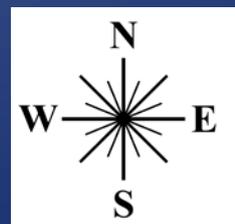




# 2011/2012 Annual Report

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Central Darling Shire Council





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## Our Shire

Central Darling Shire encompasses an area of over 53,000 square kilometres, making it the largest Local Government Area (LGA) in New South Wales. Conversely, population figures for the Shire are one of the lowest with 2000 residents dispersed throughout and surrounding the towns of Ivanhoe, Menindee, Wilcannia and White Cliffs, and its localities of Darnick, Mossgiel, Sunset Strip and Tilpa.



The principal economic activities within the Shire include pastoral, horticultural, agricultural, mining and tourism. Rural grazing properties represent the largest land use within the Shire, accounting for 97% of the entire area.

The Central Darling Shire is bounded by the Shires of Bourke, Cobar, Carrathool, Balranald, Wentworth and the Unincorporated Area.

## Our Mission

“Realising quality opportunities for all in the Central Darling Shire through Effective Leadership, Community Involvement and Facilitation of Services”.

## Our Values

Through a collaborative approach and strong commitment, the values that will support our mission and guide us in achieving our vision are:

- Energising Leadership
- Customer Service and Contribution to Community
- Innovation and Continuous Improvement
- Equal Opportunity and Caring for Individuals
- Political Harmony
- Teamwork
- Ethical Behaviour



## Our Towns

### Menindee



Menindee is an oasis in the Outback, a beautiful spot to soak up the outback atmosphere with the convenience of modern services at your fingertips. Dubbed the first town on the Darling River, Menindee has a rich Indigenous and European history. Menindee is located close to Kinchega National Park where visitors can enjoy spectacular views of the Menindee lakes and the Darling River, as well as close encounters with local wildlife.

Menindee is associated with bold explorers of the outback, Burke and Wills, Mitchell and Sturt, and the pastoral tradition of wool production and labouring paddle steamers transporting bales to market. Many travellers today are surprised to find great fields of grapevines and fruit under irrigation beside the Lakes that Major Mitchell originally named "Laidley's Ponds".

Today, Menindee produces much sought after fruits such as table grapes, rock melons, and many varieties of apricots, tomatoes and oranges.

### Ivanhoe

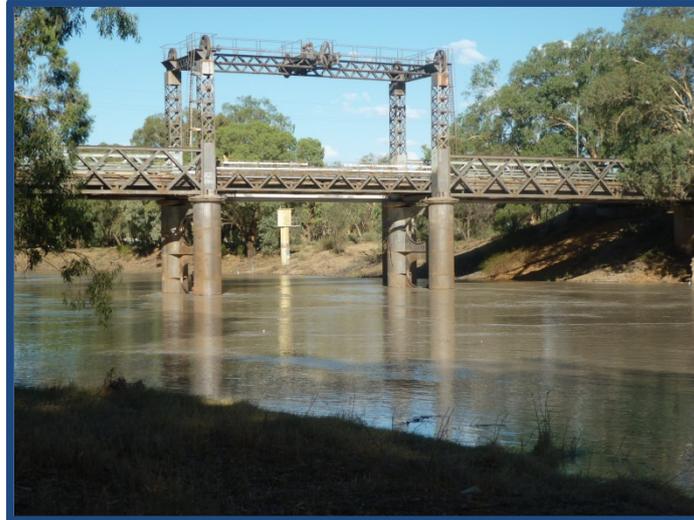


Ivanhoe is a town situated on the Cobb Highway 220 kilometres north west of Hay. The township provides visitors with a pleasant break to their journey in an Outback pastoral community. Friendly people, clean amenities, landscaped recreational areas and a self guided Heritage Trail enable visitors to enjoy a short break and gain an insight into the town's interesting past.



Retrace the exploits of bushrangers, the journeys of Cobb & Co and the advent of the railways as you follow the Ivanhoe Heritage Trail. Through tough times and good, flood and crippling drought, towns like Ivanhoe have earned their place in Australian history.

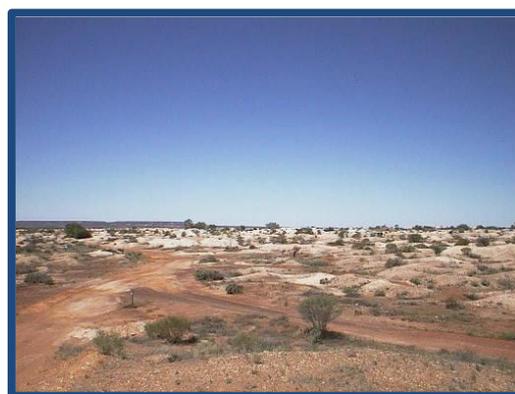
## **Wilcannia**



Wilcannia has a rich and vibrant history. Once known as the "Queen City of the West", it was the third largest shipping port in Australia. In the boom years of the 1880's sandstone was quarried locally for the beautiful buildings that stand today as a reminder of those heady days.

A short drive or walk around town will reveal the great sandstone buildings, historic centre Lift Bridge and old wharf that handled all that cargo so many years ago. Wilcannia has a large Aboriginal community, being the traditional home of the Barkandji people (barka meaning river). Many fine traditional craftsmen in Wilcannia still practice their craft today.

## **White Cliffs**



White Cliffs is unique! Precious seam opal was discovered in White Cliffs in the 1890's and opal from this field was the first to be marketed overseas (giving White Cliffs the distinction of being known as Australia's first Commercial Opal field).



To escape the high summer temperatures, early miners soon began to live in their working mines enjoying the constant underground temperature in the mid twenties all year round. These were known as 'dugouts' and became home for many miners.

Today, modern Dugout homes provide a unique housing style for many White Cliffs residents-with all the conveniences of any modern home but being environmentally friendly, little heating or cooling is required.

## **Tilpa**



The origin of the name "Tilpa" may be found in the Barkandji word "thulpa", which means "floodwaters", for it is in the vicinity of Tilpa that the Darling River floods up to seventy kilometres wide in major floods.

The village of Tilpa came into existence in 1876 when Arthur Cotton opened a store. James Buckley built the Wee Wattah Hotel where the Tilpa Trading Post is now located in the same year.

By 1894, Cotton's store was owned by David Jones & Co. who sold it to Edmond Perrott who turned it into a hotel named the Royal. This is the existing Tilpa Hotel.

In 1880 a Postal Receiving Office was opened in the store. Tilpa had a school from 1896 till its closure in 1945.

A punt served as the only means of crossing the Darling River at Tilpa until the bridge was completed in December 1963.

## **Sunset Strip**

Sunset Strip was gazetted in 1965 as a village within the Central Darling Shire, 20 km north of Menindee, situated on the northern shore of Lake Menindee. A unique outback take on a holiday by the sea, Sunset Strip is a home-away-from-home for many Broken Hill residents needing a weekend escape. Sunset Strip can boast having its own Post Office and Community Hall with boating, fishing, golf and tennis being some of the activities available.



## Elected Council 2011/2012



Ray Longfellow  
Mayor



Moya Reid  
Deputy Mayor



Paul Brown  
Councillor



Graham Wellings  
Councillor



Clive Linnett OAM AFSM  
Councillor



Peter Sullivan  
Councillor



Eamon Sammon  
Councillor



Lorraine Looney  
Councillor



Ron Page  
Councillor



## From the Office of the Mayor



The year has passed quickly with so many things happening in Local Government that the momentum has taken us all along for the ride. The Minister for Local Government, Don Page has established two independent panels – The independent Local Government Review Panel who are investigating the delivery of services, structures and possible boundary re alignment and the Local Government Taskforce who are looking at the operation of the Local Government Act and current regulations that impact on Councils delivery of services.

Another major change is the amalgamation of both the Local Government Association and the Shires Association. These two bodies of Local Government in New South Wales will become one, and will be a much stronger voice in the advocacy of needs that impact on us all at this level of Government.

Having touched on some overarching issues that will effect us all in Local Government, I take the opportunity to reflect on some of the local issues within our Council area. That Council is working with many agencies both within the Council Area and beyond to improve the quality of life for residents. We are continually striving to establish partnership that will enhance the delivery of services and improve the lifestyle and well-being for all.

The continued good season has seen some local weather events that have impacted on most our lives, they include the heavy rain that not only effected our roads network but disrupted the day to day activities of a lot of residents and now with an abundance of ground cover in practically all areas the possibility of an anxious fire season. There are currently five grader gangs operating on our roads network, trying to return roads to a trafficable and safe condition.

Council continues to work towards rectifying the issues that were summarised by the Better Practice Review that was carried out by the Department of Local Government in April 2010. This has been an arduous task, but one that has certainly seen progress for the betterment for the administration and governance of Council as a whole. Nothing is surprising concerning the continual financial challenges that face Council almost on a daily basis; I hasten to add we are not alone in this respect, with many other Councils facing the same dilemma throughout New South Wales.

I complement our staff, who have at times, had to face some rather adverse challenges, but have carried out their respective roles with dignity and respect to all concerned. We as your elected representatives look forward to the challenges ahead and to provided outcomes that are beneficial and rewarding for all residents.

Raymond Longfellow  
**Mayor**



## From the Office of the Acting General Manager



Welcome to the Central Darling Shire Council 2011/12 Annual Report. The past 12 months have certainly been challenging with an array of legislative tasks being completed.

It is pleasing to report that Council developed its first Community Strategic Plan, to set the strategic direction for the Shire for the next 10 years. The Community Strategic Plan is accompanied with a suite of plans being Council's Asset Management Plans, Long Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Plan and Delivery Program. These plans will guide Council's decision making into the future and assist set priorities for tasks to be completed.

A number of governance matters were addressed, with new policies being developed and adopted by Council.

Limited changes occurred in personnel with current staff members remaining stable, however work to recruit to vacant positions continues to remain a challenge. Further recruitment is expected to continue into 2012/13.

Council's financial result for the year was a deficit of \$1,353,000 excluding capital items. Cash assets at the end of 2011/12 decreased by \$700,000 over the previous year, to \$1.8m, reflecting the tightening liquidity situation.

Operationally, Council made a number of exceptional achievements, with the key highlights included in this report. A wet summer period once again disrupted normal roadwork operations due to flooding events and the remedial action needed to rectify damage to the road network.

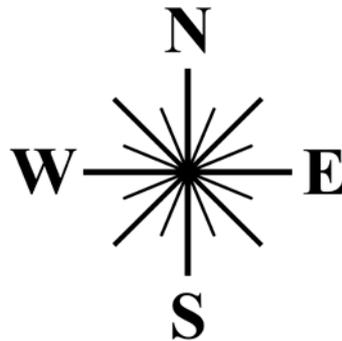
2012/13 will be a busy and exciting year for Council. The Independent Review Panel will be visiting Council in late 2012 to determine the future direction of local government. Council will continue to work on outstanding matters such as our Promoting Better Practice Review Action Plan, and updating our Community Strategic Plan and accompanying plans.

Council staff have worked exceedingly hard under challenging conditions throughout the past year, often taking on additional tasks when required. I would like to acknowledge the dedication of all Council staff particularly their achievements and their contribution to Council's performance during the past twelve months.

Leeanne Ryan  
**Acting General Manager**



## Management and Executive Team



**Reece Wilson**  
Manager Technical and  
Engineering Services



**Leanne Ryan**  
Acting General Manager  
&  
Manager Environmental Services

**David Cuming**  
Acting Finance Manager

**Adelaide Elliott**  
Executive Assistant

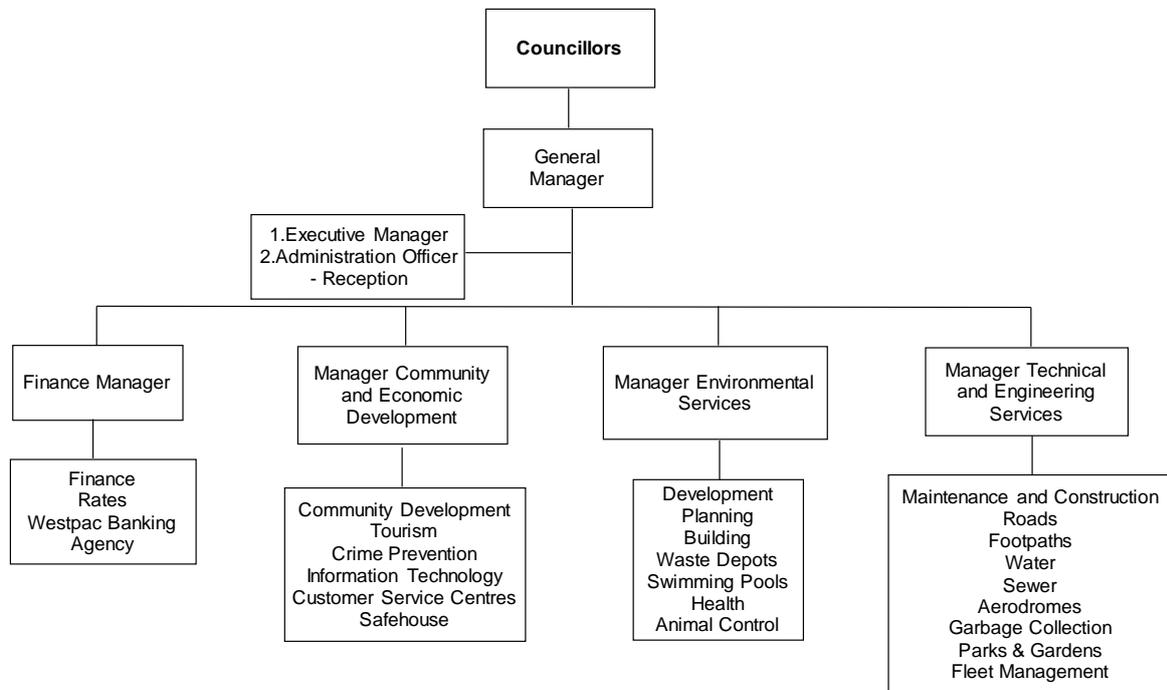


## Human Resources

### Human Resource Activities S428(2)(m)

As part of Council’s requirements under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, Council has prepared a Workforce Management Plan in order to develop the staffing and human resourcing needs to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services.

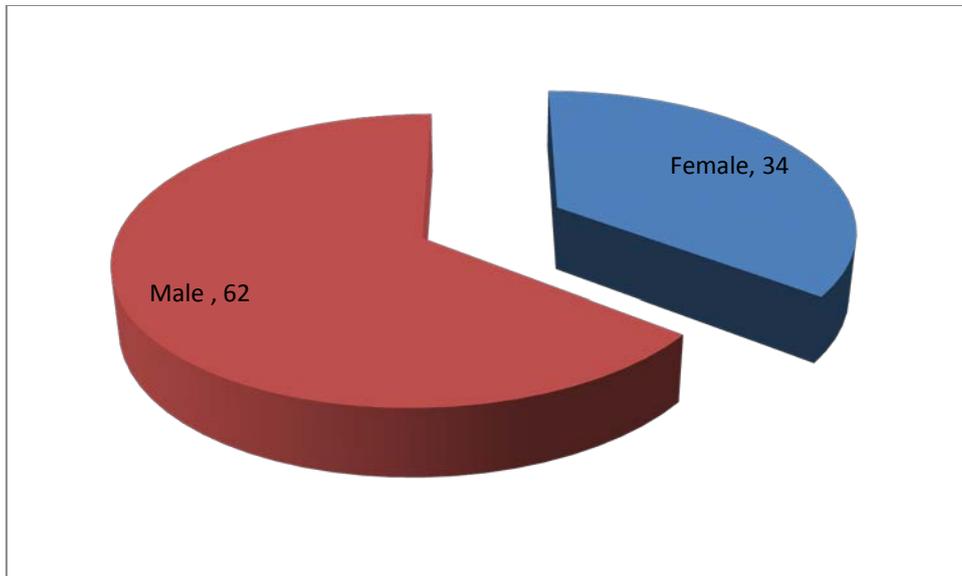
Currently the recruitment and selection process is managed by the Acting General Manager. No formal staff training exercises relating to team building and morale were undertaken by all staff in this financial year however, individual staff members undertook various training courses specific to their needs.



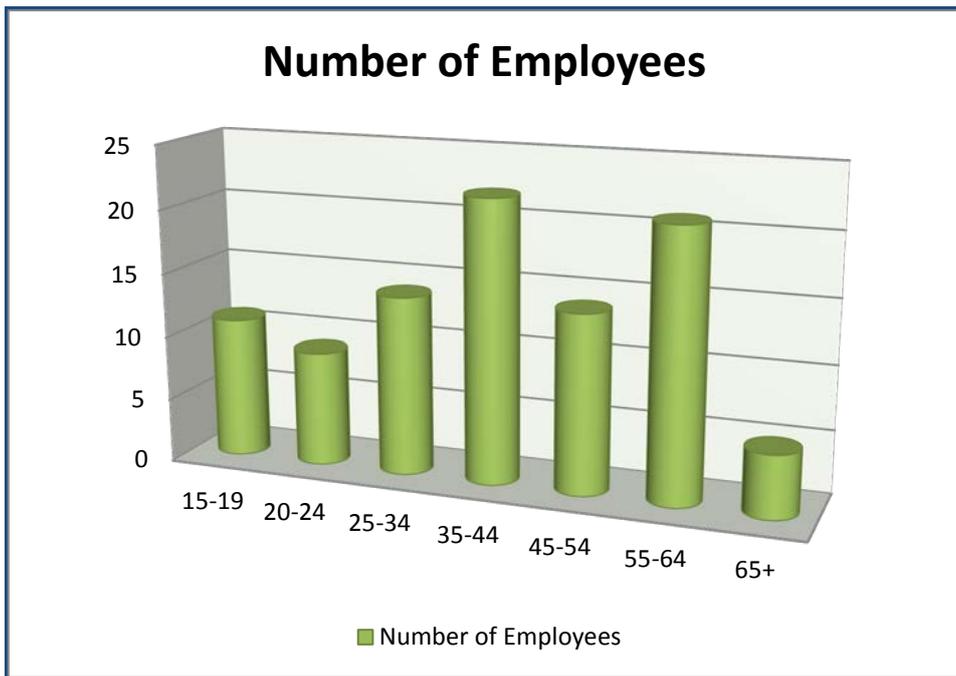


## Human Resources

### Gender Balance

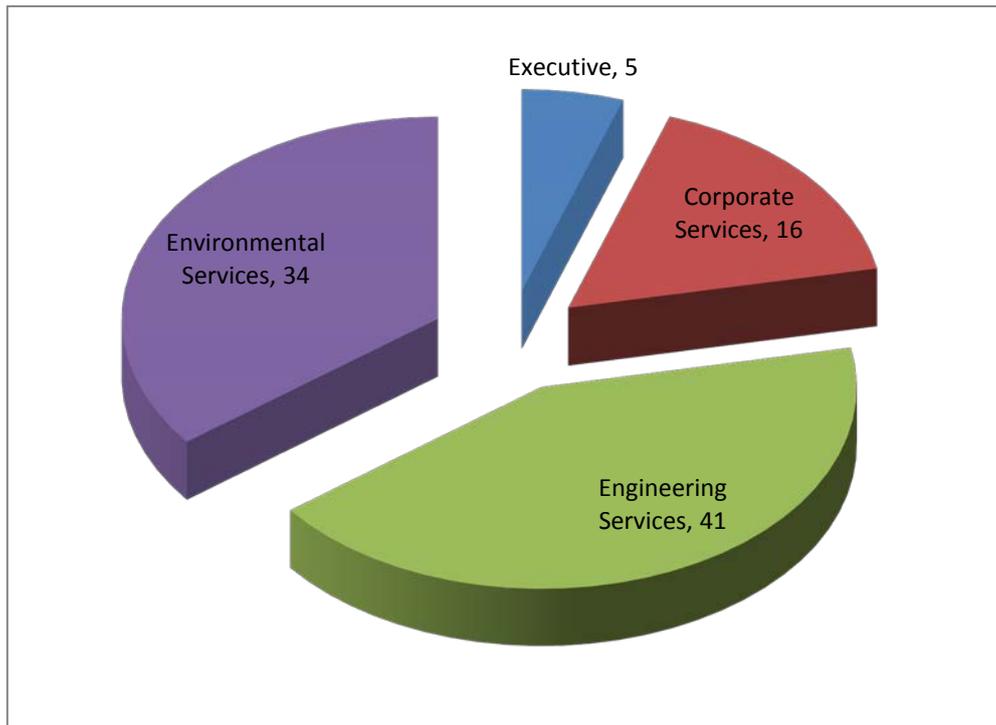


### Age of Workforce





### Breakdown of Employees per Department



### Employee Sick Leave Entitlements

For the reporting period 4019.55 hours of sick leave were used at a total cost to Council of \$121,348.76



## Human Resources

### Training and Professional Development

Throughout the 2011/2012 financial year, Council had one staff member undertake a traineeship utilising TAFE as the Registered Training Organisation. Council values its existing staff and offering traineeships for the professional development of the employee enhances satisfaction levels and provides for further on the job knowledge. Listed below are the details of the traineeship undertaken:

- Certificate IV in Business Administration

Further to the Council employees undertaking traineeships, Council employed three School Based Trainees, Trelayne Highnam, Michael Kelly and Liam Hewitt. Council continues to work with the schools in the Shire for the benefit of their students and aims to employ further school based trainees in future years.

Council staff also attended a number of other training courses as listed:

- Senior First Aid
- Statewide Risk Management Conference
- Rangers Conference
- LGSA Water Management Conference
- Water Treatment Operation
- Yellow, Blue & Red Traffic Control Plan Training
- National Asset Management System Training
- Safe Working at Heights Course
- Electrical Appliance Test and Tag Course
- Emergency Management Training
- Chemical Dosing Systems Training
- Asset Edge (Reflect)
- Chemcert Training
- Chainsaw
- CivilCad
- Surf Lifesaving Bronze Medallion Training
- Building & Surveyors Inspection Course

### Equal Employment Opportunity S428(2)(n)

Council's EEO Management Plan covers all aspects required under legislation. This includes plans for redeployment, retraining, retrenchment and redundancy. Council have ensured that the EEO Management Plan has been adhered to, however, no specific activities have been undertaken in relation to this plan.

<b>S428(2)(b) Corporate Governance</b>	
<b>Performance Requirement</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
Ensure pecuniary interest returns are completed	Completed and presented to Council
Complete and present Annual Financial Report	Completed and presented to DLG
Complete and present Annual Management Plan	Completed and adopted by Council
Complete and present Annual Report	Completed and presented to DLG



<b>S428(2)(e) Legal Proceedings</b>	
<b>30 June 2010</b>	<b>Summary of Legal Proceedings</b>
Legal Proceedings	1 Property Claim & 1 Public Liability Claim
Total Expenditure	\$25,335

<b>S428(2)(f) Mayoral &amp; Councillors Fees</b>	
<b>Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mayoral	\$20,890
Councillors	\$100,000

**S428(2)(r) cl217(1)(a)** – No Councillors, Council Staff or any other persons representing Council partook in any overseas visits.

<b>S428(2)(r) cl217(1)(a1) Councillors Facilities &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
(i) Provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to Councillors	Nil
(ii) Telephone calls made by Councillors	\$427
(iii) Attendance of Councillors at conferences & seminars	\$24,727
(iv) Training of Councillors & provision of skill development	\$1,364
(v) Interstate visits by Councillors	Nil
(vi) Overseas visits by Councillors	Nil
(vii) Expenses of any spouse or partner	Nil
(viii) Carer expenses	Nil

A copy of Council's S252 policy, Provision of Facilities for use by Councillors and the Payment of Councillors' Expenses can be seen at Appendix A.

#### **Statement of Remuneration General Manager**

<b>S428(2)(g)</b>	<b>Number Senior Staff Members employed by Council during the year</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>cl 217(1)(b)</b>	Total Remuneration	\$174,472.93
<b>cl 217(1)(b)(i)</b>	Salary	\$132,543.97
<b>cl 217(1)(b)(ii)</b>	Vehicle Allowance	\$21,000.00
<b>cl 217(1)(b)(iii)</b>	Superannuation	\$11,928.96
<b>cl 217(1)(b)(iv)</b>	Non Cash	\$9,000.00
<b>cl 217(1)(b)(v)</b>	Reportable FBT	\$14,301.00



## Corporate Services

### Summary of 2011/2012

The Income Statement shows a net operating result for the year of \$665,000, almost double the 2010 result of \$343,000. Items to note on the income statement when compared to the prior year include:

#### Rates and Annual Charges

- Ordinary rates increased \$16,000 to \$1,275,000 reflecting rate pegging limits and normal land movements offset by decreases in special rates and water supply services.
- Other annual charges increased marginally by \$3000

#### User Charges and Fees

- Domestic waste management fees increased by \$47,000 due to increased fees and charges.
- Private work fees increase by \$31,000 to \$34,000 due to transport infrastructure works near Ivanhoe for a mining company.
- Water supply services increase \$41,000 to \$361,000 due to increased water usage as rainfall fell to normal levels compared to a wet prior year.
- RMS charges – states roads increased by \$295,000 to \$1,928,000 due to move works orders from the RMS on state roads being performed during the year as a result of flood damage.

#### Investment Income

- This decreased by \$411,000 to \$88,000 due to lower than expected bank deposits.

#### Grants and contributions revenue

- Overall grants and contributions for operational purposes increased by 9.6% over the prior year to \$10,683,000 due primarily to the first two instalments of the financial assistance grant being received in June 2012 as compared to one instalment in the past.

#### Other Revenue

- This increased by \$42,000 to \$381,000 and relates to funding received to finance the Meals on Wheels program.

#### Employee Benefits and On-costs

- Overall there was an decrease of \$430,000 to \$4,602,000 due mainly to vacant positions not being filled during the year.
- Workers compensation insurance decreased by \$29,000 due to improving rolling claims history over the past three years.
- Training cost increased by \$116,000 due to more employee training being provided throughout the year.



### Materials and Contracts

- Increased by \$1,886,000 to \$7,434,000 resulting from increased maintenance and flood damage works.

### Other Expenses

- Other expenses decreased by \$73,000 to \$1,343,000 due in part to improving position for doubtful debts offset by an increase in electricity charges and the consumption.

### Cash position

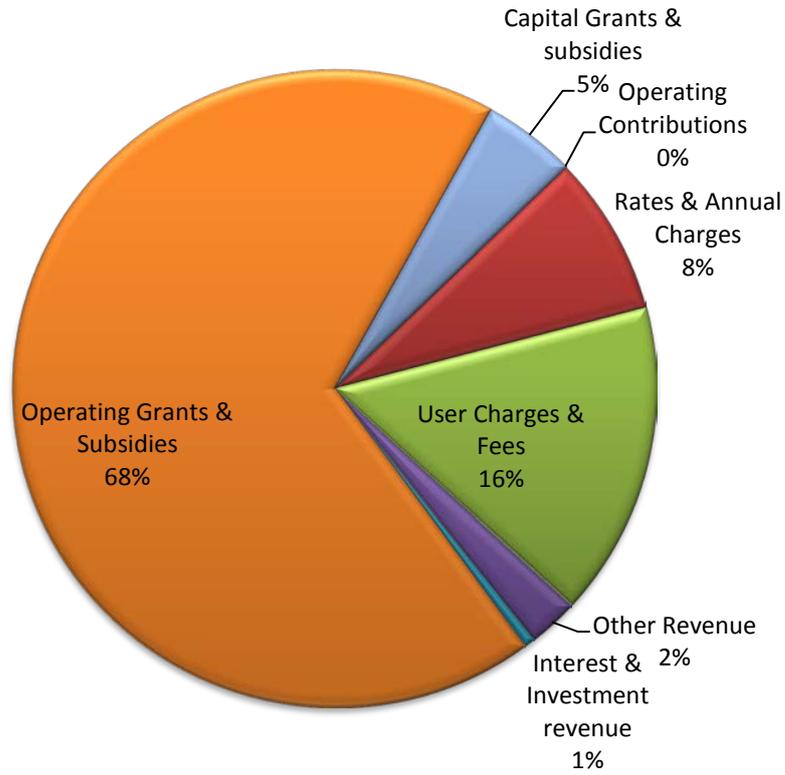
- Council had total cash and investments of \$2,934,000 at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 as compared with \$3,698,000 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.
- Of this amount \$2,229,000(2011-\$2,926,000) is subject to external restriction, meaning Council is required to commit those funds to the purpose for which they were provided. The largest part of this related to unspent roads funding.
- In addition \$705,000(2011-\$746,000)) is subject to internal restrictions although such restrictions can be altered by Council.
- At year end, Council had an unused overdraft facility of \$1,000,000 in place but was extended in November 2012 to \$1,005,000.

### Major influences on results

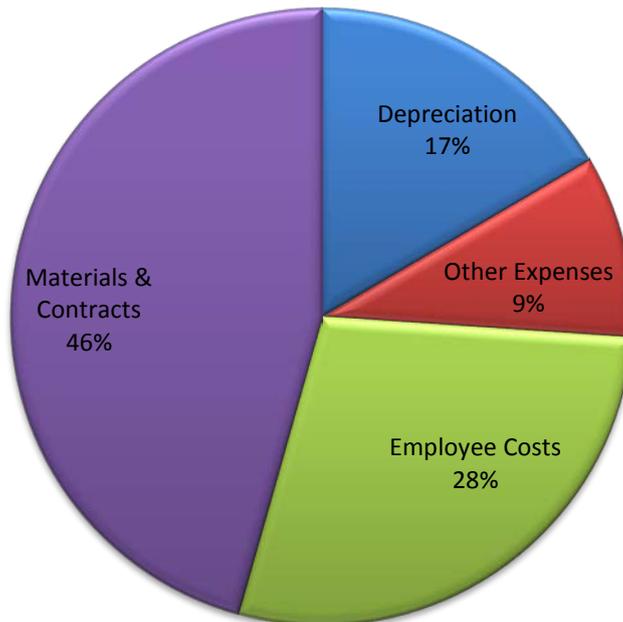
- The weather events of the last three years have resulted in significant time being allocated away from routine works to flood damage repairs. This has led to a backlog of scheduled works and this is reflected in the external restrictions which were high at 30th June 2012.



### Income by Category \$15,667,000

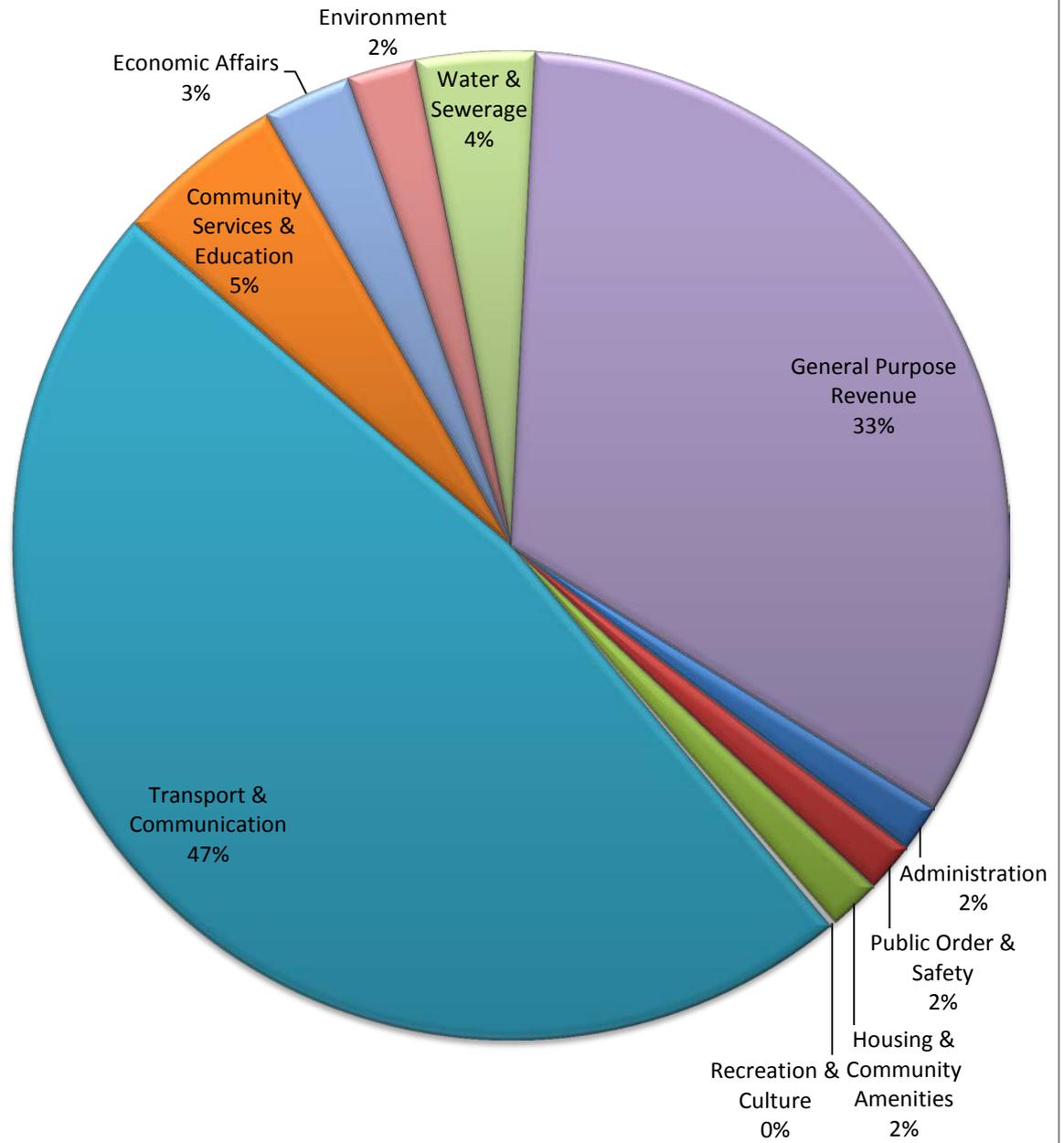


### Expenditure by Category \$16,281,000



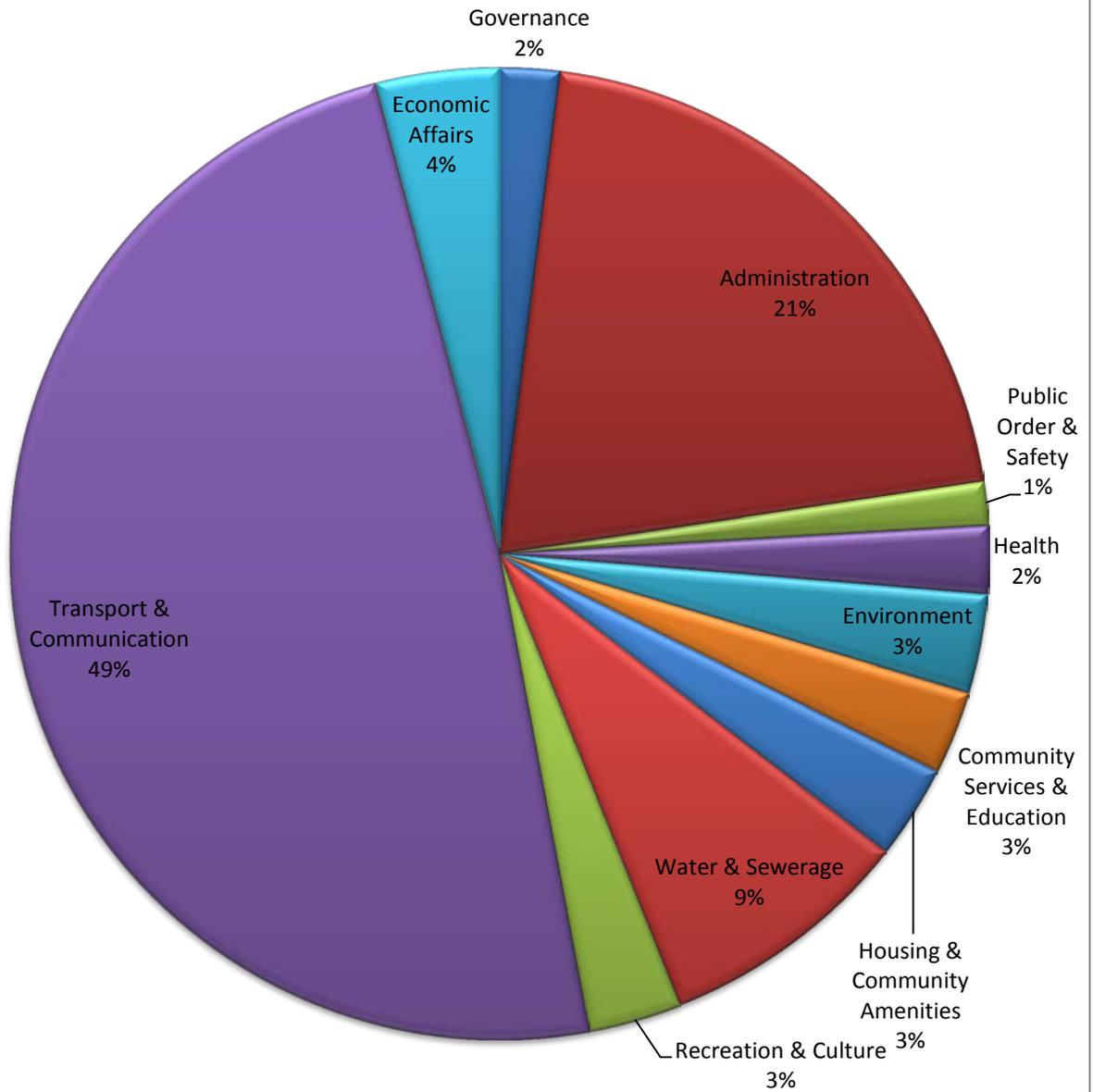


### Income by Function \$15,667,000





### Expenditure by Function \$16,281,000





## Corporate Services

<b>S428(2)(b) Corporate Services</b>	
<b>Performance Requirement</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
Complete Grants Commission return	Completed
Complete FBT Returns	Completed
Complete all GST Returns	Completed
Complete Pensioner Concession Claims	Completed
Submit salary details for workers compensation	Completed
Submit details for annual insurance assessment	Completed and submitted to Jardine Lloyd Thompson
Maintain solid relations with local media	Press releases, public notices, information and newsletters distributed as and when required to all local media authorised by Mayor or General Manager
Meeting of targets within Management Plan	All targets met as required
Levy Rates	Rates levied quarterly
Levy water accounts	Water accounts levied quarterly
Levy sundry debtor accounts	Accounts levied monthly

### **S428(2)(a) Copy of Council's Audited Financial Reports**

See Appendix B: Audited Financial Statements 2010/2011

**cl132 Rates & Charges written off during the 2010/2011 period = \$29,071**



## Corporate Services

### **S428(2)(h) Central Darling Shire Council Awarded Contracts 2011/2012**

Nil contracts awarded.

### **PIIP Act S33 Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act 1998**

In accordance with Section 33 of the Privacy and Personal Information & Protection Act 1998, Council must include in its annual report a statement of the action taken in complying with the requirements of the Act.

Council has adopted the Model Privacy Management Plan and its Public Officer is available for contact on privacy matters. Council will review the Plan as more experience is gained from its implementation.

### **S125(1) cl13 Sched1 Government Information (Public Access) 2009 (GIPA) Act**

Council received no applications under the Government Information (Public Access) 2009 (GIPA) Act. Applications must be made by way of formal correspondence to Council's Public Officer, PO Box 165, Wilcannia NSW 2836. There is a \$30 (GST exempt) application fee applicable to all GIPA requests.

Freedom of information requests for the year 2010/2011 compared to 2009/2010 are summarised below:

	<u>2010/2011</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>
Applications received during the year	0	1

There was no contravention by Council of an information protection principle or of a privacy code of practice, or disclosure of personal information kept in a public register under Part 5 Section 33. **S68 cl10 FOI** – there were no Freedom of Information activities outstanding from the 2009/2010 financial year.

### **S428(2)(j) Details of programs to promote services and access for people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds consistent with principles of multiculturalism.**

At the 2006 Census, Central Darling Shire's population totalled 1,790 with 38% of the population being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage. This is a significant number compared to the 6.8% of residents who are from a non-English speaking background. Due to this low number it is neither practical nor economically viable for Council to place a strong emphasis on the non-English speaking community.

Throughout the Council towns there are a number of State and Federal Government funded services who provide for the Indigenous population and Council has over the 2010/2011 reporting year has received funding to auspice the services of the Community Buses, Wilcannia Womens and Childrens Safehouse, Meals on Wheels and Home Care.



## Corporate Services

Act/General Regulation	Requirement	Assessment
<b>S428(2)(o)</b>	Statement of external bodies that exercised functions delegated by Council	Council has 12 s355 Committees that exercise functions of Council
<b>S428(2)(p)</b>	Statement of all companies in which Council held a controlling interest	Nil
<b>S428(2)(q)</b>	Statement of partnerships, co-operatives and other joint ventures	Council has a number of partnerships with varying groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryde City Council</li> <li>• Netwaste</li> <li>• Regional Development Australia</li> <li>• West Darling Arts</li> <li>• Regional Arts NSW</li> <li>• Western Shires of NSW</li> <li>• Westpac</li> <li>• RTA</li> <li>• CountryLink</li> </ul>
<b>S428(2)(r) CI217(1)(c)</b>	Details of activities to develop and promote services and programs that provide for the needs of children	Whilst Council support all local Schools and Youth Groups, the Council's Social Plan expired in 2009. The needs of activities and services for the youth of the Shire will be identified as part of the Community Strategic Planning Process.
<b>S428(2)(r) CI217(1)(d)(i)</b>	Report on the Council's performance in relation to access and equity activities to meet residents' needs outlined in Council's Management Plan	Principal Activity achievements listed throughout report.

### **S508(2) & S508A Special Variation Expenditure**

Council has no special variation.



<b>S428(2)(I) Financial Assistance Grants 2011</b>				
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Executive Manager's comments</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
Menindee Community Development Committee	\$1,000	Promotion of Fishing Competition. Provision of food and drinks and Prizes	Encourage community involvement and activity.	\$1,000
Menindee Friends of the Cenotaph	\$1,000	Building of pipeline to enable use of raw water at the Cenotaph	Town beautification	\$1,000
Ivanhoe CWA	\$500	Cover cost of Shire and Western Lands rates	Purpose of FAG's are to provide benefits and improvements to Shire communities. The Ivanhoe CWA branch has the ability to claim hardship for the waiving of rates to Council through a different process	\$0
Kilfera Field Day	\$1,000	Hire of Marquee, Chairs and Trestles for Field Day	The Field Day brings residents of the Shire together in support of the RFDS	\$1,000
Wilcannia News	In-kind	Donation of an updated desktop monitor for newspaper office	As Council are in the process of leasing new systems for staff there will be 'older' desktop monitors that are no longer in use	In-kind
Ivanhoe Youth Centre	\$1,000	Purchase of equipment	The centre has recently re-opened and is seen as extremely beneficial to the youth of Ivanhoe providing them with activities	\$1,000
Menindee Sunset Strip Anglican Pensions Association	\$1,000	Paint hall, replace curtains and general maintenance	The continued ongoing maintenance of town assets	\$1,000


**S428(2)(I) Financial Assistance Grants 2011**

Menindee Regional Tourist Association	\$1,000	Purchase of reverse cycle air conditioner for the Menindee Museum	The Museum will be a place of interest for visitors to Menindee and due to the climate of the town, would be necessary	\$1,000
Wilcannia Community Tourism Association	\$1098	Purchase of Laptop and Printer	Newly formed WCTA have already had a large impact of the town of Wilcannia. Beneficial to future of Association	\$1000
Men-in-dee Shed	\$815	Purchase of Basic Hardware Items	Duplication of funds that are already being held on groups behalf	\$815
Menindee Newspaper Group	In-kind	Use of Menindee RTC photocopier fortnightly for the printing of 100 newspapers	Promoting and informing Menindee	In-kind
Menindee Childrens Centre	\$1000	Purchase of a new computer	Assist volunteer members in fundraising, advocacy and financial reporting duties and responsibilities	\$1,000
Ivanhoe Golf Club	\$1,000	Repair and maintenance to golf club slasher	Encourage the activity of golf in the town	\$1,000
Ivanhoe Revival Group	\$1,000	Installation of community BBQ at Gazebo Area on Columbus Street	Encourage tourists to spend longer periods of time in Ivanhoe	\$1,000
White Cliffs Public School	\$1,500	Cover travel and accommodation costs for school excursions	Allow Children of WCPS to have access to a world outside White Cliffs	\$1,000
Friends of Old Tintinallgy	\$1,000	Erection of memorial stone/signage at bush cemetery	Maintaining a historic site in the Shire	\$1,000
17	\$14,113			\$13,015



## Health

### Drinking Water Quality Testing

<b>S428(2)(b) Health</b>	
<b>Performance Requirement</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
Undertake water samples (microbiology) for potable water supplies	Samples taken weekly/fortnightly
Undertake water samples (microbiology) for swimming pools	Taken monthly during swimming season
Undertake routine chlorine residual readings	Weekly
Undertake blue-green algae sampling along river	As required

Sampling of drinking water quality is carried out within the towns of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs. The frequency of sampling is different in each town however the sample parameters are the same, with most samples tested for microbiology and chemistry. The below tables demonstrate the sampling pattern, the number of samples collected and the number of non-compliant results identified.

<b><u>Town</u></b>	<b><u>Frequency</u></b>	<b><u>No of Sites Sampled</u></b>	<b><u>Samples Collected</u></b>
Wilcannia	Weekly	12	- Microbiology - Chemistry – biannually
Ivanhoe	Fortnightly	7	- Microbiology - Chemistry – biannually
White Cliffs	Fortnightly	7	- Microbiology - Chemistry – biannually
Wilcannia - Aboriginal Water and Sewage Program	Monthly	2	- Microbiology-Finishes December 2012 - Chemistry -Finished - Disinfection-by-products-Finished - Pesticide-Finished

<b><u>No of Samples Collected</u></b>	<b><u>Microbiology</u></b>	<b><u>Chemistry</u></b>
Wilcannia	67	19
Ivanhoe	11	11
White Cliffs	20	2
<b><u>No of Non-Compliant Results</u></b>	<b><u>Microbiology</u></b>	<b><u>Chemistry</u></b>
Wilcannia	0	0
Ivanhoe	0	0



White Cliffs	0	0
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### Food Inspections

S428(2)(b) health	
Performance Requirement	Assessment
To provide level of services as per Category B	Ongoing task
To implement food premises inspections to Category B level	Completed in 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
To investigate complaints to Category B level	Ongoing task

Central Darling Shire Council is classified as Category B under the Food Regulation Partnership as per agreements with NSW Food Authority. Under this arrangement food premises are inspected annually.

The following table demonstrates Council food premises activities over the past 12 months. During the reporting period two businesses required a second inspection and were found to be satisfactory. On re-inspection they both complied with the Food Act 2003 and Food Regulation 2010.

Key issues in this reporting period were rodents. This was due to the mouse plague which was a wide spread problem.

No of inspections undertaken	No of food outlets	No of non-compliance	No of food business requiring re-inspection
22	23	2	2



## Public Order & Safety

### cl217(1)(f) Companion Animals

S428(2)(b) Health	
Performance Requirement	Assessment
To implement companion animal control measures	Ongoing task
To encourage registrations and microchipping	Ongoing task
To assist with de-sexing clinics and education programs as required	RSPCA de-sexing clinic held April 2011

Animal Control in Central Darling is an ongoing issue. Constant monitoring and control measures are needed to deal with roaming and straying animals including both dogs and cats. In April 2011 Council partnered with RSPCA, NSW Health and Remote Service Delivery providers to undertake a Dog Health & Desexing Program. This program provided a free service to community members located in Wilcannia to treat companion animals in the form of worming, flea treatments and desexing. During the program held in April 2011, 60 -70 dogs and cats were treated and desexed. This was an excellent achievement and greatly assists Council to control companion animals through less puppies being born and left to roam around the township. The desexing program has been held 4 times over the past 8 years, and would be held yearly if funding permitted.

Other activities Council has undertaken to assist animal control within the Shire include provision of dog and cat traps to local residents (on a loan basis) to capture roaming animals, assist residents to surrender animals and rehome/remove as required, tend to injured animals and seek veterinary care as required through RSPCA in Broken Hill. Information items have been provided to educate local residents on animal control matters per the local newspaper and on rates notices.

Council has lodged relevant returns to the Department of Local Government as required being pound data collection returns and dog attack data. The amount of funding spent relating to companion animal management and activities was \$99,938.

At this stage it has not be deemed necessary to allocate specific off leash areas within any Shire towns.

Animal Control Statistics for 2010/11								
Month	Seized & Impounded	Returned to owner	Surrendered	Dumped	Euthanased	Stolen	Re-homed	In Pound at end of month
July 2010	19	0	15	5	39	0	0	0
Aug 2010	20	1	19	3	41	0	0	0
Sept 2010	21	0	17	0	37	0	0	1
Oct 2010	23	2	17	0	39	0	0	1
Nov 2010	10	0	20	0	28	2	0	0
Dec 2010	12	0	6	0	16	0	0	2
Jan 2011	19	1	6	0	21	0	4	1
Feb 2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Mar - June 2011	No activities as Ranger/Animal Control Officer resigned and difficulties in finding replacement.							



## Bushfire Hazard Reduction

### S428(2)(i1) Bushfire Hazard Reduction

Council continues to assist the Rural Fire Service to undertake Fire Hazard Reduction work across the Shire. In 2011/2012 financial year, the Rural Fire Service Far West Team received a total of \$104,000 in funding to perform Hazard Reduction works in the Central Darling Shire Council Area.

The funding came from the following sources:

Council Estimates	\$56,000
Fire Mitigation Works Fund (FMWF)	\$28,000
Roadside Vegetation Program (RVP)	\$20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,000</b>

The Council funding of \$56,000 was spent on Hazard Reduction works in and around Central Darling Shire villages and included slashing, grading and burning to maintain fire breaks, asset protection zones and strategic fire advantage zones.

The \$28,000 FMWF funding was used for maintenance grading on the Narraport Fire Trail near Emmdale and Tolarno Fire Trail near Menindee.

The \$20,000 RVP funding was used to reduce the amount of grass along the Barrier Highway through burning at Emmdale and grading and burning to the west of Wilcannia.

The Rural Fire Service undertakes its activities in accordance with the Central Darling Operations Plan – this plan deals with operational arrangements. The Service also uses the Central Darling Risk Management Plan – this plan addresses risks and threats in the district and the treatments for the risks. Each plan is a requirement under the Rural Fire Service Act.



## Properties & Community Amenities

### Properties

S428(2)(b) Environmental	
Performance Requirement	Assessment
Issue temporary licences for Crown Land as required	5 temporary licences issued in reporting period
Submit financial statements for Crown Land as required	Financial statements submitted
Support National Tree Day through tree allocations to local communities	Tree Day held in all Shire communities
Maintain all public parks, sporting facilities and public toilets to an acceptable community standard	All amenities maintained as per budgetary allocations
Manage Local Heritage Funding Program pending funding support from NSW Heritage Office	Continuing program with 5 projects funded in reporting period

Crown Land – Council is Trust Manager of a large portfolio of Crown Land within the Central Darling LGA. This land has been gazetted for many differing purposes of use. At this stage, Council is responsible for 51 Crown land parcels scattered across all towns, villages and localities.

Crown Land Properties Managed by Council in 2010/11 – facility and purpose of use			
<u>Reserve/Facility</u>	<u>Reserve Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose of use</u>
Bourke & Wills Park	28962	Menindee	Oval, swimming pool
Burke Park	630012	Wilcannia	Showground
Crick Park	82520	Menindee	Public Recreation
Darnick Community Reserve	230084	Darnick	Community Purposes
Emmdale Emergency Reserve	1001363	Emmdale	Airstrip
Ivanhoe Aerodrome	85153	Ivanhoe	Aviation
Ivanhoe Bushfire Brigade	83244	Ivanhoe	Bushfire Brigade
Ivanhoe Recreation Grounds	83596	Ivanhoe	Recreation
Ivanhoe Regeneration Reserve	85989	Ivanhoe	Regeneration
Ivanhoe Rubbish Depot	84487	Ivanhoe	Rubbish Depot
Ivanhoe Water Supply	78333	Ivanhoe	Water Supply
Lake Menindee Plantation Res.	86859	Sunset Strip	Plantation, tourism purposes
Menindee Aerodrome	230056	Menindee	Aviation
Menindee Common Reserve	64609	Menindee	Camping, access
Menindee Common Reserve	64899	Menindee	Addition – commonage
Menindee Common Reserve	71522	Menindee	Common
Menindee Fire Brigade	78117	Menindee	Fire Station
Menindee Racecourse	84041	Menindee	Racecourse
Menindee Regeneration Res.	88474	Menindee	Regeneration
Tilpa Reserve	1004528	Tilpa	Cemetery
Menindee Reserve	13524	Menindee	Works Depot



Wilcannia Reserve	19334	Wilcannia	Common
White Cliffs Reserve	24554	White Cliffs	Cemetery
Menindee Reserve	28978	Menindee	Cemetery
<b>Crown Land Properties Managed by Council in 2010/11 – facility and purpose of use</b>			
<b><u>Reserve/Facility</u></b>	<b><u>Reserve Number</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of use</u></b>
White Cliffs Reserve	38958	White Cliffs	Not Known
Ivanhoe Reserve	3966	Ivanhoe	Plantation & Cemetery
Ivanhoe Reserve	3967	Ivanhoe	Not Known
Menindee Reserve	87753	Menindee	Rubbish Depot
Ivanhoe Reserve	87826	Ivanhoe	Trucking & stock yards
Tilpa Reserve	88701	Tilpa	Public Recreation
White Cliffs Reserve	91119	White Cliffs	Rubbish Depot
Menindee Rubbish Depot	90833	Menindee	Rubbish Depot
White Cliffs Rubbish Depot	97755	White Cliffs	Rubbish Depot
Wilcannia Rubbish Depot	90899	Wilcannia	Rubbish Depot
Sturt Park Reserve	630016	Wilcannia	Recreation
Sunset Strip Bushfire Brigade	230091	Sunset Strip	Bushfire brigade purposes
Sunset Strip Rubbish Depot	97736	Sunset Strip	Rubbish Depot
Tilpa Airport	96846	Tilpa	Aviation
Trida Public Hall	85640	Trida	Public Hall
Victory Park Caravan Park	1004988	Wilcannia	Recreation
White Cliffs Aerodrome	86808	White Cliffs	Aviation purposes
White Cliffs Gymkhana Res	30642	White Cliffs	Racecourse
White Cliffs Regeneration Res	89857	White Cliffs	Regeneration
White Cliffs Water Supply	97857	White Cliffs	Water Supply
Wilcannia Common Reserve	77322	Wilcannia	Commonage
Wilcannia Effluent Ponds	91299	Wilcannia	Sanitary Purpose
Wilcannia Golf Course	87463	Wilcannia	Golf Course
Wilcannia Public Recreation Res	85567	Wilcannia	Recreation
Wilcannia Regeneration Res	87409	Wilcannia	Regeneration
Wilcannia Septic Tank Pumpout	90900	Wilcannia	Sanitary Depot
Wilcannia Urban Services	230082	Wilcannia	Fire Brigade

Public Buildings/Council Owned or Managed Facilities – Council owns many buildings across the Shire primarily related directly to its operations and staff accommodation. There are 211 buildings and structures in total. These buildings consist of houses, flats, work depots, administration buildings, Rural Transaction Centres, Community Halls, bushfire sheds and buildings, SES buildings, public toilets, sporting ovals, swimming pool amenities, roadside shelters, animal pounds, filtration plants and various other sheds.

<b>Council Owned or Managed Facilities</b>		
<b><u>Facility Type</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Buildings</u></b>	<b><u>Locations</u></b>
Staff Houses and flats	15	Wilcannia
Community Housing	6	Menindee
Community Halls	7	Darnick, Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, Menindee, White Cliffs, Sunset Strip, Tilpa
ATCO's	3	Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe
SES Sheds	4	Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe, White Cliffs



Bushfire Brigade	6	Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, Menindee, White Cliffs, Sunset Strip, Tilpa
Rural Transaction Centres	1	Menindee
<b>Council Owned or Managed Facilities</b>		
<b><u>Facility Type</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Buildings</u></b>	<b><u>Locations</u></b>
Multiservice Outlets	1	Ivanhoe
Administration Buildings	1	Wilcannia (Council Chambers – heritage listed)
Customer Service Centre	1	Wilcannia
Works Depots	4	Menindee, Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs
Womens & Children Safehouse	1	Wilcannia
Athenaeum	1	Wilcannia
Old Heritage Buildings/Sites	2	Wilcannia (Post Office, Knox & Downs)
Caravan Parks	2	Wilcannia and White Cliffs
Public Toilets	6	Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe
Ovals, sports grounds	4	Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe, Tilpa
Swimming Pools	4	Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs
Cemeteries	5	White Cliffs, Tilpa, Menindee, Ivanhoe & Wilcannia
Water Filtration Plants	3	Wilcannia, White Cliffs & Ivanhoe
Waste Depots	7	White Cliffs, Tilpa, Ivanhoe, Wilcannia, Menindee, Sunset Strip & Copi Hollow

The above list is not exhaustive and does not include smaller buildings attached or associated with these main facilities. Three of the above listed items notably the Old Wilcannia Post Office, the Wilcannia Council Chambers and the Knox & Downs building are heritage listed sites within Wilcannia.

The Old Wilcannia Post Office building has had some renovations undertaken to the exterior of the building and inside the main front room, however still requires extensive works to the residential section and to the yard. Funding to continue the works is required, and to date Council has not been successful in obtaining funding to undertake these works to make the building useable.

Photos of the Old Wilcannia Post Office, Wilcannia Council Chambers and Knox & Downs are provided below. The Knox & Downs building contains the remnants of a burnt out supermarket. No specific future use has been found for this site, nor has a suitable funding stream been identified. Considerable clean-up and either rebuild or demolition works are required before this site could be utilised for any specific purpose.



**Former Knox and Downs  
building destroyed by  
fire in 2002 – located in  
Reid Street. Wilcannia**



**Wilcannia Council  
Chambers, Reid Street,  
Wilcannia**

Generally, the condition of public buildings varies from building to building. Those directly accessed by the public are of good, sound condition. Works undertaken to these buildings are of a standard suitable for acceptable use by the public. To date, Council has undertaken limited work on asset management planning to be able to give a good indication of the funds required to bring all Council owned and operated buildings up to a satisfactory standard. Asset management planning is due to commence in the next financial year. On this basis, Council is unable to estimate the amount of money required to bring the works up to a satisfactory standard.

Generally it costs Council \$325,000 per year to maintain the buildings to their current standard.

### **Caravan Parks**



#### Victory Park Caravan Park, Wilcannia

Situated on the banks of the Darling River at Wilcannia is Victory Park Caravan Park, set amongst majestic gum trees. The park grounds are still recovering from recent flooding but are slowly returning to normal. During the reporting period this caravan park was under lease agreement by Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation.

#### Opal Pioneers Caravan Park, White Cliffs



Situated in the opal mining town of White Cliffs is Central Darling Shire Council's Opal Pioneer Caravan Park. The park has had upgrades to its power system and a dump point has been installed due to the increase in tourism numbers. The park has modern amenities. Rainwater tanks have also been installed at various locations within the grounds. This park is managed by a S355 Committee of Council being the White Cliffs Community Association.

### **Heritage**

Council is actively involved in preservation of heritage items and assisting owners of local heritage items to retain and conserve buildings and items of heritage significance on a regular basis. Council has a Heritage Strategy that includes the provision of a Heritage Advisory Service and a Local Heritage Fund. Council receives funding from the NSW Heritage Office for these programs and during 2010/11 allocations were as follows:

Heritage Advisory Program - \$17,500

Local Heritage Fund - \$15,000

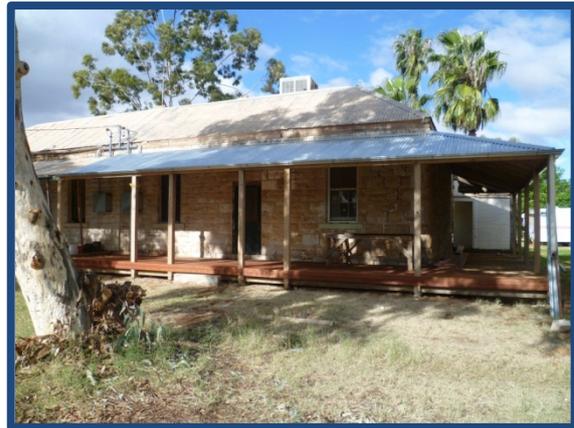
During 2010/11, Council's Heritage Advisor visited the Shire and met with local residents for free appointments on 7 occasions. As part of these appointments 32 consultations occurred. During this period the Heritage Advisor also prepared a Main Street Report for Wilcannia to assist staff with planning and development queries relating to the older heritage buildings and remnants/relics.

The Local Heritage Fund attracted 5 projects across the Shire in Menindee and Wilcannia. From these 5 projects a total of \$33,732 was spent by residents on their own buildings. Council supplemented out of the Local Heritage Fund a total of \$12,000 towards these projects. Some of the works funded out of the Local Heritage Fund are shown below in the following photographs.

The Heritage Strategy continues to be a worthwhile program for delivery across the Shire and has been in progress since 2008.



**Verandah Repairs – Reid Street, Wilcannia**



**Verandah Installation – Reid Street, Wilcannia**

**Swimming Pools**

Council owns, manages and operates 4 public swimming pool facilities across the Shire. These facilities are located in Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs. Within each facility is a large pool and a small toddlers wading pool, apart from White Cliffs which only has one large pool. Council’s public swimming pools are relatively aged, and require ongoing works to keep operational. Menindee has the newest pool being constructed in the late 1990’s. Council employs Casual Pool Attendants each year to supervise its swimming pools. These employees are trained in First Aid, Bronze Medallion and Royal Lifeguard Licence. Extensive works have been undertaken to manage risks at our pools in the areas of signage and supervisory activities.

Council is mindful of the extensive summer heat, and has installed large shade sails over its pools in all locations. The amenities are all in average condition, apart from Ivanhoe which requires extensive works in the near future. Works are planned to be undertaken in late 2011 to repaint the Ivanhoe pool and implement urgent renovation works to the amenities.

The pools are open from mid- November to March/April each year. The hours of operation are limited to 3pm to 6pm on school days, and 3pm to 8pm on weekends and school holidays.

Town	Attendance Numbers
Wilcannia	2252
Menindee	2155
Ivanhoe	670
White Cliffs	520



### **Tree Day**

Council holds a tree day every year in conjunction with National Tree Day. Council has been participating in this event since 1993 and purchases trees (as seedlings) to give away to our ratepayers and community members. Trees are free on a first in basis, with two free trees being given to each resident that attends the distribution point in each town/locality. This program is held in Wilcannia, White Cliffs, Menindee, Ivanhoe, Sunset Strip and Tilpa. Schools from all towns also participate and are given free trees to plant on School Tree Day, generally held at the same time as National Tree Day.



**Local residents receiving  
their free trees at  
National Tree Day held  
in Wilcannia from  
Environmental Health  
Officer Fran Scott**



## Town Planning

S428(2)(b) Town Planning	
Performance Requirement	Assessment
Undertake LEP Amendment	Completed
Update LEP to Comprehensive LEP – to be achieved under joint funding with Brewarrina & Bourke Shires	In progress – due for Gazettal December 2010

### Development Applications

Council receives a number of Development Applications (DAs) each year for a wide range of development varying from residential to commercial work. Council receives in the vicinity of 20-30 DAs per year, in the 2010-11 reporting period Council has received 22 DAs. The table below provides a breakdown on the types of DAs received, and the total value of these three main categories of development. Development in the Central Darling LGA is mainly in the townships of Wilcannia and Menindee, however development in the other towns and in rural settings has occurred as well. Most DAs lodged with Council are for smaller residential developments, however at least a couple of times a year Council receive applications for larger developments. Council supports Complying Development Certificates when possible. Over the reporting period 3 Complying Development Certificate applications were lodged with Council for development in Wilcannia. As part of the DA process Council has also issued 17 Construction Certificates and 4 Occupation Certificates.

Some of the larger scale developments approved over the 2010/11 reporting period include – new Wilcannia Safehouse, Transfield Railworkers Camp located at Ivanhoe, new dwellings in Wilcannia, CDEP shed in Wilcannia.

DA Categories and Values for 2010/11 reporting period		
<u>Development Category</u>	<u>Number of DAs related to this Category</u>	<u>Total Value of Category</u>
Residential	12	\$4,521,100
Commercial	17	\$587,960
Rural	3	\$32,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>\$5,141,560</b>



**New Human Services  
Centre**

**Located in Wilcannia**



**New Development in Wilcannia**



**S93G(5) Information about planning agreements**

Central Darling Shire Council has not entered into any planning agreements for the reporting period.

**S428(2)(k) Section 67 – Work Carried out on Private Land**

Central Darling Shire council has had no Section 67 works completed for the reporting period.



## Environment

### Illegal Dumping Clean-up project with Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council (WLALC)

WLALC and Council applied for grant monies to the value of \$50,000 through Environment and Heritage late last year and were successful in obtaining the full amount of the application. This enabled the clean-up of the area surrounding and behind the Mallee which took place early in 2012.

Both WLALC and Council sought the assistance of the Wilcannia Central School and Mission School and the students carried out an 'emu bob' which was quite a success. The schools were supplied with bags, gloves and water to assist with the project. CEO of the WLALC (Jack Beetson) and the Wilcannia Central School took some of the students for a drive to show them the 'before and after' sites of the illegally dumped waste.

Local contractor was employed as machinery was required to move the larger items to the waste depot. Jim employed the Wilcannia CDEP to assist with the waste removal. Large skip bins were purchased and placed in various locations throughout the township and Jim has been emptying these bins on an as required basis. Below are before and after photos of the clean-up



Before Clean-up



After Clean-up



## **Climate Change**

Over recent years increased focus is being placed on climate change and what this means for the local environment and local communities. To date, Council has had minimal input into climate change and the possible effects on the local area and the operations of Council.

### **S428(2)(c) cl218-226 State of Environment Report**

The State of the Environment report can be seen in Appendix C.



## Domestic Waste Management

### S428(2)(b) Waste Management

S428(2)(b) Asset Management	
Performance Requirement	Assessment
Continue to improve Menindee & Wilcannia Waste Depots	Ongoing
Implement improvements to Ivanhoe Waste Depot	Completed in reporting period
Source contracts through Netwaste for sale of recyclables	Contracts continually being sourced.

Council manages and operates 7 waste depots across the Shire. Each waste depot consists of a landfill, with Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe also having broader recycling streams. Council's waste depots are located in Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe, Sunset Strip, White Cliffs and Tilpa. Due to numerous complaints regarding illegal burning over past years, Council introduced restricted access to its waste depots in Menindee, Wilcannia & Ivanhoe. This means these waste depots are manned by a Waste Operator during opening hours and open 4 days a week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday for 3 hours per day with an extra 2 hours on Saturday afternoons. The larger recycling streams provide for separation of large wastes, such as scrap metal, tyres, green waste, timber products, concrete products. It is often difficult to keep these lines defined, as many dumpers do not segregate their wastes, and often the wrong materials end up in the wrong areas. This is an ongoing challenge for Council.

Future recycling opportunities are very difficult to secure due to distance and freight costs. The option to further refine recycling lines into glass, plastic, cans and other streams is not currently viable and Council does not currently have available funds to introduce these changes.

Council provides kerbside collection services to the towns of Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe. Collection is via 240L wheelie bins and garbage trucks and is provided to 785 residential and commercial properties.



## Community Services

<b>S428(2)(b) Community Services</b>	
<b>Performance Requirement</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
Provide continued support to facilitate the provision of health buses to Wilcannia and Menindee	Ongoing
Ensure the Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet is operated to funding guidelines	Ongoing
Review Crime Prevention Plan	Ongoing
Ensure the Menindee Transaction Centre is maintained to community expectations	Ongoing
Continue to support the Community Working Parties of the Shire in achieving their action plans	Attendance at monthly Community Working Party meetings where possible
Assist community groups to stage regular and ongoing events	Assistance given on an as needs basis

### Indigenous Liaison

Wilcannia is one of 29 aboriginal communities in Australia and one of only 2 in NSW that were selected for the Remote Service Delivery (RSD) program aimed at closing the gap on Aboriginal disadvantage. Closing the Gap is linked to a wider reform of Commonwealth-State financial relations. COAG's national agreements and partnerships, in areas such as education, housing and health, have a clear focus on overcoming Indigenous disadvantage. COAG has agreed to specific timeframes for achieving six Closing the Gap targets, relating to Indigenous life expectancy, infant mortality, early childhood development, education and employment.

Underpinning Closing the Gap is a new way of working across government and of engaging with Indigenous communities. Governments are cooperating to better coordinate their services and funding. Clear responsibilities, specific targets and rigorous reporting will help to keep governments on track.

As part of that framework, Council has a role to play in the RSD program. The RSD program is guided by a Local Implementation Plan (LIP), which has the specific purpose of improving government services in Wilcannia. Whilst not a signatory to the LIP, Council is a partner organisation and has an important role to play in the RSD program.

Community working parties (CWP) are another important mechanism through which Council is able to maintain direct communication with its Indigenous population. CWPs have been established by the State Government as part of its Two Ways Together Partnership Community Program. The CWPs are a way of working together to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people on the ground. 40 Partnership Communities have been established in towns across NSW, including Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee. Council is an active participant in the CWP meetings.



## Australia Day

Australia Day celebrations are held in each of the towns every year. Council provides grants of \$200 to organisations within the towns to help with the celebrations.



Australia Day Ambassador Noel Cleal, Former Manly Player and Mrs Cleal with Wilcannia Event of the Year, Clean up Australia Day at the Wilcannia Cemetery Brian Cox and Wilcannia Young Australian of the year Kaylene Kerwin.

## Ivanhoe MSO

Throughout the last financial year the Ivanhoe MSO has continued to provide support services to our MSO/HACC Clients and the wider Ivanhoe community by providing Community Transport (local and distance), Social Support, Meals on Wheels, and Yard Maintenance Services along with the general day to day CDSC enquiries at the Office.

## Medical/Social Trips

The MSO Office is a friendly place where some of our clients will pop in for a chat or travellers can get information on various subjects ranging from local Road Conditions to Native Flora and Fauna, Maps and local history Brochures. There is also a small lending library of magazines, novels, CDs, DVDs and Videos for everyone. We offer a photocopying and faxing service and help some of our customers who may find it difficult to speak over the phone or have lengthy forms to fill in.

Our MSO/HACC clients enjoy morning teas on a regular basis which gives them a chance to get out of the house and catch up with friends. Ivanhoe always celebrates Seniors Week with the MSO having a special brunch at Loz's and A Senior Citizens Dinner held at the Ivanhoe RSL Club is also part of that weeks activities. Mothers Day is another good excuse for a special morning tea with a small gift for each of the Mums.



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Our CDSC MSO Community Bus is an essential service and a popular trip away for clients as well as other community members for shopping, medical appointments, and social outings to GRIFFITH and HAY. Local shopping trips are available Tuesdays and Thursdays and Tammie is our driver on those days. Tammie has been on sick leave and has been missed by all of us over the last few weeks. She is hoping to be back to work part-time in the next week or so.

We have been very fortunate to have 4 new Volunteers this year to help with Meals On Wheels and driving for the Medical Trips to Specialist appointments in Griffith, Broken Hill or Hay. Many thanks go to Fay Johnstone and Lili Kitione (M.O.W.) and Keith Anderson and Peter Robertson for being Volunteer Drivers. Special mention goes to Ron Maiden who has been the regular Volunteer BUS driver for over three years now. Thanks Ronnie from all your regular passengers!

Community Transport for NSW and ADHC(HACC) NSW fund all these services for remote and isolated Communities and CDSC auspice this funding.

### **Meals on Wheels - Ivanhoe**

Meals On Wheels is available from the Correctional Services kitchen Mondays to Fridays (even Christmas and Easter Day and other public holidays). 10 meals are being delivered between 4 and 5 pm each day.

### **Seniors BroadBand**



Again this year we have been able to keep two Seniors Broadband Computers available for use by our clients and the Ivanhoe Community. Being able to log on and use a Computer for the first time for some people is very rewarding and soon is addictive! Our volunteer tutors are Ashley Bourke, Tammie McMaster and Margie Barter.

### **Homecare**

The MSO Office has offered homecare to the elderly and other people that are in need of help in this area. Our three valued homecare workers are Tammie, Irene and Priscilla. It is great to see the special friendships made between the clients and their helpers over the year.

### **Menindee RTC**



### Australia Day



Citizen of the Year Menindee, Maria DÉttorre



Young Citizen of the Year,  
Dylan Marsden



Event of the Year Menindee

Back to Menindee 2011 Fishing Challenge

### Senior's Week at the Menindee Transaction Centre

You can always depend on having a bit of fun during Senior's Week. This year it was celebrated by hosting a week long morning tea invitation coupled with computer fun – learning about the internet, playing card games and mah-jong.

Menindee  
Community  
Markets

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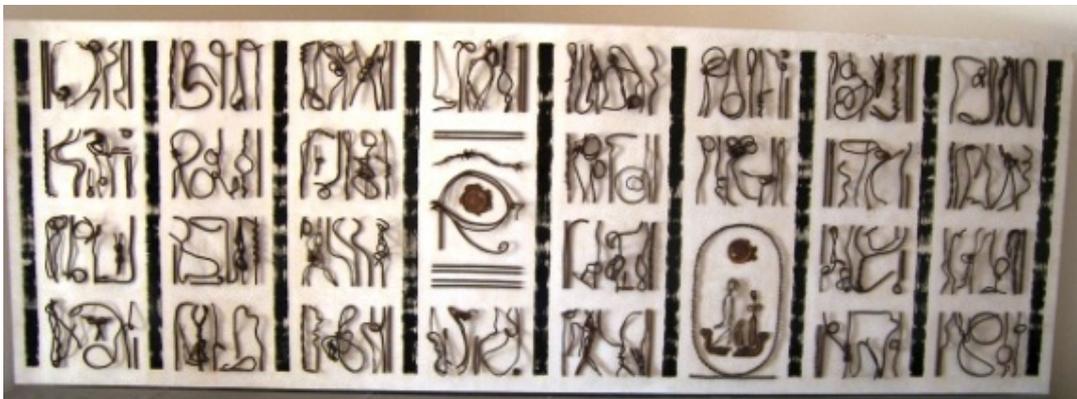
Morning tea & Computer fun held at the Menindee RTC



CDSC has supported the Menindee community by assisting with insurance coverage for conduct very successful monthly markets over the past 9 months. On average eight market stalls offer a variety of home-made jams and cakes, craft and good quality 'treasure' for locals and visitors. A bbq stall is generally run by the Men-In-Dee Shed participants raising much needed funds for programs to run in the shed.

### Waste to Art

CDSC again participated in the SimsMetal – Netwaste Waste to Art Program with the Regional Exhibition being held in Forbes this year. Eleven artworks from across the Shire were entered in the competition with CDSC winning two sections - Cree Marshall's 'Wire-o-Glyphics' and Gil Wheadon's 'Bushman's Bath, as well as a Highly Commended for Emma Dowton's 'Favourites'. Since holding the Regional Exhibition in Menindee in 2010 there has been an increased interest in 'recycling' which is great for our environment.



### In General

The staff of the Transaction Centre endeavors to support and take part in most community events. We have once again been involved with charity fundraising with the holding of the Biggest Morning Tea in conjunction with Menindee Charities and Pensioners Associations. The Centre works closely with charitable organizations in Broken Hill such as St. Vincent de Paul and Lifeline to distribute Christmas hampers and presents.



With flood waters inundating low-lying properties around Menindee earlier in the year, a number of residents had to relocate from their homes for up to 6 months. Assistance was provided by a number of organisations to support these residents, both financially and with donations of household goods.

The Centre is a first point of contact for various providers requiring information about Menindee. As well as a meeting place for the community to access the following services:

Centrelink Agency for lodgement of forms, phone contact, and identification needs etc. 9.30am-12.30pm Monday — Friday

Room Hire - available for meetings or appointments

Hall Hire - Menindee Civic Hall for meetings, functions and courses

All secretarial needs – Word processing, laminating, photocopying, shredding, printing

Community Library – All of the books available have been donated by the community

Community Access Bus - Monday to Friday Priority Health Patients booked by Health Service - free travel. \$7.50 single trip to Broken Hill \$15 return trip to Menindee

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#### Menindee Community Bus Statistics

	Health Pass (per leg)	Paying Pass(per leg)	Total Passengers
<b>Jul-11</b>	59	155	214
<b>Aug-11</b>	51	189	240
<b>Sep-11</b>	60	132	192
<b>Oct-11</b>	56	89	145
<b>Nov-11</b>	63	143	206
<b>Dec-11</b>	54	163	217
<b>Jan-12</b>	42	91	133
<b>Feb-12</b>	63	157	220
<b>Mar-12</b>	87	255	342
<b>Apr-12</b>	82	218	300
<b>May-12</b>	87	206	293
<b>Jun-12</b>	46	227	273
<b>Total for Year</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2775</b>



Wilcannia Community Access Bus - Monday to Friday Priority Health Patients booked by Health Service - free travel. \$7.50 single trip to Broken Hill \$15 return trip to Wilcannia.

### Wilcannia Community Bus Statistics

	Health Pass (per leg)	Paying Pass(per leg)	Children (Per Leg)	Total Passengers
Jul-2011	87	295	9	391
Aug-2011	85	304	14	403
Sep-2011	92	342	10	444
Oct-2011	52	228	17	297
Nov-2011	50	257	5	312
Dec-2011	43	223	7	273
Jan-2012	39	196	12	247
Feb-2012	66	150	7	223
Mar-2012	72	228	8	308
Apr-2012	66	199	5	270
May-2012	76	259	11	346
Jun-2012	71	231	8	310
<b>Total for Year</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>3824</b>



## **Economic Development and Tourism**

Council's tourist attractions are actively promoted by tourism bodies such as Outback Tourism NSW and the Long Paddock. The Long Paddock is a touring route that follows the old stock route along the Cobb Highway in New South Wales, from Echuca-Moama on the Murray in the south, through to Wilcannia.

During 2012, Council decided that it would supply funding of \$5,000 to each town's Community Tourism Association. The funding will assist with the development and promotion of tourism throughout the Shire.

Tourism plays a vital role in the economy of the Central Darling Shire Council, with many tourists visiting the Council area every day. Each of Council's towns has its own identity and appeal for tourists. Historical features form a key part of the tourist appeal and are supported by self-guided heritage trails with interpretive signage.

Council Caravan Parks are an important link in Council's tourism infrastructure and are well-managed by the local committees or other groups. Public Council caravan parks are located in Wilcannia and White Cliffs.



## Roads & Bridges

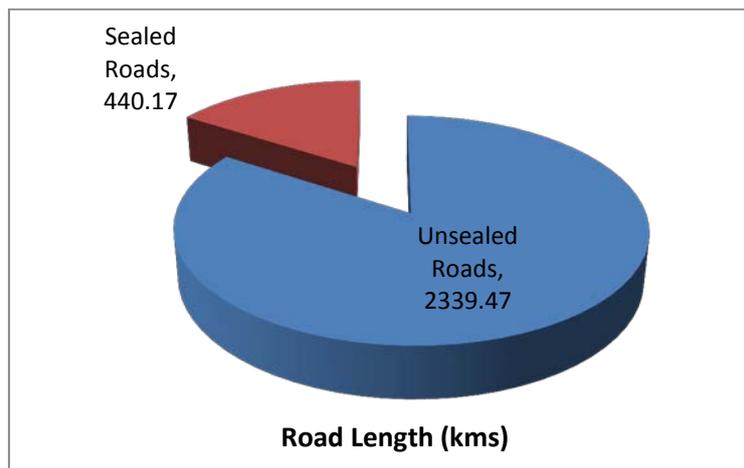
### Natural Disaster Declaration

Significant early 2012 rainfall and subsequent catchment response culminated in the March 2012 Natural Disaster declaration. It was estimated that damage has occurred to **over \_\_\_ kilometres** of the road network with an estimated repair bill exceeding \$2.6 million. This amount was comprised of \$900k on Regional Roads and \$1.5Mil on Local Roads.



Yampoola Crossing March 2012

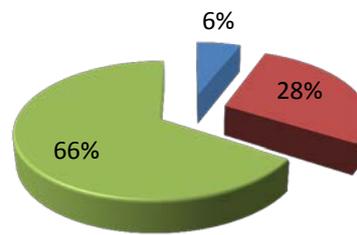
### Public Road Network





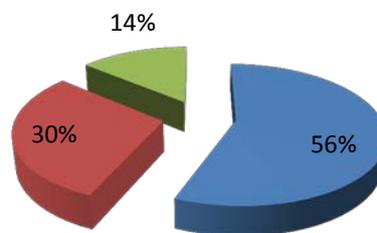
### Unsealed Road Network

■ State Highways ■ Main Roads ■ Shire Roads



### Sealed Road Network

■ State Highways ■ Main Roads ■ Shire Roads



S428(2)(b) Asset Management	
Performance Requirement	Assessment
Ensure all roads within the Shire are maintained	Ongoing maintenance grading program reviewed monthly
Acquit grant funds as required	Funds acquitted with the RTA
Maintain Routine Maintenance Council Contract	Ongoing with assistance from RTA

The following is a summary of the works undertaken on the State, Regional and Shire road network with the Shire in the 2011/2012 financial year.



## State Highways

Under Council's Routine Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC), Council is responsible for 387km of State Highway which includes both sealed and unsealed sections. The majority of funding was expended on reseals, heavy patching, flood damage restoration, new grids and approaches, reshape and capping works and safety barrier works.

### Report on RMCC Routine work 2011/12

Total Budgeted cost paid to Council for RMCC routine work=	\$457,000
Council's expenditure for RMCC routine work=	\$468,000
% of Completion=	102.40%

#### List of Jobs being done under this routine work

- Routine Inspection
- Pothole Repair
- Edgebreak repair
- Formation Grading
- Shoulder Grading
- Litter and debris removal
- Ground vegetation control
- Control saplings within clear zone
- Stock grids and races Maintenance
- Stockpile sites Maintenance
- Rest area - Service
- Rest area - Repair
- Clean culverts
- Minor repair culverts
- Minor repair headwalls and/or wingwalls
- Guide post maintenance
- Replace minor signs
- Maintain major signs



WO NO	DESCRIPTION	JOB COST NUMBER	STATUS	INITIAL WO VALUE	AFTER VARIATION
WO 111.11.06	HW 8 & HW 21 Woody Weed treatment \$20,000.59	3-2000-548	Completed	\$ 20,000.59	\$ 20,000.59
WO 111.12.01	HW 8 Flood Damage \$1,35,509.80	3-1200-2013	Completed	\$ 135,509.80	\$ 156,462.74
WO 111.12.02	HW21 Install Highway Grid at 63.16 km North of Ivanhoe \$26,500	4-2000-1202	Completed	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00
WO 111.12.03	HW 8, Incident 7th July 2011 \$1,302.52		Completed	\$ 1,302.52	\$ 1,302.52
WO 111.12.04	Meccullochs Range Rest Area Refurbishment - Barrier Hwy HW8 \$8,100.00	3-410-1204	Completed	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00
WO 111.12.05	HW8 Shoulder Grading \$35,000.00	3-240-1205	Completed	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 46,550.00
WO 111.12.06	HW8 Major Heavy Patching \$187,379.32	3-2000-1206	Completed	\$ 187,379.32	\$ 191,305.31
WO 111.12.07	HW8 Spray Sealing \$592,166.24	3-2000-1207	Progressing	\$ 592,166.24	\$ 592,166.24
WO 111.12.08	HW21 Spray Sealing \$163,939.35	4-2000-1208	Completed	\$ 163,939.35	\$ 154,779.81
WO 111.12.09	HW21 Formation Resheeting \$200,127.16	4-2000-1209	Completed	\$ 200,127.16	\$ 200,127.16
WO 111.12.10	HW21 Flood Damage Emergency Restoration Works \$217,142.70	0012-0001-0021	Progressing	\$ 217,142.70	\$ 217,142.70
WO 111.12.11	HW21 Grid Replacement \$28,500.00	4-2000-1211	Completed	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 28,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 1,615,667.68</b>	<b>\$ 1,642,937.07</b>



## Regional Roads

Council maintains 790km of Regional (or Main) Roads within the Shire. Funding received included \$2, 323,000 from Regional Road Block Grant and \$900,000 for Flood Restoration Works.

Flood Damage Restoration Works and maintenance grading works accounted for the remainder of Regional Road works.

Reseals were carried out in this financial year for a total length of 22 km on MR68B, MR68C and MR 435.



**Road Gangers**  
**Bob Hocking & Vic Sammut**

## Local Roads

Council maintains 1600km of Local Roads within the Shire. Funding received from Federal Assistance Grant totalled \$1,391,646 and Flood Damage Restoration Works \$1,500,000.

The majority of all local road works included emergency flood, flood restoration works and other maintenance grading works.

Town Street routine maintenance works are ongoing and include kerb and gutter cleaning on a weekly basis, tree and ground vegetation maintenance, street sweeping and sign maintenance.

Resealing work was carried out in Hood street for for a length of 0.14 km.

## Bridges

Routine maintenance carried out on Council owned bridges included visual inspections, termite treatment and minor repairs.

In 2011/12 Talyawalka Bridge on MR68C was replaced with a concrete structure at \$1.2M.

Restoration work on Old Wilcannia Bridge is progressing in full pace.

Shire Road bridge improvements into the future will see the replacement/ improvements to SR1, Wilcannia to Tilpa East side Rd, Pappenbilla and Talyawalka timber bridges which currently are impassable with weight restrictions in place. These upgrade works are programmed for 2012/2013.

## S428(2)(k) Works on Private Land

Council has not conducted any works on private land during the reporting period.



## Water, Sewer & Stormwater

S428(2)(b) Asset Management	
Performance Requirement	Assessment
Maintain consistency of primary treated water to town of White Cliffs	Ongoing
Maintain consistency of potable and raw water supplies to Ivanhoe and Wilcannia	Ongoing
Ensure that the current standard of sewerage collection is maintained	Ongoing

### Major Activities

Wilcannia Water Supply and Sewerage Services continue to benefit from the Aboriginal Communities Water Supply and Sewerage Program and the Remote Communities Water Supply and Sewerage Program funded predominantly by the Commonwealth Government.

The Aboriginal Communities Water Supply and Sewerage Program continues to provide funding for ongoing operational support for the Mallee and Warrali Aboriginal Estates in the amount of \$184k for routine maintenance and repairs. These funds are implemented in accordance with the Interim Service Agreement between Council, NSW Office of Water and Wilcannia Aboriginal Lands Council. Additional funds have also been secured within this program for capital works including replacement of the Old Wilcannia Bridge Filtered Water Main and installation of a series of isolation valves strategically located to minimise disruption to service when repairs to mains are undertaken.

The \$3.3Mil Wilcannia Water Supply and Sewerage Augmentation (2012), funded by the Remote Communities Water Supply and Sewerage Program, continued with tenders being called for three separate contracts, being the Wilcannia WTP Upgrade, Wilcannia Water Supply and Sewerage Upgrade (Civil) and the Wilcannia Filtered Reservoir Relining. Works are expected to commence and be completed in 2012/2013.

### Water

Potable (treated) and raw (untreated) water supplies continued to be provided to the townships of Wilcannia and Ivanhoe in accordance with NSW Office of Water and Department of Health regulations and guidelines in conjunction with a testing regime undertaken by Council operators in consultation with these government agencies.

Wilcannia and Ivanhoe Water Supply is sourced from a combination of river and bore supplies. In the past year, Wilcannia was serviced 100% from Darling River flows whereas conversely Ivanhoe has been serviced from Bore No.1 (Tooralee Station).

Generally the main operational issue in Wilcannia is the water treatment challenge posed by highly variable river water quality. The main operational issue for Ivanhoe is preparing for the expected transfer from bore to river water likely in 2012/2013.



White Cliffs is serviced by a reticulated non-potable filtered water supply and is sourced from surface runoff collected in large off-line ground tanks. Typical operational issues are reticulation leakage from agricultural grade poly pipe network and low pressure issues. Main leakages are repaired as they arise. Water pressure issues are predominantly the responsibility of householders at White Cliffs where a header tank is to be provided by each dwelling/dugout.

Menindee Water Supply is managed by Essential Water pursuant Water Management (General) Regulation (2011) and related to the establishment of the now redundant Broken Hill Water Board.

### **Sewer**

Wilcannia Sewerage Services is comprised of a Common Effluent Collection System which collects domestic sewage from connected properties and discharges to the Wilcannia Sewerage Treatment Plant (Oxidation Ponds). Excessive effluent volume continued to cause management issues during the early part of 2011/2012.

Ivanhoe, Menindee and White Cliffs residents manage generated sewerage with on-site facilities.

### **cl217(1)(e) Stormwater**

Stormwater infrastructure throughout the townships of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, Menindee and White Cliffs were maintained including cleaning of the gross pollutant traps in Wilcannia and Menindee.

### **S428(2)(d)(i), (ii) & (iii) Public Works**

See Appendix B



## Footpaths, Kerb & Guttering

### Footpaths

The townships of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee have extensive footpath networks. The footpath network in the urban areas are predominantly concrete but also is comprised of gravel and in-situ earth sections.

The extent of the footpath network in each township is summarised below:

Wilcannia	4895m
Ivanhoe	2189m
Menindee	1312m

The footpath audit completed in 2010/2011 identified the scope, range and type of defects and also a list of priority works with annual funding increase of \$25k.

Additional funding secured from the RTA was used to upgrade the pedestrian access to the Warrali Aboriginal Estate and St Therese School. This involved construction of a levee structure which supports the widened footpath and provides flood free access. The route shall have security lighting and will be sealed.

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### Kerb and Gutter

The townships of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee's extensive kerb and gutter infrastructure was maintained.



## **Plant & Equipment**

Council replaced a 2WD tractor with new 75HP Tractor & Slasher (\$78,090)

Council replaced 9 light vehicles in this financial year (\$189,572)

Various repairs and maintenance carried out throughout the year with additional funds spent on the town garbage compactors which are at the end of their useful life. Council recently resolved to replace all 3 compactors which is currently in progress and should see Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee receive new units in March 2013.

Council purchased a new Hitachi five tone Excavator (\$81,400)



## Business Undertakings

### **cl217(1)(d)(iv)(v) Competitive Neutrality**

The Division of Local Government's July 1997 guidelines 'Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality' outlines the process for identifying and allocating costs of activities and provide a standard of disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents, Council subsidies, rate of return on investments in business units and dividends paid. In relation to competitive neutrality Council provide the following:

### **S428(2)(r) cl217(1)(d)(ii), (iv) & (vii) Category 1 Business Activities**

"Category 1" Business Units have total annual operating revenues that exceed \$2million.  
Council has no Category 1 Business Units.

### **S428(2)(p) cl217(1)(d)(iii)**

"Category 2" Business Units have total annual operating revenues that do not exceed \$2 million.  
Council has no Category 2 Business Units.

### **cl217(1)(d)(iiv), (ix) Competitive Neutrality**

Following the review of Council as part of the Department of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Review, it was identified at recommendation 18 that Council's draft Complaints Handling Policy requires review and Council adoption. This task has been set down for review in February 2012, once adopted the policy will be available on Council's website.

No complaints were received by the Darling Shire Council during the reporting period.

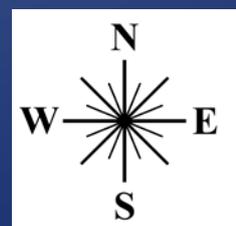


# Appendix A

Policy: Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities to Councillors

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Central Darling Shire Council



## Payment of Expenses and Facilities to Councillors

**COUNCIL MINUTE: 9-6-10**

### Background

Section 252 of the Local Government Act, 1993 requires Council to consider and adopt a policy on the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors within five months after the end of each year.

### Objective

To ensure that Councillors and members of the public are aware of the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that there is accountability and transparency in the reimbursement of expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Councillors.

The policy also ensures that the facilities provided to assist and support the Councillors to carry out their civic functions are reasonable.

### Application/Scope

This policy is to apply to the elected members, Councillors, of the Central Darling Shire Council.

### Definitions

Not applicable.

### Principles/Body

#### Payment of Councillor Fees

1. An annual fee is paid to each Councillor by the Council. The fee is the amount fixed by the Council under Division 5 of Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the Local Government Act, 1993 in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.
2. Unless otherwise provided for in this policy. The annual fee paid to each Councillor is intended to offset the costs involved in discharging the functions of civic office including, but not limited to, all incidental and out-of-pocket expenses relating to transport, clothing, home office expenses, home telephone and postage costs.
3. All fees payable under this policy shall be paid within 10 working days of the date of the Council meeting and where no Council meeting is held will be paid in the third week of the month.
4. Unless otherwise stated, no entitlement under this policy shall be treated as being a private benefit that requires a reduction in the Councillor Fee.

#### Reimbursement and reconciliation of expenses

1. Reimbursement of costs and expenses to Councillors will only be made upon the production of appropriate receipts and tax invoices, and the completion of the "Central Darling Shire Council Expenses Claim Form". Expenses and costs incurred must be in accordance with the requirements of this policy. Where no receipts or tax invoices are submitted, a Councillor shall be required to sign a Statutory Declaration to confirm that the expense was incurred. If a Statutory Declaration is provided in lieu of receipts and tax invoices, Councillors are requested to personally retain any supporting documentation for audit purposes and shall be required to produce this documentation to Council upon request.
2. The Mayor or the General Manager as an alternate, shall assess all such claims and if considered reasonable and to be legitimately payable under this policy, shall approve the claim for payment and payment shall be made within 10 working days.
3. Should the Mayor or the General Manager as an alternate, decide that the claim should not be paid, an explanation of that decision shall be made to the Councillor concerned and should the Councillor still consider that the claim should be paid, it shall be considered that a dispute exists and the provisions of the Disputes clause of this policy shall apply.

#### Attendance at seminars, conferences and training courses

1. Council approval is required for Councillors to attend seminars, conferences or training courses on behalf of the Council by way of a report to be included in the Council business papers. Any application to attend a seminar or conference will require full details of the purpose, expected total costs and expected benefits.
2. After returning from the seminar, conference or training course, the Councillor/s shall provide a written report to Council on the aspects of the event relevant to Council business and/or the local community. No written report is required for the Annual Conferences of the Local Government Shires Association or for compulsory training courses or seminars required by any Government agency.
3. Council will pay the seminar, conference or training course registration fees charged by the organizers including the costs of related official meals and associated tours where they are relevant to the business and interests of the Council. Any time and costs incurred in undertaking activities not related to attendance at the event shall not be included in the expenses paid by Council.
4. Council will also meet the reasonable cost of transportation and accommodation associated with attendance at the seminar, conference or training course, including the reasonable cost of meals (and reasonable cost of drinks) when they are not otherwise included in the fees.

#### Other conferences

1. Attendance at the Annual Local Government Shires Association conference is to be made up of the Mayor or nominated delegate and the General Manager.

2. Attendance at the Annual Western Division Shires Conference is available to the Mayor, General Manager and interested Councillors. A specific formal resolution is required to authorize the attendance of interested Councillors.
3. Attendance at Divisional meetings of the Local Government Shires Association is to be made up of the Mayor and the General Manager.
4. Attendance at the Annual Women's Association conference is available to interested Councillors, with a formal Council resolution required to authorize the attendance.
5. Should a Councillor fail to attend a conference, seminar or training course without the approval of the Mayor on extenuating circumstances then Council is to be reimbursed all costs incurred by the Council. Such payment is to be made by the Councillor concerned within 30 days of the cancellation of the conference, seminar or training course.

#### Spouse and partner expenses

A Councillors spouse or partner may attend any conference, seminar or training opportunity with all differential costs to be borne by the Councillor concerned.

#### Training and education expenses

1. An induction program shall be conducted by the General Manager for Councillors upon election and every subsequent re-election. This program may include the provision of resources and the attendance at training courses.
2. Provision of other training and education for Councillors will be made separately in Council's budget via the adopted Management Plan. All Councillors will be offered the same access to the same training in accordance with the budget allocated.
3. It is essential that the training and education is directly related to the Councillors civic functions and responsibilities.

#### General travel and accommodation arrangements

1. All travel by Councillors to a seminar, conference or training course shall be undertaken by utilizing the most direct route and the most practical and economical mode of transport subject to any personal medical considerations or extenuating circumstances.
2. Economy class air travel will be provided as standard for travel within Australia.
3. Where trains are used, first class train travel will be provided, including sleeping berths where available.
4. Council shall also meet the cost of any transfers between a Councillor's residence and a transport interchange (ie: airport) and between the transport interchange and hotel/motel or venue.
5. Council shall reimburse travel expenses to a seminar, conference or training course by a Councillor whilst using their own private vehicle by way of a reimbursement for each kilometre travelled for the specific journey, plus any road tolls and parking fees necessarily incurred. The rate of reimbursement for kilometres travelled shall be equivalent to the rates prescribed in the relevant legislation or policies applicable to

employees of the Council. Council is not liable for any traffic, parking or transport fines, or costs of petrol, oil, depreciation, repair, maintenance, insurance or registration incurred by Councillors whilst using their private vehicles on Council related business.

6. Any accommodation required by Councillors will be provided by Council subject to availability, access to venue and cost. A minimum standard of 3.5 stars is considered appropriate.

#### Local travel arrangements and expenses

1. Each Councillor will be required to use their private vehicle to attend Council meetings. Where the meeting is to be held in Wilcannia, Councillors will be reimbursed for the use of their private vehicle. It should be noted that car pooling is to be encouraged in an attempt to minimise the cost associated with such meetings. Councillors will be reimbursed for the number of kilometres travelled over the shortest practical route from their principal place of residence to the meeting and return.
2. The rate per kilometre will be based on the Local Government (State) Award and will be dependent on the engine capacity of the vehicle. Councillors will be requested to complete a travel claim form and submit that to the Mayor for authorisation. Claims should be completed whilst attending the Council meeting and will be paid in the next practical pay period following the meeting.
3. Where a Councillor is travelling to a Council Meeting from a location outside the Shire boundaries, the travel claim will be restricted to the equivalent of travel allowance calculated on the distance travelled from the Shire boundary to the Meeting and return along the shortest possible route (weather permitting). In other cases, a Councillor will be entitled to the travel allowance calculated on the distance travelled from the Councillor's principal place of residence to the Council Meeting and return.
4. Where the Council meeting is held away from Wilcannia and staff will be in attendance, Councillors are encouraged to travel with a staff member to the meeting.
5. Councillors travelling to meetings of Council will be entitled to travel on the day preceding the meeting as well as the day of the meeting and stay in the township holding the meeting. Accommodation costs and reasonable meal expenses will be paid or reimbursed to the Councillor upon production of necessary documentation. Where the meeting is to be held in Tilpa or White Cliffs, Councillors travelling from the southern part of the Shire will be entitled to be accommodated in Wilcannia on the evening preceding the meeting and arrange appropriate accommodation for the evening of the meeting. Again, accommodation costs and reasonable meal expenses will be paid or reimbursed.
6. In the instances of Councillors requiring accommodation appropriate booking arrangements should be made with the Administration Officer – Reception.

#### Interstate or overseas travel

1. Council approval is required for interstate or overseas travel for which reimbursement is sought by Councillors. Any travel proposals for Councillors to travel interstate or overseas requires to be included in the non-confidential business papers of Council for which due public notice has been given. Such proposals cannot be considered in a late report or Mayoral Minute.
2. Any application for interstate or overseas travel will require full details of the travel including itinerary, expected total costs, reasons for the travel and expected benefits. Council does not allow the retrospective re-imbusement of such travel expenses so all expenses must be approved in advance.
3. After returning from interstate or overseas travel, the Councillor shall provide a written report to Council on the aspects of the trip relevant to Council business and/or the local community.

#### Insurance provisions and expenses

1. In accordance with Section 382 of the Local Government Act, Council is insured against public liability and professional indemnity claims up the value of \$400 million and \$300 million respectively. Councillors are included as a named insured on this Policy.
2. Councillors are provided liability protection by way of the Councillors and Officers Liability Policy, and personal injury protection by way of the Personal Accident Policy.
3. Insurance protection is only provided if a claim arises out of or in connection with the Councillor's performance of his or her civic duties or exercise of his or her functions as a Councillor. All insurances are subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the policies of insurance.
4. Council shall pay the insurance policy excess in respect of any claim accepted by Council's insurers, whether defended or not.

#### Mayoral fee

1. An annual fee is paid to the Mayor by the Council. The fee shall be the amount fixed by the Council under Division 5 of Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the Act in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.
2. Unless otherwise provided for in this Policy, the annual fee paid to the Mayor is intended to offset the additional costs involved in discharging the functions of the mayoral office over and above the costs incurred by other Councillors.
3. In the event that the Council resolves to pay an annual fee to the Deputy Mayor, the amount of such annual fee shall be deducted from the amount determined to be paid to the Mayor.
4. All fees payable under this policy shall be paid within 10 working days of the Council meeting or where a Council meeting is not held within three weeks of the month.
5. Unless otherwise stated, no entitlement under this Policy shall be treated as being a private benefit that requires a reduction in the Mayoral Fee.

#### Mayoral vehicle

1. The position of Mayor will be supplied with a fully maintained Council vehicle to an appropriate standard.
2. The vehicle is to be used for official purposes only and a detailed log book is to be kept at all times.

#### Communications

The Mayor is to be provided with a mobile phone for official Council business. No private usage is permitted, with Council to bear all costs.

#### Council delegate

1. Council formally resolves the issue of delegates to represent Council on various boards and committees at the September meeting of Council each year. This formal resolution constitutes the Council's authority for the individual Councillor to attend lawfully constituted meetings of the board or committee.
2. Travel arrangements should then be co-ordinated through the Administration Officer – Reception, in accordance with this policy.

#### Legal assistance provisions and expenses

1. Council may, if requested, indemnify or reimburse the reasonable legal expenses of:
  - a) A Councillor defending an action arising from the performance in good faith of a function under the Local Government Act, 1993; or
  - b) A Councillor defending an action in defamation provided the statements complained of were made in good faith in the course of exercising a function under the Act; or
  - c) A Councillor for proceedings before the Local Government Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal or an investigative body provided the subject of the proceedings arises from the performance in good faith of a function under the Act and the Tribunal or investigative body makes a finding substantially favourable to the Councillor.
2. Legal expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising out of the performance by a Councillor of his or her functions under the Act are distinguished from expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising merely from something that a Councillor has done during his or her term in office. For example, expenses arising from an investigation as to whether a Councillor acted corruptly would not be covered by this section.
3. Council will not meet the costs of an action in defamation taken by a Councillor as plaintiff in any circumstances and will not meet the costs of a Councillor seeking advice in respect of possible defamation, or in seeking a non-litigious remedy for possible defamation.
4. The provisions of this section shall not apply in respect of any enquiry, investigation or hearing initiated at the request of, or to any legal proceedings taken by, the Council itself.

#### Incidental expenses

1. Council shall reimburse reasonable out of pocket or incidental expenses associated with attending conferences, seminars or training course incurred by Councillors.
2. Incidental expenses will only include reasonable telephone expenses.

#### Other facilities

1. Each Councillor shall be entitled to receive a chambray shirt and a polo shirt on an annual basis. These shirts shall have the official crest of the Council and shall be drawn from the annual supply provided to all staff.
2. In addition, each Councillor shall be entitled to a blazer with the appropriate Council crest attached to the front pocket.
3. Each Councillor will be provided with an official Council tie upon request.
4. All items of clothing remain the property of the individual Councillor, who will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the articles of clothing.
5. Each Councillor shall be entitled to a supply of business cards to the extent of 200 per year for the duration of their term, with costs to be borne by the Council.
6. In extra-ordinary circumstances a Councillor may claim reasonable costs of care arrangements. The Councillor seeking such reimbursement is to discuss and obtain the approval of the Mayor prior to the period of care. Such claims will only be considered in the most exceptional of cases.

#### Secretarial support

Secretarial support may be provided at the discretion of the General Manager for each Councillor at the Administration Building in Wilcannia, Rural Transaction Centre in Menindee and Multi Service Outlet in Ivanhoe. This may include typing, photocopying or use of a telephone. All expenses incurred including the cost of staff shall be met by the Council.

#### Delivery of material

At least monthly each Councillor may receive a delivery of material from Council including business papers, correspondence etc delivered to one property address nominated by the Councillor.

#### Disputes

Should any Councillor consider that a dispute exists at any time regarding this policy, the parties to the dispute shall provide a written report on the nature of the dispute and the General Manager shall submit such reports to the next meeting of the Council to have the dispute determined by a resolution of the Council having regard to this policy, the Act and any other relevant law. The decision of the Council shall be binding on all of the parties.

#### Relevant Legislation

- Local Government Act, 1993 as amended.
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005 as amended.
- Central Darling Shire Council Code of Conduct.

#### Related and Associated Council Policy and Procedures

- Nil.

#### Responsible Officer/Policy Owner

- Council.
- Mayor.
- General Manager.
- Executive Manager/Public Officer.

### Responsibilities

- The Mayor is responsible for ensuring the provisions of this policy are carried.
- The General Manager and Executive Manager to provide support to the Mayor in implementing this policy.

### Approval

- Required by a formal resolution of Council to adopt this policy.

### Monitoring

- Application of this policy will be monitored a continual basis.

### Review Date

- To be reviewed on an annual basis within the first five months of each year.

### Record Keeping, Confidentiality and Privacy

- Records as required by various clauses in this policy will be recorded and appropriately held.

### Breaches and Sanctions

- All difficulties will be dealt with in accordance with the disputes clause of this policy.

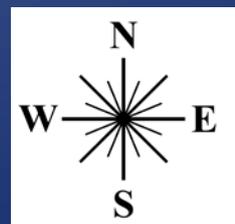


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2011/2012 Annual Financials

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Central Darling Shire Council



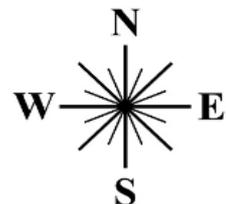


# Central Darling Shire Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2012

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*“Realising quality opportunities for all in the  
Central Darling Shire through Effective Leadership,  
Community Involvement and Facilitation of Services”*



# Central Darling Shire Council

## General Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

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### Overview

- (i) These financial statements are General Purpose Financial Statements and cover the consolidated operations for Central Darling Shire Council.
- (ii) Central Darling Shire Council is a body politic of NSW, Australia - being constituted as a Local Government area by proclamation and is duly empowered by the Local Government Act (LGA) 1993 of NSW.

Council's Statutory Charter is specified in Paragraph 8 of the LGA and includes;

- carrying out activities and providing goods, services & facilities appropriate to the current & future needs of the Local community and of the wider public
- responsibility for administering regulatory requirements under the LGA and other applicable legislation, &
- a role in the management, improvement and development of the resources of the local government area.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note 2(b).

- (iii) All figures presented in these financial statements are presented in Australian Currency.
- (iv) These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Council on 18/12/12.  
Council has the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.
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# Central Darling Shire Council

## General Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

### Understanding Council's Financial Statements

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#### Introduction

Each year, individual Local Governments across NSW are required to present a set of audited Financial Statements to their Council & Community.

#### What you will find in the Statements

The Financial Statements set out the financial performance, financial position & cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

The format of the Financial Statements is standard across all NSW Councils and complies with both the accounting & reporting requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and requirements as set down by the NSW Division of Local Government.

#### About the Councillor/Management Statement

The Financial Statements must be certified by Senior staff as "presenting fairly" the Council's financial results for the year, and are required to be adopted by Council - ensuring both responsibility for & ownership of the Financial Statements.

#### About the Primary Financial Statements

The Financial Statements incorporate 5 "primary" financial statements:

##### 1. An Income Statement

A summary of Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income & expenses.

This Statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

##### 2. A Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair values of Council's Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equip.

##### 3. A Balance Sheet

A 30 June snapshot of Council's Financial Position including its Assets & Liabilities.

##### 4. A Statement of Changes in Equity

The overall change for the year (in dollars) of Council's "net wealth".

##### 5. A Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent.

This Statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

#### About the Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide greater detail and additional information on the 5 Primary Financial Statements.

#### About the Auditor's Reports

Council's Financial Statements are required to be audited by external accountants (that generally specialize in Local Government).

In NSW, the Auditor provides 2 audit reports:

1. An opinion on whether the Financial Statements present fairly the Council's financial performance & position, &
2. Their observations on the conduct of the Audit including the Council's financial performance & financial position.

#### Who uses the Financial Statements ?

The Financial Statements are publicly available documents & must be presented at a Council meeting between 7 days & 5 weeks after the date of the Audit Report.

Submissions from the public can be made to Council up to 7 days subsequent to the public presentation of the Financial Statements.

Council is required to forward an audited set of Financial Statements to the Division of Local Government.

Central Darling Shire Council

General Purpose Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

Statement by Councillors and Management  
made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)

The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

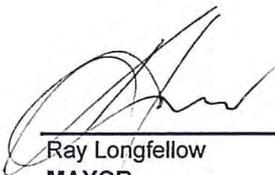
- The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder,
- The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, and
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and
- accords with Council's accounting and other records.

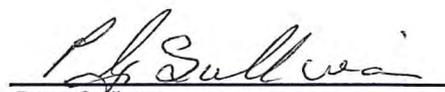
We are not aware of any matter that would render the Reports false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 20 November 2012



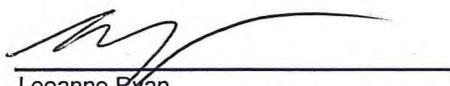
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Ray Longfellow  
MAYOR



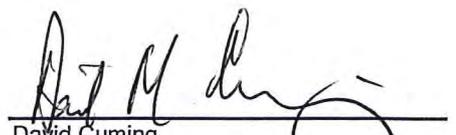
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Peter Sullivan  
COUNCILLOR



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Leanne Ryan  
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER



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David Cuming  
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Income Statement

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

Budget <sup>(1)</sup>				Actual	Actual
2012	\$ '000		Notes	2012	2011
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>					
<b>Revenue:</b>					
1,400	Rates & Annual Charges		3a	1,275	1,259
1,039	User Charges & Fees		3b	2,501	2,081
131	Interest & Investment Revenue		3c	88	499
288	Other Revenues		3d	381	339
4,778	Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes		3e,f	10,683	9,744
5,527	Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes		3e,f	739	1,389
<b>Other Income:</b>					
-	Net gains from the disposal of assets		5	-	6
-	Net Share of interests in Joint Ventures & Associated Entities using the equity method		19	-	-
<b>13,163</b>	<b>Total Income from Continuing Operations</b>			<b>15,667</b>	<b>15,317</b>
<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>					
4,811	Employee Benefits & On-Costs		4a	4,602	5,032
15	Borrowing Costs		4b	37	38
4,537	Materials & Contracts		4c	7,434	5,548
2,411	Depreciation & Amortisation		4d	2,694	2,618
-	Impairment		4d	-	-
1,220	Other Expenses		4e	1,343	1,416
-	Net Losses from the Disposal of Assets		5	171	-
<b>12,994</b>	<b>Total Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>			<b>16,281</b>	<b>14,652</b>
<b>169</b>	<b>Operating Result from Continuing Operations</b>			<b>(614)</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Discontinued Operations</b>					
-	Net Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued Operations		24	-	-
<b>169</b>	<b>Net Operating Result for the Year</b>			<b>(614)</b>	<b>665</b>
169	Net Operating Result attributable to Council			(614)	665
-	Net Operating Result attributable to Minority Interests			-	-
<b>(5,358)</b>	<b>Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes</b>			<b>(1,353)</b>	<b>(724)</b>

(1) Original Budget as approved by Council - refer Note 16

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
Net Operating Result for the year (as per Income statement)		<b>(614)</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-
Gain (loss) on revaluation of available-for-sale investments	20b (ii)	-	-
Gain (loss) on revaluation of other reserves	20b (ii)	-	-
Realised (gain) loss on available-for-sale investments recognised in P&L	20b (ii)	-	-
Realised (gain) loss from other reserves recognised in P&L	20b (ii)	-	-
Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-
Other Movements in Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the Year</b>		<b>(614)</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income attributable to Council</b>		<b>(614)</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income attributable to Minority Interests</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Balance Sheet

as at 30 June 2012

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6a	1,850	2,479
Investments	6b	1,084	1,219
Receivables	7	1,650	1,072
Inventories	8	189	150
Other	8	-	-
Non-current assets classified as "held for sale"	22	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>4,773</b>	<b>4,920</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Investments	6b	-	-
Receivables	7	-	-
Inventories	8	-	-
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	9	136,986	136,491
Investments accounted for using the equity method	19	-	-
Investment Property	14	-	-
Intangible Assets	25	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>136,986</b>	<b>136,491</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>141,759</b>	<b>141,411</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	10	1,732	796
Borrowings	10	62	58
Provisions	10	845	784
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>2,639</b>	<b>1,638</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	10	-	-
Borrowings	10	66	127
Provisions	10	550	528
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>616</b>	<b>655</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,255</b>	<b>2,293</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>138,504</b>	<b>139,118</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings	20	104,561	105,175
Revaluation Reserves	20	33,943	33,943
Council Equity Interest		138,504	139,118
Minority Equity Interest		-	-
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>138,504</b>	<b>139,118</b>

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Statement of Changes in Equity for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$ '000	Notes	Retained Earnings	Reserves (Refer 20b)	Council Interest	Minority Interest	Total Equity
<b>2012</b>						
<b>Opening Balance</b> (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		105,175	33,943	<b>139,118</b>	-	<b>139,118</b>
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors	20 (c)	-	-	-	-	-
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior year effects)	20 (d)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Revised Opening Balance</b> (as at 1/7/11)		<b>105,175</b>	<b>33,943</b>	<b>139,118</b>	-	<b>139,118</b>
<b>c. Net Operating Result for the Year</b>		<b>(614)</b>	-	<b>(614)</b>	-	<b>(614)</b>
d. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Revaluations: Other Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Other Movements	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b> (c&d)		<b>(614)</b>	-	<b>(614)</b>	-	<b>(614)</b>
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Minority Interests		-	-	-	-	-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period</b>		<b>104,561</b>	<b>33,943</b>	<b>138,504</b>	-	<b>138,504</b>

\$ '000	Notes	Retained Earnings	Reserves (Refer 20b)	Council Interest	Minority Interest	Total Equity
<b>2011</b>						
<b>Opening Balance</b> (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		104,011	32,414	<b>136,425</b>	-	<b>136,425</b>
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors	20 (c)	499	1,529	<b>2,028</b>	-	<b>2,028</b>
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior year effects)	20 (d)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Revised Opening Balance</b> (as at 1/7/10)		<b>104,510</b>	<b>33,943</b>	<b>138,453</b>	-	<b>138,453</b>
<b>c. Net Operating Result for the Year</b>		<b>665</b>	-	<b>665</b>	-	<b>665</b>
d. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Revaluations: Other Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Other Movements	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b> (c&d)		<b>665</b>	-	<b>665</b>	-	<b>665</b>
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Minority Interests		-	-	-	-	-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period</b>		<b>105,175</b>	<b>33,943</b>	<b>139,118</b>	-	<b>139,118</b>

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

Budget 2012	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
1,400	Rates & Annual Charges		1,401	1,117
1,039	User Charges & Fees		2,751	2,222
131	Investment & Interest Revenue Received		227	185
10,205	Grants & Contributions		11,547	12,114
287	Other		188	370
<b>Payments:</b>				
(5,061)	Employee Benefits & On-Costs		(4,492)	(5,101)
(4,527)	Materials & Contracts		(8,216)	(6,170)
(15)	Borrowing Costs		(11)	(14)
(1,220)	Other		(607)	(1,562)
<u>2,239</u>	<b>Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	11b	<u>2,788</u>	<u>3,161</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
-	Sale of Investment Securities		965	-
200	Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		179	313
<b>Payments:</b>				
-	Purchase of Investment Securities		(965)	-
(4,887)	Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		(3,539)	(2,114)
<u>(4,687)</u>	<b>Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<u>(3,360)</u>	<u>(1,801)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
1,300	Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances		-	-
<b>Payments:</b>				
(60)	Repayment of Borrowings & Advances		(57)	(54)
<u>1,240</u>	<b>Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities</b>		<u>(57)</u>	<u>(54)</u>
<u>(1,208)</u>	<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		<u>(629)</u>	<u>1,306</u>
3,010	plus: <b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents - beginning of year</b>	11a	2,479	1,173
<u>1,802</u>	<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents - end of the year</b>	11a	<u>1,850</u>	<u>2,479</u>
Additional Information:				
	plus: <b>Investments on hand - end of year</b>	6b	1,084	1,219
<b>Total Cash, Cash Equivalents &amp; Investments</b>			<u>2,934</u>	<u>3,698</u>

Please refer to Note 11 for information on the following:

- Non Cash Financing & Investing Activities.
- Financing Arrangements.
- Net cash flow disclosures relating to any Discontinued Operations

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

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n/a - not applicable

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below in order to assist in its general understanding.

Under Australian Accounting Standards (AASB's), accounting policies are defined as those specific principles, bases, conventions, rules and practices applied by a reporting entity (in this case Council) in preparing and presenting its financial statements.

##### (a) Basis of preparation

###### (i) Background

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with;

- Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- the Local Government Act (1993) & Regulation, and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

For the purpose of preparing these financial statements, Council has been deemed to be a not-for-profit entity.

###### (ii) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)

Because Australian Accounting Standards (AASB's) are sector neutral, some standards either:

- (a) have local Australian content and prescription that is specific to the Not-For-Profit sector (including Local Government) which are not in compliance with IFRS's, or
- (b) specifically exclude application by Not for Profit entities.

Accordingly in preparing these financial statements and accompanying notes, Council has been unable to comply fully with International Accounting Standards, but has complied fully with Australian Accounting Standards.

Under the Local Government Act (LGA), Regulations and Local Government Code of Accounting Practice & Financial Reporting, it should be noted that Councils in NSW only have a requirement to comply with Australian Accounting Standards.

###### (iii) New and amended standards adopted by Council

None of the new standards and amendments to standards that are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2011 affected any of the amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period and are not likely to affect future periods.

###### (iv) Early adoption of Accounting Standards

Council has not elected to apply any pronouncements before their operative date in the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2011.

Refer further to paragraph (ab) relating to a summary of the effects of Standards with future operative dates..

###### (v) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the **historical cost convention** except for:

- (i) financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, available-for-sale financial assets and investment properties which are all valued at fair value,
- (ii) the write down of any Asset on the basis of Impairment (if warranted) and
- (iii) certain classes of Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment that are accounted for at fair valuation.

The accrual basis of accounting has also been applied in their preparation.

###### (vi) Changes in Accounting Policies

Council's accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

There have also been no changes in accounting policies when compared with previous financial statements unless otherwise stated [refer Note 20(d)].

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### (vii) Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates (in conformity with AASB's).

Accordingly this requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are set out below.

- (i) Estimated fair values of investment properties
- (ii) Estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.
- (iii) Estimated tip remediation provisions.

##### (b) Revenue recognition

Council recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of the Council's activities as described below.

Council bases any estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue is measured on major income categories as follows:

##### **Rates, Annual Charges, Grants and Contributions**

Rates, annual charges, grants and contributions (including developer contributions) are recognised as revenues when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

Control over assets acquired from rates and annual charges is obtained at the commencement of the rating year as it is an enforceable debt linked to the rateable property or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

A provision for the impairment on rates receivables has not been established as unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.

Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt (or acquittal) or upon earlier notification that a grant has been secured, and is valued at their fair value at the date of transfer.

Revenue from Contributions is recognised when the Council either obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive it, **(i)** it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Council and **(ii)** the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date, the unused grant or contribution is disclosed in Note 3(g).

Note 3(g) also discloses the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended on Council's operations during the current year.

The Council has obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenues levied on developers under the provisions of S94 of the EPA Act 1979.

Whilst Council generally incorporates these amounts as part of a Development Consents Order, such developer contributions are only recognised as income upon their physical receipt by Council, due to the possibility that individual Development Consents

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may not be acted upon by the applicant and accordingly would not be payable to Council.

Developer contributions may only be expended for the purposes for which the contributions were required but the Council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules.

A detailed Note relating to developer contributions can be found at Note 17.

#### User Charges, Fees and Other Income

User charges, fees and other income (including fines) are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs.

A provision for the impairment of these receivables is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

A liability is recognised in respect of revenue that is reciprocal in nature to the extent that the requisite service has not been provided as at balance date.

#### Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment

The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

#### Interest and Rents

Rents are recognised as revenue on a proportional basis when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever first occurs.

Interest Income from Cash & Investments is accounted for using the Effective Interest method in accordance with AASB 139.

#### (c) Principles of Consolidation

These financial statements incorporate **(i)** the assets and liabilities of Council and any Entities (or operations) that it **controls** (as at 30/6/12) and **(ii)** all the related operating results (for the financial year ended the 30th June 2012).

In the process of reporting on Council's activities as a single unit, all inter-entity year end balances and reporting period transactions have been eliminated in full between Council and its controlled entities.

#### (i) The Consolidated Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 409(1) of the LGA 1993, all money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund.

The Consolidated Fund and other entities through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this report.

The following entities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

- General Purpose Operations
- Water Supply
- Sewerage Service
- Other

#### (ii) The Trust Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 411 of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended), a separate and distinct Trust Fund is maintained to account for all money and property received by the Council in trust which must be applied only for the purposes of or in accordance with the trusts relating to those monies.

Trust monies and property subject to Council's control have been included in these statements.

Trust monies and property held by Council but not subject to the control of Council, have been excluded from these statements.

A separate statement of monies held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council office by any person free of charge.

#### (iii) Joint Ventures

Council has no interest in any Joint Venture Entities, Assets or Operations.

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### (iv) County Councils

Council is not a member of any County Councils.

##### (d) Leases

All Leases entered into by Council are reviewed and classified on inception date as either a Finance Lease or an Operating Lease.

##### Finance Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Council has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's inception at the lower of the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments.

The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in borrowings.

Each lease payment is allocated between the liability outstanding and the recognition of a finance charge.

The interest element of the finance charge is costed to the income statement over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the shorter of each leased asset's useful life and the lease term.

##### Operating Leases

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases.

Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Lease income from operating leases is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

##### (e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes;

- cash **on hand**,
- deposits held **at call** with financial institutions,
- other short-term, highly liquid investments **with original maturities of three months or less** that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and
- bank overdrafts.

Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet but are incorporated into Cash & Cash Equivalents for presentation of the Cash Flow Statement.

##### (f) Investments and Other Financial Assets

Council (in accordance with AASB 139) classifies each of its investments into one of the following categories for measurement purposes:

- **financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**,
- **loans and receivables**,
- **held-to-maturity investments**, and
- **available-for-sale financial assets**.

Each classification depends on the purpose/intention for which the investment was acquired & at the time it was acquired.

Management determines each Investment classification at the time of initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

##### (i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets that are "held for trading".

A financial asset is classified in the "held for trading" category if it is acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term.

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Assets in this category are primarily classified as current assets as they are primarily held for trading &/or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

##### (ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

They arise when the Council provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention (or in some cases ability) of selling the resulting receivable.

They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets.

##### (iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Council's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

In contrast to the "Loans & Receivables" classification, these investments are generally quoted in an active market.

Held-to-maturity financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those with maturities less than 12 months from the reporting date, which are classified as current assets.

##### (iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories.

Investments must be designated as available-for-sale if they do not have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments and management intends to hold them for the medium to long term.

Accordingly, this classification principally comprises marketable equity securities, but can include all types of financial assets that could otherwise be classified in one of the other investment categories.

They are generally included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the balance sheet date or the term to maturity from the reporting date is less than 12 months.

#### General Accounting & Measurement of Financial Instruments:

##### (i) Initial Recognition

Investments are initially recognised (and measured) at fair value, plus in the case of investments not at "fair value through profit or loss", directly attributable transactions costs

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date - the date on which the Council commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Council has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

##### (ii) Subsequent Measurement

**Available-for-sale financial assets** and **financial assets at fair value through profit and loss** are subsequently carried at fair value.

**Loans and receivables** and **held-to-maturity investments** are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets classified as "**fair value through profit or loss**" category are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of non monetary securities classified as "**available-for-sale**" are recognised in equity in the available-for-sale investments revaluation reserve.

When securities classified as "**available-for-sale**" are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments are included in the income statement as gains and losses from investment securities.

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Impairment

Council assesses at each balance date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

##### (iii) Types of Investments

Council has an approved Investment Policy in order to undertake its investment of money in accordance with (and to comply with) Section 625 of the Local Government Act and S212 of the LG (General) Regulation 2005.

Investments are placed and managed in accordance with the Policy and having particular regard to authorised investments prescribed under the Ministerial Local Government Investment Order.

Council maintains its investment Policy in compliance with the Act and ensures that it or its representatives exercise care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in investing Council funds.

Council amended its policy following revisions to the Ministerial Local Government Investment Order arising from the Cole Inquiry recommendations. Certain investments that Council holds are no longer prescribed (e.g. managed funds, CDOs, and equity linked notes), however they have been retained under grandfathering provisions of the Order. These will be disposed of when most financially advantageous to Council.

##### (g) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques.

Council uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date.

Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt instruments held.

If the market for a financial asset is not active (and for unlisted securities), the Council establishes fair value by using valuation techniques.

These include reference to the fair values of recent arm's length transactions, involving the same instruments or other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models refined to reflect the issuer's specific circumstances.

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values.

The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Council for similar financial instruments.

##### (h) Receivables

Receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

Receivables (excluding Rates & Annual Charges) are generally due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

The collectibility of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off in accordance with Council's policy.

A provision for impairment (ie. an allowance account) relating to receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Council will not be able to

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

collect all amounts due according to the original terms of each receivable.

The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement within other expenses.

When a receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account.

Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the income statement.

#### (i) Inventories

##### Raw Materials and Stores, Work in Progress and Finished Goods

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods in respect of business undertakings are all stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead expenditure, the latter being allocated on the basis of normal operating capacity.

Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs.

Inventories held in respect of non-business undertakings have been valued at cost subject to adjustment for loss of service potential.

##### Land Held for Resale/Capitalisation of Borrowing Costs

Land held for resale is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is assigned by specific identification and includes the cost of acquisition, and development and borrowing costs during development.

When development is completed borrowing costs and other holding charges are expensed as incurred.

Borrowing costs included in the cost of land held for resale are those costs that would have been avoided if the expenditure on the acquisition and development of the land had not been made.

Borrowing costs incurred while active development is interrupted for extended periods are recognised as expenses.

#### (j) Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment (I,PP&E)

##### Acquisition of assets

Council's non current assets have been progressively revalued to fair value in accordance with a staged implementation as advised by the Division of Local Government.

At balance date, the following classes of I,PP&E were stated at their Fair Value;

- **Investment Properties** – refer Note 1(p),
- **Water and Sewerage Networks**  
(Internal Valuation)
- **Operational Land** (Internal Valuation)
- **Buildings – Specialised/Non Specialised**  
(Internal Valuation)
- **Plant and Equipment**  
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Roads Assets incl. roads, bridges & footpaths**  
(Internal Valuation)
- **Drainage Assets** (Internal Valuation)
- **Bulk Earthworks** (Internal Valuation)
- **Community Land** (Internal Valuation)
- **Land Improvements**  
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Other Structures**  
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Other Assets**  
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Initial Recognition

On initial recognition, an asset's cost is measured at its fair value, plus all expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition.

Where settlement of any part of an asset's cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of recognition (ie. date of exchange) of the asset to arrive at fair value.

The discount rate used is the Council's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

Where infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets are acquired for no cost or for an amount other than cost, the assets are recognised in the financial statements at their fair value at acquisition date - being the amount that the asset could have been exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

##### Subsequent costs

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

##### Asset Revaluations (including Indexation)

In accounting for Asset Revaluations relating to Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment:

- Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation are credited to the asset revaluation reserve.
- To the extent that the increase reverses a decrease previously recognised via the profit or loss, then increase is first recognised in profit or loss.
- Decreases that reverse previous increases of the same asset are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the

remaining reserve attributable to the asset, with all other decreases charged to the Income statement.

Council assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that a revalued asset's carrying amount may differ materially from that which would be determined if the asset were revalued at the reporting date.

If any such indication exists, Council determines the asset's fair value and revalues the asset to that amount.

Full revaluations are undertaken for all assets on a 5 year cycle.

##### Capitalisation Thresholds

Items of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are not capitalised unless their cost of acquisition exceeds the following;

<b>Land</b>	
- council land	100% Capitalised
- open space	100% Capitalised
- land under roads (purchases after 30/6/08)	100% Capitalised

<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	
Office Furniture	> \$1,000
Office Equipment	> \$1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	> \$1,000

<b>Buildings &amp; Land Improvements</b>	
Park Furniture & Equipment	> \$1,000

Building	
- construction/extensions	> \$5,000
- renovations	> \$10,000

Other Structures	> \$2,000
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<b>Water &amp; Sewer Assets</b>	
Reticulation extensions	> \$5,000
Other	> \$5,000

<b>Stormwater Assets</b>	
Drains & Culverts	> \$5,000
Other	> \$5,000

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Transport Assets

Road construction & reconstruction	> \$10,000
Reseal/Re-sheet & major repairs:	> \$10,000

Bridge construction & reconstruction	> \$10,000
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- Reticulation pipes : PVC	70 - 80 years
- Reticulation pipes : Other	25 to 75 years
- Pumps and telemetry	15 to 20 years

##### Other Infrastructure Assets

- Bulk earthworks	Infinite
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##### Depreciation

Depreciation on Council's infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets is calculated using the straight line method in order to allocate an assets cost (net of residual values) over its estimated useful life.

Land is not depreciated.

Estimated useful lives for Council's I,PP&E include:

##### Plant & Equipment

- Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
- Office furniture	10 to 20 years
- Computer Equipment	3 – 5 years
- Vehicles	5 to 8 years
- Heavy Plant/Road Making equip.	5 to 8 years
- Other plant and equipment	5 to 15 years

##### Other Equipment

- Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
- Benches, seats etc	10 to 20 years

##### Buildings

- Buildings : Masonry	50 to 100 years
- Buildings : Other	20 to 40 years

##### Stormwater Drainage

- Drains	80 to 100 years
- Culverts	50 to 80 years

##### Transportation Assets

- Sealed Roads : Surface	12 years
- Sealed Roads : Structure	75 years
- Unsealed roads	50 years
- Bridge : Concrete	100 years
- Bridge : Other	50 years
- Road Pavements	60 years
- Kerb, Gutter & Paths	30-70 years

##### Water & Sewer Assets

- Dams and reservoirs	80 to 100 years
- Bores	20 to 40 years

All asset residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted (where appropriate), at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount – refer Note 1(s) on Asset Impairment.

##### Disposal and De-recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.

Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in Council's Income Statement in the year the asset is derecognised.

##### (k) Land

Land (other than Land under Roads) is in accordance with Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act (1993) classified as either Operational or Community.

This classification of Land is disclosed in Note 9(a).

##### (l) Land under roads

Land under roads is land under roadways and road reserves including land under footpaths, nature strips and median strips.

Council has elected to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008 in accordance with AASB 1051.

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment.

##### **(m) Intangible Assets**

Council has not classified any assets as Intangible.

##### **(n) Crown Reserves**

Crown Reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council.

While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

Improvements on Crown Reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

Representations are currently being sought across State and Local Government to develop a consistent accounting treatment for Crown Reserves across both tiers of government.

##### **(o) Rural Fire Service assets**

Under section 119 of the Rural Fires Act 1997, *“all fire fighting equipment purchased or constructed wholly or from money to the credit of the Fund is to be vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the fire fighting equipment has been purchased or constructed”*.

At present, the accounting for such fire fighting equipment is not treated in a consistent manner across all Councils.

Until such time as discussions on this matter have concluded and the legislation changed, Council will continue to account for these assets as it has been doing in previous years, which is to include the assets, their values and depreciation charges within these financial statements.

##### **(p) Investment property**

Investment property comprises land &/or buildings that are principally held for long-term rental yields, capital gains or both that is not occupied by Council.

Investment property is carried at fair value, representing an in-house valuation based on a discounted cash flow analysis.

Annual changes in the fair value of Investment Properties are recorded in the Income Statement as part of “Other Income”.

Full revaluations are carried out every three years.

##### **(q) Provisions for close down, restoration and for environmental clean up costs – including Tips and Quarries**

Close down, Restoration and Remediation costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, the removal of residual materials and the remediation of disturbed areas.

Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs, whether this occurs during the development or during the operation phase, based on the net present value of estimated future costs.

Provisions for close down and restoration costs do not include any additional obligations which are expected to arise from future disturbance.

Costs are estimated on the basis of a closure plan.

The cost estimates are calculated annually during the life of the operation to reflect known developments, eg updated cost estimates and revisions to the estimated lives of operations, and are subject to formal review at regular intervals.

Close down, Restoration and Remediation costs are a normal consequence of tip and quarry operations, and the majority of close down and restoration expenditure is incurred at the end of the life of the operations.

Although the ultimate cost to be incurred is uncertain, Council estimates the respective costs based on

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

feasibility and engineering studies using current restoration standards and techniques.

The amortisation or 'unwinding' of the discount applied in establishing the net present value of provisions is charged to the income statement in each accounting period.

This amortisation of the discount is disclosed as a borrowing cost in Note 4(b).

Other movements in the provisions for Close down, Restoration and Remediation costs including those resulting from new disturbance, updated cost estimates, changes to the estimated lives of operations and revisions to discount rates are capitalised within property, plant and equipment.

These costs are then depreciated over the lives of the assets to which they relate.

Where rehabilitation is conducted systematically over the life of the operation, rather than at the time of closure, provision is made for the estimated outstanding continuous rehabilitation work at each balance sheet date and the cost is charged to the income statement.

Provision is made for the estimated present value of the costs of environmental clean up obligations outstanding at the balance sheet date. These costs are charged to the income statement.

Movements in the environmental clean up provisions are presented as an operating cost, except for the unwind of the discount which is shown as a borrowing cost.

Remediation procedures generally commence soon after the time the damage, remediation process and estimated remediation costs become known, but may continue for many years depending on the nature of the disturbance and the remediation techniques.

As noted above, the ultimate cost of environmental remediation is uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors including changes to the relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques or experience at other locations.

The expected timing of expenditure can also change, for example in response to changes in quarry reserves or production rates.

As a result there could be significant adjustments to the provision for close down and restoration and environmental clean up, which would affect future financial results.

Specific Information relating to Council's provisions relating to Close down, Restoration and Remediation costs can be found at Note 26.

#### (r) Impairment of assets

All Council's I,PP&E is subject to an annual assessment of impairment.

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For non-cash generating assets of Council such as roads, drains, public buildings etc - value in use is represented by the "deprival value" of the asset which is approximated as its written down replacement cost.

Other assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

Goodwill & other Intangible Assets that have an indefinite useful life and are not subject to amortisation are tested annually for impairment.

#### (s) Payables

These amounts represent liabilities and include goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid.

The amounts for goods and services are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### (t) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred.

Borrowings are removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Council has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

##### (u) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are expensed.

##### (v) Provisions

Provisions for legal claims, service warranties and other like liabilities are recognised when:

- Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and
- the amount has been reliably estimated.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole.

A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

##### (w) Employee benefits

###### (i) Short Term Obligations

Short term employee benefit obligations include liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits), annual leave and vesting sick leave expected to be settled within the 12 months after the reporting period.

Leave liabilities are recognised in the provision for employee benefits in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date with other short term employee benefit obligations disclosed under payables.

These provisions are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Liabilities for non vesting sick leave are recognised at the time when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable, and accordingly no Liability has been recognised in these reports.

Wages & salaries, annual leave and vesting sick leave are all classified as Current Liabilities.

###### (ii) Other Long Term Obligations

The liability for all long service and annual leave in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date (which is not expected to be settled within the 12 months after the reporting period) are recognised in the provision for employee benefits.

These liabilities are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made using the projected unit credit method.

Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service.

Expected future payments are then discounted using market yields at the reporting date based on national

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match as closely as possible the estimated future cash outflows.

Due to the nature of when and how Long Service Leave can be taken, all Long Service Leave for employees with 4 or more years of service has been classified as Current, as it has been deemed that Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months – even though it is not anticipated that all employees with more than 4 years service (as at reporting date) will apply for and take their leave entitlements in the next 12 months.

#### (iii) Retirement benefit obligations

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death.

Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

#### Defined Benefit Plans

A liability or asset in respect of defined benefit superannuation plans would ordinarily be recognised in the balance sheet, and measured as the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date plus unrecognised actuarial gains (less unrecognised actuarial losses) less the fair value of the superannuation fund's assets at that date and any unrecognised past service cost.

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is based on expected future payments which arise from membership of the fund to the reporting date, calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service.

However, when this information is not reliably available, Council can account for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans – i.e. as an expense when they become payable.

Council is party to an Industry Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, named the "Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Pool B"

This Scheme has been deemed to be a "multi employer fund" for the purposes of AASB 119.

Sufficient information is not available to account for the Scheme as a defined benefit plan (in accordance with AASB 119) because the assets to the scheme are pooled together for all Councils.

Accordingly, Council's contributions to the scheme for the current reporting year have been recognised as an expense and disclosed as part of Superannuation Expenses at Note 4(a).

The Local Government Superannuation Scheme has advised member councils that, as a result of the global financial crisis, it has a significant deficiency of assets over liabilities.

As a result, they have asked for significant increases in future contributions to recover that deficiency.

Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils.

For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in these financial statements.

Council has, however, disclosed a contingent liability in note 18 to reflect the possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

#### Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to Defined Contribution Plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

#### (iv) Employee Benefit On-Costs

Council has recognised at year end the aggregate on-cost liabilities arising from employee benefits, and in particular those on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include Superannuation and Workers Compensation expenses which will be payable upon the future payment of certain Leave Liabilities accrued as at 30/6/12.

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### (x) Self insurance

Council does not self insure.

##### (y) Allocation between current and non-current assets & liabilities

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is classified as current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled.

The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle.

##### Exceptions

In the case of liabilities where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months (such as vested long service leave), the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months.

In the case of inventories that are "held for trading", these are also classified as current even if not expected to be realised in the next 12 months.

##### (z) Taxes

The Council is exempt from both Commonwealth Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

Council does however have to comply with both Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST).

##### Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are all recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the revenue / expense.

Receivables and payables within the Balance Sheet are stated inclusive of any applicable GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the ATO is included as a current asset or current liability in the Balance Sheet.

Operating cash flows within the Cash Flow Statement are on a gross basis, ie. they are inclusive of GST where applicable.

Investing and Financing cash flows are treated on a net basis (where recoverable from the ATO), ie. they are exclusive of GST. Instead, the GST component of investing and financing activity cash flows which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from (or payable to) the ATO.

##### (aa) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

Certain new (or amended) accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for reporting periods ending 30 June 2012.

**Council has not adopted any of these standards early.**

Council's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

##### Applicable to Local Government with implications:

***AASB 9 Financial Instruments, AASB 2009 11 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 and AASB 2010-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010) (effective from 1 January 2013)***

AASB 9 Financial Instruments addresses the classification, measurement and derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities.

The standard is not applicable until 1 January 2013 but is available for early adoption.

When adopted, the standard will affect in particular the Council's accounting for its available-for-sale financial assets, since AASB 9 only permits the

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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recognition of fair value gains and losses in other comprehensive income if they relate to equity investments that are not held for trading. Fair value gains and losses on available-for-sale debt investments, for example, will therefore have to be recognised directly in profit or loss.

#### **Applicable to Local Government but no implications for Council;**

None

#### **Not applicable to Local Government per se;**

None

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that are expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

#### **(ab) Rounding of amounts**

Unless otherwise indicated, amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars.

#### **(ac) Comparative Figures**

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

#### **(ad) Disclaimer**

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 2(a). Council Functions / Activities - Financial Information

Functions/Activities	Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 2(b).												
	Income from Continuing Operations			Expenses from Continuing Operations			Operating Result from Continuing Operations			Grants included in Income from Continuing Operations		Total Assets held (Current & Non-current)	
	Original Budget	Actual	Actual	Original Budget	Actual	Actual	Original Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
Governance	-	-	-	327	322	306	(327)	(322)	(306)	-	15	-	-
Administration	137	245	39	1,363	3,360	1,516	(1,226)	(3,115)	(1,477)	-	-	7,247	7,165
Public Order & Safety	81	254	198	223	238	217	(142)	16	(19)	253	152	2,146	2,122
Health	-	-	1	535	364	455	(535)	(364)	(454)	-	-	-	-
Environment	369	348	343	332	538	462	37	(190)	(119)	61	95	-	-
Community Services & Education	831	863	762	679	451	809	152	412	(47)	576	894	3,282	3,245
Housing & Community Amenities	55	264	109	434	509	436	(379)	(245)	(327)	219	-	3,133	3,098
Water Supplies	1,940	498	683	1,089	1,098	1,028	851	(600)	(345)	-	78	28,937	29,447
Sewerage Services	102	107	90	103	279	109	(1)	(172)	(19)	-	-	1,698	1,681
Recreation & Culture	8	29	96	362	502	432	(354)	(473)	(336)	35	50	14,148	13,987
Fuel & Energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	(48)	-	-	-	427
Transport & Communication	5,973	7,423	7,906	6,760	7,954	7,955	(787)	(531)	(49)	3,351	4,018	78,338	77,441
Economic Affairs	337	448	490	787	666	879	(450)	(218)	(389)	-	-	2,830	2,798
<b>Total Functions &amp; Activities</b>	<b>9,833</b>	<b>10,479</b>	<b>10,717</b>	<b>12,994</b>	<b>16,281</b>	<b>14,652</b>	<b>(3,161)</b>	<b>(5,802)</b>	<b>(3,935)</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>5,302</b>	<b>141,759</b>	<b>141,411</b>
Share of gains/(losses) in Associates & Joint Ventures (using the Equity Method)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Purpose Income <sup>1</sup>	3,330	5,188	4,600	-	-	-	3,330	5,188	4,600	4,475	3,529	-	-
<b>Operating Result from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>13,163</b>	<b>15,667</b>	<b>15,317</b>	<b>12,994</b>	<b>16,281</b>	<b>14,652</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>(614)</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>8,831</b>	<b>141,759</b>	<b>141,411</b>

1. Includes: Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Ex-Gratia), Untied General Purpose Grants & Unrestricted Interest & Investment Income.

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#### Note 2(b). Council Functions / Activities - Component Descriptions

Details relating to the Council's functions / activities as reported in Note 2(a) are as follows:

##### **GOVERNANCE**

Costs relating to the Council's role as a component of democratic government, including elections, members' fees and expenses, subscriptions to local authority associations, meetings of council and policy making committees, area representation and public disclosure and compliance.

##### **ADMINISTRATION**

Corporate Support and Other Support Services (not otherwise attributed to the listed functions / activities).

##### **PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY**

Fire protection, animal control, enforcement of local government regulations, emergency services, other.

##### **HEALTH**

Inspection, immunisations, food control, health centres, other, administration.

##### **ENVIRONMENT**

Noxious plants and insect/vermin control, other environmental protection, solid waste management, street cleaning, drainage, stormwater management.

##### **COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION**

Administration, family day care, child care, youth services, other family and children, aged and disabled, migrant services, Aboriginal services, other community services, education.

##### **HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES**

Housing, town planning, street lighting, other sanitation and garbage, public cemeteries, public conveniences, other community amenities.

##### **WATER SUPPLIES**

##### **SEWERAGE SERVICES**

##### **RECREATION & CULTURE**

Public libraries, museums, art galleries, community centres, public halls, other cultural services, swimming pools, sporting grounds, parks and gardens (lakes), other sport and recreation.

##### **MINING, MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION**

Building control, abattoirs, quarries & pits, other.

##### **TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION**

Urban roads, sealed rural roads, unsealed rural roads, bridges, footpaths, aerodromes, parking areas, bus shelters and services, water transport, RMS works, other.

##### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

Camping areas, caravan parks, tourism and area promotion, saleyards and markets, other business undertakings.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(a). Rates &amp; Annual Charges</b>			
<b>Ordinary Rates</b>			
Residential		247	234
Farmland		356	345
Business		31	34
<b>Total Ordinary Rates</b>		<b>634</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>Special Rates</b>			
Town Improvement		24	32
<b>Total Special Rates</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Annual Charges</b> (pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)			
Domestic Waste Management Services		287	279
Water Supply Services		248	252
Sewerage Services		82	83
<b>Total Annual Charges</b>		<b>617</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>TOTAL RATES &amp; ANNUAL CHARGES</b>		<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,259</b>

Council has used 2011 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(b). User Charges &amp; Fees</b>			
<b>Specific User Charges</b> (per s.502 - Specific "actual use" charges)			
Domestic Waste Management Services		61	14
Water Supply Services		361	320
Sewerage Services		7	-
<b>Total User Charges</b>		<b>429</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>Other User Charges &amp; Fees</b>			
<b>(i) Fees &amp; Charges - Statutory &amp; Regulatory Functions</b> (per s.608)			
Planning & Building Regulation		52	67
Private Works - Section 67		44	13
Regulatory/ Statutory Fees		5	-
<b>Total Fees &amp; Charges - Statutory/Regulatory</b>		<b>101</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>(ii) Fees &amp; Charges - Other (incl. General User Charges)</b> (per s.608)			
Caravan Park		3	-
Cemeteries		7	-
Multipurpose Centre		1	-
Rent & Hire of Council Property		19	17
RMS (formerly RTA) Charges (State Roads not controlled by Council)		1,928	1,633
Swimming Centres		1	-
Leaseback Fees - Council Vehicles		3	-
Other		9	17
<b>Total Fees &amp; Charges - Other</b>		<b>1,971</b>	<b>1,667</b>
<b>TOTAL USER CHARGES &amp; FEES</b>		<b>2,501</b>	<b>2,081</b>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(c). Interest &amp; Investment Revenue (incl. losses)</b>			
<b>Interest &amp; Dividends</b>			
- Interest on Overdue Rates & Annual Charges		87	74
- Interest earned on Investments (interest & coupon payment income)		136	111
<b>Fair Value Adjustments</b>			
- Fair Valuation movements in Investments (at FV or Held for Trading)		(135)	314
<b><u>TOTAL INTEREST &amp; INVESTMENT REVENUE</u></b>		<b><u>88</u></b>	<b><u>499</u></b>
<b>Interest Revenue is attributable to:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Investments/Financial Assets:</b>			
Overdue Rates & Annual Charges (General Fund)		87	74
General Council Cash & Investments		1	425
<b>Total Interest &amp; Investment Revenue Recognised</b>		<b><u>88</u></b>	<b><u>499</u></b>
<b>(d). Other Revenues</b>			
Rental Income - Other Council Properties		84	40
Commissions & Agency Fees		149	171
Insurance Claim Recoveries		61	57
Sales - General		-	4
Community Transport Fares		33	-
Meals on Wheels		42	-
Sponsorships		6	-
Miscellaneous Sales		3	-
Other		3	-
Other		-	67
<b><u>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</u></b>		<b><u>381</u></b>	<b><u>339</u></b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

### Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	2012 Operating	2011 Operating	2012 Capital	2011 Capital
<b>(e). Grants</b>				
<b>General Purpose (Untied)</b>				
Financial Assistance	2,605	2,617	-	-
Financial Assistance (next year payments in advance)	1,850	893	-	-
Pensioners' Rates Subsidies - General Component	20	19	-	-
<b>Total General Purpose</b>	<b>4,475</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Specific Purpose</b>				
Water Supplies	-	78	-	-
Bushfire & Emergency Services	253	152	-	-
Community Care	419	706	-	35
Community Centres	334	201	-	(98)
Environmental Protection	61	95	-	-
Flood Restoration	2,645	3,223	-	-
Heritage & Cultural	41	50	-	-
Recreation & Culture	-	-	35	-
Street Lighting	3	-	-	-
Transport (Roads to Recovery)	-	-	704	704
Transport (Other Roads & Bridges Funding)	-	-	-	148
Other	-	8	-	-
<b>Total Specific Purpose</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>789</b>
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>8,231</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>789</b>
<b>Grant Revenue is attributable to:</b>				
- Commonwealth Funding	4,455	3,510	704	789
- State Funding	3,776	4,532	35	-
	<b>8,231</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>789</b>
<b>(f). Contributions</b>				
<b>Developer Contributions:</b> (s93 & s94 - EP&A Act, s64 of the NSW LG Act): Nil				
<b>Other Contributions:</b>				
RMS Contributions (Regional Roads, Block Grant)	2,314	1,698	-	600
Local Government Reform Fund	27	-	-	-
Community Contributions Pools	11	-	-	-
Community Bus Contribution	100	-	-	-
Other	-	4	-	-
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS &amp; CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>10,683</b>	<b>9,744</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>1,389</b>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(g). Restrictions relating to Grants and Contributions</b>		
<b>Certain grants &amp; contributions are obtained by Council on condition that they be spent in a specified manner:</b>		
Unexpended at the Close of the Previous Reporting Period	2,483	1,090
<b>add:</b> Grants & contributions recognised in the current period but not yet spent:	2,569	2,443
<b>less:</b> Grants & contributions recognised in a previous reporting period now spent:	(3,201)	(1,050)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Restricted Assets during the Period</b>	<b>(632)</b>	<b>1,393</b>
<b>Unexpended and held as Restricted Assets</b>	<u><u>1,851</u></u>	<u><u>2,483</u></u>
<b>Comprising:</b>		
- Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	<u><u>1,851</u></u>	<u><u>2,483</u></u>
	<b>1,851</b>	<b>2,483</b>

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### Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(a) Employee Benefits &amp; On-Costs</b>			
Salaries and Wages		3,727	4,098
Travelling		9	31
Employee Leave Entitlements (ELE)		243	225
Superannuation		300	334
Workers' Compensation Insurance		158	187
Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT)		53	38
Training Costs (other than Salaries & Wages)		186	70
Recruitment Costs		36	-
Other		52	49
<b>Total Employee Costs</b>		<b>4,764</b>	<b>5,032</b>
less: Capitalised Costs		(162)	-
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS EXPENSED</b>		<b>4,602</b>	<b>5,032</b>
Number of "Equivalent Full Time" Employees at year end		<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>(b) Borrowing Costs</b>			
<b>(i) Interest Bearing Liability Costs</b>			
Interest on Loans		11	14
<b>Total Interest Bearing Liability Costs</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>
less: Capitalised Costs		-	-
<b>Total Interest Bearing Liability Costs Expensed</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>(ii) Other Borrowing Costs</b>			
Discount adjustments relating to movements in Provisions (other than ELE)			
- Remediation Liabilities	26	26	24
<b>Total Other Borrowing Costs</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWING COSTS EXPENSED</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(c) Materials &amp; Contracts</b>			
Raw Materials & Consumables		1,969	1,482
Contractor & Consultancy Costs		-	-
- Contractor Costs (specify separately when material)		5,385	3,908
- Consultancy Costs (specify separately when material)		-	89
Auditors Remuneration <sup>(1)</sup>		37	44
Legal Expenses:			
- Legal Expenses: Other		12	25
Operating Leases:			
- Operating Lease Rentals: Minimum Lease Payments <sup>(2)</sup>		31	-
<b>Total Materials &amp; Contracts</b>		<b>7,434</b>	<b>5,548</b>
less: Capitalised Costs		-	-
<b>TOTAL MATERIALS &amp; CONTRACTS</b>		<b>7,434</b>	<b>5,548</b>
<b>1. Auditor Remuneration</b>			
During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the Council's Auditor (& the Auditors of other Consolidated Entities):			
<b>(i) Audit and Other Assurance Services</b>			
- Audit & review of financial statements: Council's Auditor		37	44
<b>Total Auditor Remuneration</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>2. Operating Lease Payments are attributable to:</b>			
Computers		31	-
		<b>31</b>	<b>-</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

### Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Impairment Costs		Depreciation/Amortisation	
		Actual 2012	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
Plant and Equipment		-	-	319	341
Office Equipment		-	-	14	13
Furniture & Fittings		-	-	7	8
Buildings - Non Specialised		-	-	360	300
Other Structures		-	-	142	138
Infrastructure:					
- Roads, Bridges & Footpaths		-	-	1,250	1,214
- Stormwater Drainage		-	-	15	12
- Water Supply Network		-	-	525	525
- Sewerage Network		-	-	19	19
Asset Reinstatement Costs	9 & 26	-	-	43	48
<b>Total Depreciation &amp; Impairment Costs</b>		-	-	<b>2,694</b>	<b>2,618</b>
less: Capitalised Costs		-	-	-	-
less: Impairments (to)/from ARR [Equity]	9a	-	-	-	-
<b><u>TOTAL DEPRECIATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT COSTS EXPENSED</u></b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b><u>2,694</u></b>	<b><u>2,618</u></b>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(e) Other Expenses</b>			
Other Expenses for the year include the following:			
Advertising		72	47
Bad & Doubtful Debts		(89)	95
Contributions/Levies to Other Levels of Government			
- Bushfire Fighting Fund		129	-
Councillor Expenses - Mayoral Fee		19	21
Councillor Expenses - Councillors' Fees		92	100
Councillors' Expenses (incl. Mayor) - Other (excluding fees above)		59	27
Donations, Contributions & Assistance to other organisations (Section 356)		15	60
Electricity & Heating		159	127
Insurance		566	553
Printing & Stationery		43	37
Street Lighting		43	40
Subscriptions & Publications		65	22
Telephone & Communications		81	103
Other		89	184
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,416</b>
less: Capitalised Costs		-	-
<b><u>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</u></b>		<b><u>1,343</u></b>	<b><u>1,416</u></b>

#### Note 5. Gains or Losses from the Disposal of Assets

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
Proceeds from Disposal - Infrastructure		179	313
less: Carrying Amount of Infrastructure Assets Sold / Written Off		(350)	(307)
<b>Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal</b>		<b>(171)</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Financial Assets*</b>			
Proceeds from Disposal / Redemptions / Maturities - Financial Assets		965	-
less: Carrying Amount of Financial Assets Sold / Redeemed / Matured		(965)	-
<b>Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>(171)</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>

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#### Note 6a. - Cash Assets and Note 6b. - Investment Securities

\$ '000	Notes	2012 Actual Current	2012 Actual Non Current	2011 Actual Current	2011 Actual Non Current
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents (Note 6a)</b>					
Cash on Hand and at Bank		745	-	409	-
Cash-Equivalent Assets <sup>1</sup>					
- Deposits at Call		1,105	-	2,070	-
<b>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>1,850</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,479</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment Securities (Note 6b)</b>					
- CDO's		1,084	-	1,219	-
<b>Total Investment Securities</b>		<b>1,084</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>2,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> Those Investments where time to maturity (from date of purchase) is < 3 mths.

**Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments were classified at year end in accordance with AASB 139 as follows:**

#### **Cash & Cash Equivalents**

a. "At Fair Value through the Profit & Loss"		<b>1,850</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,479</b>	<b>-</b>
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#### **Investments**

a. "At Fair Value through the Profit & Loss"					
- "Held for Trading"	6(b-i)	-	-	-	-
- "Designated at Fair Value on Initial Recognition"	6(b-i)	-	-	-	-
b. "Held to Maturity"	6(b-ii)	1,084	-	1,219	-
c. "Loans & Receivables"	6(b-iii)	-	-	-	-
d. "Available for Sale"	6(b-iv)	-	-	-	-
<b>Investments</b>		<b>1,084</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>-</b>

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#### Note 6b. Investments (continued)

\$ '000	2012 Actual Current	2012 Actual Non Current	2011 Actual Current	2011 Actual Non Current
<b>Note 6(b-i)</b>				
<b>Reconciliation of Investments classified as "At Fair Value through the Profit &amp; Loss"</b>				
Additions	965	-	-	-
Disposals (sales & redemptions)	(965)	-	-	-
<b>Balance at End of Year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Note 6(b-ii)</b>				
<b>Reconciliation of Investments classified as "Held to Maturity"</b>				
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	1,219	-	905	-
Impairment (loss)/prior loss reversal (via P&L)	(135)	-	314	-
<b>Balance at End of Year</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Comprising:</b>				
- CDO's	1,084	-	1,219	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Note 6(b-iii)</b>				
<b>Reconciliation of Investments classified as "Loans &amp; Receivables"</b>				
Nil				
<b>Note 6(b-iv)</b>				
<b>Reconciliation of Investments classified as "Available for Sale"</b>				
Nil				

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#### Note 6c. Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments - Details

\$ '000	2012	2012	2011	2011
	Actual Current	Actual Non Current	Actual Current	Actual Non Current
<b>Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investment Securities</b>	<b>2,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>attributable to:</b>				
External Restrictions (refer below)	2,229	-	2,926	-
Internal Restrictions (refer below)	705	-	746	-
Unrestricted	-	-	26	-
	<b>2,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>-</b>

2012 \$ '000	Opening Balance	Transfers to Restrictions	Transfers from Restrictions	Closing Balance
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#### Details of Restrictions

##### External Restrictions - Included in Liabilities

Nil

##### External Restrictions - Other

RMS (formerly RTA) Contributions (E)	1,525	-	(600)	925
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	825	-	(362)	463
Water Supplies (G)	93	370	-	463
Sewerage Services (G)	109	-	(105)	4
Domestic Waste Management (G)	24	-	-	24
Town Improvements	217	-	-	217
Other	133	-	-	133
<b>External Restrictions - Other</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>(1,067)</b>	<b>2,229</b>
<b>Total External Restrictions</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>(1,067)</b>	<b>2,229</b>

##### Internal Restrictions

Infrastructure Replacement	546	-	(546)	-
Employees Leave Entitlement	200	-	-	200
FAG in Advance	-	505	-	505
<b>Total Internal Restrictions</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>(546)</b>	<b>705</b>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTIONS</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>(1,613)</b>	<b>2,934</b>

**E** RMA Contributions which are not yet expended for the provision of services and amenities in accordance with those contributions.

**F** Grants which are not yet expended for the purposes for which the grants were obtained. (refer Note 1)

**G** Water, Sewerage, Domestic Waste Management (DWM) & other Special Rates/Levies/Charges are externally restricted assets and must be applied for the purposes for which they were raised.

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#### Note 7. Receivables

\$ '000	Notes	2012		2011	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
<b>Purpose</b>					
Rates & Annual Charges		543	-	685	-
Interest & Extra Charges		243	-	236	-
User Charges & Fees		410	-	490	-
Accrued Revenues					
- Interest on Investments		4	-	8	-
Government Grants & Subsidies		724	-	247	-
Other Debtors		231	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>less: Provision for Impairment</b>					
Rates & Annual Charges		(255)	-	(290)	-
Interest & Extra Charges		(170)	-	(144)	-
User Charges & Fees		(80)	-	(160)	-
<b>Total Provision for Impairment - Receivables</b>		<b>(505)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(594)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES</u></b>		<b><u>1,650</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>1,072</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<b>Externally Restricted Receivables</b>					
<b>Water Supply</b>					
- Rates & Availability Charges		121	-	251	-
- Other		287	-	-	-
<b>Sewerage Services</b>					
- Rates & Availability Charges		51	-	91	-
<b>Total External Restrictions</b>		<b>459</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Internally Restricted Receivables</b>					
Nil					
<b>Unrestricted Receivables</b>		<b>1,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES</u></b>		<b><u>1,650</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>1,072</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

#### Notes on Debtors above:

- (i) Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding are secured against the property.
- (ii) Doubtful Rates Debtors are provided for where the value of the property is less than the debt outstanding.  
An allowance for other doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that a receivable is impaired.
- (iii) Interest was charged on overdue rates & charges at 11.00% (2011 9.00%).  
Generally all other receivables are non interest bearing.
- (iv) Please refer to Note 15 for issues concerning Credit Risk and Fair Value disclosures.

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#### Note 8. Inventories & Other Assets

\$ '000	Notes	2012		2011	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
<b>Inventories</b>					
Stores & Materials		189	-	150	-
<b>Total Inventories</b>		<b>189</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Nil					
<b><u>TOTAL INVENTORIES / OTHER ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>189</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>150</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

#### Externally Restricted Assets

There are no restrictions applicable to the above assets.

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Note 9a. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000	as at 30/6/2011					Asset Movements during the Reporting Period				as at 30/6/2012				
	At	At	Accumulated		Carrying	Asset Additions	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense	Adjustments & Transfers	At	At	Accumulated		Carrying
	Cost	Fair Value	Dep'n	Impairment	Value					Cost	Fair Value	Dep'n	Impairment	Value
Capital Work in Progress	621	-	-	-	621	733	-	-	(163)	1,191	-	-	-	1,191
Plant & Equipment	-	3,341	2,318	-	1,023	465	(177)	(319)	-	-	3,629	2,637	-	992
Office Equipment	-	342	326	-	16	-	-	(14)	-	-	342	340	-	2
Furniture & Fittings	-	84	71	-	13	-	-	(7)	-	-	84	78	-	6
<b>Land:</b>														
- Operational Land	327	-	-	-	327	-	-	-	-	327	-	-	-	327
- Community Land	122	-	-	-	122	-	-	-	-	122	-	-	-	122
Buildings - Non Specialised	1,265	29,911	6,390	-	24,786	8	-	(360)	7	1,280	29,911	6,750	-	24,441
Other Structures	173	5,346	1,490	-	4,029	175	-	(142)	107	455	5,346	1,632	-	4,169
<b>Infrastructure:</b>														
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	4,298	60,495	12,374	-	52,419	2,158	(173)	(1,250)	49	6,505	60,322	13,624	-	53,203
- Bulk Earthworks (non-depreciable)	-	21,414	-	-	21,414	-	-	-	-	-	21,414	-	-	21,414
- Stormwater Drainage	113	1,136	206	-	1,043	-	-	(15)	-	113	1,136	221	-	1,028
- Water Supply Network	-	39,028	10,438	-	28,590	-	-	(525)	-	-	39,028	10,963	-	28,065
- Sewerage Network	-	2,099	438	-	1,661	-	-	(19)	-	-	2,099	457	-	1,642
<b>Reinstatement, Rehabilitation &amp; Restoration Assets (refer Note 26)</b>														
- Tip Asset	475	-	48	-	427	-	-	(43)	-	475	-	91	-	384
<b>TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIP.</b>	<b>7,394</b>	<b>163,196</b>	<b>34,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136,491</b>	<b>3,539</b>	<b>(350)</b>	<b>(2,694)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,468</b>	<b>163,311</b>	<b>36,793</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136,986</b>

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#### Note 9b. Externally Restricted Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000 Class of Asset	Actual 2012				Actual 2011			
	At Cost	At Fair Value	A/Dep & Impairm't	Carrying Value	At Cost	At Fair Value	A/Dep & Impairm't	Carrying Value
<b>Water Supply</b>								
Infrastructure	-	39,028	10,962	<b>28,066</b>	-	39,028	10,438	<b>28,590</b>
<b>Total Water Supply</b>	-	<b>39,028</b>	<b>10,962</b>	<b>28,066</b>	-	<b>39,028</b>	<b>10,438</b>	<b>28,590</b>
<b>Sewerage Services</b>								
Infrastructure	-	2,099	457	<b>1,642</b>	-	2,099	438	<b>1,661</b>
<b>Total Sewerage Services</b>	-	<b>2,099</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>1,642</b>	-	<b>2,099</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1,661</b>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED I,PP&amp;E</b>	-	<b>41,127</b>	<b>11,419</b>	<b>29,708</b>	-	<b>41,127</b>	<b>10,876</b>	<b>30,251</b>

#### Note 9c. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment - Current Year Impairments

Council has recognised no impairment losses during the reporting period nor reversed any prior period losses.

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#### Note 10a. Payables, Borrowings & Provisions

\$ '000	Notes	2012		2011	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
<b>Payables</b>					
Goods & Services - operating expenditure		106	-	4	-
Payments Received In Advance		66	-	53	-
Accrued Expenses:					
- Salaries & Wages		107	-	54	-
- Other Expenditure Accruals		1,453	-	685	-
<b>Total Payables</b>		<b>1,732</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Borrowings</b>					
Loans - Secured <sup>1</sup>		62	66	58	127
<b>Total Borrowings</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Provisions</b>					
<b>Employee Benefits;</b>					
Annual Leave		479	-	416	-
Long Service Leave		366	24	368	28
Sub Total - Aggregate Employee Benefits		845	24	784	28
Asset Remediation/Restoration (Future Works) <sup>26</sup>		-	526	-	500
<b>Total Provisions</b>		<b>845</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>528</b>
<b>Total Payables, Borrowings &amp; Provisions</b>		<b>2,639</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>655</b>

#### (i) Liabilities relating to Restricted Assets

	2012		2011	
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
<b>Externally Restricted Assets</b>				
Water	4	-	13	-
Sewer	1	-	54	-
Liabilities relating to externally restricted assets	5	-	67	-
<b>Internally Restricted Assets</b>				
Nil				
<b>Total Liabilities relating to restricted assets</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> Loans are secured over the General Rating Income of Council  
Disclosures on Liability Interest Rate Risk Exposures, Fair Value Disclosures & Security can be found in Note 15.

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#### Note 10a. Payables, Borrowings & Provisions (continued)

\$ '000	2012	2011
<b>(ii) Current Liabilities not anticipated to be settled within the next 12 months</b>		
The following Liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions - Employees Benefits	493	510
	<b>493</b>	<b>510</b>

#### Note 10b. Description of and movements in Provisions

Class of Provision	2011		2012			
	Opening Balance as at 1/7/11	Additional Provisions	Decrease due to Payments	Remeasurement effects due to Discounting	Unused amounts reversed	Closing Balance as at 30/6/12
Annual Leave	416	200	(123)	(14)	-	479
Long Service Leave	396	34	(6)	(34)	-	390
Asset Remediation	500	26	-	-	-	526
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>(129)</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,395</b>

a. Employees Leave Entitlements & On-Costs represents those benefits accrued and payable and an estimate of those that will become payable in the future as a result of past service.

b. Asset Remediation, Reinstatement & Restoration Provisions represent the Present Value estimate of future costs Council will incur in order to remove, restore & remediate assets &/or activities as a result of past operations.

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#### Note 11. Statement of Cash Flows - Additional Information

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(a) Reconciliation of Cash Assets</b>			
Total Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	6a	1,850	2,479
Less Bank Overdraft	10	-	-
<b>BALANCE as per the STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS</b>		<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,479</b>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Net Operating Result to Cash provided from Operating Activities</b>			
<b>Net Operating Result from Income Statement</b>		<b>(614)</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Adjust for non cash items:</b>			
Depreciation & Amortisation		2,694	2,618
Net Losses/(Gains) on Disposal of Assets		171	(6)
Impairment (Reversal of previous losses) - I,PP&E		-	(314)
Losses/(Gains) recognised on Fair Value Re-measurements through the P&L:			
- Investments classified as "At Fair Value" or "Held for Trading"		135	-
Unwinding of Discount Rates on Reinstatement Provisions		26	48
<b>+/- Movement in Operating Assets and Liabilities &amp; Other Cash Items:</b>			
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables		(489)	289
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Doubtful Debts		(89)	84
Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories		(39)	(5)
Decrease/(Increase) in Other Assets		-	7
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables		102	(158)
Increase/(Decrease) in other accrued Expenses Payable		821	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities		13	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Leave Entitlements		57	(43)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		-	(24)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES from the STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS</b>		<b>2,788</b>	<b>3,161</b>

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#### Note 11. Statement of Cash Flows - Additional Information (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(c) Non-Cash Investing &amp; Financing Activities</b>			
Nil			
<b>(d) Financing Arrangements</b>			
<b>(i) Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:</b>			
Bank Overdraft Facilities <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	500
Credit Cards / Purchase Cards		30	-
<b>Total Financing Arrangements</b>		<b>1,030</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Amounts utilised as at Balance Date:</b>			
- Bank Overdraft Facilities		-	-
- Credit Cards / Purchase Cards		11	-
<b>Total Financing Arrangements Utilised</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>

1. The Bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.  
Interest rates on overdrafts are Interest Rates on Loans & Other Payables are disclosed in Note 15.

#### **(ii) Secured Loan Liabilities**

Loans are secured by a mortgage over future years Rate Revenue only.

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#### Note 12. Commitments for Expenditure

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>(a) Capital Commitments (exclusive of GST)</b>			
Nil			
<b>(b) Finance Lease Commitments</b>			
Nil			
<b>(c) Operating Lease Commitments (Non Cancellable)</b>			
<b>a. Commitments under Non Cancellable Operating Leases at the Reporting date, but not recognised as Liabilities are payable:</b>			
Within the next year		37	19
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		60	70
Later than 5 years		-	2
<b>Total Non Cancellable Operating Lease Commitments</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>91</b>

**b. Non Cancellable Operating Leases include the following assets:**

Office and computer equipment

Contingent Rentals may be payable depending on the condition of items or usage during the lease term.

**Conditions relating to Operating Leases:**

- All Operating Lease Agreements are secured only against the Leased Asset.
- No Lease Agreements impose any financial restrictions on Council regarding future debt etc.

#### **(d) Investment Property Commitments**

Nil

#### **(e) Investment in Associates / Joint Ventures - Commitments**

For Capital Commitments and Other Commitments relating to Investments in Associates & Joint Ventures, refer to Note 19 (b)

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### Note 13a(i). Statement of Performance Measurement - Indicators (Consolidated)

\$ '000	Amounts 2012	Indicator 2012	Prior Periods 2011      2010	
<b>Local Government Industry Indicators</b>				
<b>1. Unrestricted Current Ratio</b>				
Current Assets less all External Restrictions <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>2,085</u>	<b>0.97 : 1</b>	1.56	1.48
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities <sup>(2,3)</sup>	<u>2,141</u>			
<b>2. Debt Service Ratio</b>				
Debt Service Cost	<u>68</u>	<b>0.78%</b>	0.88%	0.92%
Income from Continuing Operations excluding Capital Items & Specific Purpose Grants/Contributions	<u>8,720</u>			
<b>3. Rates &amp; Annual Charges Coverage Ratio</b>				
Rates & Annual Charges	<u>1,275</u>	<b>8.14%</b>	8.22%	9.10%
Income from Continuing Operations	<u>15,667</u>			
<b>4. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest &amp; Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage</b>				
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Outstanding	<u>361</u>	<b>19.52%</b>	28.04%	24.37%
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Collectible	<u>1,849</u>			
<b>5. Building &amp; Infrastructure Renewals Ratio</b>				
Asset Renewals <sup>(4)</sup>	<u>2,088</u>	<b>90.35%</b>	66.21%	133.25%
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	<u>2,311</u>			

#### Notes

(1) Refer Notes 6-8 inclusive.

Also excludes any Real Estate & Land for resale not expected to be sold in the next 12 months

(2) Refer to Note 10(a).

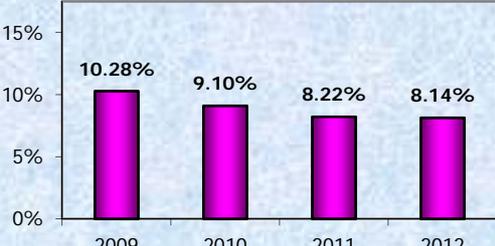
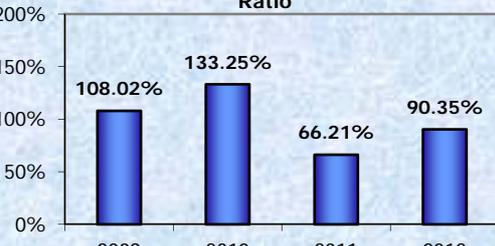
(3) Refer to Note 10(a)(ii) - excludes all payables & provisions not expected to be paid in the next 12 months (incl. ELE).

(4) Asset Renewals represent the replacement &/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance. Asset Renewals include building and infrastructure assets only.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

### Note 13a(ii). Statement of Performance Measurement - Graphs (Consolidated)

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Year	Ratio : 1											
2009	2.42											
2010	1.48											
2011	1.56											
2012	0.97											
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Year	Ratio %											
2009	7.90%											
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Year	Ratio %											
2009	10.28%											
2010	9.10%											
2011	8.22%											
2012	8.14%											
<p><b>4. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest &amp; Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage</b></p>  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Ratio %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>27.80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>24.37%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>28.04%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012</td> <td>19.52%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Ratio %	2009	27.80%	2010	24.37%	2011	28.04%	2012	19.52%	<p><b>Purpose of Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio</b></p> <p>To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.</p>	<p><b>Commentary on 2011/12 Result</b></p> <p><b>2011/12 Ratio 19.52%</b></p> <p>Reduction reflects implementation of stronger collection policies and procedures resulting in the collection of significant long outstanding debts.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2009	27.80%											
2010	24.37%											
2011	28.04%											
2012	19.52%											
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Year	Ratio %											
2009	108.02%											
2010	133.25%											
2011	66.21%											
2012	90.35%											

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

### Note 13b. Statement of Performance Measurement - Indicators (by Fund)

\$ '000	Water 2012	Sewer 2012	General <sup>1</sup> 2012
<b>Local Government Industry Indicators</b>			
<b>1. Unrestricted Current Ratio</b>			
<u>Current Assets less all External Restrictions</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>217.75 : 1</b>	<b>55.00 : 1</b>	<b>0.97 : 1</b>
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities <sup>(2,3)</sup>			
prior period:	not reported	not reported	not reported
<b>2. Debt Service Ratio</b>			
<u>Debt Service Cost</u>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.83%</b>
Income from Continuing Operations excluding Capital Items & Specific Purpose Grants/Contributions			
prior period:	not reported	not reported	not reported
<b>3. Rates &amp; Annual Charges Coverage Ratio</b>			
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges</u>	<b>41.16%</b>	<b>88.79%</b>	<b>6.07%</b>
Income from Continuing Operations			
prior period:	not reported	not reported	not reported
<b>4. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest &amp; Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage</b>			
<u>Rates, Annual &amp; Extra Charges Outstanding</u>	<b>43.68%</b>	<b>53.68%</b>	<b>12.80%</b>
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Collectible			
prior period:	not reported	not reported	not reported
<b>5. Building &amp; Infrastructure Renewals Ratio</b>			
<u>Asset Renewals (Building &amp; Infrastructure assets)</u>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>128.49%</b>
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment			
prior period:	not reported	not reported	not reported

#### Notes

<sup>(1)</sup> General Fund refers to all of Council's activities except for its Water & Sewer activities which are listed separately.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 14. Investment Properties

\$ '000

Council has not classified any Land or Buildings as "Investment Properties"

#### Note 15. Financial Risk Management

##### Risk Management

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including **(1)** price risk, **(2)** credit risk, **(3)** liquidity risk and **(4)** interest rate risk.

The Council's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Council does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's Finance Section under policies approved by the Council.

A comparison by category of the carrying amounts and fair values of Council's Financial Assets & Financial Liabilities recognised in the financial statements is presented below.

	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,850	2,479	1,850	2,479
Investments				
- "Held to Maturity"	1,084	1,219	1,084	1,219
Receivables	1,650	1,072	1,650	1,072
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>4,584</b>	<b>4,770</b>	<b>4,584</b>	<b>4,770</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Payables	1,666	743	1,666	743
Loans / Advances	128	185	128	185
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>928</b>

Fair Value is determined as follows:

- **Cash & Cash Equivalents, Receivables, Payables** - are estimated to be the carrying value which approximates mkt value.
- **Borrowings & Held to Maturity Investments** - are based upon estimated future cash flows discounted by the current market interest rates applicable to assets & liabilities with similar risk profiles, unless quoted market prices are available.
- Financial Assets classified (i) "**at fair value through profit & loss**" or (ii) **Available for Sale** - are based upon quoted market prices (in active markets for identical investments) at the reporting date or independent valuation.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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##### (a) Cash & Cash Equivalents, Financial assets 'at fair value through the profit & Loss', "Available-for-sale" financial assets & "Held-to-maturity" Investments

Council's objective is to maximise its return on cash & investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital.

Council's Finance area manages the Cash & Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors.

Council has an Investment Policy which complies with the Local Government Act & Minister's Investment Order. This Policy is regularly reviewed by Council and its staff and an Investment Report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance.

The major risk associated with Investments is price risk - the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether there changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.

Cash & Investments are also subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.

A further risk associated with Cash & Investments is credit risk - the risk that the investment counterparty) will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council - be it of a capital or income nature.

Council manages these risks (amongst other measures) by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees.

Council also seeks advice from independent advisers before placing any funds in Cash Equivalents & Investments.

The following represents a summary of the sensitivity of Council's Income Statement and Accumulated Surplus (for the reporting period) due to a change in either the price of a financial asset or the interest rates applicable.

It is assumed that the change in interest rates would have been constant throughout the reporting period.

	Increase of Values/Rates		Decrease of Values/Rates	
	Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
<b>2012</b>				
Possible impact of a 10% movement in Market Values	108	108	(108)	(108)
Possible impact of a 1% movement in Interest Rates	22	22	(22)	(22)
<b>2011</b>				
Possible impact of a 10% movement in Market Values	122	122	(122)	(122)
Possible impact of a 1% movement in Interest Rates	18	18	(18)	(18)

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

\$ '000

##### (b) Receivables

Council's major receivables comprise **(i) Rates & Annual charges** and **(ii) User Charges & Fees**.

The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk - the risk that debts due and payable to Council may not be repaid in full.

Council manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. It also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of Council to secure a charge over the land relating to the debts - that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. Council is also able to charge interest on overdue rates & annual charges at higher than market rates which further encourages the payment of debt.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk, whether through exposure to individual customers, specific industry sectors and/or regions.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

Council makes suitable provision for doubtful receivables as required and carries out credit checks on most non-rate debtors.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

A profile of Council's receivables credit risk at balance date follows:

	2012	2012	2011	2011
	Rates & Annual Charges	Other Receivables	Rates & Annual Charges	Other Receivables
<b>(i) Ageing of Receivables</b>				
Current (not yet overdue)	543	1,612	685	981
	<b>543</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>981</b>
<b>(ii) Movement in Provision for Impairment of Receivables</b>			2012	2011
Balance at the beginning of the year			594	510
+ new provisions recognised during the year			-	84
- amounts provided for but recovered during the year			(89)	
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>			<b>505</b>	<b>594</b>

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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##### (c) Payables & Borrowings

Payables & Borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk - the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer.

Payment terms can (in extenuating circumstances) also be extended & overdraft facilities utilised as required.

The contractual undiscounted cash outflows (ie. principal and interest) of Council's Payables & Borrowings are set out in the Liquidity Table below:

\$ '000	Subject to no maturity	payable in:						Total Cash Outflows	Actual Carrying Values
		≤ 1 Year	1-2 Yrs	2-3 Yrs	3-4 Yrs	4-5 Yrs	> 5 Yrs		
<b>2012</b>									
Trade/Other Payables	-	1,666	-	-	-	-	-	1,666	1,666
Loans & Advances	-	68	68	-	-	-	-	136	128
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	-	<b>1,734</b>	<b>68</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,794</b>
<b>2011</b>									
Trade/Other Payables	-	743	-	-	-	-	-	743	743
Loans & Advances	-	69	68	69	-	-	-	206	185
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	-	<b>812</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	-	-	-	<b>949</b>	<b>928</b>

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs & debt servicing requirements. Council manages this risk through the diversification of borrowing types, maturities & interest rate structures.

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's Borrowings at balance date:

	2012		2011	
	Carrying Value	Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Average Interest Rate
Trade/Other Payables	1,666	0.0%	743	0.0%
Loans & Advances - Fixed Interest Rate	128	6.5%	185	6.5%
	<u>1,794</u>		<u>928</u>	

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 16. Material Budget Variations

\$ '000

Council's Original Financial Budget for 11/12 was adopted by the Council on 28 June 2011.

While the Income Statement included in this General Purpose Financial Report must disclose the Original Budget adopted by Council, the Local Government Act requires Council to review its Financial Budget on a Quarterly Basis, so that it is able to manage the various variations between actuals versus budget that invariably occur throughout the year.

This Note sets out the details of MATERIAL VARIATIONS between Council's Original Budget and its Actual results for the year as per the Income Statement - even though such variations may have been adjusted for during each Quarterly Budget Review.

**Note that for Variations\* of Budget to Actual :**

Material Variations represent those variances that amount to **10%** or more of the original budgeted figure.

**F** = Favourable Budget Variation, **U** = Unfavourable Budget Variation

\$ '000	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2012 ----- Variance* -----		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>Rates &amp; Annual Charges</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>(125)</b>	(9%)	<b>U</b>
<b>User Charges &amp; Fees</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>1,462</b>	141%	<b>F</b>
Variance largely due to a significant increase of \$1,400 in actual works for the RMS compared to original budget.					
<b>Interest &amp; Investment Revenue</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>(43)</b>	(33%)	<b>U</b>
Increase in actual income offset by unbudgeted impairment losses.					
<b>Other Revenues</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>93</b>	32%	<b>F</b>
Increase due to reclassification of \$44 of actual rental income compared to budget and higher actual incomes from meals on wheels and insurance recoveries than originally budgeted.					
<b>Operating Grants &amp; Contributions</b>	<b>4,778</b>	<b>10,683</b>	<b>5,905</b>	124%	<b>F</b>
FAG underbudgeted by \$1,912; flood grants underbudgeted by \$1,665; bushfire and emergency services underbudgeted by \$130; community care underbudgeted by \$269; community centres underbudgeted by \$184					
<b>Capital Grants &amp; Contributions</b>	<b>5,527</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>(4,788)</b>	(87%)	<b>U</b>
Major water and sewer project budgeted grants of \$2,529 not received due to delay in commencing projects; RMS contributions of \$2,230 budgeted as capital but actuals correctly treated as operating income					

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### Note 16. Material Budget Variations (continued)

\$ '000	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2012 ----- Variance* -----		
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Employee Benefits &amp; On-Costs</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>209</b>	4%	<b>F</b>
<b>Borrowing Costs</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>(22)</b>	(147%)	<b>U</b>
Original budget had not allowed for increase in tip remediation provision					
<b>Materials &amp; Contracts</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>7,434</b>	<b>(2,897)</b>	(64%)	<b>U</b>
No original budget for raw materials and consumables(\$1,969); contractor costs underestimated by \$948					
<b>Depreciation &amp; Amortisation</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>(283)</b>	(12%)	<b>U</b>
Budgeted depreciation understated					
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>(123)</b>	(10%)	<b>U</b>
Non budgeted increases across most expenses including insurances, electricity,subscriptions and advertising.					
<b>Net Losses from Disposal of Assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>(171)</b>	0%	<b>U</b>

#### Budget Variations relating to Council's Cash Flow Statement include:

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>2,788</b>	<b>549</b>	24.5%	<b>F</b>
Net cash from operating grants exceeded income due to advance payment of FAG which was not budgeted.					
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(4,687)</b>	<b>(3,360)</b>	<b>1,327</b>	(28.3%)	<b>F</b>
Deferral of major sewer and water project which had been budgeted.					
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>(57)</b>	<b>(1,297)</b>	(104.6%)	<b>U</b>
Budget included additional borrowings of \$1,300 which were not drawn.					

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions

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**\$ '000**

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Council currently has no S94 Developer Contribution Plans or S94 Funds on hand from prior years.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised

\$ '000

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet, but their knowledge & disclosure is considered relevant to the users of Council's Financial Report.

#### LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED:

##### 1. Guarantees

###### (i) Defined Benefit Superannuation Contribution Plans

Council participates in an employer sponsored Defined Benefit Superannuation Scheme, and makes contributions as determined by the Superannuation Scheme's Trustees.

Member Councils bear responsibility of ensuring there are sufficient funds available to pay out the required benefits as they fall due.

The Schemes most recent full actuarial review indicated that the Net Assets of the Scheme were not sufficient to meet the accrued benefits of the Schemes Defined Benefit member category with member Councils required to make significantly higher contributions in future years.

The Local Government Superannuation Scheme however is unable to provide Council with an accurate estimate of its share of the net deficit and accordingly Council has not recorded any net liability from its Defined Benefit Scheme obligations in accordance with AASB 119.

Future contributions made to the defined benefit scheme to rectify the net deficit position will be recognised as an expense when they become payable - similar to the accounting for Defined Contributions Plans.

###### (ii) Statewide Limited

Council is a member of Statewide Mutual, a mutual pool scheme providing liability insurance to Local Government.

Membership includes the potential to share in either the net assets or liabilities of the fund depending on its past performance. Council's share of the Net Assets or Liabilities reflects Councils contributions to the pool and the result of insurance claims within each of the Fund Years.

The future realisation and finalisation of claims incurred but not reported to 30/6 this year may result in future liabilities or benefits as a result of past events that Council will be required to fund or share in respectively.

###### (iii) StateCover Limited

Council is a member of StateCover Mutual Limited and holds a partly paid share in the entity.

StateCover is a company providing workers compensation insurance cover to the NSW Local Government Industry and specifically Council.

Council has a contingent liability to contribute further equity in the event of the erosion of the Company's capital base as a result of the company's past performance and/or claims experience or as a result of any increased prudential requirements from APRA.

These future equity contributions would be required to maintain the company's minimum level of Net Assets in accordance with its Licence Requirements.

###### (iv) Other Guarantees

Council has provided no other Guarantees other than those listed above.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised (continued)

\$ '000

##### LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED (continued):

#### 2. Other Liabilities

##### (i) Third Party Claims

The Council is involved from time to time in various claims incidental to the ordinary course of business including claims for damages relating to its services.

Council believes that it is appropriately covered for all claims through its Insurance Coverage and does not expect any material liabilities to eventuate.

##### (ii) S94 Plans

Council levies Section 94/94A Contributions upon various development across the Council area through the required Contributions Plans.

As part of these Plans, Council has received funds for which it will be required to expend the monies in accordance with those Plans.

As well, these Plans indicate proposed future expenditure to be undertaken by Council, which will be funded by making levies and receipting funds in future years or where a shortfall exists by the use of Council's General Funds.

These future expenses do not yet qualify as liabilities as of the Reporting Date, but represent Council's intention to spend funds in the manner and timing set out in those Plans.

##### (iii) Potential Land Acquisitions due to Planning Restrictions imposed by Council

Council has classified a number of privately owned land parcels as Local Open Space or Bushland.

As a result, where notified in writing by the various owners, Council will be required to purchase these land parcels.

At reporting date, reliable estimates as to the value of any potential liability (& subsequent land asset) from such potential acquisitions has not been possible.

##### ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED:

##### (i) Land Under Roads

As permitted under AASB 1051, Council has elected not to bring to account Land Under Roads that it owned or controlled up to & including 30/6/08.

##### (ii) Infringement Notices/Fines

Fines & Penalty Income, the result of Council issuing Infringement Notices is followed up and collected by the Infringement Processing Bureau.

Council's Revenue Recognition policy for such income is to account for it as revenue on receipt.

Accordingly, at Year End, there is a potential asset due to Council representing issued but unpaid Infringement Notices.

Due to the limited information available on the status, value and duration of outstanding Notices, Council is unable to determine the value of outstanding income.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 19. Controlled Entities, Associated Entities & Interests in Joint Ventures

\$ '000

Council has no interest in any Controlled Entities, Associated Entities or Joint Ventures.

#### Note 20. Equity - Retained Earnings and Revaluation Reserves

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>a. Retained Earnings</b>			
<b>Movements in Retained Earnings were as follows:</b>			
Balance at beginning of Year (from previous years audited accounts)		105,175	104,011
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors	20 (c)	-	499
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior period effects)	20 (d)	-	-
c. Other Comprehensive Income (excl. direct to Reserves transactions)		-	-
d. Net Operating Result for the Year		(614)	665
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Minority Interests		-	-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>		<u><u>104,561</u></u>	<u><u>105,175</u></u>
<b>b. Reserves</b>			
<b>(i) Reserves are represented by:</b>			
- Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve		33,943	33,943
<b>Total</b>		<u><u>33,943</u></u>	<u><u>33,943</u></u>
<b>(ii). Reconciliation of movements in Reserves:</b>			
<b>Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment Revaluation Reserve</b>			
- Opening Balance		33,943	32,414
- Correction of Prior Period Errors	20(c)	-	1,529
<b>- Balance at End of Year</b>		<u><u>33,943</u></u>	<u><u>33,943</u></u>
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF RESERVES</b>		<u><u>33,943</u></u>	<u><u>33,943</u></u>
<b>(iii). Nature &amp; Purpose of Reserves</b>			
<b>Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment Revaluation Reserve</b>			
- The Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve is used to record increments/decrements of Non Current Asset values due to their revaluation.			

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 20. Equity - Retained Earnings and Revaluation Reserves (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>c. Correction of Error/s relating to a Previous Reporting Period</b>			
<b>Correction of errors as disclosed in last year's financial statements:</b>			
- IPP&E FV adjustments (Buildings, Other Structures, Roads Bridges & Footpaths)			1,529
- Other amendments			499
<b>In accordance with AASB 108 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, the above Prior Period Errors have been recognised retrospectively.</b>			
<b>These amounted to the following Equity Adjustments:</b>			
- Adjustments to Opening Equity - 1/7/10 (relating to adjustments for the 30/6/10 reporting year end and prior periods)		-	2,028
- Adjustments to Closing Equity - 30/6/11 (relating to adjustments for the 30/6/11 year end)		-	-
<b>Total Prior Period Adjustments - Prior Period Errors</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>2,028</b>

#### d. Voluntary Changes in Accounting Policies

Council made no voluntary changes in any accounting policies during the year.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 21. Financial Result & Financial Position by Fund

Income Statement by Fund \$ '000	Actual 2012	Actual 2012	Actual 2012
<b>Continuing Operations</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>General<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>			
Rates & Annual Charges	277	95	903
User Charges & Fees	360	6	2,135
Interest & Investment Revenue	35	6	47
Other Revenues	1	-	380
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	-	-	10,683
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	-	-	739
<b>Total Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>14,887</b>
<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>			
Employee Benefits & on-costs	234	17	4,351
Borrowing Costs	-	-	37
Materials & Contracts	333	243	6,858
Depreciation & Amortisation	525	19	2,150
Impairment	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	1,343
Interest & Investment Losses	-	-	-
Net Losses from the Disposal of Assets	-	-	171
Share of interests in Joint Ventures & Associates using the Equity Method	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>14,910</b>
<b>Operating Result from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(172)</b>	<b>(23)</b>
<b>Discontinued Operations</b>			
<b>Net Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued Operations</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Result for the Year</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(172)</b>	<b>(23)</b>
<b>Net Operating Result attributable to each Council Fund</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(172)</b>	<b>(23)</b>
<b>Net Operating Result attributable to Minority Interests</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(172)</b>	<b>(762)</b>

<sup>1</sup> General Fund refers to all Council's activities other than Water & Sewer.

NB. All amounts disclosed above are Gross - that is, they include internal charges & recoveries made between the Funds.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements

as at 30 June 2012

#### Note 21. Financial Result & Financial Position by Fund

Balance Sheet by Fund \$ '000	Actual 2012	Actual 2012	Actual 2012
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>General<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	463	4	1,383
Investments	-	-	1,084
Receivables	408	51	1,191
Inventories	-	-	189
Other	-	-	-
Non-current assets classified as 'held for sale'	-	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3,847</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Investments	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-
Inventories	-	-	-
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	28,524	1,643	106,819
Investment Property	-	-	-
Intangible Assets	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>28,524</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>106,819</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>29,395</b>	<b>1,698</b>	<b>110,666</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	4	1	1,727
Borrowings	-	-	62
Provisions	-	-	845
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,634</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	-	-	-
Borrowings	-	-	66
Provisions	-	-	550
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>616</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,250</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>29,391</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>107,416</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings	9,410	1,721	93,430
Revaluation Reserves	19,981	(24)	13,986
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>29,391</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>107,416</b>

<sup>1</sup> General Fund refers to all Council's activities other than Water & Sewer.

NB. All amounts disclosed above are Gross - that is, they include internal receivables & payables between the Funds.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 22. "Held for Sale" Non Current Assets & Disposal Groups

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\$ '000

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Council did not classify any Non Current Assets or Disposal Groups as "Held for Sale".

#### Note 23. Events occurring after Balance Sheet Date

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Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2012, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 18/12/12.

Events that occur after the Reporting Date represent one of two types:

##### **(i) Events that have provided evidence of conditions that existed at the Reporting Date**

These financial statements (and the figures therein) incorporate all "adjusting events" that provided evidence of conditions that existed at 30 June 2012.

##### **(ii) Events that have provided evidence of conditions that arose after the Reporting Date**

These financial statements (& figures therein) do not incorporate any "non adjusting events" that have occurred after 30 June 2012 and which are only indicative of conditions that arose after 30 June 2012.

**Council is unaware of any material or significant "non adjusting events" that should be disclosed.**

#### Note 24. Discontinued Operations

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Council has not classified any of its Operations as "Discontinued".

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 25. Intangible Assets

\$ '000

Intangible Assets represent identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance.

Council is unaware of any control over Intangible Assets that warrant recognition in the Financial Statements, including either internally generated and developed assets or purchased assets.

#### Note 26. Reinstatement, Rehabilitation & Restoration Liabilities

Council has legal/public obligations to make restore, rehabilitate and reinstate the following assets/operations:

Asset/Operation	Estimated year of restoration	NPV of Provision	
		2012	2011
Tip		526	500
<b>Balance at End of the Reporting Period</b>	10(a)	<u>526</u>	<u>500</u>

Under AASB 116 - Property, Plant & Equipment, where the use of an asset results in the obligation to dismantle or remove the asset and restore the site on which the asset stands, an estimate of such costs is required to be included in the cost of the asset.

An equivalent liability must be recognised under AASB 137 - Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.

The provision has been calculated by determining the present value of the future expenditures expected to be incurred. The discount rate used is the risk free borrowing rate applicable to Council.

#### Reconciliation of movement in Provision for year:

Balance at beginning of year	500	696
Effect of a change in other calculation estimates used	-	(220)
Amortisation of discount (expensed to borrowing costs)	26	24
<b>Total - Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration provision</b>	<u>526</u>	<u>500</u>

#### Amount of Expected Reimbursements

Of the above Provisions for Reinstatement, Rehabilitation and Restoration works, those applicable to Garbage Services & Waste Management are able to be funded through future charges incorporated within Council's Annual Domestic Waste Management Charge.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 27. Council Information & Contact Details

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**ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

Leeanne Ryan

**RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

David Cuming

**AUDITORS**

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**Elected Members**

**MAYOR**

Ray Longfellow

**COUNCILLORS**

Peter Sullivan  
Paul Brown  
Graham Wellings  
Clive Linnett  
Moya Reid  
Eamon Sammon  
Lorraine Looney  
Ron Page

**Other Information**

**ABN:** 65 061 502 439

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Central Darling Shire Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2012. The financial Statements comprise the Statement by Council, Income Statement, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements. Our audit responsibility does not extend to the original budget figures included in the Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows, the original budget disclosures in Notes 2(a) and 16, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

**Council's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Independence**

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

**Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements**

This auditor's report relates to the financial statements of Central Darling Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2012 included on Council's web site. Council is responsible for the integrity of Council's web site. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the web site. The auditor's report refers only to the statements named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements. If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial

statements to confirm the information included in the audited financial statements presented on this web site.

#### Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion

Since July 2007, global financial markets have experienced a period of high volatility led by events in the US housing market, particularly sub prime loans, which has impacted the value, recoverability, liquidity, cash flows and rates of return of many financial assets including Collateralised Debt Obligations (CDO's), Equity Linked Notes (ELN's) and certain other Managed Funds.

As at 30 June 2012, Central Darling Shire Council's investment portfolio totalled \$2,934,000 and included securities totalling \$1,084,000 that have been impacted by this market volatility. The impact on individual securities varies depending on their degree of exposed to affected markets.

Many of these securities do not have market values that are independently quoted and they are not widely traded. Independent market valuations are not readily available and in many cases, values are assessed based on estimates from issuers and/or evaluation models for which there is limited market evidence available to verify their reasonableness. Further, the ongoing volatility of financial markets creates greater uncertainty to the valuation process.

These circumstances have resulted in our inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to satisfy ourselves as to the fair value and recoverability of \$1,084,000 of Council's total investment portfolio.

#### Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial statements of the matter referred to in the paragraph above titled Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion,

- (a) the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2;
- (b) the Council's financial statements:
  - (i) have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of this Division;
  - (ii) are consistent with the Council's accounting records;
  - (iii) presents fairly the Council's financial position, the results of its operations and cashflows; and
  - (iv) are in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
- (c) all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and
- (d) there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements that have come to light in the course of the audit.

Application of the requirements of section 416 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Without further qualification to the opinion expressed above, attention is drawn to the date of issue of the financial statements. We note that the financial statements have not been completed within four months of the end of the financial year, as required by section 416 (5).

Accordingly this aspect of the financial statements does not comply with the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2.



MORSE GROUP

2 River Street  
Dubbo

Dated: 17 December 2012



JM SHANKS  
PARTNER

17 December 2012

The Mayor  
Councillor Ray Longfellow  
Central Darling Shire Council  
PO Box 165  
WILCANNIA NSW 2836

Dear Sir

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF THE AUDIT – Section 417(3)  
CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL**

We advise having completed our audit of the financial statements of Central Darling Shire Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2012. The financial statements include the general purpose consolidated accounts of the economic entity comprising the Council and its controlled entities and the special purpose financial statements, detailing the income and expenditure of Council's business units and their financial position at reporting date. The contents of both of these statements include the Council's Certificate as required by section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993. The Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. Our audit resulted in the issuing of a qualified audit report for the general purpose financial statements and an unqualified audit report for the special purpose financial statements of Council.

In accordance with Section 417 of the Local Government Act 1993 we submit our report on the conduct of the audit of Central Darling Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2012. Our audit reports on the general purpose financial statements of Council and the special purpose financial statements on Council's business units outline the legislative framework of our audit and should be referred to in order to establish the context in which our comments are made.

**Council's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

The following comments are provided in accordance with Section 415(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulation 227 of the Local Government (general) Regulation 2005 to assist in the understanding of the financial statements and our reports.

### *Review of the Financial Statements*

#### (a) Result from Continuing Operations

As disclosed in Council's Income Statement the year's operations resulted in a deficit from continuing operations after capital amounts of \$614,000 (2011 - \$665,000 surplus). Some items of note in the income statement include:

- The operating deficit from continuing operations *before* capital amounts was \$1,353,000 (2011 - \$724,000 deficit).
- Rates and annual charges increased by \$16,000 to \$1,275,000 (2011 - \$1,259,000). Ordinary rates increased by \$21,000 to \$634,000 in accordance with rate pegging limits. Annual charges increased by \$3,000 to \$617,000. Domestic waste management services increased by \$8,000 to \$287,000 due to an increase in charges while water supply services decreased slightly by \$4,000 to \$248,000.
- User charges and fees increased by \$420,000 to \$2,501,000 (2011 - \$2,081,000). Domestic waste management increased by \$47,000 to \$61,000 due to an increase in fees and charges. Water supply services increased by \$41,000 to \$361,000 due increased water usage as rainfall fell to normal levels compared to a wet prior year. Private works increased by \$31,000 to \$44,000 due to transport infrastructure works near Ivanhoe for a mining company. RMS charges – state roads increased by \$295,000 to \$1,928,000 due to more works orders from the RMS on state roads being performed during the year as a result of flood damage.
- Investment revenues decreased by \$411,000 to \$88,000. Interest revenues increased by \$38,000 to \$223,000 due to higher interest rates on investments. Conversely, the fair value of the CDO decreased by \$135,000 compared to a \$314,000 increase in the prior year.
- Grant and contributions provided for operating purposes increased by \$939,000 to \$10,683,000 (2011 - \$9,744,000). The financial assistance grant increased by \$945,000 to \$4,455,000 due to the first two instalments of the 2012/2013 year being received in June 2012. Flood restoration decreased by \$578,000 to \$2,645,000 due to less funding required for repairs to local and regional flood damaged roads. RMS contributions increased by \$616,000 to \$2,314,000 due to more works being performed on repairs and maintenance compared to capital road works in the prior year.
- Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes decreased by \$650,000 to \$739,000 (2011 - \$1,389,000). Roads and bridges decreased by \$148,000 due to grants for towns signs of \$50,000 and airport improvements of \$98,000 not recurring this year. RMS contributions decreased by \$600,000 due to funding being spent on repairs and maintenance work compared to capitalised roads during the prior year.
- Employee benefits and on-costs decreased by \$430,000 to \$4,602,000 (2011 - \$5,032,000). Salaries and wages decreased by \$371,000 to \$3,727,000 due to vacant positions not being filled during the year. Workers' compensation insurance decreased by \$29,000 to \$158,000 due to an improved rolling claims history over the past three years and lower salaries and wages. Training cost increased by \$116,000 to \$186,000 due more employee training being provided during the year.
- Depreciation expense increased by \$76,000 to \$2,694,000. The major expenses were for roads, bridges and footpaths for \$1,250,000, water supply network for \$525,000 and buildings for \$360,000.
- Materials and contracts increased by \$1,886,000 to \$7,434,000 (2011 - \$5,548,000). This was consistent with Council's maintenance programme and impacted by flood damaged road works during the year.

- Other expenses decreased by \$73,000 to \$1,343,000 (2011 - \$1,416,000). This was due to a decrease in bad and doubtful debts of \$184,000 as the provision for impairment was decreased due to a change in the assessment of the certainty over the collection of some receivables. Electricity and heating increased by \$32,000 to \$159,000 due to an increase in tariff charges and consumption.

(b) Financial Position

The Balance Sheet disclosed that for the year ended 30 June 2012 Council's net assets stood at \$138,504,000 (2011 - \$139,118,000) which represents a decrease of \$614,000 being the net operating deficit after capital amounts.

To assess the appropriateness or otherwise of Council's net current asset position (available working capital) it is necessary to review the level of restrictions placed against the use of Council's assets. The notes to the financial statements indicate clearly where restrictions exist and the effect of the restrictions is summarised as follows:-

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Net current assets	2,134	3,282
Less: Amounts externally restricted for special purposes (refer Notes 6; 7; & 8 of financial statements)	(2,688)	(3,268)
Less: Council internally imposed restrictions (refer Notes 6 of financial statements)	(705)	(746)
Add: Applicable liabilities (refer Note 10)		
- Water	4	13
- Sewerage	1	54
Add: Employee leave entitlements classified as current, but not expected to be settled within 12 months	493	510
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Unrestricted net current asset (deficit)/surplus	(761)	(155)
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Unrestricted net current assets comprise:		
<i>Unrestricted Current Assets</i>		
Cash and Investments	-	26
Receivables	1,191	730
Inventories	189	150
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	1,380	906
<i>Less:</i>		
<i>Unrestricted Current Liabilities</i>		
Payables	(1,727)	(729)
Provisions	(845)	(784)
Borrowings	(62)	(58)
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Unrestricted net current asset surplus/(deficit)	(2,634)	(1,571)
Add: Employee leave entitlements classified as current but not expected to be settled within 12 months	493	510
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	(761)	(155)
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Council's deficit of net assets to cover the restrictions in place has deteriorated over the past year to a deficit of \$761,000. This position is driven by Council's poor level of cash and investments. Council received \$1,850,000 of the financial assistance grant in advance in June 2012, but was only able to place a restriction of \$705,000. Council needs to be mindful that a net surplus of current assets is important, if it wishes to fund restrictions without the reliance on future revenues or loan funding.

Since July 2007, global financial markets have experienced a period of high volatility led by events in the US housing market, particularly sub prime loans, which has impacted the value, recoverability, liquidity, cash flows and rates of return of many financial assets including Collateralised Debt Obligations (CDO's), Equity Linked Notes (ELN's) and certain other Managed Funds.

As at 30 June 2012, Central Darling Shire Council's investment portfolio totalled \$2,934,000 and included securities totalling \$1,084,000 that have been impacted by this market volatility. The impact on individual securities varies depending on their degree of exposure to affected markets.

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These circumstances have resulted in our inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to satisfy ourselves as to the fair value and recoverability of \$1,084,000 of Council's total investment portfolio. Accordingly we have issued a qualified auditor's opinion on Council's general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012.

### *Liquidity*

Note 6 to the accounts discloses total cash and investments of \$2,934,000 (2011 - \$3,698,000). Of this amount \$2,229,000 (2011 - \$2,926,000) is subject to external restrictions requiring Council to commit those funds to the purposes for which they were provided and \$705,000 (2011 - \$746,000) is subject to internal restrictions agreed upon by Council for designated purposes which may be altered at the discretion of Council, consistent with their management plan.

Council has no unrestricted cash (2011 - \$26,000). Unrestricted cash represents funds available to cover non-budgeted discretionary expenditure and short-term cash flow requirements.

Council's liquidity has deteriorated significantly over the past year and is a major concern for the Council. Council received \$1,850,000 of the financial assistance grant in advance in June 2012. If not for this funding, the Council's bank account would have been in overdraft at year end. Council still cannot access the CDO investment of \$1,500,000 (face value) and are hoping that when it matures next year that they will receive most, if not all, of their money back. The poor liquidity position this year is largely driven by the timing flood damage funding. The Council is required to complete work in advance of payment. As it result, it may have performed a few hundred thousand dollars worth of work before being paid a few months later. At year end, Council had an unused overdraft facility of \$1,000,000 in place, but we noted in November 2012 it became necessary for this facility to be extended to \$1,500,000.

This poor cash position will have a major impact in Council being able to deliver services into the future.

Council will need to be extremely conscious that s.409 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that *money that is subject to the provisions of this or any other Act (being provisions that state that the money may be used only for a specific purpose) may be used only for that purpose.*

This means that at any time during the forthcoming year, Council is still required to have sufficient cash assets to cover any external restrictions that are in place at that time. Any "dipping" into the restricted funds is in breach of the Act.

As a result, Council will need to closely monitor its budgeted expenditure to improve its cash position and ensure cash savings are made across the course of the next year. In addition, Council may need to consider loan funding for any capital project.

### (c) Performance Indicators

Note 13 to the financial statements provide a measure of Council's performance using a number of selected ratios as follows:

## Unrestricted Current Ratio

The unrestricted current ratio is a measure of Council's liquidity and demonstrates Council's ability to satisfy obligations out of short-term and immediate asset balances. Council's ratio of 0.97:1 (2011 – 1.56:1) is considered poor. This ratio can deteriorate quickly based on the above comments in relation to liquidity. We stress the importance of considering these ratios in conjunction with other performance indicators and not in isolation.

## Debt Service Ratio

The cost of repaying debt is reflected in the debt service ratio, which expresses that cost as a percentage of revenue from ordinary activities. Whilst there is no definitive guide on what constitutes an acceptable ratio it is generally accepted that a ratio of 10% to 20% is considered tolerable depending on the level of long-term development (infrastructure) plans and funding of entrepreneurial activities. At 0.78% (2011 – 0.88%), Central Darling Shire Council's ratio is well below these industry benchmarks.

## Rate Coverage Ratio

The rate coverage ratio indicates the proportion of total revenue that is generated by rates. A changing ratio may indicate a change in the mix of Council's revenue streams. These revenue streams would include rates, user charges, grants, contributions and income from entrepreneurial activities.

Council's ratio of 8.14% (2011 – 8.22%) is lower than the previous year. This ratio is extremely low in relation to other Council's due to the shires' location and population demographics. As a result it highlights Council's dependence on grant revenues and is critical in terms of the perspective that it places on Council's unrestricted current and debt service ratios.

## Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio

The rates and annual charges outstanding percentage is a measure of management efficiency. Whilst prevailing economic conditions may influence Council's ability to collect revenue, the efficiency and application of collection procedures are still the largest determinant of this ratio.

Central Darling Shire Council's rates and annual charges outstanding percentage of 19.52% has decreased since the prior year (2011 – 28.04%). This ratio has improved significantly on prior year, however remains very high.

Typically the provision for impairment (\$425,000 in 2012) is high for Council which in turn reduces this ratio due to the poor financial position of many of Council's ratepayers who have continued to be adversely affected by extreme weather conditions, as well as the high level of unemployment in the Shire's towns.

## Building and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio

The purpose of this ratio is to assess the rate at which infrastructure assets are being renewed against the rate at which they are depreciating.

The distinction between replacements, renewals and repairs is not well defined, making it difficult to make meaningful analysis with this ratio. However, in 2012 the ratio was 90.35% compared to 66.21% in 2011 indicating that depreciation expense was higher this year than the amount spent on renewal of those infrastructure assets.

## (d) Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows reports a net decrease in cash assets held of \$629,000 (2011 - \$1,306,000 increase) as follows:

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000	Movement \$'000
Cash flow provided by / (used in)			
Operating activities	2,788	3,161	(373)
Investing activities	(3,360)	(1,801)	(1,559)
Financing activities	(57)	(54)	(3)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held during the year	(629)	1,306	(1,935)

#### *Cash Flows from Operating Activities*

The net cash flow provided by operating activities totalled \$2,788,000 (2011 - \$3,161,000). The decrease of \$373,000 was largely impacted as a result of an increase in rates and annual charges of \$284,000, an increase in user charges and fees of \$529,000 and a decrease of \$530,000 in grants and contributions. Materials and contracts increased by \$2,046,000 while employee costs decreased by \$609,000.

#### *Cash Flows from Investing Activities*

The net cash flow used in investing activities totalled \$3,360,000 (2011 - \$1,801,000). The major cash outflow related to the purchase of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment of \$3,539,000.

Major additions to infrastructure, property, plant and equipment during the year included \$2,158,000 on roads, bridges and footpaths infrastructure, \$733,000 capital works in progress and \$465,000 on plant and equipment.

#### *Cash Flows from Financing Activities*

The net cash flow used in financing activities was \$57,000 (2011 - \$54,000). This represents normal repayments of the loan during the year.

#### (e) Comparison of Actual and Budgeted Performance

Council's change in net assets from operations for the year of was a deficit of \$614,000 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$169,000.

The purpose of this report is not to provide detailed analysis of individual budget variations. Council's financial statements include Note 16, which addressed the contributing factors to these variations in detail.

#### Other Matters

##### (a) National Competition Policy

In accordance with the requirements of National Competition Policy guidelines, Central Darling Shire Council has prepared special purpose financial statements on its business units for the year ended 30 June 2012. Council has determined that it has two business units within its operations: Water and Sewerage.

The Division of Local Government's July 1997 guidelines 'Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality' outlines the process for identifying and allocating costs of activities and provide a standard of disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents, Council subsidies, rate of return on investments in business units and dividends paid.

An unqualified audit report on the special purpose reports for the year ended 30 June 2012 has been issued.

(b) Management Letters

An interim management letter was issued during the year and a final management letter will be issued within the next few weeks.

(c) Legislative Compliance

As a result of our audit we advise that Central Darling Shire Council did not comply with the provisions of Section 416 of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993, which requires that the financial statements be prepared and audited within four months of the end of the financial year. Aside from that breach, there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial reports that have come to our attention during the conduct of the audit and Central Darling Shire Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993 and regulations.

(d) Qualified Auditor's Opinion on Councils General Purpose Financial Statements

Council's general purpose financial statements was issued subject to a qualified auditor's opinion in relation to our inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to satisfy ourselves as to the fair value and recoverability of \$1,084,000 of Council's total investment portfolio.

(e) Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements

This auditor's report relates to the financial statements of Central Darling Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2012 included on Council's web site. Council is responsible for the integrity of Council's web site. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the web site. The auditor's report refers only to the statements named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements. If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial statements to confirm the information included in the audited financial statements presented on this web site.

*Conclusion*

- (a) Central Darling Shire Council's accounting records have been kept in a manner and form that facilitated the preparation of the general purpose financial statements and allowed proper and effective audit of these statements;
- (b) Central Darling Shire Council's accounting records have been kept in a manner and form that facilitated the preparation of the special purpose financial statements and allowed proper and effective audit of these statements; and
- (c) all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained.



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Dated: 17 December 2012



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PARTNER

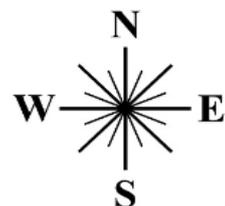


# Central Darling Shire Council

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2012

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*“Realising quality opportunities for all in the  
Central Darling Shire through Effective Leadership,  
Community Involvement and Facilitation of Services”*



# Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

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### Background

- (i) These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Division of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.
  - (ii) The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a "level playing field" between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.  
  
Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, State or Local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.
  - (iii) For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality & public reporting applies only to declared business activities.  
  
These include **(a)** those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation and **(b)** those activities with a turnover of over \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a Business Activity (defined as Category 1 activities).
  - (iv) In preparing these financial statements for Council's self classified Category 1 businesses and ABS defined activities, councils must **(a)** adopt a corporatisation model and **(b)** apply full cost attribution including tax equivalent regime payments & debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from councils borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).
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## Central Darling Shire Council

### Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

### Statement by Councillors and Management

made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- The NSW Government Policy Statement "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".
- The Division of Local Government Guidelines "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality".
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- The NSW Office of Water (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) Guidelines - "Best Practice Management of Water and Sewerage".

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:

- Present fairly the Operating Result and Financial Position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year, and
- Accord with Council's accounting and other records.

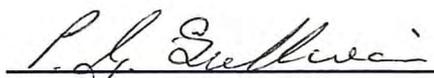
We are not aware of any matter that would render these Statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 20 November 2012.



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Ray Longfellow  
MAYOR



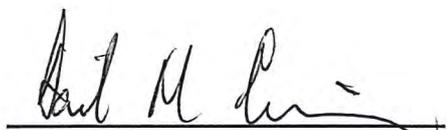
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Peter Sullivan  
COUNCILLOR



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Leanne Ryan  
GENERAL MANAGER



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David Cuming  
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Income Statement of Council's Water Supply Business Activity

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$ '000	Actual 2012	Actual 2011	Actual 2010
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>			
Access charges	277	276	274
User charges	358	320	318
Fees	2	79	-
Interest	35	32	26
Grants and contributions provided for non capital purposes	-	-	-
Profit from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Other income	1	-	-
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>618</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>			
Employee benefits and on-costs	234	138	146
Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Materials and contracts	333	155	174
Depreciation and impairment	525	525	525
Water purchase charges	-	-	-
Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Calculated taxation equivalents	-	-	-
Debt guarantee fee (if applicable)	-	-	-
Other expenses	-	210	255
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(321)</b>	<b>(482)</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-	-	-
<b>Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(321)</b>	<b>(482)</b>
Surplus (deficit) from discontinued operations	-	-	-
<b>Surplus (deficit) from ALL Operations before tax</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(321)</b>	<b>(482)</b>
less: Corporate Taxation Equivalent (30%) [based on result before capital]	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(321)</b>	<b>(482)</b>
<b>plus Opening Retained Profits</b>	<b>9,829</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>10,632</b>
<b>plus/less: Prior Period Adjustments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>plus Adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>			
- Taxation equivalent payments	-	-	-
- Debt guarantee fees	-	-	-
- Corporate taxation equivalent	-	-	-
<b>less:</b>			
- Tax Equivalent Dividend paid	-	-	-
- Surplus dividend paid	-	-	-
<b>Closing Retained Profits</b>	<b>9,410</b>	<b>9,829</b>	<b>10,150</b>
<b>Return on Capital %</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>1,989</b>
<b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>			
Surplus (deficit) after tax	(419)	(321)	(482)
less: Capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	-	-	-
<b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Potential Dividend calculated from surplus</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Income Statement of Council's Sewerage Business Activity

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$ '000	Actual 2012	Actual 2011	Actual 2010
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>			
Access charges	95	96	95
User charges	-	-	-
Liquid Trade Waste charges	-	-	-
Fees	6	-	-
Interest	6	6	4
Grants and contributions provided for non capital purposes	-	-	-
Profit from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	1
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>			
Employee benefits and on-costs	17	42	35
Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Materials and contracts	240	48	36
Depreciation and impairment	19	19	19
Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Calculated taxation equivalents	-	-	-
Debt guarantee fee (if applicable)	-	-	-
Other expenses	-	-	8
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>2</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-	-	-
<b>Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>2</b>
Surplus (deficit) from discontinued operations	-	-	-
<b>Surplus (deficit) from ALL Operations before tax</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>2</b>
less: Corporate Taxation Equivalent (30%) [based on result before capital]	-	-	(1)
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>1</b>
plus Opening Retained Profits	1,890	1,897	1,895
plus/less: Prior Period Adjustments	-	-	-
plus Adjustments for amounts unpaid:			
- Taxation equivalent payments	-	-	-
- Debt guarantee fees	-	-	-
- Corporate taxation equivalent	-	-	1
less:			
- Tax Equivalent Dividend paid	-	-	-
- Surplus dividend paid	-	-	-
<b>Closing Retained Profits</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>1,897</b>
<b>Return on Capital %</b>	<b>-10.3%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>			
Surplus (deficit) after tax	(169)	(7)	1
less: Capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	-	-	-
<b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Potential Dividend calculated from surplus</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Balance Sheet of Council's Water Supply Business Activity

as at 30 June 2012

\$ '000	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	463	523
Investments	-	-
Receivables	408	251
Inventories	-	-
Other	-	-
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>774</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Investments	-	-
Receivables	-	-
Inventories	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	28,524	29,049
Investments accounted for using equity method	-	-
Investment property	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Total non-Current Assets</b>	<b>28,524</b>	<b>29,049</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>29,395</b>	<b>29,823</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Payables	4	13
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-
Provisions	-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Payables	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-
Provisions	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>29,391</b>	<b>29,810</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained earnings	9,410	9,829
Revaluation reserves	19,981	19,981
Council equity interest	29,391	29,810
Minority equity interest	-	-
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>29,391</b>	<b>29,810</b>

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Balance Sheet of Council's Sewerage Business Activity

as at 30 June 2012

\$ '000	Actual 2012	Actual 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	4	168
Investments	-	-
Receivables	51	91
Inventories	-	-
Other	-	-
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Investments	-	-
Receivables	-	-
Inventories	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	1,643	1,661
Investments accounted for using equity method	-	-
Investment property	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Total non-Current Assets</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>1,661</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,698</b>	<b>1,920</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Payables	1	54
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-
Provisions	-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Payables	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-
Provisions	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>1,866</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained earnings	1,721	1,890
Revaluation reserves	(24)	(24)
Council equity interest	1,697	1,866
Minority equity interest	-	-
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>1,866</b>

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

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## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a Special Purpose Financial Statements (SPFS) prepared for use by Council and the Division of Local Government.

For the purposes of these statements, the Council's business activities (reported herein) are not reporting entities.

These special purpose financial statements, unless otherwise stated, have been prepared in accordance with;

- applicable Australian Accounting Standards,
- other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- Australian Accounting Interpretations,
- the Local Government Act and Regulation, and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The statements are also prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values nor current values of non-current assets (except where specifically stated).

Certain taxes and other costs (appropriately described) have been imputed for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

#### National Competition Policy

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' to its business activities as part of the national competition policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government.

The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 Government Policy statement on the "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".

The "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses A Guide to Competitive Neutrality" issued by the Division of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing & costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard of disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing

and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents; council subsidies; return on investments (rate of return); and dividends paid.

#### Declared Business Activities

In accordance with *Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*, Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

##### Category 1

(where gross operating turnover is over \$2 million)

*Nil*

##### Category 2

(where gross operating turnover is less than \$2 million)

#### a. Combined Water Supply

*The Central Darling Shire Water Supply comprises the operations and assets of Council's Water Supply System which services the towns of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs.*

#### b. Sewerage Services

*The Central Darling Shire Sewerage Service comprises the whole of the operations and assets of Council's Sewerage Reticulation and Treatment System servicing the township of Wilcannia.*

#### (i) Taxation Equivalent Charges

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties in undertaking its business activities. Where this is the case, they are disclosed in these statements as a cost of operations just like all other costs.

However, where Council is exempt from paying taxes which are generally paid by private sector businesses (such as income tax), equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council nominated business activities and are reflected in these financial statements.

For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent,

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all council nominated business activities (this does not include council's non-business activities):

##### Notional Rate Applied %

Corporate Income Tax Rate – 30%

Land Tax – The first \$396,000 of combined land values attracts 0%. From \$396,001 to \$2,421,000 the rate is 1.6% + \$100. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$2,421,000, a premium marginal rate of 2.0% applies.

Payroll Tax – 5.45% on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$678,000.

##### Income Tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of the business.

Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account of in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested.

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level (gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts) as would be applied by a private sector competitor – that is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 30%.

Income Tax is only applied where a positive gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved.

Since this taxation equivalent is notional - that is, it is payable to the "Council" as the owner of business operations, it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the council. Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in Council's GPFS.

The rate applied of 30% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent as at balance date. No adjustments have been made for variations that have occurred during the year.

##### Local Government Rates & Charges

A calculation of the equivalent rates and charges payable on all Category 1 businesses has been applied to all land assets owned or exclusively used by the business activity.

##### Loan & Debt Guarantee Fees

The debt guarantee fee is designed to ensure that council business activities face "true" commercial borrowing costs in line with private sector competitors.

In order to calculate a debt guarantee fee, council has determined what the differential borrowing rate would have been between the commercial rate and the council's borrowing rate for its business activities.

##### (ii) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers and the funding of those subsidies must be explicitly disclosed.

Subsidies occur where council provides services on a less than cost recovery basis. This option is exercised on a range of services in order for council to meet its community service obligations.

Accordingly, Subsidies disclosed (in relation to National Competition Policy) represents the difference between revenue generated from 'rate of return' pricing and revenue generated from prices set by the council in any given financial year.

The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statement of Business Activities.

##### (iii) Return on Investments (Rate of Return)

The Policy statement requires that councils with Category 1 businesses "would be expected to generate a return on capital funds employed that is comparable to rates of return for private businesses operating in a similar field".

Such funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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The Rate of Return on Capital is calculated as follows:

**Operating Result before Capital Income + Interest Expense**

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**Written Down Value of I,PP&E as at 30 June**

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 3.03% at 30/6/12.

The actual rate of return achieved by each business activity is disclosed at the foot of each respective Income Statement.

#### **(iv) Dividends**

Council is not required to pay dividends to either itself as owner of a range of businesses or to any external entities.

Local Government Water Supply and Sewerage Businesses are permitted to pay an annual dividend from its water supply or sewerage business surplus.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 2. Water Supply Business Best Practice Management disclosure requirements

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

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#### 1. Calculation and Payment of Tax-Equivalents

[All Local Government Local Water Utilities must pay this dividend for tax-equivalents]

(i)	Calculated Tax Equivalents	-
(ii)	No of assessments multiplied by \$3/assessment	1,296
(iii)	Amounts payable for Tax Equivalents [lesser of (i) and (ii)]	-
(iv)	Amounts actually paid for Tax Equivalents	

#### 2. Dividend from Surplus

(i)	50% of Surplus before Dividends [Calculated in accordance with Best Practice Management for Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines]	-
(ii)	No. of assessments multiplied by \$30/assessment, less tax equivalent charges/assessment	-
(iii)	Cumulative surplus before Dividends for the 3 years to 30 June 2012, less the cumulative dividends paid for the 2 years to 30 June 2011 & 30 June 2010	(1,222,000)

2012 Surplus	(419,000)	2011 Surplus	(321,000)	2010 Surplus	(482,000)
		2011 Dividend	-	2010 Dividend	-

(iv)	Maximum dividend from surplus [least of (i), (ii) and (iii) above]	n/a
(v)	Dividend actually paid from surplus [refer below for required pre-dividend payment Criteria]	

#### 3. Required outcomes for 6 Criteria

[To be eligible for the payment of a "Dividend from Surplus", ALL the Criteria below need a "YES"]

(i)	Completion of Strategic Business Plan (including Financial Plan)	YES
(ii)	Full Cost Recovery, without significant cross subsidies [Refer Item 2(a) in Table 1 on page 22 of the Best Practice Guidelines]	NO
	- Complying charges [Item 2(b) in Table 1]	YES
	- DSP with Commercial Developer Charges [Item 2(e) in Table 1]	NO
	- If Dual Water Supplies, Complying Charges [Item 2(g) in Table 1]	NO
(iii)	Sound Water Conservation and Demand Management implemented	YES
(iv)	Sound Drought Management implemented	NO
(v)	Complete Performance Reporting Form (by 15 September each year)	YES
(vi)	a. Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation	YES
	b. Complete and implement Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	YES

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 2. Water Supply Business Best Practice Management disclosure requirements (continued)

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)		2012
<b>National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators</b>		
<b>NWI F1</b>	Total Revenue (Water) Total Income (w13) - Grants for the Acquisition of Assets (w11a) - Interest Income (w9)	\$'000 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">755</span>
<b>NWI F4</b>	Revenue from Residential Usage Charges (Water) Income from Residential Usage Charges (w6b) x 100 divided by the sum of [Income from Residential Usage Charges (w6a) + Income from Residential Access Charges (w6b)]	% <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">56.33%</span>
<b>NWI F9</b>	Written Down Replacement Cost of Fixed Assets (Water) Written down current cost of system assets (w47)	\$'000 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">-</span>
<b>NWI F11</b>	Operating Cost (OMA) (Water) Management Expenses (w1) + Operational & Maintenance Expenses (w2)	\$'000 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">574</span>
<b>NWI F14</b>	Capital Expenditure (Water) Acquisition of fixed assets (w16)	\$'000 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">-</span>
<b>NWI F17</b>	Economic Real Rate of Return (Water) [Total Income (w13) - Interest Income (w9) - Grants for acquisition of assets (w11a) - Operating Costs (NWI F11) - Current Cost Depreciation (w3)] x 100 divided by [Written Down Current Cost of System Assets (w47) + Plant & Equipment (w33b)]	% <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">n/a</span>
<b>NWI F26</b>	Capital Works Grants (Water) Grants for the Acquisition of Assets (w11a)	\$'000 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">-</span>

- Notes:
- References to w (eg. w12) refer to item numbers within Special Schedules No. 3 & 4 of Council's Annual Financial Statements.
  - The NWI Performance Indicators are based upon the National Performance Framework Handbook for Urban Performance Reporting Indicators & Definitions.

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 3. Sewerage Business Best Practice Management disclosure requirements

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2012

##### 1. Calculation and Payment of Tax-Equivalents

[All Local Government Local Water Utilities must pay this dividend for tax-equivalents]

(i)	Calculated Tax Equivalents	-
(ii)	No of assessments multiplied by \$3/assessment	669
(iii)	Amounts payable for Tax Equivalents [lesser of (i) and (ii)]	-
(iv)	Amounts actually paid for Tax Equivalents	

##### 2. Dividend from Surplus

(i)	50% of Surplus before Dividends [Calculated in accordance with Best Practice Management for Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines]	-
(ii)	No. of assessments x (\$30 less tax equivalent charges per assessment)	6,690
(iii)	Cumulative surplus before dividends for the 3 years to 30 June 2012, less the cumulative dividends paid for the 2 years to 30 June 2011 & 30 June 2010	(174,600)

2012 Surplus	(169,000)	2011 Surplus	(7,000)	2010 Surplus	1,400
		2011 Dividend	-	2010 Dividend	-

(iv)	Maximum dividend from surplus [least of (i), (ii) and (iii) above]	n/a
(v)	Dividend actually paid from surplus [refer below for required pre-dividend payment Criteria]	

##### 3. Required outcomes for 4 Criteria

[To be eligible for the payment of a "Dividend from Surplus", ALL the Criteria below need a "YES"]

(i)	Completion of Strategic Business Plan (including Financial Plan)	YES
(ii)	Pricing with full cost-recovery, without significant cross subsidies [Refer Item 2(a) in Table 1 on page 22 of the Best Practice Guidelines]	NO
	Complying charges (a) Residential [Item 2(c) in Table 1]	YES
	(b) Non Residential [Item 2(c) in Table 1]	YES
	(c) Trade Waste [Item 2(d) in Table 1]	YES
	DSP with Commercial Developer Charges [Item 2(e) in Table 1]	NO
	Liquid Trade Waste Approvals & Policy [Item 2(f) in Table 1]	YES
(iii)	Complete Performance Reporting Form (by 15 September each year)	YES
(iv)	a. Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation	YES
	b. Complete and implement Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	NO

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 3. Sewerage Business Best Practice Management disclosure requirements (continued)

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated) 2012

##### National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators

<b>NWI F2</b>	Total Revenue (Sewerage) Total Income (s14) - Grants for Acquisition of Assets (s12a) - Interest Income (s10)	\$'000	290
<b>NWI F10</b>	Written Down Replacement Cost of Fixed Assets (Sewerage) Written down current cost of system assets (s48)	\$'000	-
<b>NWI F12</b>	Operating Cost (Sewerage) Management Expenses (s1) + Operational & Maintenance Expenses (s2)	\$'000	295
<b>NWI F15</b>	Capital Expenditure (Sewerage) Acquisition of Fixed Assets (s17)	\$'000	-
<b>NWI F18</b>	Economic Real Rate of Return (Sewerage) [Total Income (s14) - Interest Income (s10) - Grants for acquisition of Assets (s12a) - Operating cost (NWI F12) - Current cost depreciation (s3)] x 100 divided by [Written down current cost (ie. WDCC) of System Assets (s48) + Plant & Equipment (s34b)]	%	n/a
<b>NWI F27</b>	Capital Works Grants (Sewerage) Grants for the Acquisition of Assets (12a)	\$'000	-

##### National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators Water & Sewer (combined)

<b>NWI F3</b>	Total Income (Water & Sewerage) Total Income (w13 + s14) + Gain/Loss on disposal of assets (w14 + s15) minus Grants for acquisition of assets (w11a + s12a) - Interest Income (w9 + s10)	\$'000	1,045
<b>NWI F8</b>	Revenue from Community Service Obligations (Water & Sewerage) Community Service Obligations (NWI F25) x 100 divided by Total Income (NWI F3)	%	0.00%
<b>NWI F16</b>	Capital Expenditure (Water & Sewerage) Acquisition of Fixed Assets (w16 + s17)	\$'000	-
<b>NWI F19</b>	Economic Real Rate of Return (Water & Sewerage) [Total Income (w13 + s14) - Interest Income (w9 + s10) - Grants for acquisition of assets (w11a + s12a) - Operating Cost (NWI F11 + NWI F12) - Current cost depreciation (w3 + s3)] x 100 divided by [Written down replacement cost of fixed assets (NWI F9 + NWI F10) + Plant & equipment (w33b + s34b)]	%	n/a
<b>NWI F20</b>	Dividend (Water & Sewerage) Dividend paid from surplus (2(v) of Note 2 + 2(v) of Note 3)	\$'000	-
<b>NWI F21</b>	Dividend Payout Ratio (Water & Sewerage) Dividend (NWI F20) x 100 divided by Net Profit after tax (NWI F24)	%	0.00%

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

#### Note 3. Sewerage Business Best Practice Management disclosure requirements (continued)

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2012

#### National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators Water & Sewer (combined)

<b>NWI F22</b>	Net Debt to Equity (Water & Sewerage) Overdraft (w36 + s37) + Borrowings (w38 + s39) - Cash & Investments (w30 + s31) x 100 divided by [Total Assets (w35 + s36) - Total Liabilities (w40 + s41)]	%	-1.52%
<b>NWI F23</b>	Interest Cover (Water & Sewerage) Earnings before Interest & Tax (EBIT) divided by Net Interest  Earnings before Interest & Tax (EBIT): Operating Result (w15a + s16a) + Interest expense (w4a + s4a) - Interest Income (w9 + s10) - Gain/Loss on disposal of assets (w14 + s15) + Miscellaneous Expenses (w4b + w4c + s4b + s4c)  Net Interest: Interest Expense (w4a + s4a) - Interest Income (w9 + s10)		-
<b>NWI F24</b>	Net Profit After Tax (Water & Sewerage) Surplus before dividends (w15a + s16a) - Tax equivalents paid (Note 2-1(iv) + Note 3-1(iv))	\$'000	(327)
<b>NWI F25</b>	Community Service Obligations (Water & Sewerage) Grants for Pensioner Rebates (w11b + s12b)	\$'000	-

- Notes:
- References to w (eg. s12) refer to item numbers within Special Schedules No. 5 & 6 of Council's Annual Financial Statements.
  - The NWI Performance Indicators are based upon the National Performance Framework Handbook for Urban Performance Reporting Indicators & Definitions.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of Central Darling Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2012, comprising the Statement by Council, Income Statement by Business Activities, Balance Sheet by Business Activities and accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements. Our audit responsibility does not extend to the best practice management disclosures in Notes 2 and 3 and accordingly we express no opinion on them.

**Council's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial statements are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Council and the Division of Local Government for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of National Competition Policy reporting. The Council's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the Council. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Independence**

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.



Chartered Accountants



## Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements

This auditor's report relates to the financial statements of Central Darling Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2012 included on Council's web site. Council is responsible for the integrity of Council's web site. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the web site. The auditor's report refers only to the statements named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements. If users of these statements are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial statements to confirm the information included in the audited financial statements presented on this web site.

### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the special purpose financial statements of Central Darling Shire Council are presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of those applicable accounting policies detailed in Note 1, the accounting requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

### Application of the requirements of section 416 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Without qualification to the opinion expressed above, attention is drawn to the date of issue of the financial statements. We note that the financial statements have not been completed within four months of the end of the financial year, as required by section 416 (5).

Accordingly this aspect of the financial statements does not comply with the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2.

### Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describe the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial statements have been prepared for distribution to the Council and the Division of Local Government for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of National Competition Policy reporting. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the Council or the Division of Local Government or for any purpose other than for which the statements were prepared.



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Dated: 17 December 2012



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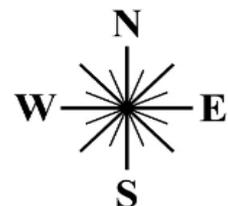


# Central Darling Shire Council

SPECIAL SCHEDULES  
for the year ended 30 June 2012

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*“Realising quality opportunities for all in the  
Central Darling Shire through Effective Leadership,  
Community Involvement and Facilitation of Services”*



# Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedules

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

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<sup>1</sup> Special Purpose Schedules are not audited.

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#### Background

- (i) These Special Schedules have been designed to meet the requirements of special purpose users such as;
- the NSW Grants Commission
  - the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS),
  - the NSW Office of Water,
  - the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, and
  - the Division of Local Government (DLG).
- (ii) The financial data is collected for various uses including;
- the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants,
  - the incorporation of Local Government financial figures in national statistics,
  - the monitoring of loan approvals,
  - the allocation of borrowing rights, and
  - the monitoring of the financial activities of specific services.

## Central Darling Shire Council

Special Schedule No. 1 - Net Cost of Services  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000

Function or Activity	Expenses from Continuing Operations	Income from continuing operations		Net Cost of Services
		Non Capital	Capital	
<b>Governance</b>	<b>322</b>	-	-	<b>(322)</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>245</b>	-	<b>(3,115)</b>
<b>Public Order and Safety</b>				
Fire Service Levy, Fire Protection, Emergency Services	237	254	-	17
Beach Control	-	-	-	-
Enforcement of Local Govt. Regulations	-	-	-	-
Animal Control	1	-	-	(1)
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Public Order &amp; Safety</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>254</b>	-	<b>16</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>364</b>	-	-	<b>(364)</b>
<b>Environment</b>				
Noxious Plants and Insect/Vermin Control	-	-	-	-
Other Environmental Protection	134	-	-	(134)
Solid Waste Management	257	348	-	91
Street Cleaning	127	-	-	(127)
Drainage	20	-	-	(20)
Stormwater Management	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Environment</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>348</b>	-	<b>(190)</b>
<b>Community Services and Education</b>				
Administration & Education	24	44	-	20
Social Protection (Welfare)	103	355	-	252
Aged Persons and Disabled	310	434	-	124
Children's Services	14	-	30	16
<b>Total Community Services &amp; Education</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>412</b>
<b>Housing and Community Amenities</b>				
Public Cemeteries	38	-	-	(38)
Public Conveniences	41	-	-	(41)
Street Lighting	-	-	-	-
Town Planning	-	-	-	-
Other Community Amenities	430	264	-	(166)
<b>Total Housing and Community Amenities</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>264</b>	-	<b>(245)</b>
<b>Water Supplies</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>498</b>	-	<b>(600)</b>
<b>Sewerage Services</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>107</b>	-	<b>(172)</b>

## Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 1 - Net Cost of Services (continued)

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000

Function or Activity	Expenses from Continuing Operations	Income from continuing operations		Net Cost of Services
		Non Capital	Capital	
<b>Recreation and Culture</b>				
Public Libraries	-	-	-	-
Museums	-	-	-	-
Art Galleries	-	-	-	-
Community Centres and Halls	58	13	-	(45)
Performing Arts Venues	-	-	-	-
Other Performing Arts	-	-	-	-
Other Cultural Services	-	-	5	5
Sporting Grounds and Venues	105	-	-	(105)
Swimming Pools	284	11	-	(273)
Parks & Gardens (Lakes)	55	-	-	(55)
Other Sport and Recreation	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Recreation and Culture</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(473)</b>
<b>Fuel &amp; Energy</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Agriculture</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Mining, Manufacturing and Construction</b>				
Building Control	-	-	-	-
Other Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Mining, Manufacturing and Const.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Transport and Communication</b>				
Urban Roads (UR) - Local	-	-	-	-
Urban Roads - Regional	-	-	-	-
Sealed Rural Roads (SRR) - Local	-	-	-	-
Sealed Rural Roads (SRR) - Regional	-	-	-	-
Unsealed Rural Roads (URR) - Local	1,910	1,770	-	(140)
Unsealed Rural Roads (URR) - Regional	5,337	4,949	704	316
Bridges on UR - Local	-	-	-	-
Bridges on SRR - Local	-	-	-	-
Bridges on URR - Local	16	-	-	(16)
Bridges on Regional Roads	-	-	-	-
Parking Areas	-	-	-	-
Footpaths	-	-	-	-
Aerodromes	62	-	-	(62)
Other Transport & Communication	629	-	-	(629)
<b>Total Transport and Communication</b>	<b>7,954</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>(531)</b>
<b>Economic Affairs</b>				
Camping Areas & Caravan Parks	53	3	-	(50)
Other Economic Affairs	613	445	-	(168)
<b>Total Economic Affairs</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>448</b>	-	<b>(218)</b>
<b>Totals – Functions</b>	<b>16,281</b>	<b>9,740</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>(5,802)</b>
<b>General Purpose Revenues<sup>(2)</sup></b>		<b>5,188</b>		<b>5,188</b>
<b>Share of interests - joint ventures &amp; associates using the equity method</b>	-	-		-
<b>NET OPERATING RESULT<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>16,281</b>	<b>14,928</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>(614)</b>

(1) As reported in the Income Statement | (2) Includes: Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Ex Gratia, excl. Water & Sewer), Non Capital General Purpose Grants & Interest on Investments (excl. Ext. Restricted Assets)

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 2(a) - Statement of Long Term Debt (all purpose)

for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000

Classification of Debt	Principal outstanding at beginning of the year			New Loans raised during the year	Debt redemption during the year		Transfers to Sinking Funds	Interest applicable for Year	Principal outstanding at the end of the year		
	Current	Non Current	Total		From Revenue	Sinking Funds			Current	Non Current	Total
<b>Loans (by Source)</b>											
Commonwealth Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Treasury Corporation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other State Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Institutions	58	127	185	-	57	-	-	11	61	67	128
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Other Long Term Debt</b>											
Ratepayers Advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government Advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance Leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Long Term Debt</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>128</b>

Notes: Excludes (i) Internal Loans & (ii) Principal Inflows/Outflows relating to Loan Re-Financing.

This Schedule is prepared using the **face value** of debt obligations, rather than **fair value** (which are reported in the GPFS).

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 3 - Water Supply Income Statement

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actuals 2012	Actuals 2011
<b>A Expenses and Income</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>1. Management expenses</b>		
a. Administration	19	3
b. Engineering and Supervision	-	5
<b>2. Operation and Maintenance expenses</b>		
<b>- Dams &amp; Weirs</b>		
a. Operation expenses	12	1
b. Maintenance expenses	5	5
<b>- Mains</b>		
c. Operation expenses	61	-
d. Maintenance expenses	46	45
<b>- Reservoirs</b>		
e. Operation expenses	5	-
f. Maintenance expenses	11	3
<b>- Pumping Stations</b>		
g. Operation expenses (excluding energy costs)	96	19
h. Energy costs	84	41
i. Maintenance expenses	48	46
<b>- Treatment</b>		
j. Operation expenses (excluding chemical costs)	72	-
k. Chemical costs	44	47
l. Maintenance expenses	71	73
<b>- Other</b>		
m. Operation expenses	-	-
n. Maintenance expenses	-	5
o. Purchase of water	-	-
<b>3. Depreciation expenses</b>		
a. System assets	525	525
b. Plant and equipment	-	-
<b>4. Miscellaneous expenses</b>		
a. Interest expenses	-	-
b. Revaluation Decrements	-	-
c. Other expenses	-	210
d. Tax Equivalents Dividends (actually paid)	-	-
<b>5. Total expenses</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>1,028</b>

## Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 3 - Water Supply Income Statement (continued)

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actuals 2012	Actuals 2011
<b>Income</b>		
<b>6. Residential charges</b>		
a. Access (including rates)	290	276
b. Usage charges	374	320
<b>7. Non-residential charges</b>		
a. Access (including rates)	-	-
b. Usage charges	-	-
<b>8. Extra charges</b>	-	-
<b>9. Interest income</b>	35	32
<b>10. Other income</b>	3	79
<b>11. Grants</b>		
a. Grants for acquisition of assets	-	-
b. Grants for pensioner rebates	-	-
c. Other grants	88	-
<b>12. Contributions</b>		
a. Developer charges	-	-
b. Developer provided assets	-	-
c. Other contributions	-	-
<b>13. Total income</b>	<u>790</u>	<u>707</u>
<b>14. Gain (or loss) on disposal of assets</b>	-	-
<b>15. Operating Result</b>	<u>(309)</u>	<u>(321)</u>
<b>15a. Operating Result (less grants for acquisition of assets)</b>	(309)	(321)

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Special Schedule No. 3 - Water Supply Income Statement (continued)

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actuals 2012	Actuals 2011
<b>B Capital transactions</b>		
<b>Non-operating expenditures</b>		
<b>16. Acquisition of Fixed Assets</b>		
a. New Assets for Improved Standards	-	-
b. New Assets for Growth	-	-
c. Renewals	-	-
d. Plant and equipment	-	-
<b>17. Repayment of debt</b>		
a. Loans	-	-
b. Advances	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-
<b>18. Transfer to sinking fund</b>	-	-
<b>19. Totals</b>	-	-
<b>Non-operating funds employed</b>		
<b>20. Proceeds from disposal of assets</b>	-	-
<b>21. Borrowing utilised</b>		
a. Loans	-	-
b. Advances	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-
<b>22. Transfer from sinking fund</b>	-	-
<b>23. Totals</b>	-	-
<b>C Rates and charges</b>		
<b>24. Number of assessments</b>		
a. Residential (occupied)	-	430
b. Residential (unoccupied, ie. vacant lot)	-	188
c. Non-residential (occupied)	-	62
d. Non-residential (unoccupied, ie. vacant lot)	-	14
<b>25. Number of ETs for which developer charges were received</b>	- ET	- ET
<b>26. Total amount of pensioner rebates (actual dollars)</b>	\$ -	\$ -

## Central Darling Shire Council

Special Schedule No. 3 - Water Supply Cross Subsidies  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000	Yes	No	Amount
<b>D Best practice annual charges and developer charges*</b>			
<b>27. Annual charges</b>			
a. Does Council have best-practice water supply annual charges and usage charges*?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, go to 28a. If No, please report if council has removed <b>land value</b> from access charges (ie rates)?			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>NB.</b> Such charges for both residential customers and non-residential customers comply with section 3.2 of Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines, NSW Office of Water, December, 2002. Such charges do not involve significant cross subsidies.			
b. Cross-subsidy <b>from</b> residential customers using less than allowance (page 25 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
c. Cross-subsidy <b>to</b> non-residential customers (page 24 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
d. Cross-subsidy <b>to</b> large connections in unmetered supplies (page 26 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
<b>28. Developer charges</b>			
a. Has council completed a water supply Development Servicing** Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Total cross-subsidy in water supply developer charges for 2011/12 (page 47 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
** In accordance with page 9 of Developer Charges Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater, NSW Office of Water, December, 2002.			
<b>29. Disclosure of cross-subsidies</b>			
<b>Total of cross-subsidies (27b +27c + 27d + 28b)</b>			<input type="text" value="-"/>

\* Councils which have not yet implemented best practice water supply pricing should disclose cross-subsidies in items 27b, 27c and 27d above.

However, disclosure of cross-subsidies is **not** required where a Council has implemented best practice pricing and is phasing in such pricing over a period of 3 years.

## Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 4 - Water Supply Balance Sheet

Includes INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.  
as at 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actuals Current	Actuals Non Current	Actuals Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>30. Cash and investments</b>			
a. Developer charges	-	-	-
b. Special purpose grants	-	-	-
c. Accrued leave	-	-	-
d. Unexpended loans	-	-	-
e. Sinking fund	-	-	-
f. Other	463	-	463
<b>31. Receivables</b>			
a. Specific purpose grants	-	-	-
b. Rates and Availability Charges	121	-	121
c. Other (including User Charges)	287	-	287
<b>32. Inventories</b>	-	-	-
<b>33. Property, plant and equipment</b>			
a. System assets	-	28,066	28,066
b. Plant and equipment	-	-	-
<b>34. Other assets</b>	-	-	-
<b>35. Total assets</b>	<u>871</u>	<u>28,066</u>	<u>28,937</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>36. Bank overdraft</b>	-	-	-
<b>37. Creditors</b>	4	-	4
<b>38. Borrowings</b>			
a. Loans	-	-	-
b. Advances	-	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-	-
<b>39. Provisions</b>			
a. Tax equivalents	-	-	-
b. Dividend	-	-	-
c. Other	-	-	-
<b>40. Total liabilities</b>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>41. NET ASSETS COMMITTED</b>	<u>867</u>	<u>28,066</u>	<u>28,933</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>42. Accumulated surplus</b>			28,933
<b>43. Asset revaluation reserve</b>			-
<b>44. TOTAL EQUITY</b>			<u>28,933</u>
<b>Note to system assets:</b>			
<b>45. Current replacement cost</b> of system assets			-
<b>46. Accumulated current cost</b> depreciation of system assets			-
<b>47. Written down current cost</b> of system assets			-

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 5 - Sewerage Income Statement

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actuals 2012	Actuals 2011
<b>A Expenses and Income</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>1. Management expenses</b>		
a. Administration	-	-
b. Engineering and Supervision	17	-
<b>2. Operation and Maintenance expenses</b>		
<b>- Mains</b>		
a. Operation expenses	-	-
b. Maintenance expenses	231	61
<b>- Pumping Stations</b>		
c. Operation expenses (excluding energy costs)	-	-
d. Energy costs	8	8
e. Maintenance expenses	39	19
<b>- Treatment</b>		
f. Operation expenses (excl. chemical, energy, effluent & biosolids management costs)	-	-
g. Chemical costs	-	-
h. Energy costs	-	-
i. Effluent Management	-	-
j. Biosolids Management	-	-
k. Maintenance expenses	-	2
<b>- Other</b>		
l. Operation expenses	-	-
m. Maintenance expenses	-	-
<b>3. Depreciation expenses</b>		
a. System assets	19	19
b. Plant and equipment	-	-
<b>4. Miscellaneous expenses</b>		
a. Interest expenses	-	-
b. Revaluation Decrements	-	-
c. Other expenses	-	-
d. Tax Equivalent Dividends (actually paid)	-	-
<b>5. Total expenses</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>109</b>

## Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 5 - Sewerage Income Statement (continued)

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actuals 2012	Actuals 2011
<b>Income</b>		
<b>6. Residential charges</b> (including rates)	97	96
<b>7. Non-residential charges</b>		
a. Access (including rates)	11	-
b. Usage charges	-	-
<b>8. Trade Waste Charges</b>		
a. Annual Fees	6	-
b. Usage charges	-	-
c. Excess mass charges	-	-
d. Re-inspection fees	-	-
<b>9. Extra charges</b>	-	-
<b>10. Interest income</b>	6	6
<b>11. Other income</b>	-	-
<b>12. Grants</b>		
a. Grants for acquisition of assets	-	-
b. Grants for pensioner rebates	-	-
c. Other grants	176	-
<b>13. Contributions</b>		
a. Developer charges	-	-
b. Developer provided assets	-	-
c. Other contributions	-	-
<b>14. Total income</b>	<u>296</u>	<u>102</u>
<b>15. Gain (or loss) on disposal of assets</b>	-	-
<b>16. Operating Result</b>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>(7)</u>
<b>16a. Operating Result (less grants for acquisition of assets)</b>	(18)	(7)

## Central Darling Shire Council

### Special Schedule No. 5 - Sewerage Income Statement (continued)

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actuals 2012	Actuals 2011
<b>B Capital transactions</b>		
<b>Non-operating expenditures</b>		
<b>17. Acquisition of Fixed Assets</b>		
a. New Assets for Improved Standards	-	-
b. New Assets for Growth	-	-
c. Renewals	-	-
d. Plant and equipment	-	-
<b>18. Repayment of debt</b>		
a. Loans	-	-
b. Advances	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-
<b>19. Transfer to sinking fund</b>	-	-
<b>20. Totals</b>	-	-
<b>Non-operating funds employed</b>		
<b>21. Proceeds from disposal of assets</b>	-	-
<b>22. Borrowing utilised</b>		
a. Loans	-	-
b. Advances	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-
<b>23. Transfer from sinking fund</b>	-	-
<b>24. Totals</b>	-	-
<b>C Rates and charges</b>		
<b>25. Number of assessments</b>		
a. Residential (occupied)	201	196
b. Residential (unoccupied, ie. vacant lot)	-	-
c. Non-residential (occupied)	22	21
d. Non-residential (unoccupied, ie. vacant lot)	-	-
<b>26. Number of ETs for which developer charges were received</b>	- ET	- ET
<b>27. Total amount of pensioner rebates (actual dollars)</b>	\$ -	\$ -

## Central Darling Shire Council

Special Schedule No. 5 - Sewerage Cross Subsidies  
for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

\$'000	Yes	No	Amount
<b>D Best practice annual charges and developer charges*</b>			
<b>28. Annual charges</b>			
<b>a.</b> Does Council have best-practice sewerage annual charges, usage charges and trade waste fees & charges*?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, go to 29a. If No, please report if council has removed <b>land value</b> from access charges (ie rates)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>NB.</b> Such charges for both residential customers and non-residential customers comply with section 4.2 & 4.3 of the Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines, NSW Office of Water, December, 2002. Such charges do not involve significant cross subsidies.			
<b>b.</b> Cross-subsidy <b>to</b> non-residential customers (page 45 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
<b>c.</b> Cross-subsidy <b>to</b> trade waste discharges (page 46 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
<b>29. Developer charges</b>			
<b>a.</b> Has council completed a sewerage Development Servicing** Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b.</b> Total cross-subsidy in sewerage developer charges for 2011/12 (page 47 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
** In accordance with page 9 of Developer Charges Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater, NSW Office of Water, December, 2002.			
<b>30. Disclosure of cross-subsidies</b>			
<b>Total of cross-subsidies (28b + 28c + 29b)</b>			<input type="text" value="-"/>

\* Councils which have not yet implemented best practice sewer pricing & liquid waste pricing should disclose cross-subsidies in items 28b and 28c above.

However, disclosure of cross-subsidies is **not** required where a Council has implemented best practice sewerage and liquid waste pricing and is phasing in such pricing over a period of 3 years.

## Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 6 - Sewerage Balance Sheet

Includes INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.  
as at 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actuals Current	Actuals Non Current	Actuals Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>31. Cash and investments</b>			
a. Developer charges	-	-	-
b. Special purpose grants	-	-	-
c. Accrued leave	-	-	-
d. Unexpended loans	-	-	-
e. Sinking fund	-	-	-
f. Other	4	-	4
<b>32. Receivables</b>			
a. Specific purpose grants	-	-	-
b. Rates and Availability Charges	51	-	51
c. Other (including User Charges)	-	-	-
<b>33. Inventories</b>	-	-	-
<b>34. Property, plant and equipment</b>			
a. System assets	-	1,661	1,661
b. Plant and equipment	-	-	-
<b>35. Other assets</b>	-	-	-
<b>36. Total Assets</b>	<u>55</u>	<u>1,661</u>	<u>1,716</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>37. Bank overdraft</b>	-	-	-
<b>38. Creditors</b>	1	-	1
<b>39. Borrowings</b>			
a. Loans	-	-	-
b. Advances	-	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-	-
<b>40. Provisions</b>			
a. Tax equivalents	-	-	-
b. Dividend	-	-	-
c. Other	-	-	-
<b>41. Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>42. NET ASSETS COMMITTED</b>	<u>54</u>	<u>1,661</u>	<u>1,715</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>42. Accumulated surplus</b>			-
<b>44. Asset revaluation reserve</b>			-
<b>45. TOTAL EQUITY</b>			<u>-</u>
<b>Note to system assets:</b>			
<b>46. Current replacement cost</b> of system assets			-
<b>47. Accumulated current cost</b> depreciation of system assets			-
<b>48. Written down current cost</b> of system assets			-

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Notes to Special Schedule No.'s 3 & 5 for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

### Administration <sup>(1)</sup>

(item 1a of Special Schedules 3 and 5) comprises the following:

- Administration staff:
  - Salaries and allowance
  - Travelling expenses
  - Accrual of leave entitlements
  - Employment overheads.
- Meter reading.
- Bad and doubtful debts.
- Other administrative/corporate support services.

### Engineering and supervision <sup>(1)</sup>

(item 1b of Special Schedules 3 and 5) comprises the following:

- Engineering staff:
  - Salaries and allowance
  - Travelling expenses
  - Accrual of leave entitlements
  - Employment overheads.
- Other technical and supervision staff:
  - Salaries and allowance
  - Travelling expenses
  - Accrual of leave entitlements
  - Employment overheads.

**Operational expenses** (item 2 of Special Schedules 3 and 5) comprise the day to day operational expenses excluding maintenance expenses.

**Maintenance expenses** (item 2 of Special Schedules 3 and 5) comprise the day to day repair and maintenance expenses. (Refer to Section 5 of the Local Government Asset Accounting Manual regarding capitalisation principles and the distinction between capital and maintenance expenditure).

**Other expenses** (item 4c of Special Schedules 3 and 5) includes all expenses not recorded elsewhere.

**Revaluation decrements** (item 4b of Special Schedules 3 and 5) is to be used when I,PP&E decreases in FV.

**Residential charges** <sup>(2)</sup> (items 6a, 6b and item 6 of Special Schedules 3 and 5 respectively) include all income from residential charges. Item 6 of Schedule 3 should be separated into 6a Access Charges (including rates if applicable) and 6b Usage Charges.

**Non-residential charges** <sup>(2)</sup> (items 7a, 7b of Special Schedules 3 and 5) include all income from non-residential charges separated into 7a Access Charges (including rates if applicable) and 7b Usage Charges.

**Trade waste charges** (item 8 of Special Schedule 5) include all income from trade waste charges separated into 8a Annual Fees, 8b Usage Charges and 8c Excess Mass Charges and 8d Re-inspection Fees.

**Other income** (items 10 and 11 of Special Schedules 3 and 5 respectively) include all income not recorded elsewhere.

**Other contributions** (items 12c and 13c of Special Schedules 3 and 5 respectively) incl. capital contributions for water supply or sewerage services received by Council under Section 565 of the Local Government Act.

### Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Administration and engineering costs for the development of capital works projects should be reported as part of the capital cost of the project and not as part of the recurrent expenditure (ie. in item 16 for water supply and item 17 for sewerage, and **not** in items 1a and 1b).

<sup>(2)</sup> To enable accurate reporting of **residential revenue from usage charges**, it is essential for councils to accurately separate their residential (item 6) charges and non-residential (item 7) charges.







## Central Darling Shire Council

## Special Schedule No. 8 - Financial Projections

as at 30 June 2012

\$'000	Actual <sup>(1)</sup> 11/12	Forecast 12/13	Forecast 13/14	Forecast <sup>(3)</sup> 14/15	Forecast <sup>(3)</sup> 15/16
<b>(i) OPERATING BUDGET</b>					
Income from continuing operations	15,667	17,661	14,073	14,490	14,921
Expenses from continuing operations	16,281	14,540	15,104	15,955	16,559
<b>Operating Result from Continuing Operations</b>	<b><u>(614)</u></b>	<b><u>3,121</u></b>	<b><u>(1,031)</u></b>	<b><u>(1,465)</u></b>	<b><u>(1,638)</u></b>
<b>(ii) CAPITAL BUDGET</b>					
New Capital Works <sup>(2)</sup>	-	3,430	-	-	-
Replacement/Refurbishment of Existing Assets	3,702	4,118	1,768	1,920	1,875
<b>Total Capital Budget</b>	<b><u>3,702</u></b>	<b><u>7,548</u></b>	<b><u>1,768</u></b>	<b><u>1,920</u></b>	<b><u>1,875</u></b>
<b>Funded by:</b>					
- Loans	-	1,150	-	-	-
- Asset sales	-	-	200	200	200
- Reserves	-	45	-	-	-
- Grants/Contributions	2,645	5,278	-	-	-
- Recurrent revenue	1,057	1,075	1,568	1,720	1,675
- Other	-	-	-	-	-
	<b><u>3,702</u></b>	<b><u>7,548</u></b>	<b><u>1,768</u></b>	<b><u>1,920</u></b>	<b><u>1,875</u></b>

**Notes:**

(1) From 11/12 Income Statement.

(2) New Capital Works are major non-recurrent projects, eg new Leisure Centre, new Library, new Swimming pool etc.

(3) If Council has only adopted 3 years of projections then only show 3 years.

(4) Financial Projections should be in accordance with Council's Integrated Planning &amp; Reporting framework.

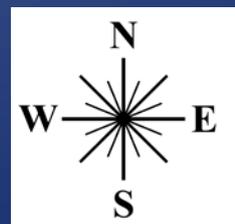


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State of the Environment Report 2011/2012

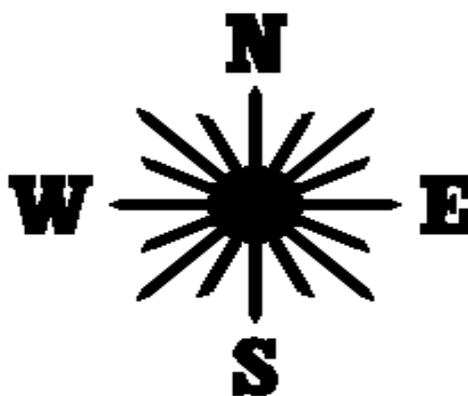
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Central Darling Shire Council





# State of the Environment Report



**July 2011 to June 2012**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This State of the Environment Report provides the thirteenth report towards better co-ordination between environmental information and identified future projects required to improve the local state of the environment.

Council will use State of the Environment Reports as a guidance tool for future environmental management.

Central Darling Shire Council's State of the Environment Report for 2010/2011 is the next step in this process; it identifies issues, provides information sources and gaps. It also continues to identify potential indicators and baselines for the future.

## **Aims and Objectives**

Central Darling Shire Council's State of the Environment Report has the following aims:

- a) To educate the community about their local environment and how it is affected by human activities
- b) To provide the public with an account of the activities of government and industry and community aims at restoring the environment
- c) To ensure the Central Darling Shire Council's surrounding environment is protected, preserved and enhanced to promote a healthy and safe lifestyle for future generations.

Not all of these aims are achievable in the short term. To work towards achieving these aims, Central Darling Shire Council is committed to fulfilling the following objectives:

- a) To develop a framework for Central Darling Shire Council State of the Environment Reporting
- b) To identify environmental issues, sources of information and gaps
- c) To prioritise issues for future work
- d) To determine if additional theme areas are required.

Information from the State of the Environment Report will assist in supporting Total Catchment Management (TCM) principles: the co-ordinated and sustainable use and management of land, water, vegetation and other natural resources on a water catchment basis which balances resource utilisation and conservation.

## **PART 1: CURRENT STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **1.1 Central Darling Shire Council**

Central Darling Shire Council is the largest Council area in New South Wales serving a population of approximately 2000 (as per the Australian Bureau of Statistic), and covering an area of some 51,395 square kilometres (see Figure 1). It is located in the far west of New South Wales (see Figure 2) where a dry climate is predominant.

Central Darling Shire Council has a distributed average yearly rainfall of 249 millimetres (Bureau of Meteorology 2011) and characteristically hot summers (19-48 degrees celcius). Winters are typically cold (1-17 degrees celcius). Winds are quite variable throughout the year but predominantly south to southeast in summer and south, southwest to westerly in winter (Bureau of Meteorology 2010).

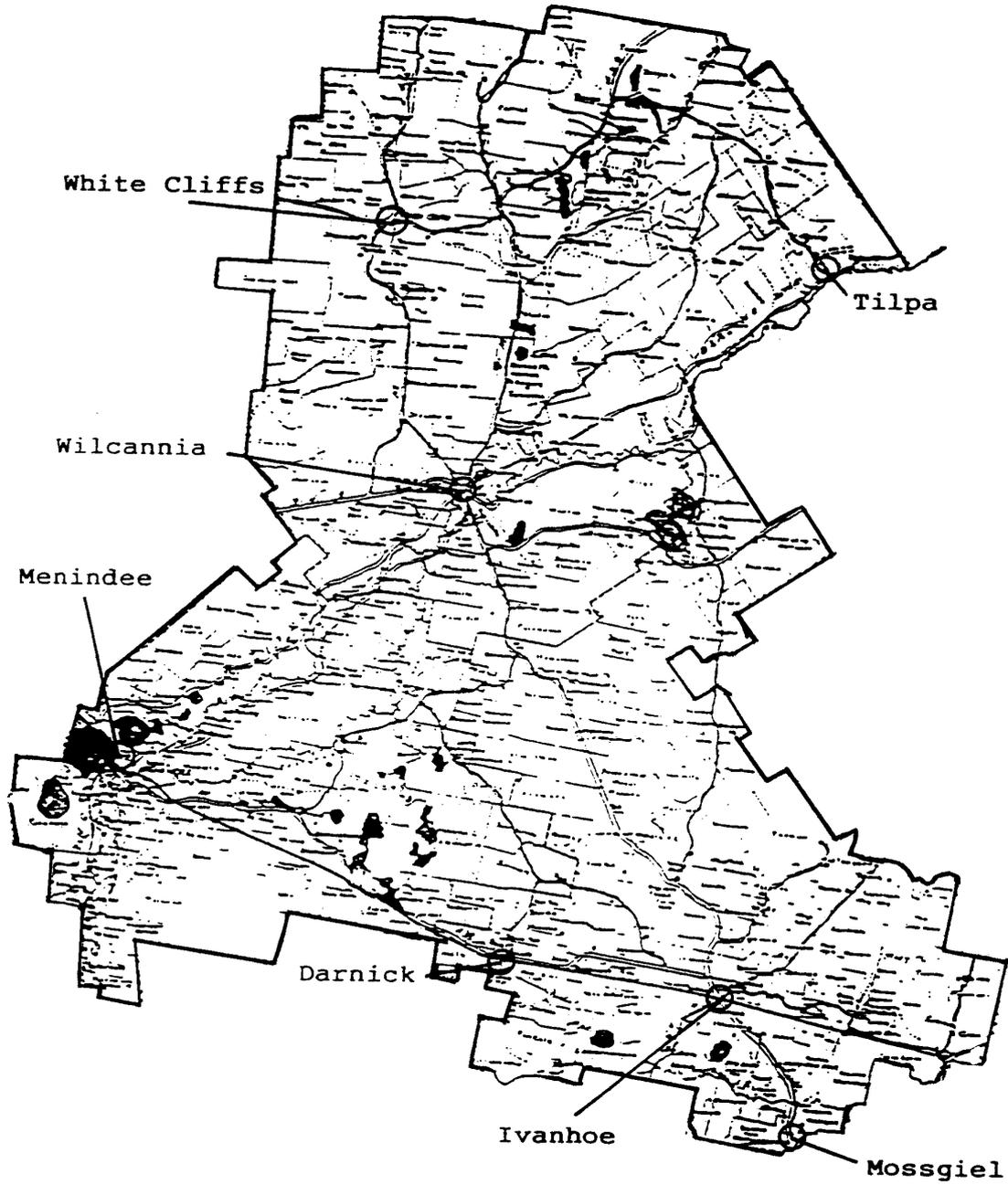
Central Darling Shire Council plays host to four towns and three rural locations. The towns in the Central Darling Shire Council are Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs. The Rural Locations are Tilpa, Darnick and Mossgiel. The topography of the Central Darling Shire Council is quite variable due to the large area the Council covers, further details of topography and towns will be discussed later in this report (see towns and villages).

European settlement commenced in the Central Darling Shire Council area around 1850 leading to degradation of the native flora and fauna by grazing and the introduction of feral animals.

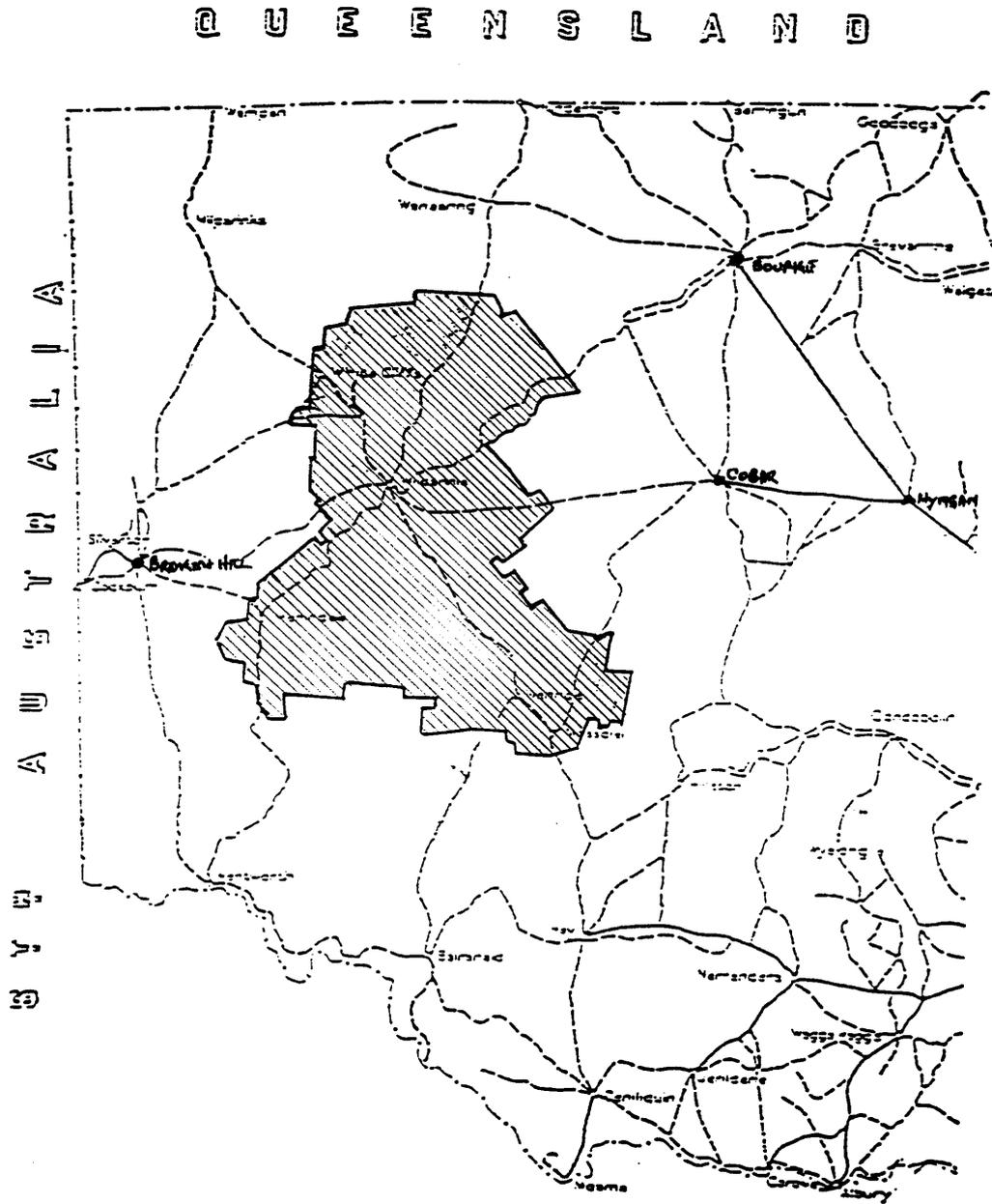
Since this time, there has been no dramatic change in land use. Major efforts are being made to control degradation by reducing feral animal numbers, the introduction of National Parks and Wildlife and also many rural properties becoming wildlife refuges or game reserves. Public awareness in environmental issues is assisting in the reduction of degradation.

Unfortunately the Central Darling Shire Council has experienced a decline in population since early settlement due to road transport replacing paddle steamers and the closure of Government Organisations such as the Telecom Line yard, Roads and Traffic Authority Depot and New South Wales State Rail Depot, this in turn has seen the closure of business houses that were dependant on their trade.

**FIGURE 1: CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL AREA**



**FIGURE 2: LOCATION OF THE CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL**



## **1.2 Towns and Villages**

### **1.2.1 Wilcannia**

Wilcannia is the largest town in Central Darling Shire Council (see Figure 3) with a population of approximately 759 (ABS, 2006 Census QuickStats) it is situated on the banks of the Darling River in about the centre of the Central Darling Shire Council (see Figure 1).

The Barrier Highway is considered to be one of the main highway links between east and west and passes through the township of Wilcannia, assisting the economy of the town by the supply of essential services to the tourist and transport industry.

The township of Wilcannia was notified on 26 June 1866 and in 1880 had a population of 3000; it was then known as "the Queen City of the West". Wilcannia was one of the major River ports of the Murray Darling system having, at one time, 30 paddle steamers loading or unloading at once. Many fine buildings from the era still remain in good condition making Wilcannia one of New South Wales' historic towns. The main office of the Central Darling Shire Council is located in one of these fine old buildings which is built of sandstone quarried locally, as are other historic buildings in town.

Aboriginal people have a unique place in our society, as the Barkandji tribe held the Central Darling Shire Council area around Wilcannia. Many of the Aboriginal people living in Wilcannia today belong to that tribe. Aboriginal people make up about 64.2% (as per Australian Bureau of Statistics) percent of Wilcannia's population, giving Wilcannia a unique opportunity to promote and preserve Aboriginal Culture.

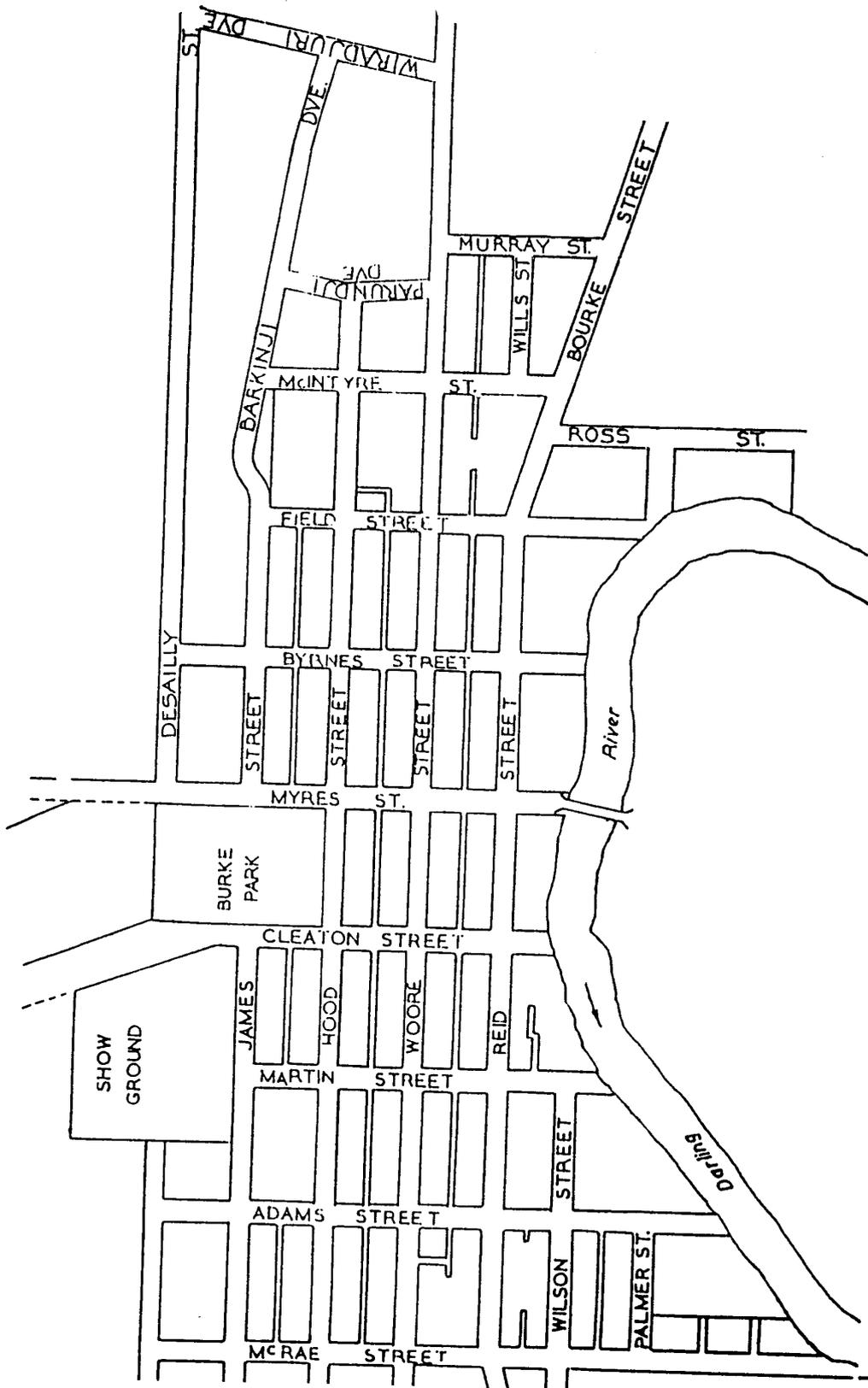
The topography of the Wilcannia region has slightly undulating plains, dunes and alluvial plains bordering flood plains; relief to five metres; plains with sandy yellow texture-contrast and alluvial soils; sparse black box and prickly wattle and clumps of narrow-leaf hop bush and turpentine; moderate black blue bushes; bottle washers and annual forbs; dunes with sands and sandy texture-contrast soils with fringing black box, tall kerosene grass and variable spear grass; intrusions of grey cracking-clay with sparse black box, copper burrs, saltbushes and annual forbs.

West of Wilcannia has dune fields with east-west trending dunes, broad swales and small drainage areas; relief to five metres; calcereous red earths, solonized brown soils, red sands and red sandy earth; scattered to moderate mulga, belah and rosewood; clumped narrow-leaf hop bush and punty bush; variable spear grass, cannon-ball, copper burrs and forbs.

East of Wilcannia has the open level floodplain of the Darling River, with grey gilgaid and crab-hole, cracking heavy clays; small cane grass or lignum pans; minor drainage channels sometimes with black box and coolabah and scaldy grey clays; fringing brown and red cracking clays; abundant annual forbs, copper burrs and annual saltbushes. Also, sand plains with widely spaced east-west trending linear dunes and broad sandy rises, few small depressions; relief to seven metres; solonized brown soils and areas of reddish texture-contrast soils, deep sands and sandy earths on dunes and rises, loamy solonized brown soils and non-cracking clays in depressions; sparse belah, rosewood, nelia and mallee; locally dense black and punty bush; black box and bimple box in depressions; variable spear grass, bottle washers, copper burrs and forbs.

Much of the landscape surrounding Wilcannia is prone to flooding from the Darling River as a result of waters caught in the Darling Catchment area (see Figure 4).

FIGURE 3: MAP OF WILCANNIA





### **1.2.2 Menindee and Environs**

Menindee is the second largest town in the Central Darling Shire Council area (see Figure 1) - with a population of 631 (ABS, 2006 Census QuickStats) - however Menindee and Environs cover a larger area than other towns in the Shire (see Figure 5).

The Environs consist of mainly fruit growing blocks (generally for grapes) around the outskirts of town located along the banks of the Darling River. Also included in the Environs area are the two locations of Sunset Strip and Copi Hollow (see Figure 6). Both situated on lakes west of Menindee, these locations are known as holiday shack areas mainly used for recreation.

Menindee, like other towns in the Central Darling Shire Council area, has many historical features that remain from the early pioneer days, such as the expedition of Burke and Wills using Menindee as a base.

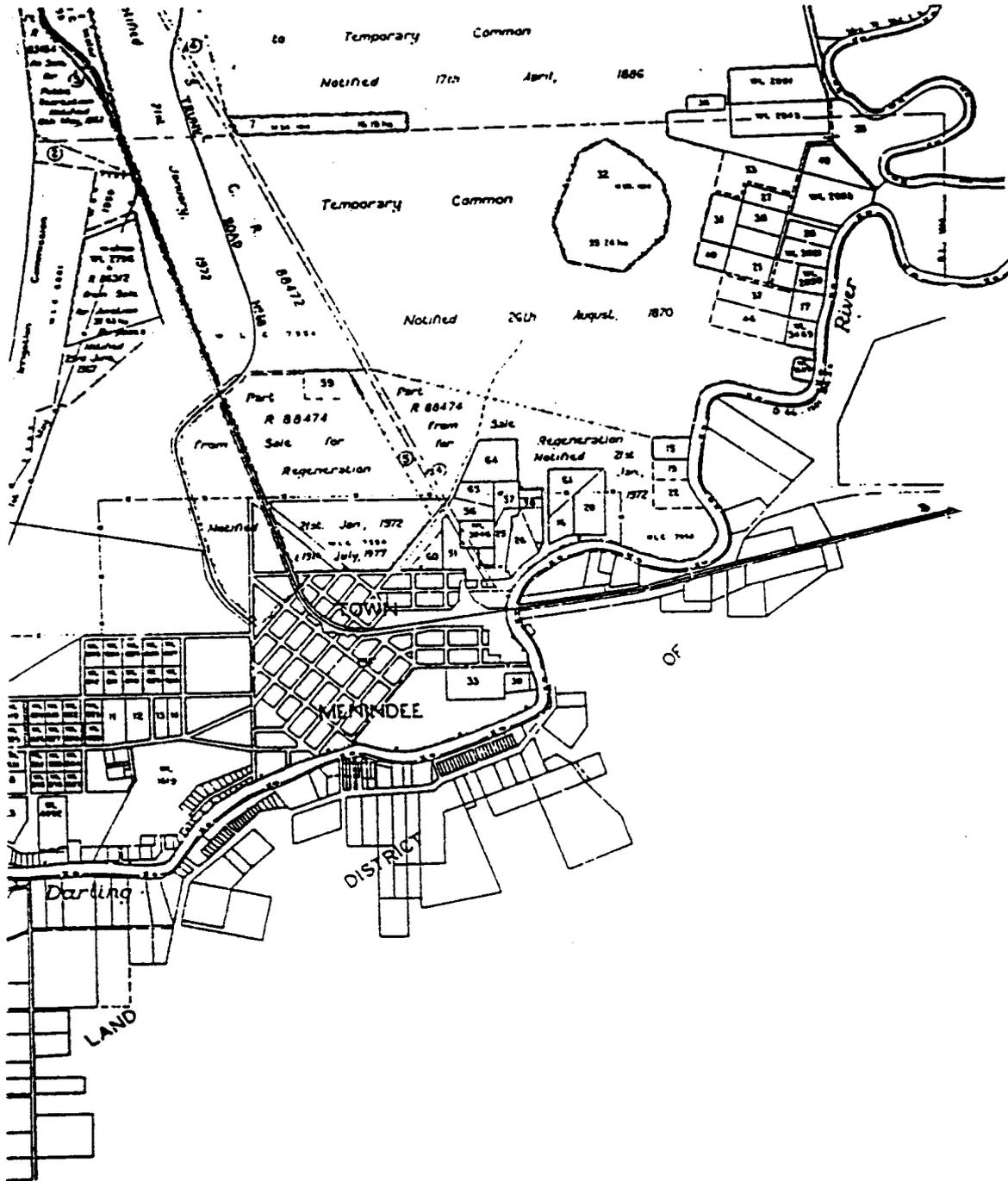
Today's residents of Menindee are composed of different European backgrounds mainly involved in the fruit growing industry. Like Wilcannia, Menindee has a large Aboriginal population 27.9% giving it a unique opportunity to promote and preserve Aboriginal Culture.

Menindee plays a major role in the storage of water associated with the Murray Darling Catchment Area through a series of lakes and regulator weirs (see Figure 7). State Water controls the Menindee Lakes Storage Scheme.

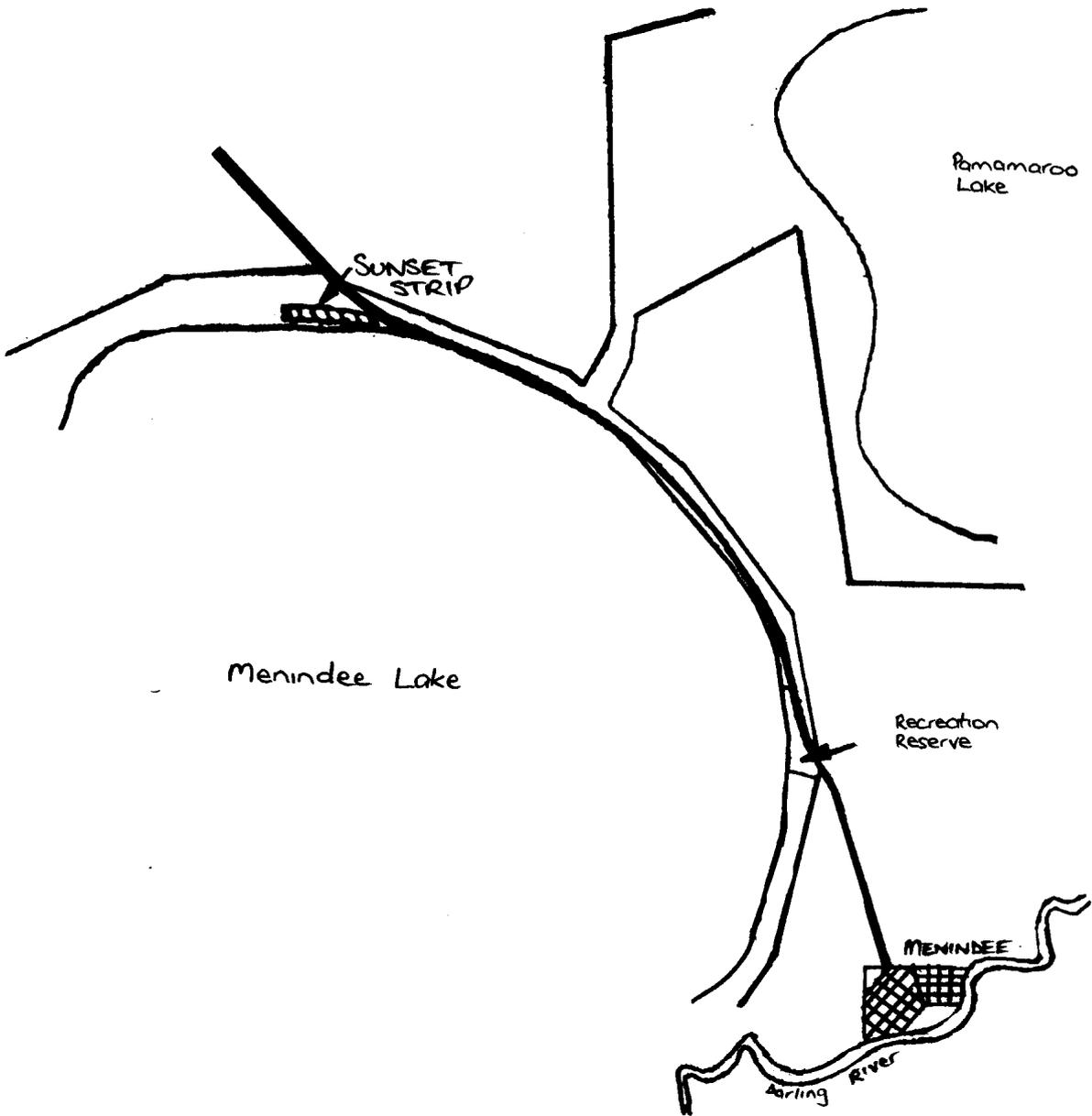
The topography of Menindee and Environs is mainly alluvial plains consisting of broad floodplain with associated billabongs, swamps, back channels, levees and sand hills; channels incised to 15 metres; grey self-mulching silty clays, calcereous loamy sand to deep sandy red soils on levees and sand hills; river red gum along channels, black box and river cooba elsewhere over scattered or dense stands of lignum (or cane grass) and nitre goosefoot, sparse grass-forb pastures and abundant ephemerals after flooding.

West of Menindee has broad east-west trending dunes and irregular rises, broad swales and small depressions; relief to 10 metres; sandy red earths and calcereous red earths; scattered bellah, bands of narrow-leaf hop bush, clumps of turpentine, scattered to dense black blue bush; variable spear grass, bottle washers, copper burrs and forbs.

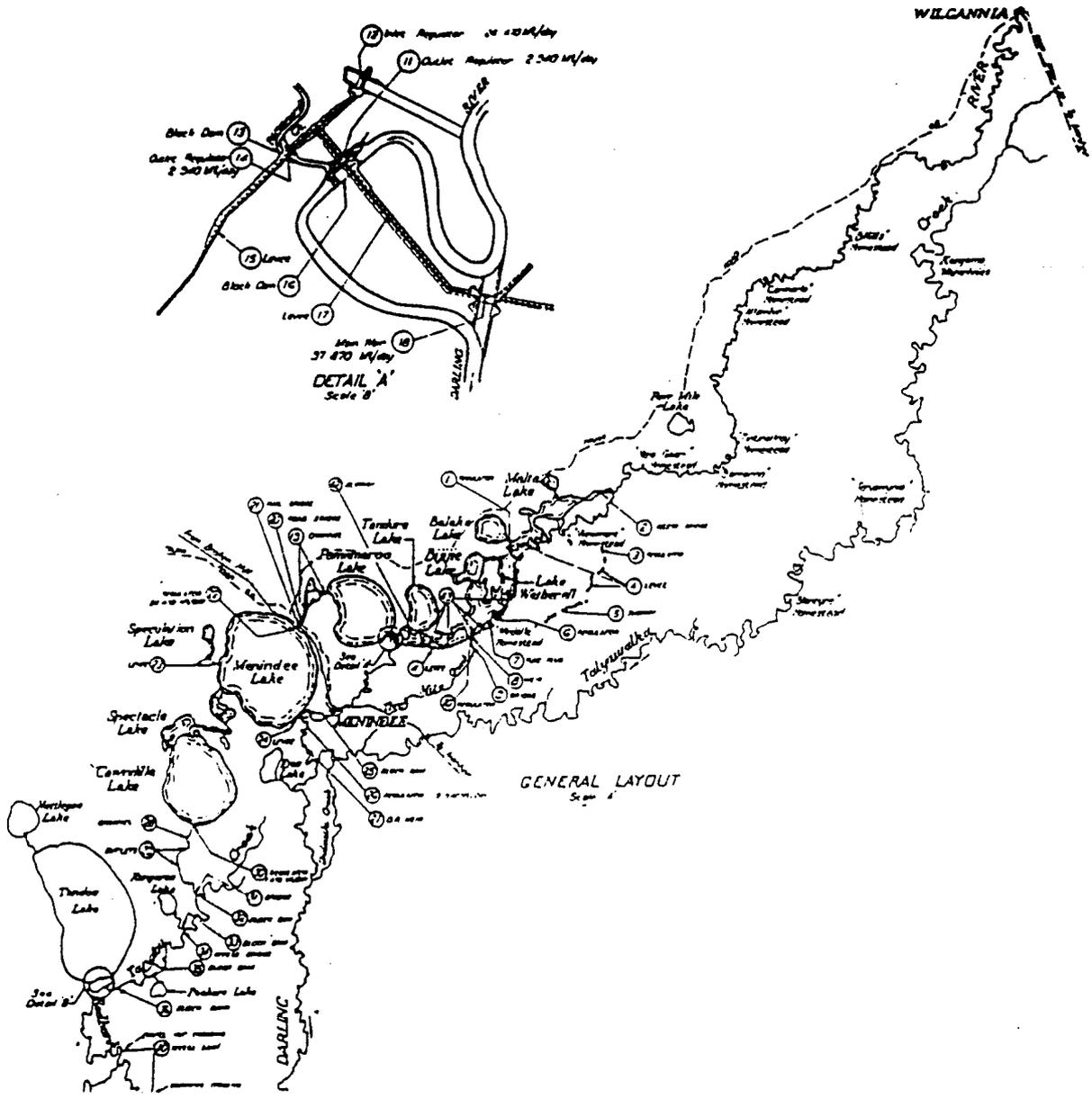
**FIGURE 5: MENINDEE TOWN AND ENVIRONS**



**FIGURE 6: LOCATION OF SUNSET STRIP AND COPI HOLLOW**



**FIGURE 7: MENINDEE STORAGE AND WATER SUPPLY**



### **1.2.3 Ivanhoe**

The township of Ivanhoe (see Figure 8) is the third largest town - with a population of 400 (ABS, 2006 Census QuickStats) - in the Central Darling Shire and is situated in the southern region of the Council area (see Figure 1).

Ivanhoe is mainly a service town to the rural sector, although in the past played a vital link for the transport of freight to the Central Darling Shire Council by having, a rail station, goods yard and maintenance section. Unfortunately the State Rail Authority terminated its goods yard facility and passenger service and scaled down its maintenance section in 1994.

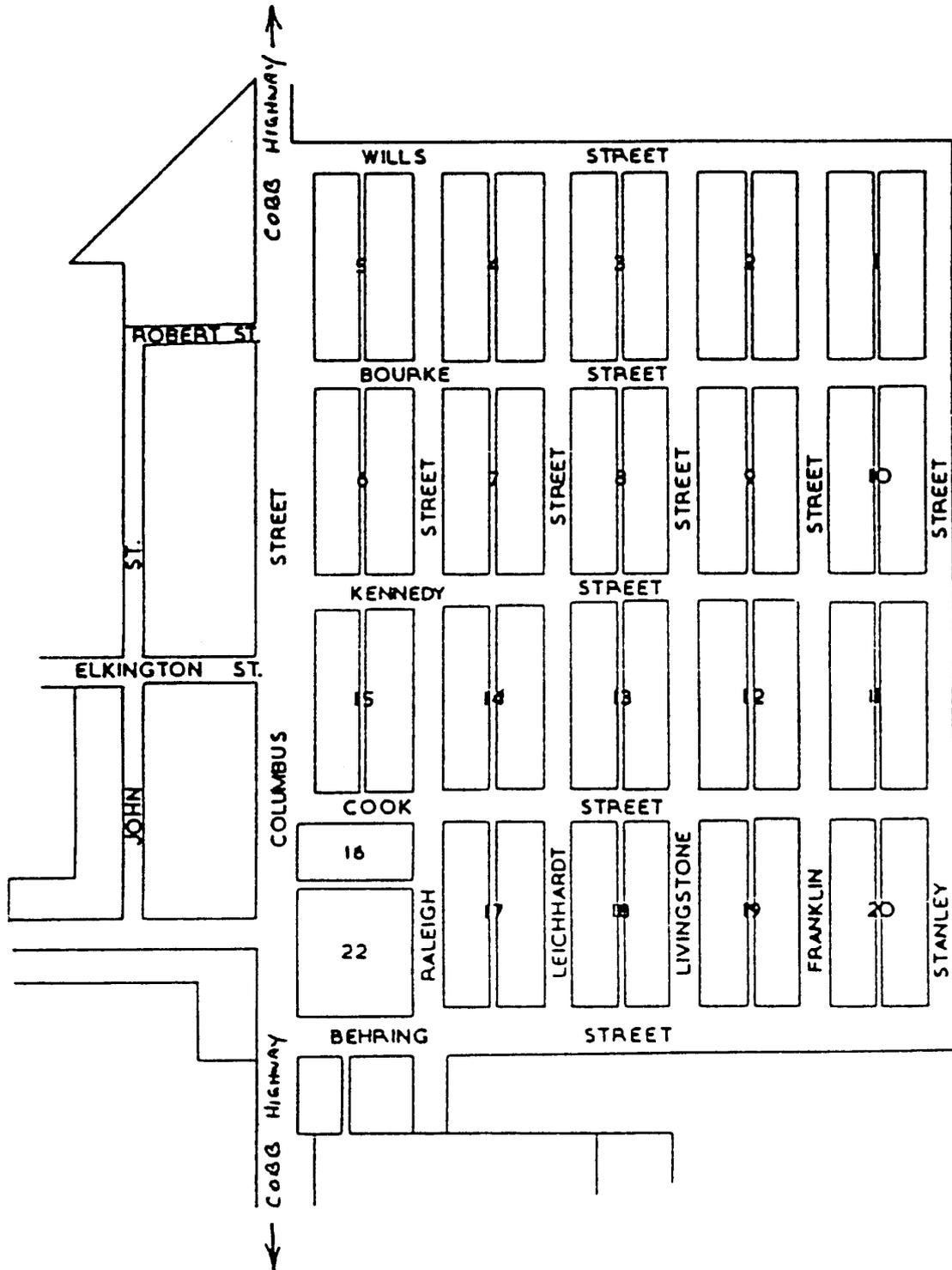
Ivanhoe has a place in history being a part of the vital link for Cobb and Co coach routes, as coaches passed through Ivanhoe on route from Melbourne to the gold rush areas in the north around the 1950's.

The Cobb Highway passes through the township of Ivanhoe and derived its name from the early pioneers, Cobb and Co.

Although Ivanhoe is not located on or near a river, when seasons permit it derives its water from Willandra Creek, located approximately 27 kilometres west of Ivanhoe; the water is stored in a Catchment tank and pumped to Ivanhoe Township. The Willandra Creek is often dry due to ongoing droughts, for this reason two bores were put down and the township of Ivanhoe can be supplied with bore water that is pumped into two reservoir tanks (one for filtered water use and the other for raw water). As there has been good rain in the catchment area and water has been let out of the Lachlan River to the Willandra Creek, the creek water is available to be used again instead of bore water.

The topography of the Ivanhoe Region has level sand plains of deep loamy to loamy sand solonized brown soils, scattered low dunes of sandy red earths; relief to 5 metres; dense groves of belah, with rosewood, mulga and wilga; scattered inedible woody shrubs; copper burrs and narrow-leaf hopbush on sandy soils; dense bumble box in drainage sinks; abundant bottle washers, cannon-ball, variable spear grass and forbs.

FIGURE 8: TOWN OF IVANHOE



#### **1.2.4 White Cliffs**

Situated in the far west of New South Wales, White Cliffs is approximately 100 kilometres north of Wilcannia and 260 kilometres northeast of Broken Hill (see Figure 9).

Reports show that opal was found in White Cliffs around 1884, and with the registration of the first claim being on 21 March 1890, Opal has been extensively mined since that date. The White Cliffs Opal fields still support an active opal mining industry, with 308 registered mining claims, of 50x50 metres in size, being granted in the area.

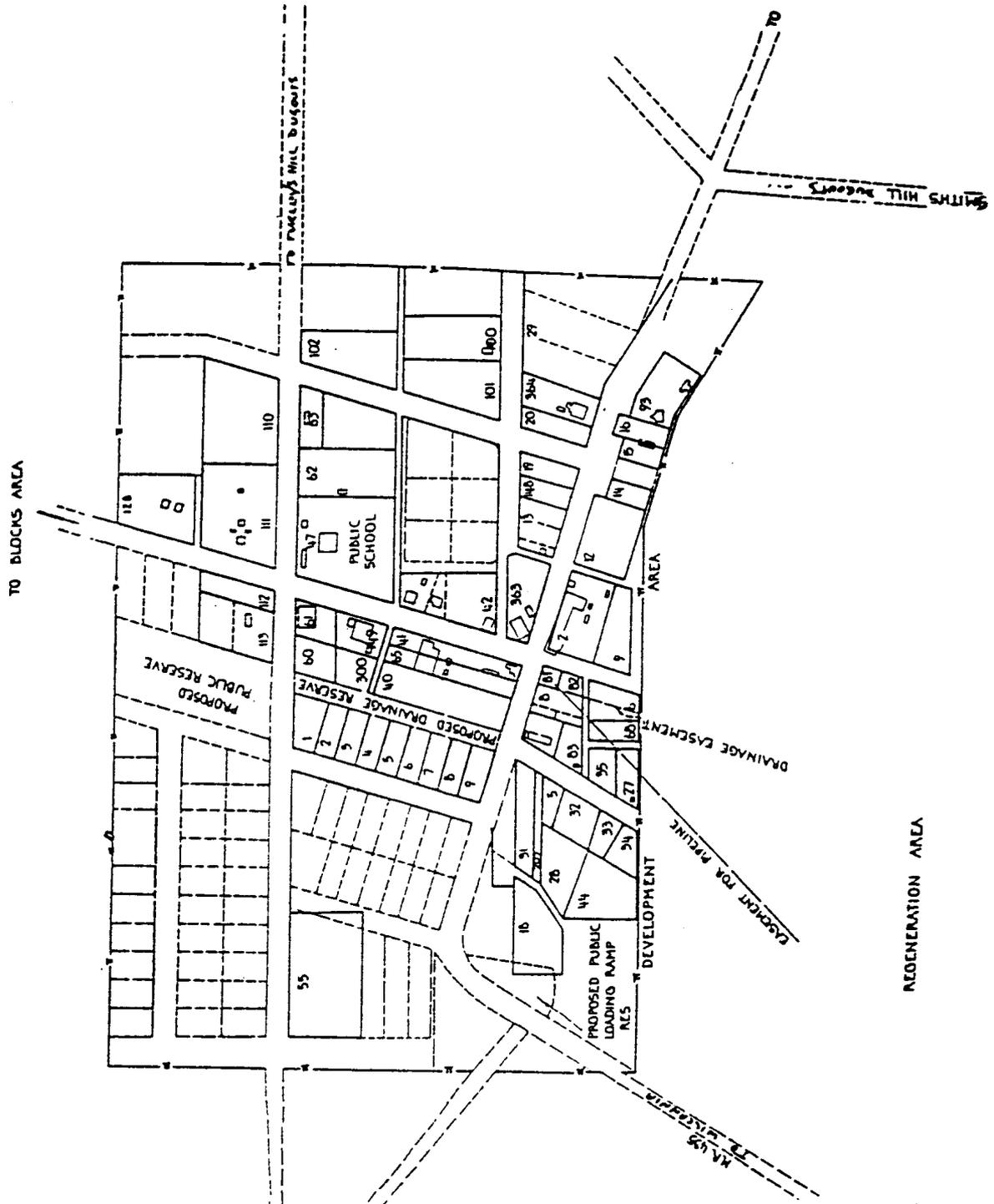
There are today however, only about 6 full time miners working in the field, with the majority of miners spending only part of the year in White Cliffs. There is also a strong contingent of holiday miners and tourists who become involved in mining.

The township of White Cliffs is closely dependent on opal mining and the field itself for the stimulation of its economy and as the main attraction for the very important tourist industry in the area.

The town has a fluctuating population of 150 to 350 people (ABS, 2006 Census QuickStats, 181 people were living in White Cliffs), with most people living in underground dugouts situated on the three hills surrounding the town, being Smith's Hill, Turley's Hill and The Blocks. Extensive efforts have been made in promoting White Cliffs as a tourist destination in recent years.

The Topography of White Cliffs is undulating stony plains with relief to 20 metres; contour bands of stone-free yellowish-red massive loams with saltbush and blue bush alternating with bare stony brown desert loams; dark stony and rocky rises with shallow loamy lithosols and scattered mulga; drainage tracts with deep yellowish-red loamy sands; moderately dense belah, mulga and blue bush.

FIGURE 9: WHITE CLIFFS TOWN AND LOCATION



### **1.3. Rural Locations**

#### **1.3.1 Mossgiel**

Mossgiel is located at the southern tip of Central Darling Shire Council (see Figure 1) 50 kilometres south of Ivanhoe and 235 kilometres from Wilcannia situated on the Cobb Highway, it is the focus point of the surrounding rural community comprising of a local community hall.

The topography of the Mossgiel area has level relict floodplain with prior streams and shallow drainage depressions; relief to one metre; grey, brown and red cracking and non-cracking clays, and red and brown texture-contrast soils; treeless except for black box in depressions; small stands of bladder saltbush, cotton bush, black, blue bush, nitre goosefoot and Dillon bush; copper burrs, annual saltbushes, grasses and forbs.

Moving west of Mossgiel there are extensive, slightly undulating sand plains with isolated small depressions; sand plains of calcerous earths and sandy red and brown texture-contrast soils with scattered clumps of rosewood and belah, moderate to dense stands of black or pearl blue bush, abundant short grasses and forbs; areas of deeper sandy soils with scattered white cypress pine; depressions of grey clay with cane grass, rimmed by scalded red texture-contrast soils.

#### **1.3.2 Darnick**

Darnick is located south in the Central Darling Shire Council (see Figure 1), 70 kilometres from Ivanhoe and 134 kilometres from Menindee. Darnick is the focus point of the rural community comprising of a local community hall and tennis courts.

The topography of the Darnick area has extensive plains with few dunes, low sandy accumulations and small drainage sinks; relief to five metres; calcerous red earths and solonized brown soils, with sands and sandy earths on dunes, and sandy texture-contrast soils on rises; scattered to clumped rosewood, belah, wilga and mulga, with narrow-leaf hop bush on sandy soils; dense bumble box in drainage sinks; abundant bottle washers, cannon-ball, variable spear grass, copper burrs and forbs.

#### **1.3.3 Tilpa**

Tilpa is located on the Darling River (see Figure 10) in the northeast corner of Central Darling Shire Council, 129 kilometres from Wilcannia with the Darling River acting as the Council boundary (see Figure 1). Tilpa is the focus point of the surrounding rural community comprising of a community hall with sporting facilities such as tennis courts; an airstrip; and a local hotel. The present population of Tilpa is seven with the remaining population being rural based. Recently a couple of shacks have been constructed as private retreats for visiting fishermen.

Tilpa was pioneered in the mid 1800's and serves as an historical link with the past.

The topography of the Tilpa area adjacent to the River is open level plains of the Darling river, with grey gilgaid and crab-hole cracking heavy clays; small cane grass or lignum pans, minor drainage channels sometimes with black box and coolabah and scaldy grey clays; fringing brown and red cracking clays; abundant annual forbs, copper burrs and annual salt bushes.

The landscape moving away from Tilpa has parallel dunes of deep reddish clay-type sand with sparse mulga and rosewood; areas of narrow-leaved hopbush, abundant grasses and forbs; swales of calcerous loam with bottlenashers and scalded texture-contrast soils; cane grass and neverfail in grey clay swamps; isolated small salt lakes.



## **PART 2: AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY**

A greater proportion of the Central Darling Shire Council has areas of environmental sensitivity. Areas known to be of environmental sensitivity included aboriginal sites, riverine corridors and associated floodplains.

### **2.1 Aboriginal Sites and Places**

Two properties within the Central Darling Shire Council area have been declared Protected Archaeological Areas, to facilitate the protection of important Aboriginal sites. These are Mt Manara and Moona Vale (see Figure 11).

To date, the Department of Environment and Climate Change have carried out detailed archaeological surveys for areas within the Central Darling Shire Council area including the following;

- (a) The South west corner; where an archaeological survey of midden sites only (i.e. sites with evidence of shellfish and fish remains which have been used for food, possibly associated with other evidence such as stone tools, hearths, burials in the same sites) has been carried out along the South part of Talyawalka Creek, the Talyawalka Lakes, Menindee Lakes, and small sections of the Darling River near Wilcannia. The survey has confirmed the importance of the area for the study of Aboriginal prehistory over at least the last 25,000 years.
- (b) Wilcannia Common, where burials, scatters of stone artefacts, hearths and middens were found, with quarries nearby in the Netallie Hills. The Common covers a dry lakebed (Lake Woychugga) and is important for its archaeological sites and the particular interest that Aborigines from Wilcannia have in the sites. In the past 24 months Lake Woychugga has been fenced with grant monies received from Western Catchment Management Authority to further protect this site.
- (c) The route of the Natural Gas Pipeline across the northern edge of the Central Darling Shire Council; numerous surface sites were found along the pipeline, particularly in the vicinity of the Paroo channels, the edge of the Darling/Talyawalka floodplain, and in the North west corner of the Central Darling Shire Council where quarries were also found on the ridge outcrops. The density of sites along the pipeline transect indicates the general richness of this Northern half of the Central Darling Shire Council.
- (d) Throughout the Paroo- Darling National Park

In total listed on Department of Environment and Climate Change records there are 1564 aboriginal sites found within the Central Darling Shire area. The following list provides an indication of the number of sites discovered in the Shire to date

Aboriginal Resource and Gathering	0
Aboriginal Ceremony and Dreaming	14
Art (Pigment or Engraved)	70
Artefact	902
Burial	151
Ceremonial Ring (stone or earth)	1
Conflict	0

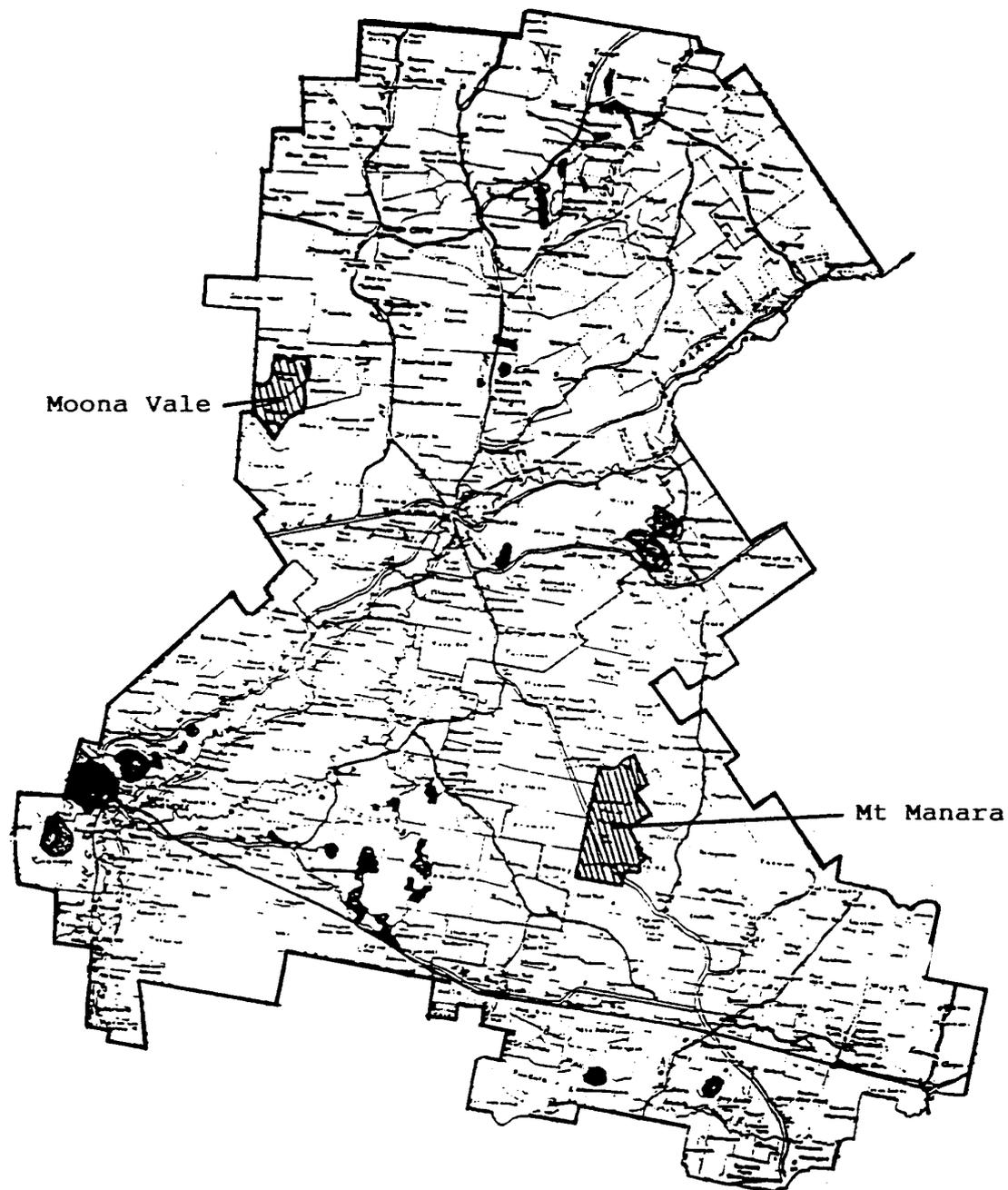
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Earth Mound	170
Fish Trap	0
Grinding groove	1
Habitation Structure	21
Non-Human bone and organic Material	0
Ochre Quarry	0
Potential Archaeological Deposit	1
Shell	170
Stone Arrangement	13
Stone quarry	13
Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred)	35
Water hole	2

## **2.2 Riverine Corridors and Associated Floodplains**

Two rivers flow through Central Darling being the Paroo River and the Darling River. Associated with these rivers are large areas of floodplains. The immediate riverine corridor associated with these two waterways are considered to be environmentally sensitive. Under Council's Local Environmental Plan 2004 land within 50 metres (in a horizontal line) of the top bank of the Paroo and Darling Rivers is considered to be environmentally sensitive land. Council consent for development within this area is required before any development can be undertaken.

**FIGURE 11: PROTECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS**



## **2.2 Built Environment**

### **2.2.1 Historical Sites**

There are significant historical sites within the Central Darling Shire Council; many of these are listed with the National Trust of Australia (NSW). A comprehensive list is provided in Table 1. Council's Local Environmental Plan 2004 lists many of these sites. Owners of heritage items listed in the LEP will not be able to alter or demolish these buildings without Council giving consideration to the heritage value of the building prior to making a determination. A further nine items from Tilpa and White Cliffs have been listed under Councils LEP Amendment No 1 gazetted in December 2010.

**Table 1: Heritage Sites within Central Darling Shire**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Buildings/Site/Area</b>
LEP	Wilcannia	Barrier Highway	Centre Lift bridge over the Darling River. Built 1896
LEP	Wilcannia	64 Reid Street	Old Queens Head Hotel. Sandstone construction. Built 1899
LEP	Wilcannia	44 Reid Street	Knox and Downs Store. Sandstone construction. Built 1899 (burnt down 2002)
LEP	Wilcannia	80-82 Woore Street	St James Anglican Church. Sandstone construction. Built 1883
LEP	Wilcannia	66-68 Reid Street	Courthouse. Built 1880. Sandstone construction
LEP	Wilcannia	70-72 Reid Street	Maximum Security Prison and Police Station. Sandstone construction. Built 1881
LEP	Wilcannia	74-76 Reid Street	Police Residence. Built 1880. Sandstone construction
LEP	Wilcannia	48 Reid Street	Old Newsagency. Built late 1890's. Sandstone construction
LEP	Wilcannia	50 Reid Street	Butcher Shop (no date). Timber iron construction
LEP	Wilcannia	45 Reid Street	Post Office residence. Sandstone construction. Built 1880
LEP	Wilcannia	21 Reid Street	Main Shire Office. Sandstone construction. Built 1890

State Heritage Register	Menindee	Kincheha National Park	Kincheha Woolshed including: Steam traction engine and Locomotive boiler
LEP	Wilcannia	Adjacent to bridge	Old Wharf and winch for loading Paddle steamers
LEP	Wilcannia	77-79 Hood Street	Wilcannia Central School Office. Sandstone construction
LEP	Wilcannia	46 Reid Street	Club Hotel (first hotel site in Wilcannia). Sandstone construction. Rebuilt 1879
LEP	Wilcannia	8-10 Myers Street	Two sandstone houses
LEP	Wilcannia	30 Reid Street	Old sandstone shop (now residence)
LEP	Wilcannia	37 Reid Street	Museum/Wilcannia Athenaeum. Sandstone construction. Built 1883
LEP	Wilcannia	71 Reid Street	Rich and Co Warehouse. Sandstone construction. Built 1878
LEP	Wilcannia	Baker Park	Memorial: World War 1
LEP	Wilcannia	52-54 Woore Street	Old Roman Catholic convent. Sandstone construction. Built 1894
LEP	Menindee	Yartla Street	Maiden's Hotel
LEP	Wilcannia	1-7 Ross Street	The Wilcannia Hospital
LEP	Wilcannia	25-29 Ross Street	The Wilcannia Golf Club
LEP	White Cliffs		St Mary's Church
LEP	White Cliffs	"Glen Hope" Station	Clancy's" or "Frenchman's" Hut
LEP	Wilcannia		Old Wilcannia water tower
LEP	Menindee		Old Wharf

LEP	Tilpa	Main Street	Old Tilpa Drop-Slab Post Office Kitchen
LEP	Tilpa	Main Street	Tilpa Hotel and Complex (including Jessie's Grave)
LEP	Tilpa	Wilcannia Road	Store/Old Wee Water Hotel
LEP	Tilpa	Wilcannia Road	Tilpa Cemetery
LEP	White Cliffs	Johnstone Street	Federation Park
LEP	White Cliffs	Johnstone Street	Post Office
LEP	White Cliffs	Johnstone Street	School
LEP	White Cliffs	Keraro Road	Former Police Residence and Gaol
LEP	White Cliffs	Opal Drive	Early Pioneer Cemetery and Centenary Cairns
LEP	White Cliffs	Tilpa Road	Pioneer and General Cemetery

### **2.2.2 Townships**

There are several features within the built environment that are distinguished landmarks of the Central Darling Shire Council; one being the township of White Cliffs, for its fluctuating population of Opal Miners and Tourists; and the other being the Menindee Lakes Storage System.

#### **Characteristics of the White Cliffs Township that make it unique**

1. Dugouts have housed people at White Cliffs since the first summer of 1890 when miners roofed shallow shafts with canvas or brush against the intense heat. These dugouts were the first on any opal field and, before 1900; the town featured a large underground restaurant, a bakery and hotel, beer bar while almost every above ground dwelling had a cellar for cool storage of most items. Today dugouts are a major attraction in White Cliffs, especially those with show rooms.
2. The wedge shaped platforms of mullock excavated from dugouts were the inspiration for the two huge forecourts of the new Parliament House, Canberra. The architect saw an aerial photograph of such platforms and used the shape in his design.

3. Abundant sunshine made White Cliffs the ideal location for the world's first experimental solar station to power small outback settlements in 1981. It proved the value of the converted marine steam engine, showed fewer collecting dishes would produce adequate power for a small town, and proved that a lack of bore water could be overcome by recycling distilled water brought when needed from elsewhere. Lack of funding, insufficient power to meet the demands of local householders and other problems caused it to close in 1992, it is now however utilised as a tourist attraction. White Cliffs was named a photographers' paradise in the 1980's by a French Video Crew for its unique township and lunar landscape opal field, its clear air, clear skies and superb sunsets.
4. White Cliffs Opal has several unique features. It is seam opal, the first ever found, its quality can be valued in the rough, it is easy to clean, and less likely to shatter while being cut or polished. White Cliffs produced abundant and unknown opal specimens like belemnites, shells, wood, plesiosaur tusks, bones of extinct marine animals and pseudomorphs called "pineapples" (glauberite crystals replaced by opal and found nowhere else). "Painted ladies" were water-rounded rocks from the glacial era with opal coating on part of the outside or as veins and layers within. In 1977, the most complete opalised skeleton of a 100 million year old plesiosaur found (until that time) was unearthed.
5. Opal miner William Bennett represented White Cliffs at the first ever NSW Mining Conference in Sydney in February 1896 when opal was discussed for the first time, and Bennett proved to be the first delegate from any Australian Opal field. It was his resolutions that eventually led to the abolition of huge mineral leases and of four-acre claims, and to the introduction of 100 square foot claims, later to become today's standard 50 by 50 metre claims in the state.

### **2.2.3- Characteristics of Menindee Lakes Storage System**

Before the construction of the storage scheme, Menindee Lakes was a series of nine natural ephemeral lakes adjacent to the Darling River. The scheme was built over the period 1949 to 1968 and is a series of small dams, weirs, regulators, channels and levees designed to retain Darling River flood waters. The main structure is the Menindee Main Weir over the Darling River. An inlet regulator allows water to pass from Lake Wetherell to Lake Pamamaroo and water can be transferred from Lake Pamamaroo to Lake Menindee through an inter-connecting channel and artificially created small lake known as Copi Hollow and inlet regulator. Lake Cawndilla is connected to Lake Menindee by the interconnecting Cawndilla Creek, which has no regulating structure. Releases are made to the Darling through outlet regulators from Lake Wetherell, Lake Pamamaroo and Lake Menindee as well as from the Main Weir. Lake Cawndilla can drain to Lake Menindee only and not directly to the Darling River.

## **2.3 Salinisation**

Dry land salinity is the build up of salt in surface soil usually as a result of a rising water table and subsequent ground water seepage. This is commonly called a saline seep. Dry land salinity refers to non-irrigated areas showing a salt problem. No obvious salt affected areas are known to Council in the Central Darling area.

## **2.4 River Systems and Catchment Areas**

The Paroo and Darling Rivers are considered to be areas of environmental sensitivity. The Central Darling Shire Council is dissected by the Darling River entering the Council boundary north of Tilpa and exiting south of Menindee. Other main tributaries are the Paroo River and channel system, entering the council boundary in the north adjacent to Tongo Station, and joining the Darling River north of Wilcannia.

The Menindee Lakes and storage system (see Figure 7) serve as an intermediary storage facility from water being supplied by the Darling River and to the Great Anabranch Water Supply.

Much of the river and lakes are used for recreational purposes such as fishing and boating.

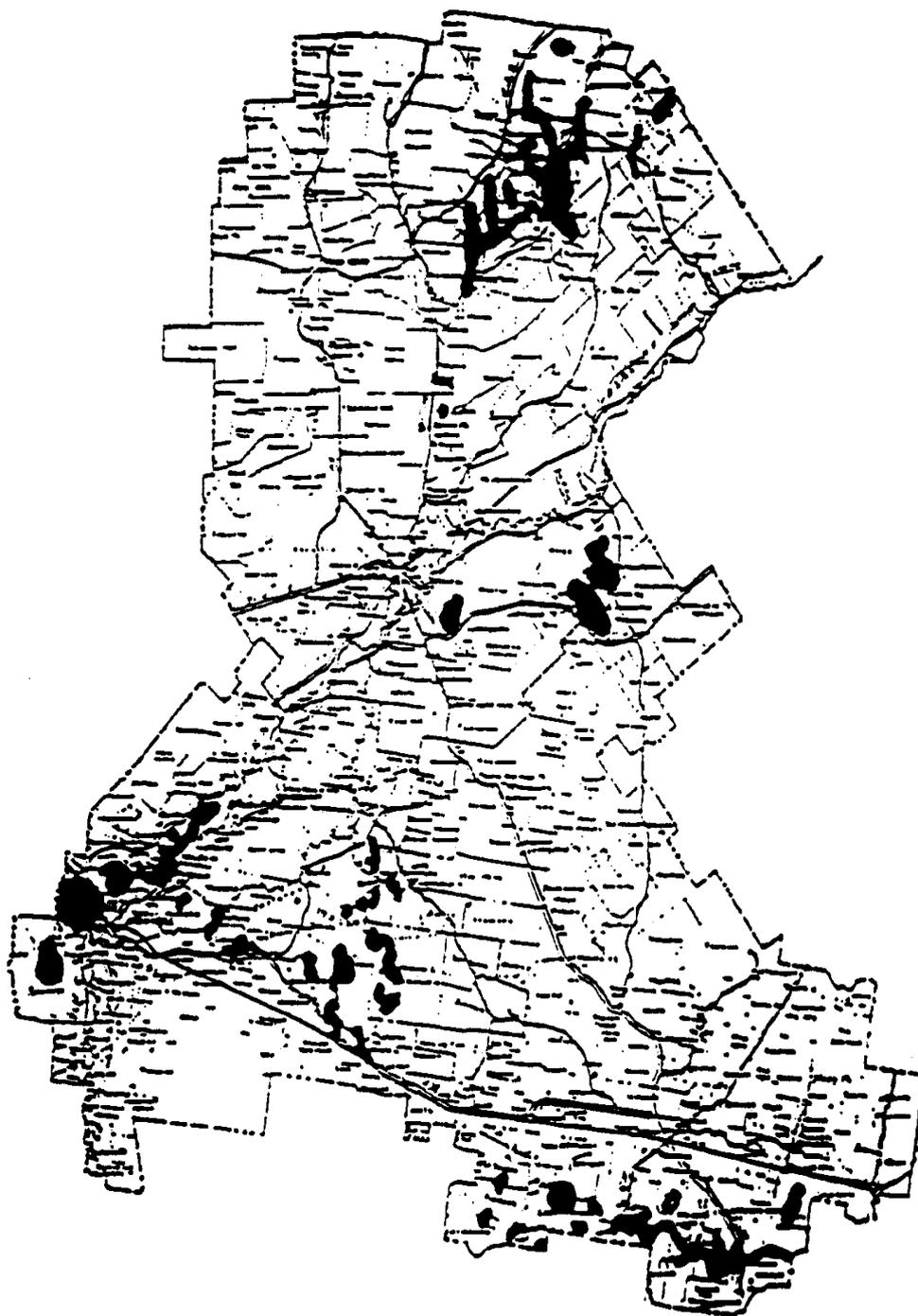
Water quality is affected by land use within the catchment. Pollution sources include irrigation discharges and run-off from urban and rural land. River bank activities also have the potential to affect water quality by discharging sediment when vegetation is removed. Blue green algae continues to be a problem up and down the Darling River, and blooms during the warmer summer months causing water quality problems for urban and rural water users throughout the Shire. The Darling River water supply is providing to be a relatively unreliable water supply for dependant users. However, heavy rains in the catchment in early 2010 has put water in the river and filled the Menindee Lakes system.

## **2.5 Wetlands**

Overflow lakes and their foreshores in the Central Darling Shire Council area are important natural features some with value as wetlands (see Figure 12), and many with potential archaeological value. There are many overflow lakes along the stretch of the Darling River. In the past twelve months most of these lakes have filled as result of the wide spread flooding across the area as a result of large flows down the Darling. This area received higher than average rainfall, and as a result wide spread flooding as apparent.

Water birds in particular require a variety of wetland types throughout western New South Wales to cover their requirements of breeding and feeding in a region of erratic rainfall. Some relatively permanent wetlands are important as drought refuges while ephemeral wetlands may support large populations of breeding water birds when they are flooded.

**FIGURE 12: WETLAND AREAS WITHIN THE CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE**



## **2.6 Native Vegetation**

The total Central Darling Shire Council area still remains intact with native vegetation and bush land, apart from various introduced plant species and weeds, and minor development related to horticultural, residential and mining activities surrounding the townships. The Department of Primary Industries and the Department of Environment and Heritage have carried out extensive research of the vegetation in the area. As the Paroo Darling National Park has been gazetted in the Shire during the past few years, vegetation mapping has been undertaken at a number of sites in these areas. This data is held by Department of Environment and Heritage.

### **2.6.1 Native Vegetation Communities found in the Central Darling Shire**

#### **Mulga**

- Occurs in the North West.
- Found on red earths of sandplains and dune fields and skeletal soils of hills and ranges.
- On rocky ranges, associated flora includes White Cyprus pine (*Callitris comlmellaris*), beef wood (*Grevilla striata*), Whitewood (*Atalaya hemiglauca*), Red box (*Eucalyptus intertexa*) and Dead finish (*Acacia tetragonophylla*).
- In the west, Mulga (*acacia aneura*) is interspersed with bladder saltbush (*Atriplex vesicaria*) and/or Bluebush (*Maireana* sp.) communities also known as shrublands.

#### **Shrublands**

- These communities are associated with species such as Black box (*Eucalyptus largiflorens*) or Myall, Cotton bush (*Marireana aphylla*) and Dillon bush (*Nitraria billardiera*) as well as localised stands of Old Man Saltbush (*Atriplex nummularia*).

#### **Belah (*Casuarina cristata*) & Rosewood (*Heterodendrum Oleifolium*)**

- Can occur as individuals or as scattered clumps.
- Associated understorey of Spiny saltbush (*Atriplex spinibractea*), Copperburrs (*Bassia* sp.), Ruby saltbush (*Enchylaena tomentose*), Bluebush (*Maireana* sp.) Grasses and herbs.
- Areas between clumps may be grasslands or shrublands dominated by Bluebush.
- Other associated species include Yarran (*Acacia* sp.) and Nelia (*Acacia loderi*) which occur between stands.
- In dense scrub, associated species are Yarran, Wilga (*Geijera parviflora*), Sugarwood (*Myoporum platycarpum*) and *Eremophila* sp.

#### **Black Box**

- Common along self – mulching soils of major river and creek floodplains and as fringing communities around ephemeral (non permanent) lakes.
- Cooba (*Acacia oswaldii*), Eurah (*Eremophila bignoniflora*), Belah, Flowering lignum (*Meuhlenbeckia cunninghamii*), and leafless cherry (*Exocarpos* Ground cover is variable and can consist of forbs and perennial grasses or annuals.

**Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*)**

- Occur along major rivers and associated swamps and billabongs as well as ephemeral creeks.
- Can grow in grey clays or sandy soils.
- Cooba, River cooba, Yellowbox (*Eucalyptus melliodora*), Miljee & lignum are other species which occur with red gum stands. These communities can give way to Black box and coolibah (*Eucalyptus microtheca*).
- A ground flora of grasses, sedges, forbs and some low shrubs are typical in Red gum communities.

**Grasses that may occur include:** Curly Mitchell grass (*Astrebla lappacea*); Windmill grass (*Chloris truncata*); White top (*Danthonia caespitosa*); Cotton panic grass (*Digitaria brownie*); Finger bottle washers (*Enneapogon avenaceus*); Curly windmill grass (*enteropogon avenaceus*); Curly windmill grass (*Enteropogon acicularis*); Canegrass (*Eragrotis australasica*); Mulka (*Eragrostis dielsii*); Woollybutt (*Eragrostis eripoda*); purple love grass (*Eragrostis lacunaria*), Neverfail (*Eragrostis setifolia*); Barley Grass (*Hordeum leporinum*); Bandicoot grass (*Monachather paradoxa*); Blown grass (*agrostis avenacea*); Kerosene Grass (*Aristida contorta*); Wire grass (*aristida jerichoensis*); Red leg grass (*Bothriochloa macra*); Buffel grass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*); Spiny burr grass (*Cenchrus incertus*); Button grass (*Dactyloctenium redulans*); Native millet (*Panicum decompositum*); Hairy Panic (*Panicum effusum*); Box grass (*paspalidium constrictum*); Warrego Summer grass (*Paspalidium jubiflorum*); Fairy grass (*Sporobolus caroli*); Yanganbil (*Stipa bigeniculata*); Rough speargrass (*Stipa scabra*); Tuckers speargrass (*Stipa tuckeri*); Kangaroo grass (*Themeda australis*); Mulga grass (*Thyridolepis mitchelliana*); small burr grass (*Tragus australianus*); Five-minute grass (*Tripogon loliiformis*)

There are also 61 forbs or broad leaf herbs possibly occurring at any time depending on landform, soil type as well as rainfall.

**2.6.2 Flora and Fauna Species found in the Central Darling Shire**

A wide variety of flora and fauna species have been sighted throughout the Shire area. A comprehensive list is located within Appendix 1 of this report.

Due to minimal development occurring within the Shire it is predicted unlikely that species have been destroyed due to works being undertaken. Most development is associated within previously disturbed areas such as townships and villages. Minimal development occurs in rural areas of the Shire.

**2.7 Water Quality Of Rivers**

Department of Natural Resources monitor water quality flowing through the Darling River System, with assistance from the Central Darling Shire Council. Council collects water samples from Tilpa in the north of the shire to "Culpaulin Station" south of Wilcannia. The collection of water samples enables blue green algae growth to be monitored with sampling generally occurring over the warmer months. Sampling sites are located at Tilpa, Tilpa Weir, Trevallyn Station, Atley, Wilcannia Weir Pool and Culpaulin Station. The past 12-month period has seen blue green algae bloom in summer months, although reported levels were not as serious as have been in previous years.

Due to the Darling River having a good water flow in the past 12 months blue green algae sampling has been minimal. Oxygen level readings were undertaken in early 2011 in response to fish deaths upstream at Bourke. Fortunately, oxygen levels in Central Darling remained at acceptable levels and no fish deaths occurred.

### **2.7.1 Listing of probable danger areas**

During summer periods it is not uncommon for the entire length of the Darling River through out the shire to be affected by Med-High levels of blue green algae. Water salinity is also becoming an increasing issue along this stretch of the Darling River, and varies depending on river flows and water quantity. Electrical conductivity levels are generally in the vicinity of 150-800 uS/cms on average pending river flows. The first flows usually bring a salty plume of 1500 – 2000 uS/cms. Salty plumes from underground aquifers flowing into the river are often a problem after flood events, and enter the river near Louth. Salt levels rise at this time, further investigation has been undertaken by government agencies as to the extent and source of the salty plume. No further information is available at this time.

## **2.8 Bushfire Sensitivity**

During the hot dry summer period, Central Darling Shire Council is prone to bushfire.

Bush fires in the past have devastated large areas of native wildlife, vegetation and caused commercial property and stock losses.

Central Darling Shire Council is divided into six bushfire control zones being Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, Menindee, Menindee Town and Environs, White Cliffs, Mossgiel and Darnick (see Figure 13).

Approximately 17 threatened flora species occur in the Central Darling Shire. When necessary a mosaic of hazard reduction burning in these areas will assist to maintain Biodiversity in the long term; by allowing fire suppression efforts that minimise the area burnt by devastating uncontrolled high intensity wildfire. Vegetation communities that should not be burnt are chenopod low woodland and Mitchell grass tussock grasslands

The Central Darling Shire Council area has a large number of fauna species. In considering the impact of wildfire and prescribed burning it is important to recognise that these areas experience fire very infrequently and only following several years of high rain and above average growth.

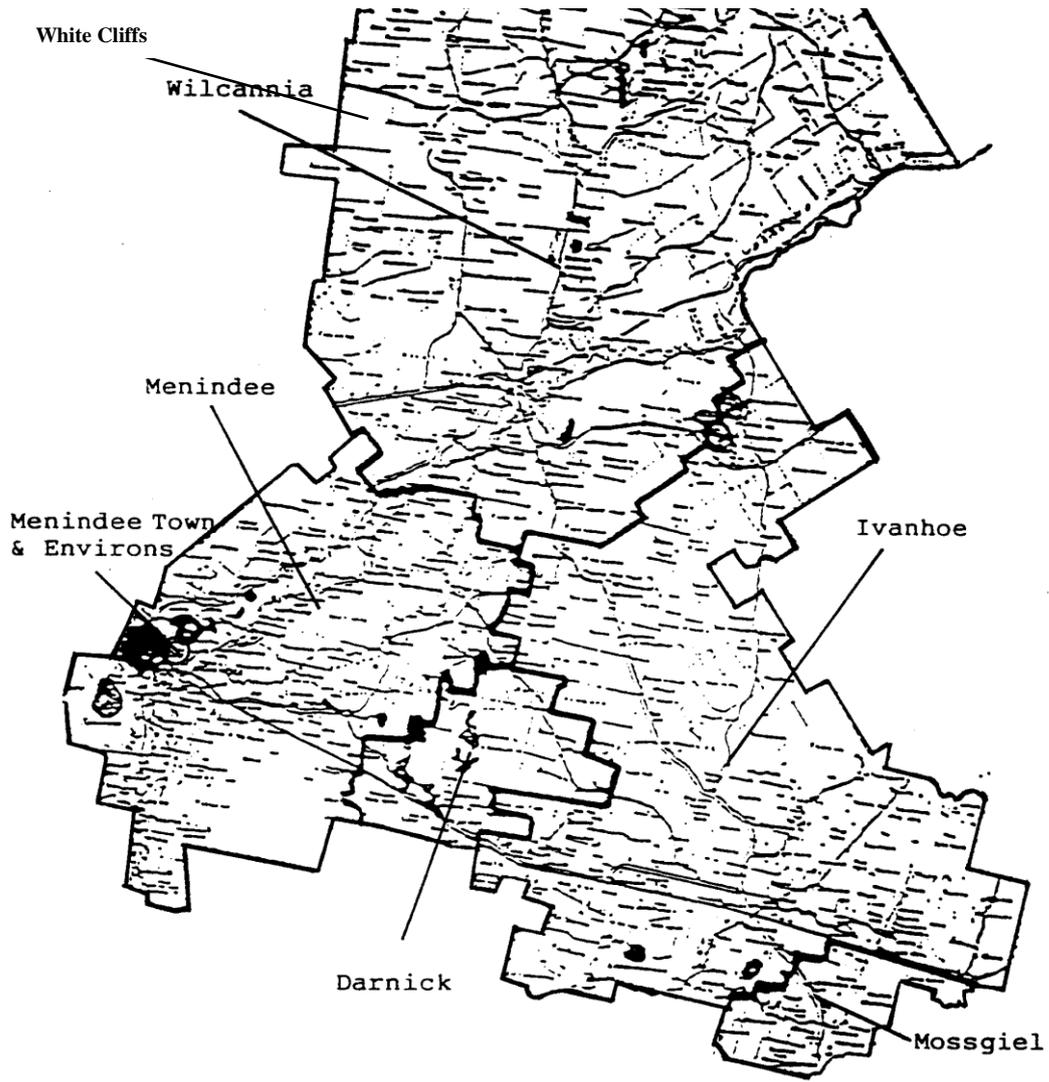
Adverse wildfire impacts are greatest where high intensity wildfires burn over broad areas and burn in conditions that leave few unburnt areas/patches. The adverse impacts on fauna of such fires include:

- Widespread and near complete removal of food sources for immediate post fire recovery.
- Destruction of ground habitat structures such as fallen logs and tussock grasses.
- Removal of senescent, hollow bearing habitat trees.
- Improved access for feral predator species and near complete removal of refuge for species susceptible to predation.

### **DATA GAPS**

- Mapping of past bushfire locations
- Implementation of Fire Control measures

**FIGURE 13: CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL BUSH FIRE CONTROL ZONES**



## **2.9 Unique Landscape and Vegetation**

The overlap between sections in Part 2 is considerable and the placement of some issues into one or the other group has been subjective. Despite this, a number of unique areas have been considered.

### **2.10. National Parks In Central Darling Shire**

There are two National Parks in the Central Darling Shire Council; Kinchega National Park and Paroo Darling National Park.

#### **2.10.1 Kinchega National Park**

Gazetted in 1967, this large park occupies 44,181 hectares of arid landscape. Situated approximately 160 kilometres south of Wilcannia, it is dominated by the Darling River and its associated system of flood channel and overflow lakes, but also includes extensive areas of red sand plains. The four major natural environments in the park are the overflow lakes (although the park surrounds the lakes, the lake beds are not part of the park) the river flood plains, the red sand country and the lunettes.

#### **2.10.2 Paroo Darling National Park**

The Paroo Darling National Park is located approximately 300km north-east of Broken Hill, 70kms north of Wilcannia and 20kms east of White Cliffs. The name change from Peery National Park to Paroo Darling National Park was gazetted in October 2002. The Park covers the former station properties of Peery, Arrowbar, Mandalay, Wilga, Coonavitra, Mt Murchison and Tilpilly.

The park has a rich cultural heritage reaching back over many thousands of years through to the present day. Evidence of this long habitation include artefact scatters, hearth sites, Aboriginal art sites and from latter years, the remnants of the pastoral industry including the “Kidman” era.

## **2.11 Wildlife and Habitat Corridors**

Due to the fact that the Central Darling Shire Council area could be classified as one large corridor, information on wildlife and habitat corridors is not available due to limited need for it by Council in the past. Work for future reports should aim to collect this information. It is only then that an assessment of linkages between other areas and the degradation of corridors can be undertaken.

## **2.12 Threatened Species and Recovery Plans**

### **2.12.1 Threatened Species**

The Central Darling Shire Council area has an abundance of flora and fauna of which there are several threatened species. The following Table 2 identifies those threatened species that are present in the Shire area (see Figure 14).

**Table 2: FAUNA Threatened (T), Vulnerable (V) and (E) Endangered Species (Atlas of NSW Wildlife)**

Status	Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Sighted
V	Spotted Harrier	Circus assimilis	15
V	Black-Breasted Buzzard	Hamirostra melanosternon	18
V	Little Eagle	Hieraaetus morphnoides	21
V	Square-Tailed Kite	Lophoictinia isura	8
V	Blue-Billed Duck	Oxyura australis	8
V	Freckled Duck	Stricktonetta naevosa	70
E1	Squatter Pigeon	Geophaps scripta	P
E1	Malleefowl	Leipoa ocellata	K
V	Magpie Goose	Anseranas semipalmata	2
E1	Australasian Bittern	Botaurus poiciloptilus	3
E1	Bush Stone-curlew	Burhinus grallarius	2
V	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	^Lophochroa leadbeateri	80
V	Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo(inland subspecies)	^Calyptorhynchus banksii samueli	54
V	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	^^Glossopsitta porphycephala	K
V	Lesser Sand-Plover	Charadrius mongolus	4
V	Torquoise Parrot	^^Neophema pulchella	K
V	Scarlet-chested Parrot	Neophema splendida	1
V	Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies)	^^Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides	K
V	Superb Parrot	^^Polytelis swainsonii	K
V	Brown Treecreeper	Climacteris picumnus victoriae	140

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	(eastern subspecies)		
E1	Flock Bronzewing	Phaps histrionica	2
V	Diamond Firetail	Stagonopleura guttata	1
E1	Grey Falcon	^Falco hypoleucos	5
V	Brolga	Grus rubicunda	15
E1	Australia Bustard	Ardeotis australis	15
V	Striated Grasswren	Amytornis striatus	1
E4A	Thick-billed Grasswren (eastern subspecies)	^Amytornis textilis modestus	K
V	Rufous Fieldwren	Calamanthus campetris	K
V	Speckled Warbler	Chthonicola sagittata	K
V	Shy heathwren	Hylacola cautus	K
V	Redthroat	Pyrrholaemus brunneus	K
V	Pied Honeyeater	Certhionyx variegatus	5
V	White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons	30
V	Painted Honeyeater	Grantiella picta	K
V	Purple-gaped Honeyeater	Lichenostomus cratitius	K
E4A	Black-eared Miner	Manorina melanotis	P
V	Black-chinned Honeyeater (eastern subspecies)	Melithreptus gularis gularis	K
V	Hall's Babbler	Pomatostomus halli	K
V	Varied Sittella	Daphoenositta chrysoptera	4
V	Gilbert's Whistler	Pachycephala inornata	5
E4A	Red-lored Whistler	Pachycephala rufogularis	K
E1	Plains-Wanderer	Pedionomus torquatus	7
V	Southern Scrub-Robin	Drymodes brunneopygia	2
V	Hooded Robin (south eastern form)	Melanodryas cucullata cucullata	11

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V	Flame Robin	<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>	K
V	Greys Crowned Babbler (eastern subspecies)	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i> <i>temporalis</i>	6
V	Scarlet-chested Parrot	<i>Neophema splendida</i>	1
V	Chestnut Quail-Thrush	<i>Cinclosoma castanotus</i>	4
E1	Australian Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula australis</i>	1
V	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	2
E1	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	4
V	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	K
V	Barking Owl	<i>Ninox connivens</i>	3
V	Masked Owl	^^ <i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	4
V	Eastern Grass Owl	^^ <i>Tyto longimembris</i>	P
E1	Kultarr	<i>Antechinomys laniger</i>	1
E4	Mulgara	<i>Dasyercus cristicauda</i>	1
V	Southern Ningai	<i>Ningai yvonneae</i>	11
V	Stripe-Faced Dunnart	<i>Sminthopsis macroura</i>	4
V	Yellow-Bellied Sheathtail bat	<i>Saccolaimus flaviventris</i>	2
E1	Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby	<i>Petrogale xanthopus</i>	83
V	Long-haired Rat	<i>Rattus villosissimus</i>	2
E4	Golden Bandicoot (mainland)	<i>Isodon auratus auratus</i>	1
E4	Western Barred Bandicoot (mainland)	<i>Perameles bouganville</i>	1
V	Koala	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	8
E4	Bilby	<i>Macrotis lagotis</i>	1

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V	Little Pied Bat	Chalinolobus picatus	19
V	Southern Myotis	Myotis macropus	P
V	Corben's Long-eared Bat	Nyctophilus tcorbeni	1
V	Inland Forest Bat	Vespadelus baverstocki	13
V	Forrest's Mouse	Leggadina forresti	1
E4	Greater Stick-nest Rat	Leporillus conditor	1
E1	Dusky Hopping-mouse	Notomys fuscus	P
E1	Bolam's Mouse	Pseudomys bolami	K
V	Sandy Inland Mouse	Pseudomys hermannsburgensis	K
V	Stimson's Python	Liasis stimsoni	1
V	Narrow-banded Snake	Simoselaps fasciolatus	2
E1	Fat-tailed Diplodactylus	Diplodactylus conspicillatus	1
V	Jewelled Gecko	Diplodactylus elderi	4
E1	Mallee Worm-lizard	Aprasia inaurita	K
E1	Marble-faced Delma	Delma australis	K
V	Crowned Gecko	Diplodactylus stenodactylus	2
V	Wedgesnout Ctenotus	Ctenotus brooksi	1
E1	Leopard Ctenotus	Ctenotus melanops elongates	P
E1		Cyclodomorphus venustus	P
E1	Mallee Slender Blue-tongue Lizard	Cyclodomorphus melanops elongatus	1
E2	Whites Skink population in the Broken Hill Complex Bioregion	Egernia whitii	K
V	Yellow-tailed Plain Slider	Lerista xanthura	8
V	Western Blue-tongued	Tiliqua occipitalis	2

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	Lizard		
E1	Tawny Crivice-dragon	Ctenophorus decresii	K
E1	Interior Blind Snake	Ramphotyphlops endoterus	K
V	Woma	Aspidites ramsayi	K
E1	Bardick	Echiopsis curta	K
E1	Ringed Brown Snake	Pseudonaja modesta	K
V	Narrow-banded Snake	Simoselaps fasciolatus	2
V	Sloane's Froglet	Limnodynastes fletcheri	K
E1	Painted Burrowing Frog	Neobatrachus pictus	P
E1	Southern Bell Frog	Litoria raniformis	K

**FLORA - Rare or Threatened (NPSW Vegetation Atlas)**

Status	Scientific Name	Common Name	Number Sighted
E4	Rhaphidospora bonneyana		2
E1	Aponogeton queenslandicus		K
E4	Acanthocladium dockeri	Spiny Everlasting	1
V	Brachyscome papillosa	Mossgiel Daisy	2
E1	Calotis moorei	A burr-daisy	6
E1	Kippistia suaedifolia	Fleshy Minuria	16
E1	Leptorhynchus orientalis	Lanky Buttons	K
E1	Leptorhynchus waitzia	Button Immortelle	2
E1	Lepidium monoplocoides	Winged Peppergrass	7

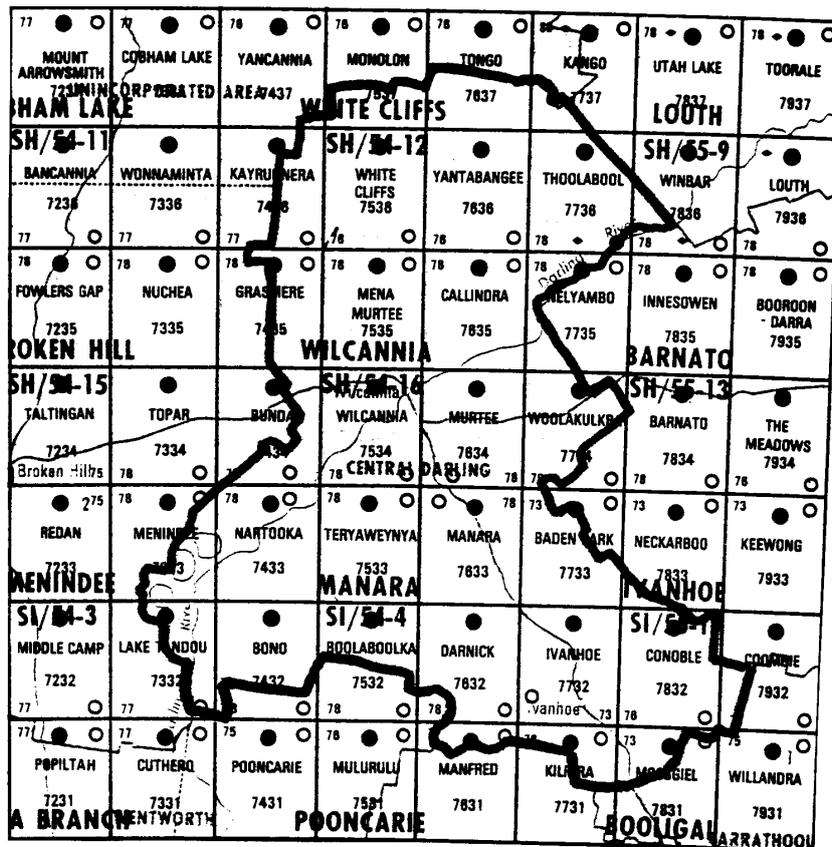
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E1	Nitella partita		K
V	Atriplex infrequens	A saltbush	2
E1	Atriplex sturtii	A saltbush	K
E1	Dysphania plantaginella		2
E1	Dysphania platycarpa		K
V	Maireana cheelii	Chariot Wheels	K
E4	Maireana lanosa		1
E1	Threlkeldia inchoate	Tall Bonefruit	1
E1	Convolvulus tedmoorei	Bindweed	K
V	Eleocharis obicis	Spike-Rush	P
E1	Eriocaulon carsonii	Salt Pipework	10
E1	Euphorbia sarcostemmoides	Climbing Caustic	K
E1	Crotalaria cunninghamii	Green Bird Flower	K
E1	Indigofera helmsii	Indigo	3
E1	Swainsona adenphylla	Violet Swainson-Pea	1
E1	Yellow-Keeled Swainsona	Swainsona flavicarinata	K
V	Swainsona murrayana	Slender Darling Pea	5
V	Swainsona plagiotropis	Red Darling Pea	1
V	Swainsona phyrophila	Yellow Swainson-pea	3
E1	Swainsona viridis	Creeping Darling Pea	1
V	Acacia acanthoclada	Harrow Wattle	K
V	Acacia carneorum	Purple-wood Wattle	17
V	Acacia curranii	Curly-bark Wattle	K
E1	Acacia notabilis	Mallee Golden Wattle	K
E1	Acacia petraea	Lancewood	K

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E1	<i>Goodenia nocoleche</i>	Nocoleche Goodenia	K
E1	<i>Goodenia occidentalis</i>	Western Goodenia	K
V	<i>Pterostylis cobarensis</i>	Greenhood Orchid	K
E1	<i>Phyllanthus maderaspatanus</i>	<i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis</i>	1
V	<i>Austrostipa metatoris</i>	A spear-grass	K
E1	<i>Austrostipa wakoolica</i>	A spear-grass	P
E1	<i>Polygala linariifolia</i>	Native Milkwort	K
E4	<i>Grevillea nematophylla</i>	Silver-leaved Water Tree	3
E4	<i>Pomaderris oraria</i>		2
E1	<i>Dentella minutissima</i>		K
E1	<i>Santalum murrayanum</i>	Bitter Quandong	2
E1	<i>Dodonaea sinuolata</i> subsp. <i>acrodentata</i>	A Hopbush	1
V	<i>Solanum karsense</i>	Menindee Nightshade	35
E4A	<i>Lasiopetalum behrii</i>	Pink Velvet Bush	K
E1	<i>Pimelea serpyllifolia</i> subsp. <i>Serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme Rice-Flower	K

**FIGURE 14: 1:100,000 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OF SHIRE**



**2.12.2 Threatened Species Recovery Plans**

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has recovery plans operating in the Central Darling Shire Council area, some of these include:

Wildlife Refuges:

Declared over privately owned rural land with the consent of the owner for the purpose of preserving, conserving, propagating and studying wildlife; conserving and studying natural environments; and simulating natural environments.

Game Reserves:

Declared over private or Crown land and provide for game conservation in its broadest sense, including the hunting of game for recreation.

These refuges and reserves along with National Parks and Nature Reserves play a major role in the preservation of threatened species.

## **2.13. Any Related Instruments on Vegetation Cover; including any Instruments Relating to Tree Preservation**

### **2.13.1 Bush Land Management Plans including Fire Management Plans**

#### Operations Coordination Plan

Central Darling Shire Council has an Operations Coordination Plan that is reviewed biannually.

The aims of the Plan are:

- the protection of: life and property, community assets and values and natural and cultural heritage; and
- to decrease the severity and intensity of wildfires

A copy of this plan is available from Council's Environmental Services Department.

Council has also received an endorsed plan from the NSW Rural Fire Service outlining Bushfire Prone Land within Central Darling. The plan can be viewed at Council's Environmental Services Department.

#### Bush Fire Risk Management Plan

The Bush Fire Risk Management Plan is a separate document.

The aims of this Plan are:

- to enable the coordination of fuel management activities of all involved authorities on the Bush Fire Management Committee
- to ensure the best possible protection against the effects of bush fires is provided to the Communities of the Central Darling Shire Council area
- to enable the development of a mosaic of fuel reduced areas in the Central Darling Shire Council area, designed to protect life, property and other community assets from the effects of bush fire by:
  - identifying those fuels in the Central Darling Shire Council area which constitute a hazard;
  - setting strategies to be used to manage the accumulation of fuels in the areas identified; and
  - identifying those fuels in the Central Darling Shire Council area, which need to be, managed to protect cultural heritage and to promote biodiversity.

A copy of this plan is available from Council's Environmental Services Department.

#### Bush Land Management

Many other articles on Bush Land Management for the Central Darling Shire area are available from the Department of Natural Resources. The preservation of vegetation and trees in the Central Darling Shire Council is greatly enhanced through the efforts of Land care Groups and the input and interaction with Catchment Management Authorities.

Bushfire Prone Land Map

Council has a bushfire prone land map pertaining to the whole Shire. The map displays possible fuel load ratings depending on type of vegetation coverage. No areas of high concern have been identified in the Shire.

**2.13.2 Tree Preservation Plans**

Central Darling Shire Council has no tree preservation plans in place at the present time. However older vegetation generally associated with heritage items being present on listed heritage sites is protected.

**2.14 Environmental Restoration Projects**

Local Land Care and environmental groups associated within the Central Darling Shire Council are playing a major role in environmental awareness by involving the community when undertaking tree planting and the eradication of woody weeds and exotic plants.

Council has an annual tree planting programme. Table 3 displays trees planted in the Shire area under this programme for the past ten years.

**TABLE 3: ANNUAL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM**

ANNUAL TREE PLANTING													
Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Trees Planted	2200	1500	1557	800	1038	-	-	1200	1200	1400	1500	2370	2500
Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012						
Trees Planted	1500	1296	1500	1296	1296	1296	1296						

**PART 3: PRESSURES ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Central Darling Shire does not suffer the same range of intense pressures as most urban areas as a result of human activities.

### **3.1 Polluted Areas**

#### **3.1.1 Water Pollution**

The Darling River and Catchment system is a characteristic part of the environment of the Central Darling Shire. It would appear that degradation to the Darling River and catchment area has been minimal from activities undertaken with the shire.

#### **3.1.2 Air Pollution**

Central Darling Shire Council has no apparent air pollution problems apart from seasonal bush fires and illegal burning activities.

#### **3.1.3 Noise Pollution**

Central Darling Shire Council has no significant noise pollution problems. Community noise is probably the only cause of alarm, particularly domestic animal noise (such as dogs barking at night); few complaints have been recorded with Council to date and are usually dealt with through negotiation. Some noise complaints have been registered at Menindee, associated with gas guns to scare birds in the Menindee Environs in association with horticultural activities. Also noise from motor bike riders in close vicinity of homes on blocks in Menindee Environs have been reported.

#### **3.1.4 Unhealthy Building Land**

All of the piece or parcel of land situated at White Cliffs in the Shire of Central Darling in the Parish of Kirk, County of Yungnulgra, being Lot 365 DP 44260, is recorded as unhealthy building land. Other areas of undesignated unhealthy building land are present throughout the Shire and include the following; commissioned rubbish disposal areas in each town and village, the site of the former Tilpa rubbish disposal area, the site of the former Wilcannia effluent evaporation ponds, and an asbestos disposal area located at the Correctional Services Centre in Ivanhoe.

#### **3.1.5 Sewerage Effluent Disposal**

The township of Wilcannia has a pumped common effluent system that serves approximately ninety per cent of the town. Effluent for the town reticulation is delivered to oxidation ponds for settlement with excess water overflowing into evaporation ponds for evaporation.

All other townships in the Shire are not connected to a common effluent system and utilise on-site management techniques, however, it is proposed that Menindee will be connected to a common effluent reticulation scheme in the future.

Disposal of septic tank contents is at Council's waste depots except for the town of Wilcannia, where the contents are disposed of into an unused evaporation pond when the need arises.

#### **3.1.6 Landfill and Waste Disposal Sites**

At present, all townships in Central Darling Shire Council have a land fill for domestic waste disposal. The landfill sites in Ivanhoe and Menindee were reconstructed during 1994/95, creating approximately 10 years' extra capacity. The landfill site at Wilcannia was reconstructed during the 1995/96 periods creating approximately 15 years' extra capacity. Due to illegal burning at some of the landfills, usage of void space has been extended somewhat and the above timeframes vary somewhat.

### **3.1.7 Industrial Pollution (including Mines and Quarries)**

Industrial pollution within the Central Darling Shire Council area is negligible. At this stage the mining operations at White Cliffs pose minimal threat to the environment.

## **3.2 Waste Management Policies**

Council is currently in the process of reviewing waste management throughout the Shire. Council has recently joined the Netwaste group of Shires with a vision to gradually commence reducing waste streams presently going to landfill. Minimal recycling is undertaken throughout the Shire and the bulk of the waste is disposed of through use of landfills. In early 2006 Council reviewed its waste management practices at Menindee, and implemented changes through its 2006/2007 Management Plan. These changes included extending the garbage pickup to include properties located in the Menindee Environs, restricting access to the waste depot to 3 hours per day, 5 days per week, and introducing gate fees relating to amount and type of waste being disposed of. Similar changes have also now been introduced to the Wilcannia Waste Depot and Ivanhoe Waste Depot. These techniques are not expected to be altered in the short to medium term.

## **3.3 Storage And Disposal Sites Of Toxic And Hazardous Chemicals**

There is very little information on contaminated sites in the Central Darling Shire Council area. Areas of concern are the location and number of disused rural property tips as these may contain unused chemicals associated with the managing of livestock.

The number and location of old service stations or fuel storage depots are also unknown. There are various motor service stations or fuel depots operating within the Council boundary and these would contain large amounts of flammable liquids, in addition to this it is not uncommon for these locations to have liquid petroleum gas (LPG) storage facilities. LPG is inherently hazardous and needs extremely careful handling. It is of vital importance that LPG facilities be installed in the correct location to provide an acceptable degree of safety.

## **Part 4: Development Proposals likely to effect Community Land or Environmentally Sensitive Land**

No major developments affecting community land or environmentally sensitive land were undertaken or proposed within the Shire during the reporting period. A number of developments were undertaken in Wilcannia, the largest ones being the new Safehouse and CDEP Shed. In Ivanhoe a workers camp has been constructed by Transfield at the Ivanhoe campdraft grounds

### **4.1 Local Environmental Plan**

Council undertook an amendment to the Local Environmental Plan to address zoning issues at White Cliffs in relation to dug-outs. The amendment has been gazetted and was made in December 2010.

Council's Comprehensive LEP is in the process of being made and is due for gazettal in late 2011. This plan will align Central Darling with the remainder of NSW, as the instrument is being made under State legislation. Some changes to zoning will occur to towns and villages across the Shire, however generally the new plan will mirror the provisions under the existing LEP and Amendment 1.

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**APPENDICES****Appendix 1: Fauna and Flora Lists**

<b>Amphibia</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>Count</b>
Myobatrachidae	<i>Crinia parinsignifera</i>	Eastern Sign-bearing Froglet	P	4
	<i>Crinia sloanei</i>	Sloane's Froglet	V, P	K
	<i>Limnodynastes fletcheri</i>	Long-thumbed Frog	P	1
	<i>Limnodynastes ornatus</i>	Ornate Burrowing Frog	P	3
	<i>Limnodynastes salmini</i>	Salmon-striped Frog	P	5
	<i>Limnodynastes</i> sp	unidentified <i>Limnodynastes</i>	P	4
	<i>Limnodynastes tasmaniensis</i>	Spotted Grass Frog	P	75
	<i>Neobatrachus centralis</i>	Trilling Frog	P	7
	<i>Neobatrachus pictus</i>	Painted Burrowing Frog	E1,P	P
	<i>Neobatrachus</i> sp		P	1
	<i>Neobatrachus sudelli</i>	Sudell's Frog	P	24
	<i>Cyclorana platycephala</i>	Water-holding Frog	P	3
	<i>Litoria caerulea</i>	Green Tree Frog	P	81
	<i>Litoria latopalmata</i>	Broad-palmed Frog	P	1
	<i>Litoria peronii</i>	Peron's Tree Frog	P	57
	<i>Litoria raniformis</i>	Southern Bell Frog	E1,P	K
	<i>Litoria rubella</i>	Desert Tree Frog	P	3
<b>Aves</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>Count</b>
Casuariidae	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	Emu	P	119
Megapodiidae	<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>	Malleefowl	E1,P	K
Phasianida	<i>Coturnix pectoralis</i>	Stubble Quail	P	6
	<i>Coturnix</i> sp.	Unidentified Quail	P	2
	<i>Coturnix ypsilophora</i>	Brown Quail	P	2
	<i>Pavo cristatus</i> *	Indian Peafowl		1

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Anseranatidae	Anseranas semipalmata	Magpie Goose	V,P	2
	Anas castanea	Chestnut Teal	P	6
	Anas gracilis	Grey Teal	P	335
	Anas rhynchos	Australasian Shoveler	P	88
	Anas superciliosa	Pacific Black Duck	P	249
	Aythya australis	Hardhead	P	105
	Biziura lobata	Musk Duck	P	20
	Cereopsis novaehollandiae	Cape Barren Goose	P	1
	Chenonetta jubata	Australian Wood Duck	P	225
	Cygnus atratus	Black Swan	P	314
	Dendrocygna arcuata	Wandering Whistling-Duck	P	2
	Dendrocygna eytoni	Plumed Whistling-Duck	P	2
	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	Pink-eared Duck	P	185
	Oxyura australis	Blue-billed Duck	V,P	8
	Stictonetta naevosa	Freckled Duck	V,P	70
	Tadorna tadornoides	Australian Shelduck	P	129
Podicipedidae	Podiceps cristatus	Great Crested Grebe	P	22
	Poliocephalus poliocephalus	Hoary-headed Grebe	P	22
	Small grebe sp.	Small grebe	P	31
	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	Australasian Grebe	P	31
Columbidae	Columba livia*	Rock Dove		4
	Geopelia cuneata	Diamond Dove	P	72
	Geopelia striata	Peaceful Dove	P	180
	Geophaps scripta	Squatter Pigeon	E1,P	P
	Ocyphaps lophotes	Crested Pigeon	P	208

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	Phaps chalcoptera	Common Bronzewing	P	63
	Phaps histrionica	Flock Bronzewing	E1,P	2
Podargidae	Podargus strigoides	Tawny Frogmouth	P	16
Caprimulgidae	Eurostopodus argus	Spotted Nightjar	P	9
Aegothelidae	Aegotheles cristatus	Australian Owlet-nightjar	P	89
Apodidae	Apus pacificus	Fork-tailed Swift	P	4
	Hirundapus caudacutus	White-throated Needletail	P	2
Anhingidae	Anhinga novaehollandiae	Australasian Darter	P	139
Phalacrocoracidae	Microcarbo melanoleucos	Little Pied Cormorant	P	97
	Phalacrocorax carbo	Great Cormorant	P	276
	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris	Little Black Cormorant	P	155
	Phalacrocorax varius	Pied Cormorant	P	242
Pelecanidae	Pelecanus conspicillatus	Australian Pelican	P	284
Ardeidae	Ardea intermedia	Intermediate Egret	P	20
	Ardea modesta	Eastern Great Egret	P	146
	Ardea pacifica	White-necked Heron	P	88
	Ardea/Egretta sp.	Unidentified Egret	P	96
	Botaurus poiciloptilus	Australasian Bittern	E1,P	3
	Egretta garzetta	Little Egret	P	13
	Egretta novaehollandiae	White-faced Heron	P	127
	Ixobrychus dubius	Australian Little Bittern	P	1
	Nycticorax caledonicus	Nankeen Night Heron	P	17
Threskiornithidae	Platalea flavipes	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	P	237
	Platalea regia	Royal Spoonbill	P	73
	Plegadis falcinellus	Glossy Ibis	P	33
	Threskiornis molucca	Australian White Ibis	P	101
Accipitridae	Threskiornis spinicollis	Straw-necked Ibis	P	203
	Accipiter cirrocephalus	Collared Sparrowhawk	P	8

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	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	Brown Goshawk	P	25
	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>	Grey Goshawk	P	1
	<i>Aquila audax</i>	Wedge-tailed Eagle	P	1
	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Swamp Harrier	P	6
	<i>Circus assimilis</i>	Spotted Harrier	V,P	15
	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>	Black-shouldered Kite	P	21
	<i>Elanus scriptus</i>	Letter-winged Kite	P	1
	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	White-bellied Sea Eagle	P	4
	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	Whistling Kite	P	116
	<i>Hamirostra melanosternon</i>	Black-breasted Buzzard	V,P,3	18
	<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>	Little Eagle	V,P	21
	<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	Square-tailed Kite	V,P,3	8
	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black Kite	P	89
Falconidae	<i>Falco berigora</i>	Brown Falcon	P	24
	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Nankeen Kestrel	P	78
	<i>Falco hypoleucos</i>	Grey Falcon	E1,P,2	5
	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	Australian Hobby	P	17
	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	P	14
	<i>Falco subniger</i>	Black Falcon	P	12
	<i>Grus rubicunda</i>	Brolga	V,P	15
	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Eurasian Coot	P	148
	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	Dusky Moorhen	P	9
	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Buff-banded Rail	P	2
	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Purple Swamphen	P	19
	<i>Porzana fluminea</i>	Australian Spotted Crake	P	4
	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>	Baillon's Crake	P	3
	<i>Porzana tabuensis</i>	Spotless Crake	P	2
	<i>Gallinula ventralis</i>	Black-tailed Native-hen	P	182

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Otididae	<i>Ardeotis australis</i>	Australian Bustard	E1,P	15
Burhinidae	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>	Bush Stone-curlew	E1,P	2
Recurvirostridae	<i>Cladorhynchus leucocephalus</i>	Banded Stilt	P	7
	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Black-winged Stilt	P	123
	<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>	Red-necked Avocet	P	94
	<i>Charadrius australis</i>	Inland Dotterel	P	3
	<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>	Double-banded Plover	P	3
	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Lesser Sand Plover	V,P	4
	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>	Red-capped Plover	P	13
	<i>Charadrius veredus</i>	Oriental Plover	P	1
	<i>Euseyonis melanops</i>	Black-fronted Dotterel	P	71
	<i>Erythrogonys cinctus</i>	Red-kneed Dotterel	P	17
	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Pacific Golden Plover	P	2
	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Grey Plover	P	1
	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Masked Lapwing	P	115
	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	[Spur-winged Plover]	P	1
	<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>	Banded Lapwing	P	22
Pedionomidae	<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>	Plains-wanderer	E1,P	7
Rostratulidae	<i>Rostratula australis</i>	Australian Painted Snipe	E1,P	7
	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common Sandpiper	P	5
	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	P	12
	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling	V,P	2
	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Red Knot	P	1
	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Curlew Sandpiper	P	4
	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Pectoral Sandpiper	P	2
	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Red-necked Stint	P	7
	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>	Latham's Snipe	P	2
	large wader sp.	Large Waders	P	1

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	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Bar-tailed Godwit	P	1
	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Black-tailed Godwit	V,P	K
	<i>Numenius minutus</i>	Little Curlew	P	1
	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Wood Sandpiper	P	1
	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Common Greenshank	P	5
	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Marsh Sandpiper	P	4
Scolopacidae/ Charadriidae	Small wader sp.	Small Waders	P	35
Turnicidae	<i>Turnix pyrrhotorax</i>	Red-chested Buton-quail	P	2
	<i>Turnix velox</i>	Little Button-quail	P	11
Glareolidae	<i>Stiltia Isabella</i>	Australian Pratincole	P	16
Laridae	<i>Chlidonias hybrid</i>	Whiskered Tern	P	137
	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	White-winged Black Tern	P	1
	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Silver Gull	P	398
	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Gull-billed Tern	P	42
	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Caspian Tern	P	136
	<i>Sterna sp.</i>	Tern	P	13
Cacatuidae	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	Sulphur-crested Cocatoo	P	3
	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	Little Corella	P	111
	<i>Cacatua sanguinea gymnopsis</i>		P	3
	<i>^Calyptorhynchus banksii samueli</i>	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo (inland subspecies)	V,P,2	54
	<i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i>	Galah	P	190
	<i>Eolophus roseicapillus albiceps</i>		P	4
	<i>^Lophochroa leadbeateri</i>	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	V,P,2	80
	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	Cockatiel	P	43
Psittacidae	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>	Red-winged Parrot	P	2
	<i>Barnardius zonarius</i>	Australian Ringneck	P	37
	<i>Barnardius zonarius barnardi</i>	[Mallee Ringneck]	P	76

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	<i>^Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i>	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	V,P,3	K
	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	Budgerigar	P	66
	<i>Neophema chrysostoma</i>	Blue-winged Parrot	P	6
	<i>^Neophema pulchella</i>	Turquoise Parrot	V,P,3	K
	<i>Neophema splendida</i>	Scarlet-chested Parrot	V,P	1
	<i>Neopsephotus bourkii</i>	Bourke's Parrot	P	3
	<i>Northiella haematogaster</i>	Blue Bonnet	P	123
	<i>Platycercus elegans flaveolus</i>	[Yellow Rosella]	P	9
	<i>^Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides</i>	Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies)	E1, P, 3	K
	<i>^Polytelis swainsonii</i>	Superb Parrot	V,P,3	K
	<i>Psephotus haematonotus</i>	Red-rumped Parrot	P	124
	<i>Psephotus varius</i>	Mulga Parrot	P	46
Cuculidae	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	P	1
	<i>Cacomantis pallidus</i>	Pallid Cuckoo	P	19
	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	Brush Cuckoo	P	1
	<i>Chalcites basalus</i>	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	P	59
	<i>Chalcites osculans</i>	Black-eared Cuckoo	P	6
Strigidae	<i>Ninox connivens</i>	Barking Owl	V,P,3	3
	<i>Ninox boobook</i>	Southern Boobook	P	43
	<i>^Tyto javanica</i>	Eastern Barn Owl	P	35
	<i>^Tyto longimembris</i>	Eastern Grass Owl	V,P,3	P
	<i>^Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	Masked Owl	V,P,3	4
Alcedinidae	<i>Dacelo nobaeguineae</i>	Laughing Kookaburra	P	42
	<i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygius</i>	Red-backed Kingfisher	P	40
	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	Sacred Kingfisher	P	99
Meropidae	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Rainbow Bee-eater	P	115
Climacteridae	<i>Climacteris affinis</i>	White-browed Treecreeper	P	10
	<i>Climacteris picumnus victoriae</i>	Brown Treecreeper (eastern subspecies)	V,P	140

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Ptilonorhynchidae	Chlamydera maculata	Spotted Bowerbird	P	4
Maluridae	Amytornis striatus	Striated Grasswren	V,P	1
	^Amytornis textilis modestus	Thick-billed Grasswren (eastern subspecies)	E4A, P,2	K
	Malurus cyaneus	Superb Fairy-wren	P	1
	Malurus lamberti	Variiegated Fairy-wren	P	90
	Malurus lamberti assimilis		P	1
	Malurus leucopterus	White-winged Fairy-wren	P	95
	Malurus splendens	Splendid Fairy-wren	P	4
Acanthizidae	Acanthiza apicalis	Inland Thornbill	P	10
	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	P	49
	Acanthiza nana	Yellow Thornbill	P	3
	Acanthiza uropygialis	Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	P	61
	Aphelocephala leucopsis	Southern Whiteface	P	67
	Calamanthus campstris	Rufous Fieldwren	V,P	K
	Chthonicola sagittata	Speckled Warbler	V,P	K
	Gerygone fusca	Western Gerygone	P	4
	Hylacola cautus	Shy Heathwren	V,P	K
	Pyrrholaemus brunneus	Redthroat	V,P	K
	Smicrornis brevirostris	Weebill	P	66
Pardalotidae	Pardalotus punctatus	Spotted Pardalote	P	1
	Pardalotus punctatus xanthopyge	[Yellow-rumped Pardalote]	P	6
	Pardalotus rubricatus	Red-browed Pardalote	P	3
Unidentified Pardalote	Pardalotus sp.		P	1
	Pardalotus striatus	Striated Pardalote	P	72
Meliphagidae	Acanthagenys rufogularis	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	P	108
	Anthochaera carunculata	Red Wattlebird	P	3
	Ashbyia lovensis	Gibberbird	P	1
	Certhionyx variegatus	Pied Honeyeater	V,P	5

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	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>	Blue-faced Honeyeater	P	1
	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>	White-fronted Chat	V,P	30
	<i>Epthianura aurifrons</i>	Orange Chat	P	26
	<i>Epthianura tricolor</i>	Crimson Chat	P	36
	<i>Grantiella picta</i>	Painted Honeyeater	V,P	K
	<i>Lichenostomus cratitius</i>	Purple-gaped Honeyeater	V,P	K
	<i>Lichenostomus leucotis</i>	White-eared Honeyeater	P	9
	<i>Lichenostomus ornatus</i>	Yellow-plumed Honeyeater	P	23
	<i>Lichenostomus penicillatus</i>	White-plumed Honeyeater	P	511
	<i>Lichenostomus plumulus</i>	Grey-fronted Honeyeater	P	8
	<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>	Singing Honeyeater	P	86
	<i>Manorina flavigula</i>	Yellow-throated Miner	P	212
	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	Noisy Miner	P	1
	<i>Manorina melanotis</i>	Black-eared Miner	E4A,P	P
	<i>Melithreptus gularis gularis</i>	Black-chinned Honeyeater(eastern subspecies)	V,P	K
	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>	Little Friarbird	P	82
	<i>Philemon corniculatus</i>	Noisy Friarbird	P	1
	<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>	Striped Honeyeater	P	21
	<i>Purnella albifrons</i>	White-fronted Honeyeater	P	17
	<i>Sugomel niger</i>	Black Honeyeater	P	1
Pomatostomidae	<i>Pomatostomus halli</i>	Hall's Babbler	V,P	K
	<i>Pomatostomus ruficeps</i>	Chestnut-crowned Babbler	P	62
	<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>	White-browed Babbler	P	10
	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i>	Grey-crowned Babbler (eastern subspecies)	V,P	6
Psophodidae	<i>Cinclosoma castanotus</i>	Chestnut Quail-thrush	V	4
	<i>Psophodes cristatus</i>	Chirruping Wedgebill	P	49
Neosittidae	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	Varied Sittella	V,P	4
Campephagidae	<i>Croacina maxima</i>	Ground Cuckooshrike	P	8

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	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Black-faced Cuckooshrike	P	108
	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae melanops</i>		P	1
	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	White Bellied Cuckooshrike	P	4
	<i>Lalage sueurii</i>	White-winged Triller	P	4
Pachycephalidae	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Grey Shrike-thrush	P	180
	<i>Falcunculus frontatus frontatus</i>	Eastern Shrike-tit	P	9
	<i>Oreoica gutturalis</i>	Crested Bellbird	P	34
	<i>Pachycephala inornata</i>	Gilbert's Whistler	V,P	5
	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Golden Whistler	P	6
	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Rufous Whistler	P	37
	<i>Pachycephala rufogularis</i>	Red-lored Whistler	E4A,P	K
Artamidae	<i>Artamus cinereus</i>	Black-faced Woodswallow	P	35
	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>	Dusky Woodswallow	P	6
	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	White-breasted Woodswallow	P	47
	<i>Artamus minor</i>	Little Woodswallow	P	2
	<i>Artamus personatus</i>	Masked Woodswallow	P	62
	<i>Artamus sp.</i>		P	1
	<i>Artamus superciliosus</i>	White-browed Woodswallow	P	100
	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	Pied Butcherbird	P	109
	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis nigrogularis</i>		P	2
	<i>Cracticus tibicen</i>	Australian Magpie	P	146
	<i>Cracticus tibicen terraereginae</i>		P	3
	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	Grey Butcherbird	P	58
	<i>Cracticus torquatus leucopterus</i>		P	2
	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>	Grey Currawong	P	1
Rhipiduridae	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>	Grey Fantail	P	17
	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Willie Wagtail	P	251
Corvidae	<i>Corvus bennetti</i>	Little Crow	P	38

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	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	Australian Raven	P	175
	<i>Corvus mellori</i>	Little Raven	P	35
Monarchidae	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Magpie-lark	P	260
	<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>	Restless Flycatcher	P	32
Corcoracidae	<i>Corcorax melanorhamphos</i>	White-winged Cough	P	56
	<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>	Apostlebird	P	103
Petroicidae	<i>Drymodes brunneopygia</i>	Southern Scrub-robin	V,P	2
	<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>	Hooded Robin (south eastern form)	V,P	11
	<i>Microeca fascians</i>	Jacky Winter	P	33
	<i>Petroica goodenovii</i>	Red-capped Robin	P	59
	<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>	Flame Robin	V,P	K
Alaudidae	<i>Mirafra javanica</i>	Horsfield's Bushlark	P	4
Cisticolidae	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	Golden-headed Cisticola	P	1
Acrocephalidae	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>	Australian Reed-Warbler	P	25
Megaluridae	<i>Cincloramphus cruralis</i>	Brown Songlark	P	24
	<i>Cincloramphus mathewsi</i>	Rufous Songlark	P	30
	<i>Megalurus gramineus</i>	Little Grassbird	P	11
Timaliidae	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Silveryeye	P	2
Hirundinidae	<i>Cheramoeca leucosterna</i>	White-backed Swallow	P	84
	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	Welcome Swallow	P	82
	<i>Hirundo neoxena neoxena</i>		P	4
	<i>Petrochelidon ariel</i>	Fairy Martin	P	28
	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>	Tree Martin	P	151
Turdidae	<i>Turdus merula*</i>	Eurasian Blackbird		2
Sturnidae	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common Starling	U	23
Nectariniidae	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>	Mistletoebird	P	28
Estrildidae	<i>Stagonopleura guttata</i>	Diamond Firetail	V,P	1
	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	Zebra Finch	P	79

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Passeridae	Passer domesticus	House Sparrow	U	24
Motacillidae	Anthus novaeseelandiae	Australian Pipit	P	31

<b>Mammalia</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>Count</b>
Tachyglossidae	Tachyglossus aculeatus	Short-beaked Echidna	P	35
Dasyuridae	Antechinomys laniger	Kultarr	E1,P	1
	Dasyercus cristicauda	Mulgara	E4	1
	Dasyuridae sp.	Unidentified dasyurid	P	1
	Ningauai yvonneae	Southern Ningauai	V	11
	Planigale gilesi	Paucident Planigale	P	16
	Planigale sp.	Unidentified Planigale	P	1
	Planigale tenuirostris	Narrow-nosed Planigale	P	13
	Sminthopsis crassicaudata	Fat-tailed Dunnart	P	23
	Sminthopsis macroura	Stripe-faced Dunnart	V	4
	Sminthopsis murina	Common Dunnart	P	6
Peramelidae	Isoodon auratus auratus	Golden Bandicoot (mainland)	E4,P	1
	Perameles bougainville fasciata	Western Barred Bandicoot (mainland)	E4,P	1
Thylacomyidae	Macrotis lagotis	Bilby	E4,P	1
Phascolarctidae	Phascolarctos cinereus	Koala	V,P	8
Burramyidae	Cercartetus concinnus	Western Pygmy Possum	E1, P	K
Phalangeridae	Trichosurus vulpecula	Common Brushtail Possum	P	7
Macropodidae	Macropod sp	Unidentified macropod	P	1
	Macropus fuliginosus	Western Grey Kangaroo	P	83
	Macropus giganteus	Eastern Grey Kangaroo	P	15
	Macropus robustus	Common Wallaroo	P	21
	Macropus rufus	Red Kangaroo	P	102
	Macropus sp.	Kangaroo/wallaby	P	1
	Petrogale xanthopus	Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby	E1,P	83

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Emballonuridae	Saccolaimus flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Sheath-tail-bat	V,P	2
Molossidae	Mormopterus "Species 3" (little penis)		P	7
	Mormopterus sp.	Mastiff-bat	P	49
	Tadarida australis	White-striped Freetail-bat	P	19
Vespertilionidae	Chalinolobus gouldii	Gould's Wattled Bat	P	93
	Chalinolobus picatus	Little Pied Bat	V,P	19
	Myotis macropus	Southern Myotis	V,P	P
	Nyctophilus corbeni	Corben's Long-eared Bat	V,P	1
	Nyctophilus geoffroyi	Lesser Long-eared Bat	P	94
	Scotorepens balstoni	Inland Broad-nosed Bat	P	21
	Scotorepens greyii	Little Broad-nosed Bat	P	75
	Scotorepens sp.	Unidentified broad-nosed bat	P	20
	Vespadelus baverstocki	Inland Forest Bat	V,P	13
	Vespadelus sp.	Unidentified Eptesicus	P	11
	Vespadelus vulturnus	Little Forest Bat	P	88
Muridae	Hydromys chrysogaster	Water-rat	P	5
	Leggadina forresti	Forrest's Mouse	V,P	1
	Leporillus conditor	Greater Stick-nest Rat	E4,P	1
	Mus musculus	House Mouse		118
	Notomys fuscus	Dusky Hopping-mouse	E1,P	P
	Pseudomys bolami	Bolam's Mouse	E1,P	K
	Pseudomys hermannsburgensis	Sandy Inland Mouse	V,P	K
	Rattus villosissimus	Long-haired Rat	V,P	2
Canidae	Canis lupus*	Dingo, domestic dog		6
	Vulpes vulpes*	Fox		81
Felidae	Felis catus*	Cat		19
Leporida	Oryctolagus cuniculus*	Rabbit		55
Equidae	Equus asinus*	Donkey		2

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Suidae	<i>Sus scrofa</i> *	Pig		27
Bovidae	<i>Capra hircus</i> *	Goat		33
Cervidae	<i>Cervus sp.</i> *	Unidentified Deer		4

<b>Reptilia</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>Count</b>
Chelidae	<i>Emydura macquarii</i>	Macquarie Turtle	P	2
	<i>Macrochelodina expansa</i>	Broad-shelled River Turtle	P	2
Gekkonidae	<i>Christinus marmoratus</i>	Marbled Gecko	P	1
	<i>Diplodactylus conspicillatus</i>	Fat-tailed Diplodactylus	E1,P	1
	<i>Diplodactylus tessellatus</i>	Tesselated Gecko	P	56
	<i>Gehyra dubia</i>	Dubious Dtella	P	4
	<i>Gehyra variegata</i>	Tree Dtella	P	145
	<i>Heteronotia binoei</i>	Bynoe's Gecko	P	74
	<i>Lucasium byrnei</i>	Gibber Gecko	P	1
	<i>Lucasium damaeum</i>	Beaded Gecko	P	98
	<i>Lucasium steindachneri</i>	Box-patterned Gecko	P	17
	<i>Diplodactylus stenodactylus</i>	Crowned Gecko	V,P	2
	<i>Nephurus levis</i>	Three-lined Knob-tail	P	19
	<i>Rhynchoedura ornata</i>	Beaked Gecko	P	35
	<i>Strophurus ciliaris</i>	Spiny-tailed Gecko	P	25
	<i>Diplodactylus elderi</i>	Jewelled Gecko	V	3
	<i>Strophurus intermedius</i>	Southern Spiny-tailed Gecko	P	1
	<i>Strophurus williamsi</i>	Eastern Spiny-tailed Gecko	P	1
	<i>Underwoodisaurus milii</i>	Thick-tailed Gecko	P	8
Pygopodidae	<i>Aprasia inaurita</i>	Mallee Wormlizard	E1, P	K
	<i>Delma australis</i>	Marle-faced Delma	E1,p	K
	<i>Delma butleri</i>	Unbanded Delma	P	6
	<i>Delma inornata</i>	Patternless Delma	P	1

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	<i>Delma tincta</i>	Excitable Delma	P	1
	<i>Lialis burtonis</i>	Burton's Snake-lizard	P	8
	<i>Pygopus nigriceps</i>	Western Hooded Scaly-foot	P	7
Scindidae	<i>Cryptoblepharus australis</i>	Inland Snake-eyed Skink	P	28
	<i>Ctenotus atlas</i>	Southern Mallee Ctenotus	P	23
	<i>Ctenotus brachyonyx</i>	Short-clawed Ctenotus	P	18
	<i>Ctenotus brooksi</i>	Wedgesnout Ctenotus	V,P	1
	<i>Ctenotus leonhardii</i>	Leonhardi's Ctenotus	P	21
	<i>Ctenotus Olympicus</i>		P	1
	<i>Ctenotus regius</i>	Pale-rumped Ctenotus	P	91
	<i>Ctenotus robustus</i>	Robust Ctenotus	P	3
	<i>Ctenotus schomburgkii</i>	Barred Wedge-snout Ctenotus	P	21
	<i>Ctenotus sp.</i>		P	1
	<i>Cyclodomorphus melanops elongatus</i>	Mallee Slender Blue-tongue Lizard	E1,P	1
	<i>Cylodomorphus venustus</i>		E1,P	P
	<i>Egernia sp.</i>	Unidentified Egernia	P	1
	<i>Egernia striolata</i>	Tree Skink	P	19
	<i>Egernia whitii</i>	White's Skink population in the Broken Hill Complex Bioregion	E2, P	K
	<i>Egernia whitii</i>	White's Skink	P	K
	<i>Eremiascincus fasciolatus</i>	Narrow-banded Sand-swimmer	P	4
	<i>Eremiascincus richardsonii</i>	Broad-banded Sand-swimmer	P	10
	<i>Lerista labialis</i>	Southern Sandslider	P	3
	<i>Lerista muelleri</i>	Wood Mulch-slider	P	1
	<i>Lerista punctatovittata</i>	Eastern Robust Slider	P	34
	<i>Lerista xanthura</i>	Yellow-tailed Plain Slider	V	8
	<i>Liopholis inornata</i>	Desert Skink	P	2
	<i>Menetia greyii</i>	Common Dwarf Skink	P	16
	<i>Morethia adelaidensis</i>	Saltbush Morethia Skink	P	20

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	<i>Morethia boulengeri</i>	South-eastern Morethia Skink	P	102
	<i>Proablepharus kinghorni</i>	Red-tailed Soil-crevice Skink	P	2
	<i>Tiliqua occipitalis</i>	Western Blue-tongued Lizard	V	2
	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i>	Shingle-back	P	135
Agamidae	<i>Amphibolurus nobbi</i>	Nobbi	P	10
	<i>Amphibolurus nobbi coggeri</i>		P	4
	<i>Ctenophorus decresi</i>	Tawny Crevice Dragon	E1,P	K
	<i>Ctenophorus fordi</i>	Mallee Military Dragon	P	39
	<i>Ctenophorus nuchalis</i>	Central Netted Dragon	P	4
	<i>Ctenophorus pictus</i>	Painted Dragon	P	24
	<i>Pogona barbata</i>	Bearded Dragon	P	3
	<i>Pogona vitticeps</i>	Central Bearded Dragon	P	72
	<i>Tympanocryptis lineata</i>	Lined Earless Dragon	P	7
	<i>Tympanocryptis sp.</i>		P	1
	<i>Tympanocryptis tetraporophora</i>	Eyrean Earless Dragon	P	7
Varanida	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	Gould's Goanna	P	54
	<i>Varanus sp.</i>	Unidentified Goanna	P	13
	<i>Varanus varius</i>	Lace Monitor	P	41
Typhlopidae	<i>Ramphotyphlops bituberculatus</i>	Prong-snouted Blind Snake	P	10
	<i>Ramphotyphlops endoterus</i>	Interior Blind Snake	E1,P	K
	<i>Ramphotyphlops proximus</i>	Proximus Blind Snake	P	1
Boidae	<i>Liasis stimonsi</i>	Stimson's Python	V,P	1
	<i>Aspidites ramsayi</i>	Woma	V,P	K
	<i>Morelia spilota</i>	Carpet & Diamond Pythons	P	2
	<i>Morelia spilota metcalfei</i>	Murray/Darling Carpet Python	P	1
Elapidae	<i>Brachyuropsis australis</i>	Coral Snake	P	2
	<i>Demansia psammophis</i>	Yellow-faced Whip Snake	P	1
	<i>Echiopsis curta</i>	Bardick	E1,P	K

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	<i>Furina diadema</i>	Red-naped Snake	P	2
	<i>Notechis scutatus</i>	Tiger Snake	P	1
	<i>Parasuta dwyeri</i>	Dwyer's Snake	P	2
	<i>Pseudechis australis</i>	King Brown Snake	P	7
	<i>Pseudechis modesta</i>	Ringed Brown Snake	E1,P	K
	<i>Pseudonaja nuchalis</i>	Western Brown Snake	P	10
	<i>Pseudonaja</i> sp.	Unidentified Brown Snake	P	3
	<i>Pseudonaja textilis</i>	Eastern Brown Snake	P	20
	<i>Simoselaps fasciolatus</i>	Narrow-banded Snake	V,P	2
	<i>Suta suta</i>	Curl Snake	P	17
	<i>Vermicella annulata</i>	Bandy-bandy	P	1

<b>Flora</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>Count</b>
Acanthaceae	<i>Rhaphidospora bonneyana</i>		E4,P	2
	<i>Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia</i>	Rock Fern		9
	<i>Cheilanthes distans</i>	Bristly Cloak Fern		1
	<i>Cheilanthes lasiophylla</i>			5
	<i>Cheilanthes sieberi</i> subsp. <i>Sieberi</i>	Rock Fern		2
Aizoaceae	<i>Disphyma crassifolium</i> subsp. <i>clavellatum</i>			4
	<i>Glinus lotoides</i>	Hairy Carpet-weed		7
	<i>Gunniopais septifraga</i>			2
	<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Common Ice Plant		2
	<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>	Small Ice Plant		2
	<i>Psilocaulon tenue</i>	Wiry Noon-flower		6
	<i>Sarcospora praecox</i>	Sarcospora		1
	<i>Tetragonia eremaea</i>			86
	<i>Tetragonia moorei</i>			31
	<i>Tetragonia tetragonioides</i>	New Zealand Spinach		79

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	<i>Trianthema triquetra</i>	Small Hogweed		7
	<i>Zaleya galericulata</i>	Hogweed		4
	<i>Zaleya galericulata</i> subsp. <i>australis</i>			2
	<i>Zaleya galericulata</i> subsp. <i>galericulata</i>			9
Alismataceae	<i>Damasonium minus</i>	Starfruit		1
Amaranthaceae	<i>Alternanthera angustifolia</i>			3
	<i>Alternanthera denticulata</i>	Lesser Joyweed		25
	<i>Alternanthera nodiflora</i>	Common Joyweed		29
	<i>Alternanthera</i> spp.	Joyweed		7
	<i>Amaranthus grandiflorus</i>	Large- flower Amaranth		5
	<i>Amaranthus macrocarpus</i> var. <i>macrocarpus</i>			4
	<i>Amaranthus macrocarpus</i> var. <i>pallidus</i>			1
	<i>Ptilotus exaltatus</i> var. <i>exaltatus</i>	Tall Mulla Mulla	P	4
	<i>Ptilotus gaudichaudii</i>			1
	<i>Ptilotus gaudichaudii</i> var. <i>gaudichaudii</i>			1
	<i>Ptilotus nobilis</i>	Yellowtails		8
	<i>Ptilotus obovatus</i>	Smoke Bush	P	1
	<i>Ptilotus obovatus</i> var. <i>obovatus</i>	Silver Tails	P	6
	<i>Ptilotus polystachyus</i> var. <i>polystachyus</i>	Long Tails		12
	<i>Ptilotus sessilifolius</i> var. <i>sessilifolius</i>			15
	<i>Ptilotus spathulatus</i> f. <i>spathulatus</i>	Pussy-tails		3
	<i>Ptilotus</i> spp.			1
Amaryllidaceae	<i>Calostemma purpureum</i>	Garland Lily		2
	<i>Crinum flaccidum</i>	Darling Lily		12
	<i>Schinus areira</i> *	Pepper Tree		3
	<i>Corynotheca licrota</i>	Club-fruit Lily		2
	<i>Thysanotus baueri</i>	Fringe-lily		13
	<i>Apium australe</i>			1

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	<i>Daucus glochidiatus</i>	Native Carrot		74
	<i>Daucus glochidiatus</i> f. G	Native Carrot		2
	<i>Eryngium paludosum</i>	Long Eryngium		9
	<i>Hydrocotyle trachycarpa</i>	Wild Parsley		2
	<i>Trachymene glaucifolia</i>	Wild Parsnip		1
	<i>Trachymene ochracea</i>	White Parsnip		4
Apocynaceae	<i>Marsdenia australis</i>	Doubah		11
	<i>Rhyncharrhena linearis</i>	Purple Pentatlope		2
Aponogetonaceae	<i>Aponogeton queenslandicus</i>		E1,P	K
Asphodelaceae	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i> *	Onion Weed		39
	<i>Bulbine bulbosa</i>	Bulbine Lily		19
	<i>Bulbine semibarbata</i>	Wild Onion		32
	<i>Bulbine</i> spp.			64
	<i>Pleurosorus rutifolius</i>	Bristly Cloak Fern		1
Aspleniaceae	<i>Acanthocladium dockeri</i>	Spiny Everlasting	E4,P	1
Asteraceae	<i>Actinobole uliginosum</i>	Flannel Cudweed		12
	<i>Ambrosia confertiflora</i> *	Burr Ragweed		6
	<i>Anemocarpa podolepidium</i>	Rock Everlasting		2
	<i>Angianthus brachypappus</i>	Spreading Cup-flower		2
	<i>Arctotheca calendula</i> *	Capeweed		2
	<i>Aster subalatus</i> *	Wild Aster		3
	<i>Bidens bipinnata</i> *	Bipinnate Begger's Ticks		1
	<i>Brachyscome basaltica</i> var. <i>gracilis</i>	Swamp Daisy		5
	<i>Brachyscome ciliaris</i>	Variable Daisy		48
	<i>Brachyscome ciliaris</i> var. <i>ciliaris</i>	Variable Daisy		3
	<i>Brachyscome ciliaris</i> var. <i>lanuginosa</i>	Variable Daisy		18
	<i>Brachyscome ciliocarpa</i>	Showy Daisy		2
	<i>Brachyscome curvicarpa</i>			1

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	<i>Brachyscome dentata</i>			13
	<i>Brachyscome goniocarpa</i>	Dwarf Daisy		1
	<i>Brachyscome lineariloba</i>	Hard-headed Daisy		90
	<i>Brachyscome melanocarpa</i>	Black-seeded Daisy		9
	<i>Brachyscome multifida</i> var. <i>multifida</i>			2
	<i>Brachyscome nivalis</i>	Snow Daisy		2
	<i>Brachyscome papillosa</i>	Mossgiel Daisy	V,P	2
	<i>Brachyscome smithwhitei</i>			6
	<i>Brachyscome</i> spp.			4
	<i>Calendula arvensis</i> *	Field Marigold		2
	<i>Calocephalus sonderi</i>	Pale Beauty-heads		18
	<i>Calotis cuneifolia</i>	Purple Burr-Daisy		23
	<i>Calotis cymbacantha</i>	Showy Burr-daisy		39
	<i>Calotis erinacea</i>	Tangled Burr-daisy		55
	<i>Calotis hispidula</i>	Bogan Flea		60
	<i>Calotis moorei</i>	A burr-daisy	E1,4	6
	<i>Calotis plumulifera</i>	Woolly-headed Burr-daisy		46
	<i>Calotis scabiosifolia</i>	Rough Burr-daisy		4
	<i>Calotis scabiosifolia</i> var. <i>scabiosifolia</i>			40
	<i>Calotis scapigera</i>	Tufted Burr-daisy		5
	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	Winged Slender Thistle		2
	<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	Saffron Thistle		10
	<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i>	Safflower		1
	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	Maltese Cockspur		192
	<i>Centipeda crateriformis</i> subsp. <i>compacta</i>			2
	<i>Centipedia crateriformis</i> subsp. <i>crateriformis</i>			3
	<i>Centipeda cunninghamii</i>	Common Sneezeweed		70
	<i>Centipeda minima</i> subsp. <i>minima</i>	Spreading sneezeweed		3

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	<i>Coronidium scorpioides</i>	Button Everlasting		1
	<i>Cotula australis</i>	Common Cotula		2
	<i>Craspedia haplorrhiza</i>	Billy Buttons	P	10
	<i>Cymbonotus lawsonianus</i>	Bear's Ear		1
	<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Stinkwort		26
	<i>Eclipta platyglossa</i>	Yellow Twin-Heads		3
	<i>Epaltes australis</i>	Spreading Nut-heads		51
	<i>Epaltes cunninghamii</i>	Tall Nut-heads		11
	<i>Eriochlamys behrii</i>	Woolly Mantle		10
	<i>Euchiton involucratus</i>	Star Cudweed		3
	<i>Euchiton sphaericus</i>	Star Cudweed		9
	<i>Flaveria australasica</i>	Speedy Weed		1
	<i>Glossogyne tannensis</i>	Cobbler's Tack		1
	<i>Gnaphalium polycaulon</i>	Many-stemmed Cudweed, Indian Cudweed		1
	<i>Gnephosis arachnoidea</i>	Erect Yellow-heads		80
	<i>Gnephosis eriocarpa</i>			2
	<i>Gnephosis tenuissima</i>			2
	<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i> subsp. Cretica*	Cretan Weed		41
	<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i> *	Cretan Weed		7
	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Common Sunflower		2
	<i>Hyalosperma semisterile</i>			6
	<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Catsear		16
	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> *	Catsear		31
	<i>Isoetopsis graminifolia</i>	Grass Cushion		5
	<i>Kippistia suaedifolia</i>	Fleshy Minuria	E1,P	16
	<i>Lactuca serriola</i> *	Prickly Lettuce		20
	<i>Leiocarpa brevicompta</i>	Flat Billy-buttons		16
	<i>Leiocarpa leptolepis</i>	Pale Plover-daisy		22

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	<i>Leiocarpa panaetioides</i>	Woolly Buttons		3
	<i>Leiocarpa semicalva</i> subsp. <i>semicalva</i>			4
	<i>Leiocarpa tomentosa</i>	Woolly Plover-daisy		7
	<i>Leiocarpa websteri</i>			22
	<i>Lemooria burkittii</i>	Wires-a-wool		3
	<i>Leptorhynchos baileyi</i>	Wooly Buttons		1
	<i>Leptorhynchos orientalis</i>	Lanky Buttons	E1,P	K
	<i>Leptorhynchos waitzia</i>	Button Immortelle	E1,P	2
	<i>Leucochrysum molle</i>	Hoary Sunray		7
	<i>Millotia greevesii</i> subsp. <i>glandulosa</i>			1
	<i>Millotia greevesii</i> subsp. <i>greevesii</i>			2
	<i>Millotia myosotidifolia</i>	Broad-leaved Millotia		2
	<i>Minuria cunninghamii</i>	Bush Minuria		53
	<i>Minuria denticulata</i>			13
	<i>Minuria integerrima</i>	Smooth Minuria		7
	<i>Minuria leptophylla</i>			29
	<i>Minuria</i> spp.			1
	<i>Myriocephalus pluriflorus</i>	Woolly-heads		1
	<i>Olearia incana</i>			1
	<i>Olearia muelleri</i>	Mueller's Daisy Bush		2
	<i>Olearia pimeleoides</i>			17
	<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush		1
	<i>Onopordum acaulon</i>	Stemless thistle		2
	<i>Picris squarrosa</i>			8
	<i>Pluchea baccharoides</i>	Narrow-leaved Plains-bush		2
	<i>Pluchea tetranthera</i>	Pink Plains-bush		3
	<i>Podolepis canescens</i>	Large Copper-wire Daisy		3
	<i>Podolepis capillaris</i>	Invisible Plant		4

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	<i>Podolepis jaceoides</i>	Showy Copper-wire Daisy		5
	<i>Podolepis muelleri</i>	Small Copper-wire Daisy		3
	<i>Podolepis</i> spp.			1
	<i>Polycalymma stuartii</i>	Poached Eggs		178
	<i>Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum</i>	Jersey Cudweed		59
	<i>Pterocaulon sphacelatum</i>	Applebush		19
	<i>Pycnosorus chrysanthes</i>	Golden Billy-buttons	P	5
	<i>Pycnosorus globosus</i>	Drumsticks	P	22
	<i>Pycnosorus pleiocephalus</i>		P	46
	<i>Pycnosorus thompsonianus</i>		P	8
	<i>Reichardia tingitana</i>	False Sowthistle		2
	<i>Rhodanthe corymbiflora</i>	Small White Sunray		58
	<i>Rhodanthe floribunda</i>	Common White Sunray		133
	<i>Rhodanthe microglossa</i>	Clustered Sunray		1
	<i>Rhodanthe moschata</i>			41
	<i>Rhodanthe polygalifolia</i>	Brilliant Sunray		8
	<i>Rhodanthe pygmaea</i>	Pigmy Sunray		5
	<i>Rhodanthe</i> spp.			2
	<i>Rhodanthe stricta</i>	Slender Sunray		3
	<i>Rhodanthe stuartiana</i>			9
	<i>Rhodanthe uniflora</i>			12
	<i>Rutidosia helichrysoides</i>	Grey wrinklewort		41
	<i>Schoenia ramosissima</i>			1
	<i>Scorzonera laciniata</i> var. <i>calcitrapifolia</i>			1
	<i>Senecio bathurstianus</i>			1
	<i>Senecio cunninghamii</i> var. <i>cunninghamii</i>			16
	<i>Senecio glossanthus</i>	Streaked Poverty Bush		47
	<i>Senecio gregorii</i>			8

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	<i>Senecio lanibracteus</i>			30
	<i>Senecio lautus</i> subsp. <i>dissectifolius</i>			5
	<i>Senecio magnificus</i>	Tall Yellow-tops		9
	<i>Senecio murrayanus</i>			5
	<i>Senecio platylepis</i>			1
	<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i> var. <i>pinnatifolius</i>			31
	<i>Senecio productus</i> subsp. <i>productus</i>			1
	<i>Senecio quadridentatus</i>	Cotton Fireweed		88
	<i>Senecio runcinifolius</i>	Tall Groundsel		45
	<i>Senecio</i> spp.	Groundsel, Fireweed		2
	<i>Sigesbeckia australiensis</i>			1
	<i>Silybum marianum</i> *	Variegated Thistle		1
	<i>Sonchus asper</i> subsp. <i>glaucescens</i>	Prickly Sowthistle		36
	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common Sowthistle		78
	<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	False Hawkbit		1
	<i>Vittadinia cervicularis</i>			1
	<i>Vittadinia cervicularis</i> var. <i>cervicularis</i>	A Fuzzweed		5
	<i>Vittadinia cervicularis</i> var. <i>subcervicularis</i>			2
	<i>Vittadinia condyloides</i>			2
	<i>Vittadinia cuneata</i>	A Fuzzweed		119
	<i>Vittadinia cuneata</i> var. <i>cuneata</i>			2
	<i>Vittadinia cuneata</i> var. <i>hirsute</i>			1
	<i>Vittadinia cuneata</i> var. <i>morrisii</i>			3
	<i>Vittadinia eremaea</i>			5
	<i>Vittadinia gracilis</i>	Woolly New Holland Daisy		6
	<i>Vittadinia pterochaeta</i>	Rough Fuzzweed		12
	<i>Vittadinia</i> spp.	Fuzzweed		2

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	<i>Vittadinia sulcata</i>			2
	<i>Xanthium occidentale</i>	Noogoora Burr		24
	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> *	Bathurst Burr		14
	<i>Xerochrysum spp</i> *			1
	<i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i>	Golden Everlasting		22
Azollaceae	<i>Azolla filiculoides</i>	Pacific Azolla		3
Bignoniaceae	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i> subsp. <i>pandorana</i> 'inland form'			2
Blechnaceae	<i>Doodia caudate</i>	Small Rasp Fern		2
Boraginaceae	<i>Amsinckia calycina</i> *	Hairy Fiddleneck		4
	<i>Amsinckia intermedia</i> *	Common Fiddleneck		1
	<i>Cynoglossum australe</i>			3
	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Patterson's Curse		68
	<i>Halgania cyanea</i>	Rough Halgania		2
	<i>Heliotropium asperillum</i>			1
	<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>	Smooth Heliotrope		58
	<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i> *	Potato Weed		8
	<i>Heliotropium supinum</i>	Prostrate Heliotrope		15
	<i>Omphalolappula concava</i>	Burr Stickseed		16
	<i>Plagiobothrys plurisepaleus</i>			8
Brassicaceae	<i>Alyssum linifolium</i> *	Flax-leaf Alyssum		39
	<i>Arabidella nasturtium</i>			9
	<i>Arabidella procumbens</i>			2
	<i>Arabidella sp. A</i>			1
	<i>Arabidella trisecta</i>			21
	<i>Blennodia canescens</i>	Wild Stock		4
	<i>Brassica tournefortii</i> *	Mediterranean Turnip		59
	<i>Carrichtera annua</i> *	Ward's Weed		168
	<i>Cuphonotus humistratus</i>	Mother-of-misery		4

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	<i>Diplotaxis muralis</i> *	Wall Rocket		1
	<i>Geococcus pusillus</i>			1
	<i>Harmsiodoxa blennodioides</i>			36
	<i>Harmsiodoxa brevipes</i>			2
	<i>Harmsiodoxa brevipes</i> var. <i>brevipes</i>			1
	<i>Harmsiodoxa puberula</i>			3
	<i>Lepidium africanum</i> *	Common Peppercross		1
	<i>Lepidium bonariense</i> *	Argentine Peppercross		2
	<i>Lepidium fasciculatum</i>	Bundled Peppercross		7
	<i>Lepidium leptopetalum</i>			1
	<i>Lepidium monoplacoides</i>	Winged Peppercross	E1,P	7
	<i>Lepidium oxytrichum</i>			2
	<i>Lepidium papillosum</i>	Warty Peppercross		9
	<i>Lepidium phlebopetalum</i>	Veined Peppercross		3
	<i>Lepidium pseudohyssopifolium</i>	Peppercross		28
	<i>Lepidium sagittulatum</i>			4
	<i>Lepidium</i> spp.*	A Peppercross		2
	<i>Menkea australis</i>	Fairy Spectacles		3
	<i>Pachymitus cardaminoides</i>			2
	<i>Phlegmatospermum cochlearinum</i>	Oval-podded Cress		20
	<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish		2
	<i>Rapistrum rugosum</i>	Turnip Weed		2
	<i>Rorippa eustylis</i>			1
	<i>Rorippa palustris</i> *	Yellow Cress		10
	<i>Sinapis alba</i> *	White Mustard		1
	<i>Sisymbrium erysimoides</i> *	Smooth Mustard		156
	<i>Sisymbrium irio</i> *	London Rocket		14
	<i>Sisymbrium orientale</i> *	Indian Hedge Mustard		4

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	<i>Stenopetalum lineare</i>	Threaddress		46
	<i>Stenopetalum nutans</i>			3
	<i>Stenopetalum</i> spp*			1
Cactaceae	<i>Cylindropuntia spinosior</i> *	Walkingstick Cactus		1
	<i>Opuntia stricta</i> var. <i>stricta</i> *	Common Prickly Pear		1
Callitrichaceae	<i>Callitriche sonderi</i>			1
	<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i> *	Common Starwort		1
Campanulaceae	<i>Wahlenbergia ardicola</i>			2
	<i>Wahlenbergia communis</i>	Tufted Bluebell		8
	<i>Wahlenbergia fluminalis</i>	River Bluebell		25
	<i>Wahlenbergia gracilentia</i>	Annual Bluebell		15
	<i>Wahlenbergia graniticola</i>	Granite Bluebell		1
	<i>Wahlenbergia luteola</i>	Bluebell		1
	<i>Wahlenbergia</i> spp.	Bluebell		7
	<i>Wahlenbergia stricta</i>	Tall Bluebell		32
	<i>Wahlenbergia tumidifruca</i>			2
Capparaceae	<i>Apophyllum anomalum</i>	Warrior Bush		4
	<i>Capparis mitchellii</i>	Native Orange		3
Caryophyllaceae	<i>Herniaria cinerea</i> *			2
	<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i> *	Four-leaved Allseed		6
	<i>Scleranthus pungens</i>			4
	<i>Silene gallica</i> *	French Catchfly		4
	<i>Spergularia brevifolia</i>			2
	<i>Spergularia rubra</i> *	Sandspurry		34
	<i>Stellaria angustifolia</i>	Swamp Starwort		1
Casuarinaceae	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	Drooping Sheoak		1
	<i>Casuarina cristata</i>	Belah		2
	<i>Casuarina pauper</i>	Black Oak		64

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Characeae	Nitella partita		E1,P	K
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex acutibractea subsp. acutibractea			1
	Atriplex angulata	Fan Saltbush		60
	Atriplex conduplicata			42
	Atriplex eardleyae	Small Saltbush		65
	Atriplex holocarpa	Pop Saltbush		65
	Atriplex infrequens	A saltbush	V,P	3
	Atriplex intermedia			3
	Atriplex leptocarpa	Slender-fruit Saltbush		100
	Atriplex limbata			117
	Atriplex lindleyi	Eastern Flat-top Saltbush		102
	Atriplex lobativalvis			1
	Atriplex morrisii			2
	Atriplex muelleri	Mueller's Saltbush		1
	Atriplex nessorhina	Donald Duck Saltbush		9
	Atriplex nummularia	Old Man Saltbush		46
	Atriplex pseudocampanulata			35
	Atriplex pumillio			1
	Atriplex semibaccata	Creeping Saltbush		8
	Atriplex spinibractea	Spiny-fruit Saltbush		1
	Atriplex spongiosa	Pop Saltbush		12
	Atriplex spp.	A Saltbush		14
	Atriplex stipitata	Mallee Saltbush		96
	Atriplex sturtii		E1,P	K
	Atriplex suberecta			38
	Atriplex velutinella			28
	Atriplex vesicaria	Bladder Saltbush		13
	Atriplex vesicaria subsp. calcicola			1

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	<i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> subsp. <i>macrocytidia</i>	Bladder Saltbush		1
	<i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> subsp. <i>minor</i>			1
	<i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> subsp. <i>vesicaria</i>			1
	<i>Chenopodium auricomum</i>	Queensland Bluebush		6
	<i>Chenopodium cristatum</i>	Crested Goosefoot		61
	<i>Chenopodium curvispicatum</i>			82
	<i>Chenopodium desertorum</i>	Desert Goosefoot		55
	<i>Chenopodium desertorum</i> subsp. <i>Anidiophyllum</i>			3
	<i>Chenopodium desertorum</i> subsp. <i>desertorum</i>	Desert Goosefoot		7
	<i>Chenopodium desertorum</i> subsp. <i>microphyllum</i>			1
	<i>Chenopodium melanocarpum</i>			1
	<i>Chenopodium murale</i> *	Nettle-leaf Goosefoot		9
	<i>Chenopodium nitrariaceum</i>	Nitre Goosefoot		121
	<i>Chenopodium pumilio</i>	Small Crumbweed		8
	<i>Chenopodium truncatum</i>			3
	<i>Dissocarpus biflorus</i>	Twin-horned Cpperburr		11
	<i>Dissocarpus biflorus</i> var. <i>biflorus</i>			4
	<i>Dissocarpus paradoxus</i>	Cannonball Burr		169
	<i>Dissocarpus</i> spp.			1
	<i>Dysphania plantaginella</i>		E1,P	2
	<i>Dysphania platycarpa</i>		E1,P	K
	<i>Einadia nutans</i>	Climbing Saltbush		134
	<i>Einadia nutans</i> subsp. <i>eremaea</i>			1
	<i>Einadia nutans</i> subsp. <i>nutans</i>	Climbing Saltbush		52
	<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i>	Ruby Saltbush		315
	<i>Maireana aphylla</i>	Cotton Bush		10
	<i>Maireana appressa</i>			22
	<i>Maireana astrotricha</i>	Low Bluebush		6

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	<i>Maireana brevifolia</i>			28
	<i>Maireana campanulata</i>			1
	<i>Maireana coronata</i>	Crown Fissure-weed		14
	<i>Maireana decalvans</i>	Black Cotton Bush		6
	<i>Maireana erioclada</i>			1
	<i>Maireana georgei</i>	Slit-wing Bluebush		19
	<i>Maireana humillima</i>			2
	<i>Maireana integra</i>			6
	<i>Maireana lanosa</i>		E4,P	1
	<i>Maireana lobiflora</i>			3
	<i>Maireana microcarpa</i>			1
	<i>Maireana pentagona</i>	Hairy Bluebush, Slender Fissure-weed		1
	<i>Maireana pentatropis</i>			31
	<i>Maireana pyramidata</i>	Black Bluebush		273
	<i>Maireana schistocarpa</i>			4
	<i>Maireana sclerolaenoides</i>			25
	<i>Maireana sedifolia</i>	Pearl Bluebush		26
	<i>Maireana spongiocarpa</i>			1
	<i>Maireana</i> spp.	Cotton Bush, Bluebush, Fissure weed		1
	<i>Maireana trichoptera</i>			1
	<i>Maireana triptera</i>	Three-wing Bluebush		42
	<i>Maireana turbinata</i>			15
	<i>Maireana villosa</i>	Silky Bluebush		2
	<i>Malacocera tricornis</i>	Soft Horns		29
	<i>Neobassia proceriflora</i>	Soda Bush		27
	<i>Osteocarpum acropterum</i>	Water Weed		100
	<i>Osteocarpum acropterum</i> var. <i>acropterum</i>			14
	<i>Osteocarpum acropterum</i> var. <i>deminuta</i>	Bonefruit		30

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	<i>Rhagodia spinescens</i>	Thorny Saltbush		66
	<i>Rhagodia ulicina</i>			5
	<i>Salsola kali</i> var. <i>kali</i>	Buckbush		159
	<i>Salsola tragus</i>	Buckbush, Soft Rolypoly, Saltwort		1
	<i>Salsola tragus</i> 'strobilifera'			11
	<i>Salsola tragus</i> subsp. <i>tragus</i>	Buckbush, Soft Rolypoly, Saltwort		5
	<i>Scleroblitum atriplicinum</i>	Purple Goosefoot		19
	<i>Sclerolaena articulata</i>			3
	<i>Sclerolaena bicornis</i>	Goathead Burr		22
	<i>Sclerolaena bicornis</i> var. <i>bicornis</i>			21
	<i>Sclerolaena bicornis</i> var. <i>horrida</i>	Goathead Burr		1
	<i>Sclerolaena birchii</i>	Galvanized Burr		1
	<i>Sclerolaena blackiana</i>			5
	<i>Sclerolaena brachyptera</i>	Short-winged Copperburr		111
	<i>Sclerolaena calcarata</i>	Redburr		58
	<i>Sclerolaena constricta</i>			2
	<i>Sclerolaena convexula</i>	Tall Copperburr		15
	<i>Sclerolaena cuneata</i>			3
	<i>Sclerolaena decurrens</i>	Green Copperburr		79
	<i>Sclerolaena diacantha</i>	Grey Copperburr		154
	<i>Sclerolaena divaricata</i>	Tangled Copperburr		122
	<i>Sclerolaena eriacantha</i>	Silky Copperburr		7
	<i>Sclerolaena intricata</i>	Poverty Bush		89
	<i>Sclerolaena johnsonii</i>			1
	<i>Sclerolaena lanicuspis</i>	Woolly Copperburr		24
	<i>Sclerolaena limbata</i>			2
	<i>Sclerolaena longicuspis</i>			4
	<i>Sclerolaena muricata</i>	Black Rolypoly		40

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	<i>Sclerolaena muricata</i> var. <i>muricata</i>	Black Rolypoly		95
	<i>Sclerolaena muricata</i> var. <i>semiglabra</i>	Black Rolypoly		2
	<i>Sclerolaena muricata</i> var. <i>villosa</i>	Black Rolypoly		9
	<i>Sclerolaena obliquicuspis</i>			79
	<i>Sclerolaena parallelicuspis</i>			2
	<i>Sclerolaena parviflora</i>			5
	<i>Sclerolaena patenticuspis</i>			68
	<i>Sclerolaena</i> sp. A			2
	<i>Sclerolaena</i> sp. B			10
	<i>Sclerolaena</i> spp.	Copperburr, Poverty-bush		3
	<i>Sclerolaena stelligera</i>	Star Copperburr		49
	<i>Sclerolaena tricuspis</i>	Giant Redburr		62
	<i>Sclerolaena ventricosa</i>	Salt Copperburr		35
	<i>Tecticornia disarticulata</i>			1
	<i>Tecticornia indica</i> subsp. <i>leiostachya</i>			1
	<i>Tecticornia pergranulata</i>			1
	<i>Tecticornia pergranulata</i> subsp. <i>pergranulata</i>			11
	<i>Tecticornia tenuis</i>			1
	<i>Threlkeldia inchoate</i>	Tall bonefruit		E1,P
Convolvulaceae	<i>Convolvulus clementii</i>	Desert Bindweed		6
	<i>Convolvulus erubescens</i>	Pink Bindweed		6
	<i>Convolvulus remotus</i>			19
	<i>Convolvulus</i> spp.	A Bindweed		4
	<i>Convolvulus tedmoorei</i>		E1,P	K
	<i>Cuscuta campestris</i> *	Golden Dodder		13
	<i>Ipomoea lonchophylla</i>			1
Crassulaceae	<i>Crassula colorata</i>	Dense Stonecrop		66
	<i>Crassula colorata</i> var. <i>acuminata</i>			5

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	<i>Crassula sieberiana</i>	Australian Stonecrop		7
	<i>Crassula</i> spp.*	Stonecrop		6
	<i>Crassula tetramera</i>			2
	<i>Kalanchoe longiflora</i> *			1
Cucurbitaceae	<i>Citrullus colocynthis</i> *	Colocynth		4
	<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> var. <i>lanatus</i> *	Wild Melon, Camel Melon, Bitter		19
	<i>Cucumis melo</i> subsp. <i>agrestis</i>	Ulcardo Melon		1
	<i>Cucumis myriocarpus</i> subsp. <i>leptodermis</i>	Paddy Melon		21
	<i>Momordica balsamina</i>	Balsam Apple		1
	<i>Zehneria micrantha</i>	Desert Cucumber		13
Cupressaceae	<i>Callitris glaucophylla</i>	White Cypress Pine		5
	<i>Callitris gracilis</i> subsp. <i>murrayensis</i>	Murray Pine		2
	<i>Bolboschoenus caldwellii</i>			1
	<i>Cyperus alterniflorus</i>			3
	<i>Cyperus dactylotes</i>			1
	<i>Cyperus difformis</i>	Dirty Dora		3
	<i>Cyperus fulvus</i>	Sticky Sedge		1
	<i>Cyperus gilesii</i>			1
	<i>Cyperus gymnocaulos</i>			51
	<i>Cyperus iria</i>			1
	<i>Cyperus laevigatus</i>			5
	<i>Cyperus pygmaeus</i>	Dwarf Flat-sedge		10
	<i>Cyperus rigidellus</i>			1
	<i>Cyperus squarrosus</i>	Bearded Flat-sedge		2
	<i>Cyperus victoriensis</i>			5
	<i>Eleocharis acuta</i>			2
	<i>Eleocharis obicis</i>	Spike-Rush	V,P	P
	<i>Eleocharis pallens</i>	Pale Spike Sedge		11

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	<i>Eleocharis plana</i>	Flat Spike-sedge		3
	<i>Eleocharis</i> spp.	Spike-rush, Spike sedge		1
	<i>Fimbristylis dichotoma</i>	Common Fringe-sedge		3
	<i>Isolepis australiensis</i>			4
	<i>Lipocarpa microcephala</i>	Button Rush		1
	<i>Schoenoplectus dissachanthus</i>	Blunt Club-sedge		1
	<i>Schoenoplectus pungens</i>			5
	<i>Schoenus subaphyllus</i>			1
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia virgata</i> subsp. <i>virgata</i>	Twiggy Guinea Flower		1
Dryopteridaceae	<i>Lastreopsis acuminata</i>	Shiny Shield Fern		1
Elatinaceae	<i>Bergia ammannioides</i>	Jerry Water- fire		1
	<i>Bergia trimera</i>	Small Water-fire		2
Eriocaulaceae	<i>Eriocaulon carsonii</i>	Salt Pipewort	E1,P	10
Euphorbiceae	<i>Adriana urticoides</i> var. <i>hookeri</i>			4
	<i>Chamaesyce australis</i>			4
	<i>Chamaesyce dallachyana</i>			1
	<i>Chamaesyce drummondii</i>	Caustic Weed		159
	<i>Chamaesyce</i> sp. B			1
	<i>Chamaesyce</i> spp.			2
	<i>Euphorbia eremophila</i>	Desert Spurge		9
	<i>Euphorbia parvicaruncula</i>	Rough-seeded Spurge		2
	<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge		1
	<i>Euphorbia planiticola</i>	Plains Spurge		6
	<i>Euphorbia sarcostemmoides</i> podes	Climbing Caustic	E1,P	K
	<i>Euphorbia stevenii</i>	Bottle-tree Spurge		4
	<i>Europhorbia terracina</i> *	False Caper		1
	<i>Ricinus communis</i> *	Castor Oil Plant		14
Fabaceae (Caesalpinoideae)	<i>Lysiphyllum gilvum</i>			1

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	<i>Petalostylis labicheoides</i>	Butterfly Bush		4
	<i>Senna artemisioides</i> subsp. <i>zygophylla</i>			7
	<i>Senna circinnata</i>			2
	<i>Senna</i> form taxon 'artemisioides'	Silver Cassia		31
	<i>Senna</i> form taxon 'coriacea'			17
	<i>Senna</i> form taxon 'filifolia'			33
	<i>Senna</i> form taxon 'helmsii'	Blunt-leaved Cassia		1
	<i>Senna</i> form taxon 'oligophylla'	Blunt-leaved Cassia		6
	<i>Senna</i> form taxon 'petiolaris'	Woody Cassia		38
	<i>Senna</i> form taxon 'sturtii'			9
	<i>Senna notabilis</i>			1
	<i>Senna occidentalis</i>	Coffee Senna		1
	<i>Senna phyllodinea</i>			6
	<i>Senna</i> spp*			1
Fabaceae (Faboideae)	<i>Bossiaea walkeri</i>	Cactus Pea		2
	<i>Crotalaria cunninghamii</i>	Green Bird Flower	E1,P	K
	<i>Crotalaria dissitiflora</i> subsp. <i>dissitiflora</i>	Grey Rattlepod		1
	<i>Crotalaria eremaea</i> subsp. <i>eremaea</i>	Bluebush Pea		1
	<i>Cullen australasicum</i>	Native Verbine		9
	<i>Cullen cinereum</i>	Annual Verbine		8
	<i>Cullen discolor</i>	Grey Scurf-pea		5
	<i>Cullen pallidum</i>	Wooley Scurf-pea		34
	<i>Cullen patens</i>	Spreading Scurf-pea		5
	<i>Glycine canescens</i>	Silky Glycine		7
	<i>Glycine clandestina</i>	Twining Glycine		5
	<i>Glycyrrhiza acanthocarpa</i>	Native Liquorice		5
	<i>Glycyrrhiza psoraleoides</i>			1
	<i>Indigofera australis</i>	Australian Indigo		6

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	<i>Indigofera helmsii</i>	Indigo	E1,P	3
	<i>Lotus cruentus</i>	Red-flowered Lotus		80
	<i>Lotus subbiflorus</i> *	Hairy Birds-foot Trefoil		1
	<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i> *	Narrow-leaved Lupin		1
	<i>Medicago laciniata</i> *	Cut-leaved Medic		10
	<i>Medicago minima</i> *	Woolly Burr Medic		37
	<i>Medicago polymorpha</i> *	Burr Medic		37
	<i>Medicago sativa</i> *	Lucerne		1
	<i>Medicago spp.</i> *	A Medic		5
	<i>Medicago truncatula</i> *	Barrel Medic		7
	<i>Melilotus indicus</i> *	Hexham Scent		42
	<i>Rhynchosia australis</i>	Native Rock Trefoil		1
	<i>Rhynchosia minima</i>			1
	<i>Sesbania cannabina</i> var. <i>cannabina</i>	Sesbania Pea		2
	<i>Swainsona adenophylla</i>	Violet Swainson-Pea	E1,P	1
	<i>Swainsona affinis</i>			13
	<i>Swainsona burkittii</i>			10
	<i>Swainsona campylantha</i>			17
	<i>Swainsona flavicarinata</i>	Yellow-Keeled Swainsona	E1,P	1
	<i>Swainsona formosa</i>	Sturt's Desert Pea	P	6
	<i>Swainsona greyana</i>	Darling Pea		48
	<i>Swainsona laxa</i>			28
	<i>Swainsona microphylla</i>			5
	<i>Swainsona monticola</i>			1
	<i>Swainsona murrayana</i>	Slender Darling Pea	V,P	5
	<i>Swainsona oligophylla</i>			4
	<i>Swainsona oroboides</i>			1
	<i>Swainsona phacoides</i>	Dwarf Swainson-pea		9

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	<i>Swainsona plagiotropis</i>	Red Darling Pea	V,P	1
	<i>Swainsona procumbens</i>	Broughton Pea		3
	<i>Swainsona purpurea</i>	Purple Swainson-pea		18
	<i>Swainsona pyrophila</i>	Yellow Swainson-pea	V,P	3
	<i>Swainsona</i> spp.			4
	<i>Swainsona stipularis</i>			1
	<i>Swainsona swainsonioides</i>	Downy Swainson-pea		2
	<i>Swainsona viridis</i>	Creeping Darling Pea	E1,P	1
	<i>Templetonia egena</i>	Desert Broombush		1
	<i>Tephrosia sphaerospora</i>			2
	<i>Trigonella suavissima</i>	Coopers Clover		14
	<i>Vicia monantha</i> *	Square-stemmed Vetch		1
	<i>Vicia monantha</i> subsp. <i>monantha</i> *			1
	<i>Vicia monantha</i> subsp. <i>triflora</i> *			2
Fabaceae (Mimosoideae)	<i>Acacia acanthoclada</i>	Harrow Wattle	E1,P	K
	<i>Acacia aneura</i>	Mulga		64
	<i>Acacia beckleri</i> subsp. <i>beckleri</i>	Barrier Range Wattle		6
	<i>Acacia brachybotrya</i>	Grey Mulga		3
	<i>Acacia brachystachya</i>	Umbrella Mulga		9
	<i>Acacia Burkittii</i>	Sandhill Wattle		8
	<i>Acacia cana</i>	Cabbage-tree Wattle		12
	<i>Acacia carneorum</i>	Purple-wood Wattle	V,P	17
	<i>Acacia colletioides</i>	Wait-a-while		11
	<i>Acacia continua</i>	Thorn Wattle		1
	<i>Acacia curranii</i>	Curly-bark Wattle	V,P	K
	<i>Acacia decora</i>	Western Silver Wattle		1
	<i>Acacia doratoxylon</i>	Currawang		2
	<i>Acacia havilandiorum</i>	Haviland's Wattle		1

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	<i>Acacia homalophylla</i>	Yarran		1
	<i>Acacia homalophylla</i> <-- > <i>melvillei</i>			13
	<i>Acacia ligulata</i>	Sandhill Wattle		53
	<i>Acacia loderi</i>	Nealie		46
	<i>Acacia melvillei</i>	Yarran		25
	<i>Acacia melvillei-homalophylla</i>		U	13
	<i>Acacia murrayana</i>	Murray's Wattle		4
	<i>Acacia oswaldii</i>	Miljee		30
	<i>Acacia papyrocarpa</i>			2
	<i>Acacia pendula</i>	Boree		1
	<i>Acacia petraea</i>	Lancewood	E1,P	K
	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle		1
	<i>Acacia ramulosa</i> var. <i>ramulosa</i>	Horse Mulga		1
	<i>Acacia rigens</i>	Needle Wattle		7
	<i>Acacia salicina</i>	Cooba		2
	<i>Acacia sibirica</i>	Bastard Mulga		1
	<i>Acacia</i> spp.	Wattle		5
	<i>Acacia stenophylla</i>	River Cooba		58
	<i>Acacia tetragonophylla</i>	Dead Finish		30
	<i>Acacia victoriae</i>			54
	<i>Acacia victoriae</i> subsp. <i>arida</i>	Prickly Wattle		7
	<i>Acacia victoriae</i> subsp. <i>victoriae</i>	Elegant Wattle		60
	<i>Acacia wilhelmiana</i>	Wilhelm's Wattle		1
	<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i> var. <i>glandulosa</i> *			2
	<i>Prosopis</i> spp*			2
	<i>Prosopis velutina</i>	Velvet Mesquite		3
Frankeniaceae	<i>Frankenia connata</i>			8
Gentianaceae	<i>Centaurium tenuiflorum</i>	Branched Ceftaury, Slender centaury		3

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	<i>Schenkia spicata</i>	Spike Centaury		55
Geraniaceae	<i>Erodium aureum*</i>			1
	<i>Erodium cicutarium*</i>	Common Crowfoot		12
	<i>Erodium crinitum</i>	Blue Crowfoot		14
	<i>Erodium cygnorum</i> subsp. <i>glandulosum</i>			1
	<i>Erodium</i> spp.*	Crowfoot		1
Goodeniaceae	<i>Goodenia cycloptera</i>	Cut-leaf Goodenia		6
	<i>Goodenia fascicularis</i>	Mallee Goodenia		28
	<i>Goodenia glauca</i>	Pale Goodenia		17
	<i>Goodenia heteromera</i>			41
	<i>Goodenia lunata</i>			1
	<i>Goodenia nocoleche</i>	Nocoleche Goodenia	E1,P	K
	<i>Goodenia occidentalis</i>	Western Goodenia	E1,P	K
	<i>Goodenia pinnatifida</i>	Scrambles Eggs		5
	<i>Goodenia pusilliflora</i>			4
	<i>Goodenia</i> spp.			11
	<i>Goodenia willisiana</i>			3
	<i>Scaevola humilis</i>			3
	<i>Scaevola spinescens</i>			5
	<i>Velleia glabrata</i>			2
Gyrostemonaceae	<i>Codonocarpus cotinifolius</i>	Native Poplar		1
Haloragaceae	<i>Gonocarpus elatus</i>	A Raspwort		1
	<i>Haloragis aspera</i>	Rough Raspwort		22
	<i>Haloragis exalata</i>			10
	<i>Haloragis glauca</i> f. <i>glauca</i>			32
	<i>Haloragis heterophylla</i>	Variable Raspwort		1
	<i>Haloragis odontocarpa</i>			2
	<i>Myriophyllum papillosum</i>			1

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	<i>Myriophyllum verrucosum</i>	Red Water-milfoil		10
Hydrocharitaceae	<i>Ottelia ovalifolia</i> subsp. <i>ovalifolia</i>	Swamp Lily		1
Iridaceae	<i>Sisyrinchium</i> sp. A*	Scourweed		1
Juncaceae	<i>Juncus aridicola</i>	Tussock Rush		8
	<i>Juncus bufonius</i> *	Toad Rush		4
	<i>Juncus</i> spp.	A Rush		2
Juncaginaceae	<i>Triglochin calcitrapa</i>	Spurred Arrowgrass		3
	<i>Triglochin</i> sp. A			1
	<i>Triglochin striata</i>	Streaked Arrowgrass		1
Lamiaceae	<i>Dicrastylis lewellinii</i>			2
	<i>Dicrastylis verticillata</i>	Sand-sage		1
	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i> *	White Horehound		7
	<i>Mentha australis</i>	River Mint		33
	<i>Mentha diemenica</i>	Slender Mint		1
	<i>Prostanthera striatiflora</i>	Jockey's Cap		8
	<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Vervain		20
	<i>Teucrium albicaule</i>			1
	<i>Teucrium racemosum</i>	Grey Germander		126
Lentibulari	<i>Utricularia dichotoma</i>	Fairy Aprons		10
	<i>Linum marginale</i>	Native Flax		2
	<i>Linum</i> spp.*			1
Lobeliaceae	<i>Isotoma axillaris</i>	Showy Isotome		2
	<i>Isotoma petraea</i>	Rock Isotome		3
Loganiaceae	<i>Logania nuda</i>			1
Lomandraceae	<i>Lomandra leucocephala</i>	Woolly Mat-rush		1
	<i>Lomandra leucocephala</i> subsp. <i>robusta</i>			2
Loranthaceae	<i>Amyema linophyllum</i> subsp. <i>orientale</i>			5
	<i>Amyema lucasii</i>	Yellow-flowered Mistletoe		9

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	<i>Amyema maidenii</i>			2
	<i>Amyema maidenii</i> subsp. <i>maidenii</i>			12
	<i>Amyema miquelii</i>	Box Mistletoe		35
	<i>Amyema miraculosum</i> subsp. <i>boormanii</i>			51
	<i>Amyema pendulum</i> subsp. <i>Longifolium</i>			1
	<i>Amyema preissii</i>			1
	<i>Amyema quandang</i> var. <i>bancroftii</i>			2
	<i>Amyema quandang</i> var. <i>quandong</i>	Grey Mistletoe		3
	<i>Amyema</i> spp.	Mistletoe		1
	<i>Lysiana exocarpi</i>			19
	<i>Lysiana exocarpi</i> subsp. <i>exocarpi</i>			11
	<i>Lysiana exocarpi</i> subsp. <i>tenuis</i>			3
	<i>Lysiana murrayi</i>			8
Lythraceae	<i>Ammannia multiflora</i>	Jerry-jerry		1
	<i>Lythrum wilsonii</i>			1
Malvaceae	<i>Abutilon cryptopetalum</i>			6
	<i>Abutilon fraseri</i>	Dwart Lantern-flower		4
	<i>Abutilon halophilum</i>			2
	<i>Abutilon leucopetalum</i>			16
	<i>Abutilon macrum</i>			1
	<i>Abutilon otocarpum</i>	Desert Lantern		6
	<i>Abutilon</i> spp.*	Lantern-bush		1
	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i> *			1
	<i>Hibiscus brachysiphonius</i>	Low Hibiscus		12
	<i>Hibiscus krichauffianus</i>	Velvet-leaf Hibiscus		3
	<i>Hibiscus sturtii</i> var. <i>grandiflorus</i>			2
	<i>Hibiscus sturtii</i> var. <i>sturtii</i>	Hill Hibiscus		2
	<i>Hibiscus trionum</i>	Flower-of-an-hour		4

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	<i>Malva neglecta*</i>	Dwarf Mallow		2
	<i>Malva parviflora*</i>	Small-flowered Mallow		30
	<i>Malva preissiana</i>	Native Hollyhock, Australian Hollyhock		27
	<i>Malvastrum americanum*</i>	Spiked Malvastrum		30
	<i>Radyera farragei</i>	Bush Hibicus		2
	<i>Sida ammophila</i>	Sand Sida		12
	<i>Sida corrugata</i>	Corrugated Sida		24
	<i>Sida cunninghamii</i>	Ridge Sida		19
	<i>Sida fibulifera</i>	Pin Sida		4
	<i>Sida filiformis</i>			4
	<i>Sida intricata</i>			99
	<i>Sida petrophila</i>			14
	<i>Sida spp.*</i>			8
	<i>Sida trichopoda</i>	High Sida		83
	<i>Sida virgata</i>			3
Marsileaceae	<i>Marsilea drummondii</i>	Common Nardoo		61
	<i>Marsilea exarata</i>	Swayback Nardoo		2
	<i>Marsilea hirsuta</i>	Short-fruited Nardoo		1
	<i>Marsilea spp.</i>	A Nardoo		1
Meliaceae	<i>Owenia acidula</i>	Grueie		1
Myoporaceae	<i>Eremophila bignoniiflora</i>	Eurah		24
	<i>Eremophila deserti</i>	Turkeybush		10
	<i>Eremophila divaricata</i>	Spreading Emubush		3
	<i>Eremophila divaricata</i> subsp. <i>divaricata</i>			1
	<i>Eremophila duttonii</i>	Harlequin Fuchsia Bush		20
	<i>Eremophila gilesii</i>	Desert Fuchsia		1
	<i>Eremophila glabra</i>	Tar Bush		1
	<i>Eremophila latrobie</i>	Crimson Turkeybush		3

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	<i>Eremophila longifolia</i>	Emubush		41
	<i>Eremophila maculata</i>	Spotted Fuchsia		19
	<i>Eremophila maculata</i> var. <i>Maculata</i>			2
	<i>Eremophila mitchellii</i>	Budda		2
	<i>Eremophila oppositifolia</i>	Weeooka		2
	<i>Eremophila oppositifolia</i> subsp. <i>rubra</i>			2
	<i>Eremophila polyclada</i>	Flowering Lignum		7
	<i>Eremophila serrulata</i>	Green Fuchsia Bush		6
	<i>Eremophila sturtii</i>	Turpentine Bush		79
	<i>Myoporum montanum</i>	Western Boobialla		42
	<i>Myoporum platycarpum</i>	Sugarwood		16
	<i>Myoporum platycarpum</i> subsp. <i>platycarpum</i>			7
Myrsinaceae	<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> *	Scarlet Pimpernel		44
Myrtaceae	<i>Corymbia tumescens</i>			1
	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum		105
	<i>Eucalyptus coolabah</i>	Coolibah		15
	<i>Eucalyptus coolabah</i> subsp. <i>arida</i>			2
	<i>Eucalyptus coolabah</i> subsp. <i>coolabah</i>			4
	<i>Eucalyptus dumosa</i>	White Mallee		6
	<i>Eucalyptus gracilis</i>	Snap and Rattle		1
	<i>Eucalyptus intertexta</i>	Gum Coolibah		15
	<i>Eucalyptus largiflorens</i>	Black Box		191
	<i>Eucalyptus leptophylla</i>	Narrow-leaved Red Mallee		1
	<i>Eucalyptus obtusa</i>			3
	<i>Eucalyptus ochrophloia</i>	Yapunyah		6
	<i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> subsp. <i>bimbil</i>	Bimble Box		21
	<i>Eucalyptus porosa</i>	Mallee Box		1
	<i>Eucalyptus socialis</i>	Red Mallee		25

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	<i>Eucalyptus vicina</i>			5
	<i>Eucalyptus viridis</i>	Green Mallee		1
	<i>Leptospermum coriaceum</i>	Green Tea-tree		1
Nitrariaceae	<i>Nitraria billardierei</i>	Dillon Bush		3
	<i>Boerhavia coccinea</i>	Tarvine		5
	<i>Boerhavia dominii</i>	Tarvine		73
	<i>Boerhavia schomburgkiana</i>	Tarvine		3
	<i>Boerhavia</i> spp.			2
Oleaceae	<i>Jasminum lineare</i>	Desert Jasmine		10
Onagraceae	<i>Epilobium hirtigerum</i>			8
	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i> subsp. <i>montevidensis</i>	Water Primrose		4
	<i>Oenothera stricta</i> subsp. <i>stricta</i> *			3
Ophioglossaceae	<i>Ophioglossum polyphyllum</i>	Upright adder's-tongue		2
Orchidaceae	<i>Pterostylis cobarensis</i>	Greenwood Orchid	V,P,2	2
Oxalidaceae	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> *	Creeping Oxalis		2
	<i>Oxalis perennans</i>			41
	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> *	Soursob		1
	<i>Oxalis</i> spp.			2
	<i>Oxalis thompsoniae</i> *			1
Papaveraceae	<i>Argemone ochroleuca</i> subsp. <i>Ochroleuca</i> *	Mexican Poppy		16
	<i>Glaucium corniculatum</i> *	Bristly Horned Poppy		2
Phyllanthaceae	<i>Phyllanthus gunnii</i>			1
	<i>Phyllanthus involutus</i>			2
	<i>Phyllanthus lacunarius</i>			52
	<i>Phyllanthus lacunellus</i>			73
	<i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis</i>	<i>Phyllanthus maderaspatanus</i>	E1,P	1
	<i>Phyllanthus</i> spp.*			1
	<i>Saururus rigens</i>			2

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	<i>Saurapus trachyspermus</i>			4
Pittosporaceae	<i>Pittosporum angustifolium</i>	Butterbush		24
	<i>Plantago cunninghamii</i>	Sago-weed		6
	<i>Plantago drummondii</i>	Dark Sago-weed		111
	<i>Plantago</i> spp.	Plantain		5
	<i>Plantago turrifera</i>	Small Sago-weed		56
	<i>Plantago varia</i>			6
Poaceae	<i>Aira elegantissima</i> *	Delicate hairgrass		1
	<i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i> *	Marsh Foxtail		5
	<i>Amphibromus nervosus</i>	Swamp Wallaby Grass		5
	<i>Amphipogon caricinus</i> var. <i>caricinus</i>	Long Greybeard Grass		2
	<i>Aristida anthoxanthoides</i>			1
	<i>Aristida calycina</i> var. <i>calycina</i>			1
	<i>Aristida calycina</i> var. <i>praealta</i>			1
	<i>Aristida contorta</i>	Bunched Kerosene Grass		16
	<i>Aristida holathera</i> var. <i>holathera</i>	Erect Kerosene Grass		14
	<i>Aristida jerichoensis</i>	Jericho Wiregrass		2
	<i>Aristida jerichoensis</i> var. <i>jerichoensis</i>	Jericho Wiregrass		5
	<i>Aristida jerichoensis</i> var. <i>subspinulifera</i>	Jericho Wiregrass		2
	<i>Aristida longicollis</i>			1
	<i>Aristida nitidula</i>			1
	<i>Aristida</i> spp.			2
	<i>Arundo donax</i> *	Giant Reed		10
	<i>Astrelba lappacea</i>	Curly Mitchell Grass		9
	<i>Astrelba pectinata</i>	Barley Mitchell Grass		1
	<i>Austrodanthonia caespitosa</i>	Ringed Wallaby Grass		26
	<i>Austrodanthonia eriantha</i>	Wallaby Grass		1
	<i>Austrodanthonia setacea</i>	Small-flowered Wallaby grass		14

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	<i>Austrodanthonia</i> spp.	A Wallaby Grass		6
	<i>Austrodanthonia tenuior</i>	A Wallaby Grass		1
	<i>Austrostipa blackii</i>			2
	<i>Austrostipa drummondii</i>			3
	<i>Austrostipa eremophila</i>			3
	<i>Austrostipa metatoris</i>	A Speargrass	V,P	K
	<i>Austrostipa nitida</i>			43
	<i>Austrostipa nodosa</i>	A Speargrass		13
	<i>Austrostipa platychaeta</i>	Flat-awn Speargrass		3
	<i>Austrostipa scabra</i>	Speargrass		158
	<i>Austrostipa scabra</i> subsp. <i>falcata</i>	Rough Speargrass		7
	<i>Austrostipa scabra</i> subsp. <i>scabra</i>			6
	<i>Austrostipa</i> spp.	A Speargrass		6
	<i>Austrostipa trichophylla</i>			1
	<i>Austrostipa tuckeri</i>			1
	<i>Austrostipa wakoolica</i>	A Speargrass	E1,P	P
	<i>Avena fatua</i> *	Wild Oats		2
	<i>Brachyachne ciliaris</i>	Hairy Native Couch		22
	<i>Bromus arenarius</i>	Sand Brome		16
	<i>Bromus catharticus</i> *	Praire Grass		3
	<i>Bromus diandrus</i> *	Great Brome		2
	<i>Bromus molliformis</i> *	Soft Brome		1
	<i>Bromus rubens</i> *	Red Brome		32
	<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i> *	Buffel Grass		2
	<i>Cenchrus echinatus</i> *	Mossman River Grass		1
	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i> *	Innocent Weed		1
	<i>Chloris truncata</i>	Windmill Grass		46
	<i>Chloris ventricosa</i>	Tall Chloris		1

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	<i>Chrysopogon fallax</i>			1
	<i>Cymbopogon ambiguous</i>	Lemon Grass		6
	<i>Cymbopogon obtectus</i>	Silky Heads		7
	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Common Couch		19
	<i>Dactyloctenium radulans</i>	Button Grass		15
	<i>Dichanthium sericeum</i>	Queensland Bluegrass		6
	<i>Dichanthium sericeum</i> subsp. <i>sericeum</i>	Queensland Bluegrass		4
	<i>Digitaria brownie</i>	Cotton Panic Grass		6
	<i>Digitaria coenicola</i>	Finger Panic Grass		10
	<i>Digitaria divaricatissima</i>	Umbrella Grass		2
	<i>Diplachne fusca</i>	Brown Beetle Grass		7
	<i>Diplachne muelleri</i>			1
	<i>Diplachne parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Beetle Grass		1
	<i>Echinochloa colona</i>	Awnless Barnyard Grass		1
	<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i> *	Barnyard Grass		7
	<i>Echinochloa frumentacea</i> *	Siberian Millet		1
	<i>Echinochloa inundata</i>	Marsh Millet		1
	<i>Echinochloa lacunaria</i>			9
	<i>Ehrharta longiflora</i> *	Annual Veldtgrass		1
	<i>Elymus scaber</i>	Common Wheatgrass		3
	<i>Enneapogon avenaceus</i>	Bottle Washers		153
	<i>Enneapogon cylindricus</i>	Jointed Nineawn		6
	<i>Enneapogon intermedius</i>			7
	<i>Enneapogon nigricans</i>	Niggerheads		4
	<i>Enneapogon polyphyllus</i>	Leafy Nineawn		14
	<i>Enneapogon</i> spp.	Nineawn Grass, Bottlewashers		7
	<i>Enteropogon acicularis</i>	Curly Windmill Grass		12
	<i>Enteropogon ramosus</i>	Curly Windmill Grass		4

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	<i>Eragrostis australasica</i>	Canegrass		39
	<i>Eragrostis brownii</i>	Brown's Lovegrass		2
	<i>Eragrostis cilianensis</i>	Stinkgrass		3
	<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	African Lovegrass		1
	<i>Eragrostis dielsii</i>	Mallee Lovegrass		73
	<i>Eragrostis eriopoda</i>	Woollybutt		17
	<i>Eragrostis falcata</i>	Sickle Lovegrass		6
	<i>Eragrostis kennedyae</i>	Small-flowered Lovegrass		2
	<i>Eragrostis lacunaria</i>	Purple Lovegrass		12
	<i>Eragrostis laniflora</i>	Woollybutt		6
	<i>Eragrostis microcarpa</i>			1
	<i>Eragrostis parviflora</i>	Weeping Lovegrass		19
	<i>Eragrostis setifolia</i>	Neverfail		87
	<i>Eragrostis</i> spp.*	A Lovegrass		9
	<i>Eriachne aristidea</i>	Threeawn Wanderrie Grass		1
	<i>Eriachne helmsii</i>	Woollybutt Wanderrie Grass		1
	<i>Eriachne mucronata</i>	Mountain Wanderrie Grass		2
	<i>Eriachne</i> spp.			1
	<i>Eriochloa australiensis</i>	Australian Cupgrass		3
	<i>Eriochloa crebra</i>	Cup Grass, Tall Cupgrass		9
	<i>Eriochloa pseudoacrotricha</i>	Early Spring Grass		18
	<i>Hainardia cylindrical</i> *	Common Barbgrass		2
	<i>Hordeum glaucum</i> *	Northern Barley Grass		6
	<i>Hordeum leporinum</i> *	Barley Grass		39
	<i>Hordeum marinum</i> *	Sea Barley Grass		1
	<i>Hordeum</i> spp.	A Barley Grass		1
	<i>Iseilema membraneaceum</i>	Small Flinders Grass		4
	<i>Iseilema vaginiflorum</i>	Red Flinders Grass		1

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	<i>Lachnagrostis filiformis</i>			32
	<i>Lamarckia aurea</i> *	Goldentop		6
	<i>Leptochloa digitata</i>	Umbrella Canegrass		4
	<i>Lolium rigidum</i> *	Wimmera Ryegrass		1
	<i>Monachather paradoxus</i>	Bandicoot Grass		8
	<i>Panicum decompositum</i> var. <i>tenuius</i>			7
	<i>Panicum effusum</i>	Hairy Panic		6
	<i>Panicum laevinode</i>	Pepper Grass		11
	<i>Panicum queenslandicum</i> var. <i>queenslandicum</i>	Yabila Grass		1
	<i>Panicum</i> spp.	Coast Barb Grass		2
	<i>Paractaenum novae-hollandiae</i>	Reflexed Panic Grass		2
	<i>Parapholis incurva</i> *	Coast Barb Grass		2
	<i>Paspalidium constrictum</i>	Knottybutt Grass		17
	<i>Paspalidium jubiflorum</i>	Warrego Grass		20
	<i>Paspalidium</i> spp.			1
	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> *	Fountain Grass		2
	<i>Phalaris aquatic</i> *	Phalaris		1
	<i>Phalaris minor</i> *	Lesser Canary Grass		3
	<i>Phalaris paradoxa</i> *	Paradoxa Grass		4
	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed		1
	<i>Phyllostachys nigra</i> *	Black Bamboo		1
	<i>Piptatherum miliacea</i> *	Rice Millet		1
	<i>Poa annua</i> *	Winter Grass		2
	<i>Poa fordeana</i>	Sweet Swamp-grass		8
	<i>Poa labillardierei</i> var. <i>labillardierei</i>	Tussock		1
	<i>Poa pratensis</i> *	Kentucky Bluegrass		1
	<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i> *	Annual Beardgrass		5
	<i>Pseudoraphis spinescens</i>	Spiny Mudgrass		2

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	<i>Rostraria cristata*</i>	Annual Cat's Tail		1
	<i>Rostraria pumila*</i>	Roughtail		36
	<i>Schismus barbatus*</i>	Arabian Grass		263
	<i>Setaria italic*</i>	Foxtail Millet		2
	<i>Setaria pumila*</i>	Pale Pigeon Grass		1
	<i>Setaria verticillata*</i>	Whorled Pigeon Grass		1
	<i>Sporobolus actinocladius</i>	Katoora Grass		5
	<i>Sporobolus caroli</i>	Fairy Grass		16
	<i>Sporobolus mitchellii</i>	Rat's Tail Couch		36
	<i>Themeda australis</i>	Kangaroo Grass		15
	<i>Themeda avenacea</i>	Native Oatgrass		1
	<i>Thyridolepis mitchelliana</i>	Mulga Mitchell Grass		15
	<i>Tragus australianus</i>	Small Burrgrass		9
	<i>Triodia scariosa</i>	Porcupine Grass		7
	<i>Triodia scariosa subsp. Scariosa</i>			3
	<i>Tripogon loliformis</i>	Fiveminute Grass		11
	<i>Triraphis mollis</i>	Purple Needlegrass		55
	<i>Triticum aestivum*</i>	Wheat		1
	<i>Uranthoecium truncatum</i>	Flat-stem Grass		1
	<i>Urochloa notochthona</i>			2
	<i>Urochloa praetervis</i>			1
	<i>Urochloa subquadripara</i>	Green Summer Grass		3
	<i>Vulpia bromoides*</i>	Squirrel Tail Fesque		4
	<i>Vulpia muralis*</i>	Wall Fescue		2
	<i>Vulpia myuros*</i>	Rat's-tail Fescue		2
	<i>Vulpia spp.*</i>			8
	<i>Walwhalleya proluta</i>			6
	<i>Zygochloa paradoxa</i>	Sandhill Canegrass		34

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Polygalaceae	Comesperma integerrimum			1
	Polygala linariifolia	Native Milkwort	E1,P	K
	Acetosa vesicaria*	Bladder Dock		9
	Emex australis*	Spiny Emex		18
	Muehlenbeckia florulenta	Lignum		129
	Muehlenbeckia horrida subsp. horrida			6
	Persicaria attenuata			1
	Persicaria lapathifolia	Pale Knotweed		12
	Persicaria prostrata	Creeping Knotweed		1
	Polygonum arenastrum*	Wireweed		1
	Polygonum aviculare*	Wireweed		4
	Polygonum plebeium	Small Knotweed		16
	Rumex brownii	Swamp Dock		25
	Rumex crispus*	Curled Dock		5
	Rumex crystallinus	Shiny Dock		27
	Rumex spp.*	Dock		3
	Rumex tenax	Shiny Dock		3
Portulacaceae	Calandrinia eremaea	Small Purslane		11
	Calandrinia ptychosperma			1
	Calandrinia volubilis			1
	Portulaca intraterranea			3
	Portulaca oleracea	Pigweed		43
	Portulaca spp.*			4
Potamogetonaceae	Potamogeton tricarinatus	Floating Pondweed		2
Proteaceae	Grevillea huegelii			6
	Grevillea juncifolia subsp. juncifolia	Honeysuckle Grevillea		1
	Grevillea nematophylla	Silver-leaved Water Tree	E4,P	3
	Grevillea striata	Beefwood		18

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	<i>Hakea eriantha</i>			1
	<i>Hakea leucoptera</i>	Needlewood		8
	<i>Hakea leucoptera</i> subsp. <i>leucoptera</i>			5
	<i>Hakea tephrosperma</i>	Hooked Needlewood		9
Ranunculaceae	<i>Clematis microphylla</i>	Small-leaved Clematis		2
	<i>Myosurus australis</i>	Mousetail		11
	<i>Ranunculus pentandrus</i> var. <i>platycarpus</i>			10
	<i>Ranunculus sessiliflorus</i>	Small-flowered Buttercup		2
	<i>Ranunculus sessiliflorus</i> var. <i>pilulifer</i>	Common Buttercup		2
Rhamnaceae	<i>Pomaderris oraria</i>		E4,P	2
Rosaceae	<i>Potentilla supina</i> *			2
Rubiaceae	<i>Asperula germella</i>	Twin-leaved Bedstraw		1
	<i>Coprosma hirtella</i>	Coffee-berry		6
	<i>Dentella nimutissima</i>		E1,P	K
	<i>Pomax umbellata</i>	Pomax		1
	<i>Psydrax latifolia</i>			2
	<i>Psydrax oleifolia</i>			2
	<i>Spermacoce brachystema</i>			1
	<i>Synaptantha tillaeacea</i>			1
Rutaceae	<i>Flindersia maculosa</i>	Leopardwood		30
	<i>Geijera parviflora</i>	Wilga		9
	<i>Philothea difformis</i> subsp. <i>difformis</i>		P	1
	<i>Philothea linearis</i>		P	8
Santalaceae	<i>Exocarpos aphyllus</i>	Leafless Ballart		7
	<i>Exocarpos sparteus</i>	Slender Cherry		2
	<i>Santalum acuminatum</i>	Sweet Quandong		5
	<i>Santalum lanceolatum</i>	Northern Sandalwood		7
	<i>Santalum murrayanum</i>	Bitter Quandong	E1,P	2

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Sapindaceae	<i>Alectryon oleifolius</i>	Western Rosewood		27
	<i>Alectryon oleifolius</i> subsp. <i>canescens</i>			34
	<i>Atalaya hemiglauc</i> a	Whitewood		11
	<i>Dodonaea petiolaris</i>			3
	<i>Dodonaea sinuolata</i> subsp. <i>acrodentata</i>	A Hopbush	E1,P	1
	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Sticky Hopbush		2
	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> subsp. <i>angustissima</i>	Narrow-leaf Hop-bush		103
	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> subsp. <i>mucronata</i>			1
Scrophulariaceae	<i>Limosella australis</i>	Australian Mudwort		1
	<i>Limosella curdieana</i>	Large Mudwort		1
	<i>Mimulus prostratus</i>	Small Monkey-flower		2
	<i>Mimulus repens</i>	Creeping Monkey-flower		1
	<i>Misopates orontium</i> *	Lesser Snapdragon		1
	<i>Stemodia florulenta</i>	Bluerod		97
	<i>Stemodia glabella</i>			1
Solanaceae	<i>Datura inoxia</i> *	Downy Thornapple		1
	<i>Duboisia hopwoodii</i>	Pituri		1
	<i>Lycium australe</i>	Australian Boxthorn		4
	<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> *	African Boxthorn		20
	<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> *	Tree Tobacco		39
	<i>Nicotiana goodspeedii</i>			2
	<i>Nicotiana megalosiphon</i> subsp. <i>Megalosiphon</i>	Long-flowered Tobacco-bush		1
	<i>Nicotiana simulans</i>			3
	<i>Nicotiana</i> spp.			5
	<i>Nicotiana velutina</i>			124
	<i>Solanum americanum</i>	Glossy Nightshade		1
	<i>Solanum coactiliferum</i>	Western Nightshade		5
	<i>Solanum ellipticum</i>	Velvet Potato Bush		41

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	<i>Solanum esuriale</i>	Quena		68
	<i>Solanum ferocissimum</i>	Spiny Potato-bush		5
	<i>Solanum karsense</i>	Menindee Nightshade	V,P	35
	<i>Solanum lacunarium</i>	Lagoon Nightshade		11
	<i>Solanum nigrum*</i>	Black-berry Nightshade		54
	<i>Solanum petrophilum</i>	Rock Nightshade		1
	<i>Solanum quadriloculatum</i>	Tomato Bush		2
	<i>Solanum rostratum*</i>	Pincushion Nightshade		1
	<i>Solanum spp.*</i>			9
Sterculiaceae	<i>Brachychiton populneus</i> subsp. <i>trilobus</i>			1
	<i>Lasiopetalum behrii</i>	Pink Velvet Bush	E4A,P	K
Tamaricaceae	<i>Tamarix ramosissima*</i>	Tamarisk		1
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Pimelea microcephala</i> subsp. <i>Microcephala</i>	Shrubby Rice-flower		28
	<i>Pimelea serpyllifolia</i> subsp. <i>Serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme Rice-Flower	E1, P	K
	<i>Pimelea simplex</i>	Desert Rice-flower		20
	<i>Pimelea simplex</i> subsp. <i>simplex</i>			18
	<i>Pimelea trichostachya</i>			33
Typhaceae	<i>Typha domingensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cumbungi		3
	<i>Typha orientalis</i>	Broad-leaved Cumbungi		1
Urticaceae	<i>Parietaria debilis</i>	Native Pellitory		2
	<i>Urtica urens*</i>	Small Nettle		2
Verbenaceae	<i>Phyla nodiflora*</i>	Carpet Weed		1
	<i>Verbena Africana*</i>			9
	<i>Verbena guadichaudii</i>	Verbena		2
	<i>Verbena officinalis*</i>	Common Verbena		35
	<i>Verbena spp.*</i>			1
	<i>Verbena supine*</i>	Trailing Verbena		31
Zygophyllaceae	<i>Tribulus eichlerianus</i>	Bull-head		1

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	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i> *	Cat-head		6
	<i>Zygophyllum ammophilum</i>	Sand Twinleaf		15
	<i>Zygophyllum apiculatum</i>	Common Twinleaf		5
	<i>Zygophyllum aurantiacum</i>	Shrubby Twinleaf		12
	<i>Zygophyllum eremaeum</i>	Climbing Twinleaf		15
	<i>Zygophyllum glaucum</i>	Pale Twinleaf		10
	<i>Zygophyllum humillimum</i>	Small-fruited Twinleaf		1
	<i>Zygophyllum iodocarpum</i>	Violet Twinleaf		28
	<i>Zygophyllum ovatum</i>	Dwart Twinleaf		1
	<i>Zygophyllum simile</i>			12
	<i>Zygophyllum</i> spp.			3