Service Charges - Ivanhoe		
Service Charge Description	Charge Unit	2021-22 Charge
Filtered Water Connected	Per Connection	\$293.00
Non- Potable/Raw Water Connected	Per Connection	\$491.00
Filtered Water Availability	Per Property	\$219.00
Non-Potable/Raw Water Availability	Per Property	\$219.00
Filtered Water Usage	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.98
Non-Potable/Raw Water Usage – Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$1.73
Filtered Water Usage – Metered Non-Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$4.79
Non-Potable/Raw Water Usage – Metered Non-Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.98

Water Service Charges – White Cliffs		
Service Charge Description	Charge Unit	2021-22 Charge
Filtered Water Connected	Per Connection	\$950.00
Non- Potable/Raw Water Connected	Per Connection	\$950.00
Filtered Water Availability	Per Property	\$831.00
Non-Potable/Raw Water Availability	Per Property	\$831.00
Filtered Water Usage	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.88
Non-Potable/Raw Water Usage – Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.88
Filtered Water Usage – Metered Non-Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.88
Non-Potable/Raw Water Usage – Metered Non-Rateable Properties	Per Kilolitre (kL)	\$3.88

- d) In accordance with Sections 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes and levy charges for Sewerage Services in 2021/22 as follows:

Service Charge Description	Unit Type	2021-22 Charge
Sewerage Service Charge	Per property – up to 2 connections	\$893.00
Sewerage Service Additional Charge	Per connection – more than 2 connections	\$307.00

- e) Council make and impose the maximum charge for interest on overdue Rates and Charges as determined by the Minister of Local Government, in accordance with Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Maximum Allowance Interest being 6.00 per cent per annum for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.
- f) Fees and Charges for the use of services provided by Council as detailed in the Operational Plan and Budget 2021/22 be adopted in accordance with Section 608 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Minute Number: 03-06-2021

7.2 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES

Resolved

1. Unresolved – Noted 20 May 2021 Council Meeting – bring forward action plan for outstanding debt – Will be presented in July Meeting. Requested Projected Ratio for Unpaid Rates to also be presented at Julys Meeting.
2. Receive and note the report as being a final report on this round of sales for Unpaid Rates.

Minute Number: 04-06-2021

7.3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – MAY 2021

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 05-06-2021

7.4 COUNCIL 2020-2021 CURRENT GRANTS REGISTER

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 06-06-2021

8. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

8.1 POONCARIE ROAD CONSTRUCTION-INVESTIGATIONS OF IMPACTS AND HARM TO ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report and endorse the following:
2. A further progress report to be presented to Council at next meeting in July.

Minute Number: 07-06-2021

8.2 CEMETERY RECORD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 08-06-2021

8.3 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MELINDA PAVEY MP

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 09-06-2021

8.4 THE CENTRAL DARLING HERITAGE APP

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report and endorse the following:
2. Council engages Newcastle University for the development and implementation to the Central Darling Heritage Trail App, at the cost of \$145,647.10 to be delivered in March 2022.
3. Council records the “Exemption from Requirement to Tender or Quote” for the development and implementation of the Central Darling Heritage Trail App as being specialised work and in accordance with Section 55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* as less than the specified amount needed to Tender of \$250K.

Minute Number: 10-06-2021

8.5 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 11-06-2021

9. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

The General Manager announced the commencement of the new Director of Business Services Gordon Seeto. The General Manager stated that the Director of Business Services is currently on leave at the moment prior to commencing, however will be in office within the next 2 weeks.

10. SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

The Administrator requested that in future – reports are to be approved under delegated authority.

10.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED MAY JUNE 2021

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Note the information on the number of development applications approved for the month of May and June 2021.

Minute Number: 12-06-2021

10.2 AMENDMENTS TO THE CENTRAL DARLING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

2. Note the information on the notified amendments to the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012 – 4 June 2021*. The amendments are to the land use table, the implantation of the Wilcannia Heritage Conservation Area, additional heritage items and the rezoning of land to the infrastructure zone for the Wilcannia Water Treatment Plant.

Minute Number: 13-06-2021

10.3 ELECTRONIC ROAD SIGNS

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Council pursues additional funds to finance the upgrade of inferior existing sign communication software, hardware, and provider protocols.
3. Council pursues further supplementary funding to complete electronic signage on all roads within the Shire prone to adverse weather closures.
4. Council pursues funding for the purpose of installing cameras at sign locations.
5. Council reinforces its Policies and Legal Obligations for the purpose of applying penalties for vehicles driving on closed roads.
6. Council to write to the Minister of Roads, the Honourable Paul Toole MP seeking a driver education campaign for driving on gravel and closed roads in the Far West of NSW.

Minute Number: 14-06-2021

10.4 SERVICES REPORT

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 15-06-2021

10.5 ROADS AND AERODROMES REPORT

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Request a report of the costings on Budgets for RMS works.

Minute Number: 16-06-2021

10.6 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 17-06-2021

11. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11.1 MINUTES – WHITE CLIFFS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 26 FEB 2021, 3 JUNE 2021, AND 9 JUNE 2021

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 18-06-2021

12. 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 9.35am.

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

12.1 WATER TREATMENT PLANT TENDER RECOMMENDATION FOR WHITE CLIFFS, WILCANNIA, AND IVANHOE

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Matters were discussed in relation to the WTP tender for White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe – the nature of this discussion will remain confidential.
3. A Media Release is to be issued 2 weeks following the Council Meeting, releasing the name of the contractors hired and details of the delivery for the WTPs.

Minute Number: 19-06-2021

13. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9:41am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 28th July 2021.

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ADMINISTRATOR