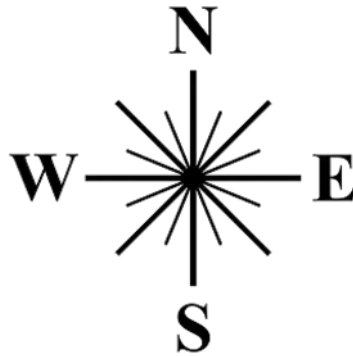


CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

17 APRIL 2024

The Meeting will be held at 10:30 AM in the Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the Central Darling Shire area by encouraging development through effective leadership, community involvement and facilitation of services.

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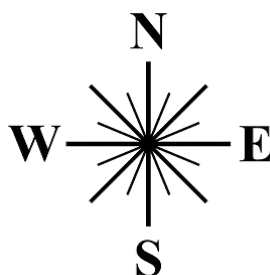
1. The Council may hold a public forum prior to each ordinary meeting of the Council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting. Public forums may also be held prior to extraordinary Council meetings and meetings of Committees of the Council.
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8. If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may request the speakers to nominate from among themselves the persons who are to address the Council on the item of business. If the speakers are not able to agree on whom to nominate to address the Council, the General Manager or their delegate is to determine who will address the Council at the public forum.
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10. Approved speakers at the public forum are to register with the Council any written, visual or audio material to be presented in support of their address to the Council at the public forum, and to identify any equipment needs no more than three (3) days before the public forum. The General Manager or their delegate may refuse to allow such material to be presented.
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13. Speakers at public forums must not digress from the item on the agenda of the Council meeting they have applied to address the Council on. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the Chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the Chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.
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18. Where an address made at a public forum raises matters that require further consideration by Council staff, the General Manager may recommend that the Council defer consideration of the matter pending the preparation of a further report on the matters.
19. When addressing the Council, speakers at public forums must comply with this code and all other relevant Council codes, policies and procedures. Speakers must refrain from engaging in disorderly conduct, publicly alleging breaches of the Council's Code of Conduct, or making other potentially defamatory statements.
20. If the Chairperson considers that a speaker at a public forum has engaged in conduct of the type referred to in Clause 4.19, the Chairperson may request the person to refrain from the inappropriate behaviour and to withdraw and unreservedly apologise for any inappropriate comments. Where the speaker fails to comply with the Chairperson's request, the Chairperson may immediately require the person to stop speaking.
21. Clause 4.20 does not limit the ability of the Chairperson to deal with disorderly conduct by speakers at public forums in accordance with the provisions of Part 14 of this code.
22. Where a speaker engages in conduct of the type referred to in Clause 4.19, the General Manager or their delegate may refuse further applications from that person to speak at public forums for such a period as the General Manager or their delegate considers appropriate.

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

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 17 April 2024

10:30 AM

Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

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

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to Elders past and present.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW Councillors and Council staff are required to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary be received and noted.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 March 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Attachments:

1. [Ordinary Council Meeting - 20 March 2024](#)

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4528
REPORT AUTHOR: ADMINISTRATOR
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

News that DPIE Water has changed the design of the Wilcannia Weir after extensive community consultation and agreement on the preferred design is very disappointing. The new weir will be a fixed crest steel pile and concrete construction. The original proposed height of the weir 66.71 AHD has now been reduced by one metre, to 65.71 AHD. This is a reduction of maximum volume from 5,654 MI to 2,577 MI (-3,077MI) storage of accessible water for Wilcannia residents. The existing old weir has a storage capacity 2,173MI of water. DPIE Water proposed redesign of the weir will only provide residence 404MI of additional water storage, compared to 3,077MI storage what the Wilcannia community originally agreed to in 2022. The redesign will exclude gates and the bespoke concrete castellated ridge fishway and will be a manual vertical slot fishway, which the community believes is more dangerous and is unattractive. The reason DPIE Water has given for the recent redesign is complications in legislative water and fish passageway management requirements and operational and construction expenditure in delivering the project. DPIE Water is supporting Council with additional funding for the upgrade of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs water treatment plants, which was sourced from the federal government. Furthermore, DPIE Water are considering constructing an additional bore to source additional town water supply and improve the potable water reticulation system in Wilcannia.

Following extensive community input against the redesign proposal, Council at its March Meeting, resolved to request a meeting with the NSW Water Minister, The Hon Rose Jackson and with the Local Member Roy Butler. The General Manager and I met the Minister and our local Member on 21 March at Parliament House and outlined the community and Councils rejection of the revised proposal. The Minister said her department would continue to work with the community to address concerns.

The Minister for Local Government is considering several governance models and is working with the Office of Local Government to finalise a preferred model and its implementation. He wants to return a Council, with democratically elected representatives, which is financially sustainable to enable it to deliver the necessary services to the community. He reiterated, he wanted to get it right and understands that Central Darling Shire Council must have ongoing financial support. The General Manager and I will now meet with Office of Local Government representatives, to workshop the detail on the practical delivery.

As previously reported the Government referred to IPART to examine the Financial Model of Local Government. The latest news is that the Parliament has now itself established a committee to examine the issue. Council will now make submissions to this Committee.

Council is a member of Country Mayors and whilst in Sydney attended its March Meeting. The group has been lobbying the government on rural crime and the failure of the current approach particularly in regard to young offenders. The Parliament has established an all-party Inquiry on the issue.

Attachments:

NIL

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 PROPOSED LEASE FOR A NBN ANTENNAE BETWEEN THE NBN CO. LIMITED AND CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL, LOCATED AT 38 JAMES STREET WILCANNIA

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4453
REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To provide Council with information regarding the proposed location and Lease Agreement for a NBN antennae at 38 James Street Wilcannia (Council Works Depot). The lease is between NBN Co Limited and Central Darling Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Agree in principle, to the draft Lease Agreement, for the location of the 40m monopole NBN antennae within Councils works depot, 38 James Street (Lot 2 DP 812602), for a maximum of 25 years.
3. Upon receiving Council legal advice and receipt of a complying Ident Survey Plan, delegate authority to the General Manager to sign documents relating to the execution of the lease agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Council received emails on 19 February (2024) from Proptel Pty Ltd, on behalf of Ventia and the NBN Co limited, regarding the establishment of the communication infrastructure at Wilcannia. The purpose is to facilitate the fixed radio (wireless) 40m high monopole antennae which is a component of the National Broadband network.

After discussion with Council Staff, it was agreed that the most appropriate location for the NBN Co Limited antennae was within the Councils James Street works depot.

REPORT:

Following the in-principle agreement with council staff on the proposed location of the NBN Co Limited, 40m high antennae at the Council works depot; solicitors acting for the NBN Co Limited have sent a draft lease for Council revision.

Council will obtain legal advice on the Lease Agreement, prior to finalising the agreement with NBN Co Limited.

NBN Co Limited is required to submit a development application through the NSW Planning Portal for the planning approval to use council land for the NBN antennae.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
2 Local & Regional Governance	2.1 Shire governance	2.1.4 Ensure that governance of the shire is focused on the effective planning and delivery of adequate and

		appropriate services and facilities to local communities
4 Local Economy	4.1 Employment	4.1.2 Reinstate local contracts for property maintenance including building repairs, gardening, etc
	4.3 Tourism	4.3.7 Identify future infrastructure needs to accommodate increased tourism

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

Annual rent is to be received for the placement of the antennae on Councils Wilcannia works depot at 38 James Street Wilcannia.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

A lease is required for the location of the NBN Co Limited antennae on Council land. Planning approval is required for the use of the land for a NBN antennae.

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

N/A

OPTIONS:

To approve the lease and approval for the development application for use of council land for the NBN antennae.

Not approve the lease and locating of the NBN antennae on council land.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

No

External Exhibition:

Development application to be exhibited for 28 days on council website.

Attachments:

NIL

8.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - MARCH 2024

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4607
REPORT AUTHOR: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide a summary of Council’s cash and investments as at 31st March 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

1. receive and note the report.

REPORT:

In accordance with *Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005*, a monthly report setting out details of all money that Council has invested under *Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993* is required to be submitted to Council.

Cash and Investment Accounts:

Cash and Investment Accounts	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Interest Rate	Current Month Interest	YTD Interest
Westpac 11am Investment Account	\$5,790,000.00	\$5,790,000.00	NIL	1.35%	\$5,996.21	\$54,825.86
Operating Account	\$1,826,387.20	\$3,596,239.35	(\$1,769,852.15)	N/A	NIL	NIL
Post Office Clearing Account	\$46,987.30	\$46,987.30	NIL	N/A	NIL	NIL
Total Cash at bank as of 28th March 2024					\$7,663,374.50	

Commentary:

The net movement of cash for the month of March 2024 was a decrease of \$1,769,852.15.

Payments for wages and creditors for the month of March 2024 totalled \$4,818,287.96.

Receipts for the month of March 2024 totalled \$3,039,295.58 with major receipts being:

- Transport for NSW \$2,685,844.05
- DPE Water \$60,000.00
- Statewide Mutual \$80,073.69

Receipts expected in April 2024 are:

- Transport for NSW \$2,000,000.00

Restrictions:

Restricted Cash and Investments	
	Mar-24
Externally Restricted ⁽¹⁾	(\$000's)
Specific purpose unexpended grants	12,516
Water supplies	-
Sewerage services	178
Domestic waste management	471
Total Externally Restricted	13,165
(1) Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose	
Internally Restricted ⁽²⁾	
Employees Leave Entitlements	935
Plant and vehicle replacement	8
Other Waste Management Reserve	117
Total Internally Restricted	1,060
(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose	
Total Restricted Funds	14,225
Total Cash & Investments	9,433
Unrestricted Funds (ie. available after the above Restrictions)	(4,792)
Outstanding Grants Debtors	7,080

Commentary:

The level of unrestricted funds required by Council is generally \$1,000,000. Currently Council’s unrestricted funds are below this level. This has occurred due to timing differences between when funds are received and when they are spent, for example, some grants require Council to spend the money first and then apply for reimbursements, other grants are milestone driven and are dependent on Council completing certain tasks, meaning that some money is received in advance and other money is received after the completion of the work. The over-restriction of funds is offset by outstanding grant debtors.

Attachments:

NIL

8.3 GRANTS REGISTER - MARCH 2024

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4612
REPORT AUTHOR: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary Council’s current year grant funding applications status as of 31st March 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report and note the report.

BACKGROUND:

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

REPORT:

For the month of March 2024, scheduled acquittals were completed in line with the reporting requirements of the funding deeds and any approved variations to those deeds.

Morris & Piper continue to assist with grant submissions, approvals and acquittals. Their monthly report for March 2024, including a work plan up to June 2024, is attached to this report.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
2 Local & Regional Governance	2.1 Shire governance	2.1.4 Ensure that governance of the shire is focused on the effective planning and delivery of adequate and appropriate services and facilities to local communities

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

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

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Regulation 208 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 provides a requirement that:

A member of the staff of a council who has control of any of the council's accounting records must—

(a) produce those records for inspection and audit in proper order whenever directed or requested to do so by the council's mayor, responsible accounting officer, general manager (if not the council's responsible accounting officer) or auditor or by the Director-General or a person to whom the Director-General's functions under *section 430 of the Act* have been delegated or subdelegated under *section 745 of the Act*, and

(b) render all practicable assistance to the mayor, responsible accounting officer, general manager, auditor, the Director-General, or such a delegate or subdelegate with respect to those records.

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

Periodic reporting enables Council to keep both funding providers and the community informed on the deployment of those funds as intended and as such significantly mitigate the risk of inappropriate usage of those funds.

OPTIONS:

Nil.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Exhibition:**

Not Required

External Exhibition:

Not Required

Attachments:

1. [Morris & Piper March 2024 Monthly Report](#) ↓ 
2. [March Quarter 2024 Grant Review](#) ↓ 

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1 DECLINED REQUEST FOR NATURAL DISASTER DECLARATION

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4395
REPORT AUTHOR: GENERAL MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council recently received correspondence from NSW Reconstruction Authority, concerning the storm weather event that occurred 5-6 February 2024 in the Central Darling Shire Council (CDSC) Local Government Area, the request for a Natural Disaster Declaration (NDD) is not eligible for financial assistance.

The General Manager on behalf of the Administrator, has written to the Chief Executive Officer of NSW Reconstruction Authority reconsiders its position and considers CDSC is eligible for financial assistance.

A copy of the letter was also emailed to Member of Barwon Roy Butler MP and Jihad Dib MP, Minister for Emergency Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

Councils' NDD submission for the February storm event was valued at \$1.3m, impacting roads and community infrastructure. Council to date, has spent \$465k on remedial works, exceeding the \$250k Natural Disaster Assessment threshold. The storm event impacted the northern areas of the shire, including the township of White Cliffs. While most of the damage incurred is to unsealed roads, White Cliffs Golf Course has incurred significant soil erosion and is unusable.

Very little private property damage occurred, as majority of housing in White Cliffs is underground (Dug outs) and is on high ground. Remote Station properties owners, deal with storm damage themselves, as access for responding emergency services is not practical until roads and creek crossings have been made accessible and ground conditions dry out.

At Councils' Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) held on 12 February (2024), a motion supported and carried by the committee- "All combat agencies within the Central Darling LEMC support Council's application for Natural Disaster assistance in order to repair damage sustained to infrastructure in the northern part of the Shire from storm events 5 February 2024". These minutes attached for your reference.

It appears CDSC is at a disadvantage when applying the Natural Disaster Assessment criteria, especially when it comes to other emergency services agencies involvement. The shire has low volunteer participation rates for emergency services. Furthermore, calling out emergency services for storm events where nothing can be done is a waste of volunteers' time and potential loss of income to them.

CDSC covers a geographical area of Tasmania, 53,000Km², and has a low population of 1,700 residents, of which majority are considered low social incomes. Council only generates approximately \$2.5m in rates, fees, and charges from our community, not enough to cover the operational functions of Council. CDSC is solely reliant on funding support by Federal and State

governments, and any severe impact on Council infrastructure needs funding assistance to repair damage caused by disasters.

Attachments:

1. [NSW Reconstruction Authority letter-CDSC Request for Natural Disaster Declaration](#)  

9.2 UPDATE ON THE WILCANNIA WEIR PROJECT

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4415
REPORT AUTHOR: GENERAL MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to inform Council on the status of the Wilcannia Weir Project being undertaken by NSW DPIE Water, which is funded by Federal and State Governments. NSW DPIE Water are proposing to redesign the weir, which the Wilcannia Community endorsed some two years ago, which will have a significant impact to the community. It is believed these changes are result of a financial restraint on the DPIE Water budget.

Following extensive community input against the redesign proposal, Council at its March Meeting, resolved to request a meeting with the NSW Water Minister, The Hon Rose Jackson and with the Local Member for Barwon, Roy Butler. The General Manager and Administrator met the Water Minister and Roy Butler MP, on 21 March at Parliament House, to outlined the community and Councils rejection of the revised proposal. The Minister said, her department would continue to work with the community to address concerns raised.

Council and the Wilcannia community groups will continue to lobby NSW DPIE and other senior government officials of the dissatisfaction of the recent Wilcannia weir redesign.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Council to continue to advocate by lobbying NSW DPIE, the community dissatisfaction of the redesign of the Wilcannia Weir project.

REPORT:

NSW DPIE Water has changed the design of the Wilcannia Weir after extensive community consultation and agreement on the preferred design is very disappointing.

The new redesigned weir will be a fixed crest steel pile and concrete construction. The original proposed height of the weir 66.71 AHD (Australian Height Datum) has now been reduced by one metre, to 65.71 AHD. This is a reduction of maximum volume from 5,654 MI (Megalitre) to 2,577 MI (-3,077MI) storage of accessible water for Wilcannia residents.

The existing old weir has a storage capacity of 2,173MI of water. DPIE Water proposed redesign of the weir will only provide 404MI of additional water storage, compared to 3,077MI storage what the Wilcannia community originally agreed to in 2022 for a weir design.

The redesign will exclude gates and the bespoke concrete castellated ridge fishway, and will be a manual vertical slot fishway, which the community believes is more dangerous and is unattractive.

The Administrator and General Manager met with the Water Minister on Thursday 21 March at Parliament House. In attendance from the Ministers' department was the Deputy Secretary for DPIE Water -Amanda Jones and Acting Executive Director of Infrastructure Delivery -Greg Winchester. The Member for Barwon-Roy Butler and his Senior Electorate Officer -John Clements was also present. Council representatives and Roy Butler MP, presented to the Minister, the Wilcannia community is not accepting of the new weir redesign, especially disappointed on the original promise of a weir height of 66.71 AHD, to be reduce by one metre.

The Water Minister was adamant, that the redesign was necessary as the original proposed design will cost approximately three times more than originally proposed, however she would not provide

the actual construction cost. The Minister was asked if she, or her department have had discussions to seek further funding assistance from the Federal Government: the response was NO.

The Minister and DPIE Water has given reasons for the recent redesign, is complications in legislative water and fish passageway management requirements, and the operational and construction expenditure in delivering the project. Furthermore, the original proposed weir design height would have an environmental offset benefit cost of \$17M. A reduction of the weir height by one metre, greatly reduces this cost. However, this environmental cost is disputed, as offsets locally could be found. Council considers the additional height increase should not be considered as an environmental impact, especially during high river or flood events, as this section of riverbank is inundated naturally.

During the meeting, the Water Minister has committed to the redesign of the proposed weir height of 65.71 AHD. The Minister has conceded to cater for additional one metre height in the engineering design if future funding was made available at a later stage. Council and the Wilcannia community will need to monitor, to enforce DPIE Water ensures the weir design incorporates the necessary engineering, to facilitate the extra one metre on the redesign if additional funding is made available. Whilst this is not Councils and the Wilcannia Community expectation, it may be the final outcome.

DPIE Water held a public meeting on 27th March at the Wilcannia Hall, which was well attended by a good cross section of the Wilcannia Community. The community voiced their displeasure at DPIE Water and the NSW Government in the weir redesign. The community especially voiced their displeasure of reduction of the weir height was necessary due to environment and cultural impacts.

There is now level of scepticism in the Wilcannia community, of the transparency how DPIE Water is managing the Wilcannia Weir Project. It was reported in the community meeting, DPIE Water have spent \$4.6M on the project so far. This is compounded by the fact, DPIE Water are citing, the additional one metre height will introduce complications in legislative water and fish passageway management requirements: furthermore, impacting on environmental and cultural sites.

At this stage, DPIE Water have not provided the evidence, or quoted the actual legislation and from which government agency, making these recommendations to change the scope of the project. For DPIE Water to refer to complications in legislative water and fish passageway management requirements, and not providing the actual evidence to Council and for the community to interrogate, only further enhances community scepticism.

DPIE Water is supporting Council with additional funding for the upgrade of Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs water treatment plants, which was sourced from the Federal Government. Furthermore, DPIE Water are considering constructing an additional bore, to source additional town water supply and improve the potable water reticulation system in Wilcannia. However, it is believed this work has not been finalised with costs and budgeted allocation by DPIE Water.

Council received funding for the upgrades of White Cliffs, Ivanhoe and Wilcannia Water Treatment Plants and White Cliffs reticulation system. This funding of \$11.5M was from Safe and Secure Water and Infrastructure Fund, announced in 2018. Council was advised by DPIE Water late last year, sourced additional \$10M from the Federal Government to complete the projects; and was told to not to make any announcement about the additional funding. At this stage, Council has not received any funding agreement from DPIE Water or had any further discussion on the matter in past months with the department.

At the recent Community meeting held by DPIE Water, it was mentioned by Greg Winchester, as part of the weir project, \$21M to upgrades Council's water treatment plants. This amount of \$21M was never revealed to Council staff, and now comes at a surprise what is planned for Council's water infrastructure.

During the coming month, there are several meetings scheduled with Government Officials which Council and other community organisations will be involved in. This will provide other alternative avenues to advocate and discuss the redesign of the Wilcannia Weir Project:

The Hon. Mark Coulton MP, Tuesday 9 April

The Hon. Clayton Barr MP on Sunday 14 April

The Hon. Steph Cooke MP, Tuesday 16 April

The Hon. Sarah Mitchell MP, Thursday 2 May

Attachments:

NIL

9.3 CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**FILE NUMBER: GD24/4502****REPORT AUTHOR: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The draft Central Darling Shire Council Social Media Policy sets standards of conduct for all Council officials who use social media in their official capacity.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.
2. Council will adopt the Draft Central Darling Shire Council Social Media policy to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.
3. Following public exhibition, a report to Council with comments from public exhibition and potential adoption of the Social Media Policy.

BACKGROUND:

This policy will provide councillors with a robust framework for the administration and management of their social media platforms. It also sets standards of conduct for all Council officials who use social media in their official capacity. It has been developed to be fit-for-purpose in a digital age where innovation and emerging trends are the norm.

This social media policy has four 'Principles' of social media engagement. These are: Openness; Relevance; Accuracy and Respect.

Despite its obvious benefits, social media also presents a variety of challenges and risks including a significant risk both in a legal sense, and in terms of a council's ability to operate in a unified and coordinated way. It is therefore vital that Central Darling Shire Council has the right policy settings in place so that the full benefits of social media can be realized whilst mitigating risks.

REPORT:

Social media is fundamental to not just how people interact with one another, but also to how we work, play, and consume information and ideas. Social media is an important tool that Council uses to communicate with residents, visitors, businesses and government agencies. While there are just 1,700 residents in Central Darling the Council Facebook page is very active with 5,400 followers and the Council LinkedIn page is growing with 274 followers currently.

It is timely that this draft policy comes before Council as Central Darling Shire Council is preparing to go to the Local Government Election in September 2024. This means Council would move from Administration to having elected councillors. This policy defines the framework and expectations around social media for Council officials including elected councillors.

Despite its obvious benefits, social media also presents a variety of challenges and risks. These include:

- (a) The emergence of new, harmful forms of behavior, such as cyber-bullying and trolling.
- (b) Maintaining the accuracy, reliability and integrity of information shared from multiple sources.
- (c) Organisations can be held liable for third party content uploaded onto their social media platforms.
- (d) Content uploaded in a person's private capacity can adversely affect their employment and cause significant reputational damage to colleagues and employers.
- (e) Rapid innovation can make it difficult to keep pace with emerging technologies and trends.

In addition, potential corruption risks may arise due to social media use. These include:

- (f) Customers, development proponents/objectors, tenderers, or other stakeholders grooming public officials by behaviours such as ‘liking’ specific posts, reposting content, or sending personal or private messages.
- (g) Public officials disclosing confidential or sensitive information.
- (h) Using social media for sponsorship opportunities which may unfairly advantage one sponsor over another and lack transparency.
- (i) Public agencies or officials promoting certain businesses by behaviours such as ‘following’ them, ‘liking’ content, or making comments, which may result in those businesses being favoured over others.

Central Darling Shire Council and Council officials should be aware that they may be considered a ‘publisher’ of any content uploaded onto a social media platform they administer, including content that: Is uploaded by a third party; and/or appears on their social media platform because they have ‘liked’, ‘shared’, or ‘retweeted’ the content, or similar.

The Central Darling Shire Council draft Social Media Policy covers a variety of parts including application, administrative framework, authorised users, administrative framework for councillors’ social media platforms, standards of conduct on social media, moderation of social media platforms, use of social media during emergencies, records management, privacy considerations and requirements, private use of social media, concerns and complaints.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
2 Local & Regional Governance	2.1 Shire governance	2.1.2 Undertake ongoing engagement with shire Communities to ensure their input in the design of local governance structures and services

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	NA
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

There are no direct financial or resource implications to Council in implementing the policy.

Public exhibition required for 28, as per *NSW Local Government Act 1999*

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Nil

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

Nil

OPTIONS:

It is in the best interest and good governance practice to have a Social Media Policy for councillors.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Internal exhibition for staff awareness

External Exhibition:

External Exhibition for public comment and awareness for 28 days.

Attachments:

1. [Central Darling Shire Council draft Social Media Policy](#)  

9.4 CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY PROCEDURE - COUNCIL OFFICIALS**FILE NUMBER: GD24/4527****REPORT AUTHOR: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Central Darling Shire Council draft Media and Social Media Policy Procedure for Council officials is a counterpart to the Central Darling Shire Council draft Social Media Policy. The procedure provides instructions on how the policy will be followed by Council officials, including staff, and sets out the standards of behaviour expected when making public comments or reference to Central Darling Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.
2. Adopt the Central Darling Shire Council draft Media and Social Media Policy Procedure for Council officials.

BACKGROUND:

This policy procedure sets standards of conduct for all Council officials (employees, agents and contractors (including temporary contractors), volunteers, members of council committees, conduct reviewers, delegates of council, work experience employees and volunteers of the Council) who use social media in their official capacity.

REPORT:

Social media is an important tool that Council uses to communicate with residents, visitors, businesses, and government agencies. While there are just 1,700 residents in Central Darling the Council Facebook page is very active with 5,400 followers and the Council LinkedIn page is growing with 274 followers currently.

It is important that Council officials understand the standards of behaviour expected when making public comments or reference to Central Darling Shire Council.

The procedure is based around four principles of social media engagement. These are: Openness; Relevance; Accuracy and Respect.

This procedure document is based upon a Local Government workplace relations document and also references material from the Office of Local Government (OLG) Model Social Media Policy and Cyber Security NSW.

Despite its obvious benefits, social media also presents a variety of challenges and risks including a significant risk both in a legal sense, and in terms of a council's ability to operate in a unified and coordinated way. It is therefore vital that Central Darling Shire Council has the right policy settings in place so that the full benefits of social media can be realized whilst mitigating risks.

Apart from the potentially damaging effects an inappropriate blog or social networking entry may have on the Council, inappropriate blogs on internal or external sites can also have adverse consequences for a user as the material can remain widely and permanently accessible to other site users.

The procedure applies to the use of traditional media and social media platforms. It includes social networking sites when the person is using a computer or handheld device which is not owned or

controlled by Council. This procedure also deals with acceptable use of the social media platforms during ordinary work hours of Central Darling Shire Staff.

This procedure does not form part of any employee’s contract of employment. Nor does it form part of any other Council Official’s contract for service. However, Council officials must comply with the requirements of this policy. Any breach of this draft policy may result in disciplinary action which may include termination of employment (or, for Persons other than employees, the termination or non-renewal of contractual arrangements).

Clause 3.1(b) of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* provides that council officials must not conduct themselves in a manner that is contrary to a Council’s policies. If adopted by Central Darling Shire Council, a breach of the policy will be a breach of the Central Darling Shire Council’s code of conduct.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
2 Local & Regional Governance	2.1 Shire governance	2.1.1 Design and implement governance systems within the shire that are culturally responsive and ensure communities have effective local democratic structures and representation

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	NA
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

There are no financial and resource implications directly associated in implementing this policy.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Nil

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

Nil

OPTIONS:

Good governance in having Media and Social Media Policy.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Once implemented, policy will be communicated to all employees.

External Exhibition:

Attachments:

1. [Draft Central Darling Shire Council Media & Social Media Policy Procedure - Council Officials](#)
 

10 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 HERITAGE ADVISORS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023 TO MARCH 2024

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4164
REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Heritage Advisors report for the period December 2023 until March 2024. The report identifies progress being carried out on heritage buildings in the shire.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report and note the contents of the report.

BACKGROUND:

Councils Heritage Advisor has been appointed by Council historically, to provide funding opportunities for the renovation of historic buildings predominantly in Wilcannia.

REPORT:

Report by Council heritage advisor Elizabeth Vines.

Current Budgets 2023 and 2024

Heritage Advisory Service – Total Allocation \$22,727.50

Advisors projected budget out of this allocation - \$7,580.00

Remaining budget for Advisors work after March 2024 visit - \$2,380.00. (following March account).

Heritage Place (Local Restoration Fund) – allocated funds Financial year 2023 2024 - \$15,147.50

Already allocated \$8,000.00 (land owner - 48 Reid Street Project) – remaining amount is \$7,567.00

Advisor recommendation

Ongoing works at 48 Reid Street Wilcannia – Recipient- land owner 48 Reid St Wilcannia project. Separate application being submitted for this project for the following works – Entry door threshold glazing for entry doors and shopfront, ongoing works to front façade. Possible to allocate up to \$7567.50 to use all of the remaining funds.

This work is strongly supported by the advisor for more assistance given the extent of works required for the project.

Other projects in Wilcannia

No other interest was expressed for financial assistance for works in Wilcannia.

Previous discussed projects are:

1. House – 64 Woore Street Wilcannia.
2. White Cliffs Post Office – White Cliffs
3. Bond Store – 71 Reid Street Wilcannia,
4. Clancys Hut – Glen Hope Station White Cliffs
5. 48 Reid Street Wilcannia.

Baaka Cultural Centre / Knox and Downs site – Heritage advice provided.

Advice on 40A, 40B Reid Street – New building – Heritage Advice on proposed work behind heritage façade.

Advice on Wilcannia Post Office – Ongoing heritage advice on internal upgrade.

Wilcannia Bridge – Recommended for conservation works prior to the new Wilcannia weir being constructed.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
4 Local Economy	4.3 Tourism	4.3.1 Provide ongoing support to existing local tourism associations and ensure cultural diversity
5 Rural and Urban Land Use	5.3 Local Heritage	5.3.1 Ensure that local Aboriginal and European heritage sites and buildings and places of cultural values are well maintained and preserved
		5.3.2 Identify grants and funding to promote and support local heritage projects
		5.3.3 Identify opportunities and associated funding for heritage listing and maintenance of significant buildings and environmental features

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

The Heritage Advisor is funded through monies provided to Council for heritage purposes by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (incorporating Heritage).

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Provides legal protection for heritage buildings within Wilcannia and the shire.

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

N/A

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

N/A

External Exhibition:

The community is invited to consult with the Heritage Advisor when she is in attendance at Wilcannia.

Attachments:

1. [Heritage Advisors Report December 2023 to March 2024](#) ↓ 

11.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT MARCH 2024

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4167
REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the environmental services for March 2024 conducted within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and Note the report.

REPORT:

Services:

Statistics for March 2024			
Development approvals, Building certificates, S68 approvals under Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Local Government Act 1993	Number of DA.s approved	New Dwellings	2
	Number of DA.s approved	Renovation	0
	Number of DA.s approved	Other	0
	Total Value of DA.s approved		\$380,000.00
	Number of Construction Certificate/ Crown Construction Certificates Issued		0
	Number of complying development Certificate approvals issued		0
	Number of S68 approvals		1
	Number of Occupation certificate issued		0
	Number of completion certificates issued		1

	Number of S10.7 Planning Certificate issued		7
Food safety	Food premises inspected		2
Animal Control Activities	Impounded		0 Dogs No cats
	Surrendered		7 Dogs No cats
	Rehomed		1 Dog No cats
	Returned to owner		1 Dog No cats
	Euthanised		0
	Registrations		0
	Microchipped		0
	Penalty notice issued		0
Water sampling	Microbiology samples collected		11 including 4 pool tests
	Chemistry samples collected		1
	Non compliant samples		0
	Darling River Algae Samples		0
Environmental Health	Wilcannia Mosquito Virus Program		4

Attachments:

NIL

11.3 UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ROAD NAMING PROJECT INCLUDING SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED DURING THE MARCH 2024 EXHIBITION PERIOD FOR CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL AREA

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4172
REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The report is providing an update on the progress of the Central Darling Shire road naming project that is part of the Urban and Rural Addressing project.

The proposed names for forty three (43) of Councils unnamed roads/ streets and lanes has been publicly exhibited for a month from 29 February 2024 until April 2024.

Council has received 23 submissions from the community. These submissions are tabled within the Submission Summary Report. Council also received a request from the Geographical Names Board to further consult on the proposed exhibited names.

The Geographical Names Board has requested multiple changes to the proposed names. The community has also requested names changes for the draft road names.

The correct procedure for road naming is for Council to resubmit the draft names to the Geographical Names Board for approval. Following the approval from the Geographical Names Board, council is required to re- exhibit the proposed draft names for further public consultation and community comment.

Following this public consultation process, the approved proposed names may be gazetted by the Geographical Names Board for legal use.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Note the 23 submissions received from the community for the March 2024 exhibition of draft road, street and lane names, in the Submission Summary Report.
3. Note the requirements for the correct procedure on road naming from the Geographical Names Board.
 - (a) Prepare a submission summary report on comments from the community on the proposed road names.
 - (b) Council to prepare a list of draft road names taking into account the community comments and the Geographical Names Board comments.
 - (c) Resubmit the draft names to the Geographical Names Board for approval.
 - (d) Re exhibit the draft names for community comment.
 - (e) Submit final road, street and lane names for gazettal by the Geographical Names Board

BACKGROUND:

Council exhibited 43 draft road, street and lane names for public comment from 29 February 2024 until April 2024. 23 Submissions were received from the Central Darling Shire Council community.

The Geographical Names Board met with Council officers requesting further changes to the proposed road, street and lane names.

A submission summary report has been prepared outlining the community comments and community suggested names changes to the streets of White Cliffs and Wilcannia.

A new list of proposed road, street and lane names is to be prepared by council staff taking into account the community comments and the suggested changes from the Geographical Names Board.

REPORT:

The submission summary report is attached, 23 submissions were received from the Central Darling Shire Council residents and the community.

ACTION:

Council staff will assess the submissions received and investigate whether the proposed community road name changes comply with the Geographical Name Board requirements.

A proposed list of draft names will be prepared and sent to the Geographical Names Board for comment and approval prior to the next public exhibition of the revised proposed draft road names.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
2 Local & Regional Governance	2.1 Shire governance	2.1.2 Undertake ongoing engagement with shire Communities to ensure their input in the design of local governance structures and services
		2.1.3 Manage governance of the Central Darling region in co-operation with other existing governance systems including those provided by Local Area Land Councils and the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and Community Working Parties
		2.1.4 Ensure that governance of the shire is focused on the effective planning and delivery of adequate and appropriate services and facilities to local communities
6 Infrastructure and Services	6.3 Local and regional roads	6.3.2 Develop and maintain the Central Darling Shire Roads Hierarchy and Service Levels plan

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

The impact on the residents of the Central Darling Shire Council community for the delay in finalising the Urban and rural addressing project is an issue that Council must address.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The legal status of the draft urban and rural addresses and draft road names throughout the Central Darling Shire Council area, is required to be resolved in the near future. The legal status of residents addresses is important for social, economic and life safety of the community.

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

There is a possible risk to residents when emergency services is required at a specific address within the Central Darling Shire Council area, as the draft numbers are in the council system, but not yet confirmed by the NSW Government.

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Exhibition:**

N/A

External Exhibition:

Public exhibition was from 29 February 2024 until April 2024 of the draft road names. Further public exhibition of the revised draft road names is required following comments from the community and from the Geographical Names Board.

Attachments:

1. [Submissions recieved on Draft road names for Central Darling Shire Council area](#) ↓ 
2. [Submission Summary Report Draft road names for Central Darling Shire Council area](#) ↓ 

11.4 ROADS AND AERODROMES

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4589
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on road and aerodrome maintenance and capital works expenditure within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

State Roads

Council is engaged by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to maintain the State Highway network within the Shire boundaries. The two State Highways are the Barrier Highway and the Cobb Highway.

Council is engaged under contract conditions specified under the Routine Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC). The contract details routine works required to be completed throughout the year and capital works which are supplied to Council via a Works Order (WO).

2023/24 RMCC Routine Maintenance allocation is: \$1,200,506.

2023/24 RMCC Works Orders value is \$1,812,802.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining budget
Routine	\$1,200,506	71%	\$352,941
WO	\$1,812,802	96%	\$67,601

Regional Roads

Council maintains 790km of Regional Roads throughout the Shire.

2023/24 Regional Road Block Grant amount (including roads, traffic and supplementary components) is \$2,919,000

2022/23 Regional Roads Repair Program was successful with \$400,000 funding of the \$800,000 total cost. MR68C Pooncarie Rd, reconstruct and seal 2.64km of failed pavement which is now completed.

The Regional and Local Roads Repair Program allocation is programmed for completion by June 2024 with \$1,960,000 allocated for unsealed formation improvements for Regional Roads. Council considered the allocation of additional funding at the Ordinary Meeting of Council, March 2024, under a revised funding Deed. This information will be updated upon approval from the funding body, TfNSW.

The Pooncarie Rd Initial Seal Project is programmed for completion by June 2024. 59.5km have now been sealed of the 61km. The new bridge structure at Yampoola Creek has now been completed and approach works are in progress. The pavement and verge damage sustained as part of the earlier flood events have been approved by TfNSW and are in progress.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,919,000	85%	\$854,517
Regional Roads Repair Program 2022/23	\$800,000	100%	\$0
RLRRP – Regional Roads	\$1,960,000	74%	\$514,548
Pooncarie Rd IS project	\$39,600,000	93%	\$2,751,360

Local Roads

Council maintains 1600km of Local Roads throughout the Shire.

2023/24 Operating budget is \$1,994,730 funded from the Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) – Local Roads Component.

2022/23 Roads to Recovery (R2R) allocation is \$1,001,818. Two capital improvement projects were carried over to this financial year due to flooding and construction delays. This work is programmed for completion by June 2024.

2023/24 Roads to Recovery (R2R) allocation is \$1,001,818. Three capital improvement projects are programmed for completion by December 2024.

The Regional and Local Roads Repair Program allocation is programmed for completion by June 2024 with \$2,314,021 allocated for unsealed formation and pavement improvements for Local Roads. Council considered the allocation of additional funding at the Ordinary Meeting of Council, March 2024, under a revised funding Deed. This information will be updated upon approval from the funding body, TfNSW.

Fixing Local Roads (FLR Rd 3) Program was successful for funding of \$1,860,000 with contribution amount of 10% to complete the realignment, construction, and seal of the ring road around Smiths Hill, White Cliffs. Works are now completed.

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 (LRCI Rd 3) included allocation of \$1,600,000 to complete the realignment, construction, and seal of the ring road around Turleys Hill, White Cliffs. Works are now completed.

The Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round (Program) has been developed to provide funding for local and regional roads across regional and rural NSW. Council applied to TfNSW for funding to address priority potholes on local roads and regional roads. The application for funding has been successful and the pothole repair work will be carried out by Council as the asset owner in accordance with the terms of the Program and the Deed received Mon 5 December 2022. Works are now completed.

Fixing Local Roads (FLR Rd 4) Program was successful for funding of \$2,343,471 with contribution amount of 10% to complete the realignment, construction, and seal of the Racecourse Road Menindee. Initial survey and Environmental works have commenced. Native Title Claim and legal road issues are in discussions with Crown Lands and the Barkindji Native Title Corporation

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Local Roads Component (FAG)	\$1,994,730	92%	\$157,502
Mandalay Rd Floodways (R2R)	\$750,000	69%	\$233,676
Wilc-Menindee East Rd Formation (R2R)	\$251,818	100%	\$0
Ivanhoe-Menindee Rd RCBC (R2R)	\$400,000	5%	\$378,124
Wilc-Menindee East Rd RCBC (R2R)	\$201,818	10%	\$182,258
Teryawynia-Ashmont Rd RCBC (R2R)	\$400,000	1%	\$397,969
Smith's Hill White Cliffs (FLR Rd 3)	\$1,860,000	100%	\$0

Turley’s Hill White Cliffs (LRCI Rd 3)	\$1,600,000	100%	\$0
Racecourse Rd (FLR Rd 4)	\$2,343,471	4%	\$2,241,031
Fixing Local Roads – Pothole Repair Round	\$821,414	100%	\$0
RLRRP – Local Roads	\$2,314,021	79%	\$489,545
Regional & Local Roads Repair Funding	\$6,113,728	0%	\$6,113,728

Aerodromes

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

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

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Aerodromes R&M	\$246,000	36%	\$156,787

Attachments:

NIL

11.5 SERVICES

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4599
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

Services Operational:

The table below reflects budgets and expenditure to date for each operational area.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$137,500	145%	-\$62,497
Ancillary Works	\$226,000	24%	\$171,448
Street Cleaning/Bins	\$280,000	89%	\$29,921
Buildings	\$312,550	76%	\$75,015
Swimming Pools	\$331,400	111%	-\$36,306
Domestic Waste	\$202,500	141%	-\$82,099

Note:

That unforeseen reactive maintenance requirements have exceeded services budget limits. The budget will be reviewed and any necessary changes reported as part of quarterly budget report.

Services Capital:

There are a variety of capital services infrastructure improvements programmed this year which are detailed in the Grants Register section of this Agenda.

Attachments:

NIL

11.6 WATER AND SEWER

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4600
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on water and sewer maintenance, capital works and expenditure and all assets within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

REPORT:

Water & Sewerage Operations:

- Wilcannia’s potable water supply is sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool. Estimated supply once weir stops flowing is 6 months. There are three emergency bores equipped for use for town supply, one of which is in poor condition due to iron and manganese corrosion of bore casing and headworks. Repairs have now been completed
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from Wakefield Tank, storage supply is estimated 10 months’ supply remaining. There is no emergency supply for White Cliffs, water carting is necessary in the event of nil rainfall and depleted catchments.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from Morrison’s Tank. Morrison’s Tank capacity, 250 megalitres. 10 months’ supply remaining. Ivanhoe has 5 emergency bores equipped for use for town supply.
- The Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer Program contributes to Councils operational costs for services supplied to the Wilcannia Mallee and Waralli precincts.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
Wilcannia Water	\$479,500	97%	\$13,076
Wilcannia Sewer	\$230,000	56%	\$101,204
White Cliffs Water	\$181,200	64%	\$65,040
Ivanhoe Water	\$335,700	67%	\$109,444
Tilpa Water	\$23,000	206%	-\$24,311
Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer program	\$144,770	38%	\$88,993

Water and Sewer Capital Works

- Sewer Pump Well Upgrade Works have been completed in Wilcannia. The new diesel generator pump units are designed to automatically start if existing pump infrastructure fails, reducing the risk of an overflow event.

The works were completed by Pensar, a company engaged by DPE Water Group as part of the new Wilcannia Weir Project

- The White Cliffs WTP project is in progress. Initial civil works have been completed by Council including site clearing and shaping, lagoon excavations, tank pads, building slabs and associated plumbing works.

SNG Engineering have commenced works March 2024 and completion is forecast for November 2024.

- The White Cliffs Reticulation works commenced 22 May 2023 and have been in progress to December 2023. Approximately 60% of the town reticulation upgrade length have been completed.

Council is liaising with both Federal and State funding agencies to source additional funding to enable Council to complete the White Cliffs original funding deed scope of works and the new Water Treatment Plants at Ivanhoe and Wilcannia.

White Cliffs WTP, Reticulation, Rising Main and Reservoir Augmentation works are currently funded by Restart NSW. Ivanhoe and Wilcannia WTP's are funded by the Safe and Secure Water Program.

- Tilpa Village emergency water supply works including a 17km pipeline and bore were completed by June 2023. Further water quality testing is required and possible water treatment and storage options are being investigated
- Smart meters were scheduled for 2023/24 in Ivanhoe and Wilcannia. Delays with Taggle and contractors installed have been encountered to date.
- Asbestos Cement (AC) mains replacement works have been completed in Wilcannia
- Electrical switchboards at Ivanhoe, Morrisons Lake inlet and storage, have been replaced and be upgraded.

The table below reflects expenditure for Capital Projects.

Works Description	Original Budget	% Expended	Remaining Budget
White Cliffs WTP and Retic	\$5,500,000	79%	\$1,180,571
Wilcannia WTP	\$3,500,000	48%	\$1,830,220
Ivanhoe WTP	\$2,500,000	47%	\$1,326,806
Smart Meters	\$50,000	0%	\$50,000

AC Main Replacements	\$150,000	100%	\$0
Tilpa Reservoir	\$50,000	0%	\$50,000
Ivanhoe Raw Water Switchboard Upgrades	\$75,000	1000%	\$0

Attachments:

NIL

11.7 PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**FILE NUMBER: GD24/4608****REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information relating to plant replacement so an informed decision can be made with budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

- 1. Receive the report.**
- 2. Adopt the 10-year plant replacement program.**
- 3. Consider adjusting the capital plant replacement budget 2023-24 as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process.**
- 4. Consider the allocation of \$575,000 for capital plant replacement as part of the 2024-25 budget process.**
- 5. Dispose of the existing Agrison Loaders in Menindee, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe in accordance with Council's Disposal of surplus assets policy.**

BACKGROUND:

Council allocated \$1M for plant replacement in the 2023-24 budget. The items budgeted for included:

- Jetpatcher \$385,000 (remaining payment)
- Loader – Menindee \$500,000
- Bore Boss \$115,000 (Roadworks)

Total \$1,000,000

REPORT:Jetpatcher

Ausroads have completed the manufacturer and the machine is currently getting registered and final additions added before delivery, expected May 2024. The remaining payment will be made following delivery and training.

Loader

Council staff were requested to prepare a cost benefit analysis and utilization report before seeking tenders for the Loader replacement at Menindee. During the initial investigation, and in consultation with landfill operational consultants, a loader was not deemed suitable for long term landfill management practices. Prices for a suitable compactor exceeded \$900,000 and are unaffordable for the Council at this time.

The existing Agrison Loaders were purchased for approximately \$80,000 each in 2020. The Chinese manufactured machines have proven to be problematic since purchase, mechanical breakdowns occur frequently, spare parts are unavailable and they are now suffering structural stress fractures which are a cause for concern from a work, health and safety perspective. The recommendation above seeks to dispose of the assets.

It is proposed to utilise local contractors under the plant hire – schedule of rates contract to maintain Council landfills in the short term. The long-term options for landfill management will be included in a further report to Council.

Bore Boss

Road construction workers were consulted on the best ways to source water for roadworks. Preference is for bore cap adjustments to enable the easy installation and removal of bore pumps and pipework. These costs can be incorporated into maintenance and capital works. The Bore Boss budgeted for is not needed at this time.

Plant Replacement 2023-24

It is proposed to reduce the capital plant replacement budget this year to \$535,000 and purchase the following items:

- Jetpatcher \$385,000 (remaining payment)
- Large Car Trailer \$12,500
- Survey Drone \$13,000
- Bobcat Mulcher attachment \$68,000
- Underborer and Compressor \$26,500
- Water Tank Trailer Units \$18,000
- Septic Tank Pump Out Skid \$12,000

Total \$535,000

The recommendation above seeks to include this in the quarterly budget review process.

Attached to this report is the draft 10-year plant replacement program for Council’s consideration. It includes \$575,000 for next financial years plant replacement.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
6 Infrastructure and Services	6.5 Local services	6.5.1 Ensure the planning and provision of services to Central Darling Shire communities reflects current and future community needs

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	NA
Economic	Positive
Governance	NA

Financial and Resource Implications:

As detailed in the report

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Nil

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

Nil

OPTIONS:

There area range of options for plant replacement. Any suggestions will be considered or reported back to Council.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Exhibition:**

Nil

External Exhibition:

Nil

Attachments:

1. [Plant Replacement Program](#) ↓ 

11.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR TENDER EL0224 FOR SUPPLY OF RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY**FILE NUMBER: GD24/4610****REPORT AUTHOR: OPERATIONS MANAGER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide information on a request received from Local Government Procurement for Council to participate in a Local Government Procurement Request for Tender EL0224 for Supply of Renewable Electricity within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Provide the General Manager delegated authority to on behalf of Council negotiate and finalise participation in the Local Government Procurement Request for Tender EL0224 for Supply of Renewable Electricity within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

BACKGROUND:

On 14 March 2024, a request was received from Local Government Procurement (LGP) to participate in a LGP Request for Tender EL0224 for Supply of Renewable Electricity within the Central Darling Local Government Area.

REPORT:

LGP is intending to conduct a tender for the supply of electricity based upon renewable power augmented by more traditional power sources when the output of the renewable power is insufficient to meet the demand. Where a council does not wish to participate in a supply of renewable energy but would rather have a "traditional" (non-renewable supply) this can also be accommodated through this LGP tender.

LGP is seeking participation of New South Wales local government in their proposed tender.

The tender aims to establish a single (if possible) licensed Retailer(s) holding accreditation to provide retail electricity services in New South Wales for the provision of renewable power.

The tender process involves a release of Stage 1 (large sites & streetlighting) on 6 May 2024 and Stage 2 (small sites) to be released on 20 May 2024.

Current Electricity Providers

Council is currently supplied electricity by two suppliers as follows:

- Small tariff sites supplied by Origin Energy, which is due to expire on 31 August 2025
- Street Lighting supplied by Shell Energy, which is due to expire on 31 December 2024

The proposed LGP tender can be structured to account for an existing electricity agreement with another supplier, which when it expires, the LGP contract will then commence.

Attached is the LGP correspondence, a brief explaining a renewable power purchase agreement model and an Acceptance Declaration.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
6 Infrastructure and Services	6.1 Telecommunications and electricity infrastructure	6.1.7 Investigate options to reduce the cost of domestic electricity supply including the installation of local alternative energy options

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	NA

Financial and Resource Implications:

Financial and resource implications will be addressed in the 2024-25 financial year.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Participation in the LGP Request for Tender EL0224 for Supply of Renewable Electricity obligates Council to the terms and conditions and period of contract.

LGP will determine the outcome in accordance with its Prescription status and section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended.

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

No risks identified.

OPTIONS:

- 1 Approve offer of participation.
- 2 Do not approve offer of participation.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition:

Not required.

External Exhibition:

Not required.

Attachments:

1. [LGP Tender ELO224 Supply Electricity](#) ↓ 

11.9 WEEDS BIOSECURITY

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4611
REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Memorandum of Understanding between Broken Hill City Council and Central Darling Shire Council for the engagement of a Weeds Biosecurity Officer.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the employment of a Biosecurity Officer
3. Share the position with Broken Hill City Council in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding
4. Delegate authority to the General Manager to sign any documents relating to the Memorandum of Understanding

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council, September 2023, Council resolved to:

1. Draft a Memorandum of Understanding between Broken Hill City Council and Central Darling for the engagement of a Weeds Biosecurity Officer.

Costs of this position will be met with funds provided by Local Land Services to each Council to undertake actions as agreed in the Weeds Action Plan.

Funding for CDSC from the LLS for the 23/24 year was expected to be the same as last year (\$46,000). There was a delay in the allocation of funds with an announcement on the 28 February 2024 by the NSW government that a new grants application process will be required for the WAP including funding for the 2023/2024 financial year.

There is also a rollover into this financial year of last year's full allocation of \$46,000 plus GST which was unspent with minimal funds currently spent in 23/24.

REPORT:

The draft Memorandum of Understanding between Broken Hill City Council and Central Darling for the engagement of a Weeds Biosecurity Officer has been reviewed by both parties with Broken Hill City Council willing to sign the agreement for the shared position, with CDSC managing the officer and charging Broken Hill City on a cost recovery basis.

The Biosecurity Officer (weeds) position has been advertised and filled with commencement on Monday 8th April 2024. The position is three days a week, with work to be divided between the two

Councils. The MOU specifies the allocation to be – CDSC 2days/week and BHCC 1day/week with flexibility in the time at each location to best meet needs in an efficient manner.

Central Darling Shire Council is taking carriage of the employment and management of the position, and it is proposed will charge Broken Hill City Council a fee for services and associated costs involved in providing the Biosecurity Officer’s services to them.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
4 Local Economy	4.4 Agriculture	4.4.1 Work with Local Land Services to manage and minimise weeds and pest animals
		4.4.2 Identify and undertake necessary measures to ensure the ongoing biosecurity of local agriculture

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Negative
Governance	Positive

Financial and Resource Implications:

The Weeds Action Program (WAP) 2020-2025 provided \$46,000 for the 22/23 financial year.

Funding for the 23/24 financial year has not been received due to the new grants process now required.

Applications for the current 23/24 financial year close on the 12 April 2024 and must be spent by 30 June 2024. It has been advised there will be no extensions or rollovers allowed going forward.

This is a situation that makes any new funds unlikely to be used in the last month of this financial year, particularly as Central Darling Shire Council has a rollover from last year.

In future the grants program will continue, however it should be noted it is limited to the to Local Control Authorities (LCAs) already involved in the WAP.

It is advised this is an administrative change, on-ground activities, responsibilities and available budget within a Local Land Services (LLS) region remain unchanged.

Regional allocations for 2023-2024 are approved at the same level as the previous year. This funding will be available to eligible LCAs, excluding the \$100,000 per region that supports regional coordination within LLS.

It is therefore assumed that Council will be successful in receiving an additional \$46,000 for the current financial year. Therefore, by 30 June 2024, there should be \$92,000 to be in the budget for Council to service the WAP commitments.

The Shire Services Wages budget includes allowance for the position.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council is a Control Authority pursuant to the Biosecurity Act 2015 and carries responsibilities under the Act to manage weeds within the LGA. (This Act replaced the Noxious Weeds Act 1993)

Fail to meet legislative requirements could result in possible civil penalties for executive officers and body corporate.

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

Nil

OPTIONS:

Do not engage the Biosecurity Officer (Weeds) and continue with current arrangements (nil weeds inspections)

Proceed with the temporary employment of the Biosecurity Officer but do not enter into any agreement with Broken Hill Council

Continue with discussions with Broken Hill Council, the signing of the MOU and the sharing a resource of a Weeds Biosecurity Officer.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Exhibition:**

Nil

External Exhibition:

Biosecurity Officer recruitment process

Attachments:

1. [MOU Biosecurity Officer](#) ↓ 

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil

13 RESOLUTION TRACKER

13.1 RESOLUTION TRACKER - MARCH 2024

FILE NUMBER: GD24/4005
REPORT AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Resolution Tracker from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20/03/2024 be received and noted and any amendments be noted.

Attachments:

1. [Resolution Tracker - March 2024](#) ↓ 

14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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

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

Nil

15 MEETING CLOSE

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

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22 May 2024 in Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia at 10:30 AM.

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2024**

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Hill (General Manager)
Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)
Glenda Dunn (Senior Planning Officer)
Kevin Smith (Finance Manager)
Evelyn Pollard (Human Resource Officer)
Kara Mohr (Risk & WHS Officer)
Natalie Batson (Executive Assistant)
Shirley Burraston (Management Accountant)
Gabrielle Johnston (Community Engagement)
John Carleton (Operations Manager)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 10:30am

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by the Administrator, Bob Stewart.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Mode Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW Councillors and Council staff are required to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non–Pecuniary be received and noted.

No declarations were received.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED: OCM 01-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 February 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

Nil

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED: OCM 02-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council

1. receive and note the report.

CARRIED

8.2 GRANTS REGISTER - FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED: OCM 03-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report and note the report.

CARRIED

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1 NEW POLICY - LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

RESOLVED: OCM 04-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.
2. Adopt the Legislative Compliance Policy.

CARRIED

9.2 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSIONER- FUNDING MODELS FOR LOCAL WATER UTILITIES

RESOLVED: OCM 05-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

CARRIED

10 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 ROADS AND AERODROMES

RESOLVED: OCM 06-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.2 SERVICES

RESOLVED: OCM 07-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.3 WATER AND SEWER

RESOLVED: OCM 08-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.4 REGIONAL EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR FUND

RESOLVED: OCM 09-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the funding allocations listed in this report and submit the Detailed Works Plan as required by Funding Deed requirements.

CARRIED

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 28/02/2024

RESOLVED: OCM 10-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

1. That the Minutes of the ARIC Committee held on 28/02/2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED

13 RESOLUTION TRACKER

13.1 RESOLUTION TRACKER - FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED: OCM 11-03-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

1. That the Resolution Tracker from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28/02/2024 be received and noted and any amendments be noted.

CARRIED

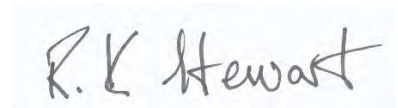
14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

15 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at **10:50am**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 17 April 2024.

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ADMINISTRATOR

Central Darling Shire Council
MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2024

Morris & Piper

Monthly Report

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INTRODUCTION

This monthly report is prepared for the Central Darling Shire Council (CDSC) under the current 2023-24 Service Agreement. The report captures work completed in March 2024 and sets out a proposed detailed work schedule for the month of April 2024. The report will also look forward to potential activities to be undertaken in the final months of 2023-24.

MARCH 2024 UPDATE

Finalised and submitted the following applications:

- Winter and Spring 2024 Holiday Break – White Cliffs Holiday Break Activity - \$10,000 (ex GST).

Notified that the following grant applications were successful:

- N/A

Notified that the following grant applications were unsuccessful:

- Connellan Airways Trust – White Cliffs Gymkhana Club 'Mini Bulls' Competition - \$11,500 (ex GST) on behalf of the White Cliffs Gymkhana Club.

Drafting the following applications:

- Regional Event Fund – White Cliffs Camel Cup and Bikekhana Event - \$20,000 (ex GST) on behalf of the White Cliffs Gymkhana Club.

CDSC grant program contract management support, reporting and acquittal of all CDSC grant funding, including the following updates:

- Continued to work on Community Events Program – 0137 acquittal.
- Continued work on milestone reports for LSP-041 and SCCF3-0448. Outstanding issue is with the stat dec from Council not being appropriately witnessed. This stat dec and others requiring signing and witnessing will be finalised at an April meeting between Greg Hill and Michael Williams (RDA). Other stat decs waiting for expenditure figures from council.
- Final Report for the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program – Victory Caravan Park Amenity Block Upgrade Project submitted to department. Waiting on Independent Audit Report from Brett Hanger to finalise the grant.
- Acquittal report for the Wilcannia Accommodation Business Case grant underway.
- Acquittal report for the SAHB submitted to the department.
- WSHB application submitted to the department.
- Working on the acquittal reports for the CRIF (Tilpa Hall and Victory Park Caravan Park) grants. Council yet to confirm expenditure figures.
- Project Variation Request – SCCF5 – 0420 Delivery of Four Stronger Country Community Fund Projects – seeking letters of support from Ivanhoe community.
- Project Variation Request for the Sunset Strip Stormwater project drafted (submitted to department on 2 April 2024)
- Continued to respond to Local Government Recovery Grants – NSW Severe Weather and – AGRN 1030/1034 queries from the Department.

Provided general grant and project management advice, including:

- Regional Drought Resilience Plan project management:
 - Project Support



- Meetings with CDSC, BHCC & Department of Regional NSW held on 12 and 26 March 2024.
- Central Darling Shire Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan project management:
 - Developed the RFQ
- Attended the Road Safety Program webinar and provided feedback to CDSC.
- Supporting CDSC with grants advice and planning.
- Supporting the Baaka Cultural Centre with grant strategy and advice.

PROPOSED APRIL 2024 WORK SCHEDULE

- Preparing and finalising applications for the following project(s):
 - Community Energy Upgrades Fund – Projects to be determined – Approximately \$200,000 (ex GST).
 - Road Safety Funding Program:
 - Menindee-Ivanhoe Road Project
 - Footpaths upgrade
 - Ivanhoe School new footpath and kerb and gutter.
- Continue with project management of both Central Darling Shire Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan and Regional Drought Resilience Plan, including assisting Council with procurement of consultants for Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan project.
- Exploring Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program as a possible application for a Wilcannia Tourism project masterplan.
- Pursue outstanding acquittals, including issue of appropriate signatory to witness stat decs.
- Provide further information to Department of Regional NSW regarding Project Variation Request - SCCF5 - 0420 Delivery of Four Stronger Country Community Fund Projects.
- CDSC grant programs support including tracking, reporting and acquittal grant funding.
- Continue to explore and research grant funding opportunities to meet Council priorities.
- Support for Baaka Culture Centre as agreed with CDSC.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE TO JUNE 2024

- Continue to work on and submit new grant applications due to June 2024, including matching CDSC project priorities with grant opportunities as they become available with a focus on funding for:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capital funding for Ivanhoe childcare start-up - Streetscapes - Review of the EMPlan. - Roads and Airstrips - Council cemeteries (fencing/plaques) - Menindee Street Art - Solar Panels for Council buildings Ivanhoe - Swimming Pool heating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ivanhoe Community Golf Club (applications pending). Sound Dome Beautification – White Cliffs - Landfill improvements (Litter fencing, CCTV, operational) - Water Security for White Cliffs - Ivanhoe RSL Tennis Court Resurface / Multipurpose Courts
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- Continued grants administration advice and support (including reporting and acquittals).

SUMMARY OF DAYS WORKED

Total Days under Service Agreement (to end June 2024)	Rolling Total Days Used	March 2024 Days Used	Days Remaining at 31 March 2024 ¹
84	63.25	5.5	22.75

Please contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss regarding the above report.

Prepared by:



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 4 April 2024
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¹ Includes carry over of 7.5 days from 2022-23.
 4 April 2024

Summary of M&PA Grant work undertaken for the CDSC from July 2023 to June 2024						
Grants - Applied For						
Program	Project	Date Applied	Amount (GST Exc.)	Status	Note	
Growing Regions Program	White Cliffs Caravan Park Redevelopment	14/01/2024	\$1,080,000	Pending	EOI approved - application submitted.	
Youth Opportunities Program	Central Darling Youth Leadership	7/08/2023	\$50,000	Not Approved		
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 Part A	1. Menindee streetscape improvements 2. Wilcannia streetscape improvements 3. Ivanhoe streetscape improvements 4. Tilpa playground Improvements	15/08/2023	\$1,001,818	Approved		
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 Part B	1. Columbus / Behring Streets drainage improvements 2. Menindee Road Reseal 3. White Cliffs Road Reseal 4. Ivanhoe Road Reseal.	15/08/2023	\$577,871	Approved		
Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program 2023-25	RDRP for the Central Darling Shire Council, Broken Hill City Council and Unincorporated NSW (Far West area).	25/09/2023	\$450,000	Approved	\$200,000 for Planning and \$250,000 for implementation.	
Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund Round 2	Central Darling Shire Council Local Housing Strategy	28/09/2023	\$61,270	Not Approved		
Summer 2023/24 and Autumn 2024 Holiday Break	Summer Fun With A Colour Run – Central Darling (Wilcannia, Menindee & Ivanhoe) White Cliffs Gymkhana	30/10/2023	\$17,315	Approved		
2023-24 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund	Menindee Commons replacement and repair of flood damaged fencing	17/11/2023	\$25,894	Pending		
2023-24 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund	Infrastructure and Amenity Improvements at the White Cliffs Gymkhana Grounds	17/11/2023	\$437,870	Pending		
Community Improvement District Pilot Program	Wilcannia Business District Tourism Strategic Placemaking Plan	28/11/2023	\$225,000	Not Approved	EOI Stage	
Get NSW Active 2024-25	Wilcannia Shared Paths and Lighting Upgrades	12/12/2023	\$217,226	Pending		
Remote Airstrips Upgrade Program Rd 10	Wilcannia Aerodrome Water and Amenities Upgrade	15/12/2023	\$80,000	Pending		
Winter 2023/24 and Spring 2024 Holiday Break	Winter Fun – White Cliffs	18/03/2024	\$9,196	Pending	Winter Only	

NSW Reconstruction Authority

Mr Greg Hill
General Manager
Central Darling Shire Council
PO Box 165
Wilcannia NSW 2836

Reference: D24/2047

Via email: hillg@centraldarling.com.au

Tuesday 19 March 2024

Central Darling Shire Council - Request for Natural Disaster Declaration

Dear Mr Hill,

I refer to your recent correspondence concerning the storm weather event that occurred 5-6 February 2024 in the Central Darling Shire Council Local Government Area, and the request for a Natural Disaster Declaration.

After careful consideration of all available information, the NSW Reconstruction Authority (RA) have decided not to recommend a Natural Disaster Declaration for this event, as it did not meet the required eligibility criteria for an 'eligible disaster' as defined in the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) 2018.

An 'eligible disaster' is defined in the DRFA as a 'natural disaster or terrorist act' for which a coordinated multi-agency response is required, and state expenditure will (or is likely to) exceed the small disaster criterion of \$240,000.

Whilst the storm was a naturally occurring rapid onset event, and estimated damage costs exceeded the small disaster criterion, a coordinated multi-agency response could not be demonstrated for this event.

Please feel free to contact myself or the Natural Disaster Declaration Team via email NaturalDisasters@reconstruction.nsw.gov.au if you require additional information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Davis'.

Simon Davis
Director, Recovery Readiness, Policy, and Plans Branch
NSW Reconstruction Authority



Central Darling Shire Council Draft Social Media Policy

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Purpose

This social media Policy sets standards of conduct for all Council officials who use social media in their official capacity. For the purposes of this policy, unless otherwise specified, the term Council official includes employees, agents and contractors (including temporary contractors), Councillors, administrators appointed under section 256 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), members of council committees, conduct reviewers, delegates of Council, work experience employees and volunteers of Central Darling Shire Council.

This policy is based upon the Model Social Media Policy developed by the Office of Local Government (OLG) in consultation with councils. There is also material referenced from Cyber Security NSW and the Local Government workplace relations document. The draft Central Darling Shire Council Social Media Policy has been adapted to suit the needs of our Council.

The OLG Model Social Media Policy sets out an exemplary approach by incorporating examples of best practice from the social media policies of a diverse range of NSW councils, as well as from Commonwealth and State Government agencies.

This policy will provide councillors with a robust framework for the administration and management of their social media platforms. It also sets standards of conduct for all Council officials who use social media in their official capacity. It has been developed to be fit-for-purpose in a digital age where innovation and emerging trends are the norm.

This social media policy has four 'Principles' of social media engagement. These are:

- **Openness; Relevance; Accuracy and Respect**

These principles, which are expanded upon in Part 1, underpin every aspect of Council's social media activity and Central Darling Shire Council is committed to upholding them.

Except for Part 8, this policy applies to Central Darling Shire Council social media pages and Councillor social media pages.

Social media is fundamental to not just how people interact with one another, but also to how we work, play, and consume information and ideas.

Despite its obvious benefits, social media also presents a variety of challenges and risks.

These include:

- (a) The emergence of new, harmful forms of behavior, such as cyber-bullying and trolling.

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- (b) Maintaining the accuracy, reliability and integrity of information shared from multiple sources.
- (c) Organisations can be held liable for third party content uploaded onto their social media platforms.
- (d) Content uploaded in a person's private capacity can adversely affect their employment and cause significant reputational damage to colleagues and employers.
- (e) Rapid innovation can make it difficult to keep pace with emerging technologies and trends.

In addition, potential corruption risks may arise due to social media use. These include:

- (f) Customers, development proponents/objectors, tenderers, or other stakeholders grooming public officials by behaviours such as 'liking' specific posts, reposting content, or sending personal or private messages.
- (g) Public officials disclosing confidential or sensitive information.
- (h) Using social media for sponsorship opportunities which may unfairly advantage one sponsor over another and lack transparency.
- (i) Public agencies or officials promoting certain businesses by behaviours such as 'following' them, 'liking' content, or making comments, which may result in those businesses being favoured over others.

As in the federal and state jurisdictions, social media has become an important tool in government and political discourse at the local level. In the context of Central Darling Shire social media has one main primary function:

- a) It is used to interact and share information with our communities in an accessible and often more informal format.

Social media enables councillors to promote their achievements and address their constituents directly about community issues and events in ways that either complement or bypass traditional news and print media.

However, councils and councillors are not immune from the challenges associated with social media, which can pose a significant risk both in a legal sense, and in terms of a council's ability to operate in a unified and coordinated way. It is therefore vital that Central Darling Shire Council has the right policy settings in place so that the full benefits of social media can be realized whilst mitigating risk.

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Application

Part 1 – Principals

Central Darling Shire Council is committed to upholding and promoting the following principles of social media engagement.

Openness: Our social media platforms are places where anyone can share and discuss issues that are relevant to our Council and the community we represent and serve.

Relevance: We will ensure our social media platforms are kept up to date with informative content about our Council and community.

Accuracy: The content we upload onto our social media platforms and any other social media platform will be a source of truth for our Council and community. We will prioritise the need to correct inaccuracies when they occur, and this may include deleting content.

Respect: Our social media platforms are safe spaces. We will uphold and promote the behavioural standards contained in this policy and our Council's code of conduct when using our social media platforms and any other social media platform.

Part 2 - Administrative framework for Council's social media platforms

Platforms

2.1 Council will maintain a presence on the following social media platforms: Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

2.2 Council's social media platforms must specify or provide a clearly accessible link to the 'House Rules' for engaging on the platform.

Establishment and deletion of Council social media platforms

2.3 A new Council social media platform, or a social media platform proposed by a Council related entity (for example, a Council committee), can only be established or deleted with the written approval of the General Manager or their delegate.

2.4 Where a Council social media platform is established or deleted in accordance with clause 2.3, the General Manager or their delegate may amend clause 2.1 of this policy without the need for endorsement by the Council's governing body.

2.5 The General Manager will appoint the Council's social media coordinator (SMC). The SMC should be a senior and suitably qualified member of staff or contractor. This position is held by the Council Community Engagement and Tourism Officer.

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2.6 The General Manager may appoint more than one SMC.

2.7 The SMC's role is to:

- a) Approve and revoke a staff member's status as an authorised user.
- b) Develop and/or approve the training and/or induction to be provided to authorised users as required.
- c) Maintain a register of authorised users.
- d) Maintain effective oversight of authorised users.
- e) Moderate the Council's social media platforms in accordance with Part 5 of this policy.
- f) Ensure the Council complies with its record keeping obligations under the *State Records Act 1998* in relation to social media (see clauses 7.1 to 7.4 of this policy).
- g) Ensure the Council adheres to the rules of the social media platform(s).
- h) Ensure the Council's social media platforms are set up and maintained in a way that maximizes user friendliness and any technical problems are resolved promptly.

2.8 The SMC may delegate their functions under paragraphs (e) and (f) of clause 2.7 to authorised users.

2.9 The SMC is an authorised user for the purposes of this policy.

Authorised Users

2.10 Authorised users are members are Council officials who are authorised by the General Manager/SMC to upload content and engage on social media on the Council's behalf.

2.11 Authorised users are responsible for managing, or have expertise in, the events, initiatives, programs, or policies that are the subject of the social media content.

2.12 The General Manager/SMC will appoint authorised users as required.

2.13 An authorised user must receive a copy of this policy and induction training on social media use and Council's obligations before uploading content on Council's behalf.

2.14 The role of an authorised user is to:

- Ensure, to the best of their ability, that the content they upload onto social media platforms is accurate.
- Correct inaccuracies in Council generated content including the removal of content.

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- They can engage in discussions and answer questions on Council's behalf on social media platforms.
- Keep the Council's social media platforms up to date.
- Moderate the Council's social media platforms in accordance with Part 5 of this policy.
- Ensure the Council complies with its record keeping obligations under the *State Records Act 1998* in relation to social media (see clauses 7.1 to 7.4 of this policy) where authorised to do so by the SMC.

2.15 When engaging on social media on Council's behalf (such as, but not limited to, on a community social media page), an authorised user must identify themselves as a member of Council staff, but they are not obliged to disclose their name or position within the Council.

2.16 Authorised users must not use Council social media platforms for personal reasons.

Administrative tone

2.17 Authorised users upload content and engage on social media on the Council's behalf. Authorised users must use language consistent with that function and avoid expressing or appearing to express their personal views when undertaking their role.

2.18 Authorised users may use more personal, informal language when engaging on Council's social media platforms, for example when replying to comments.

Register of authorised users

2.19 The SMC will maintain a register of authorised users. This register is to be reviewed to ensure it is fit-for-purpose.

Ceasing to be an authorised user

1.2 At their discretion the General Manager/SMC may revoke a staff member's status as an authorised user. Reasons for this include, but are not limited to, if:

- a) The staff member makes such a request.
- b) The staff member has failed to comply with this policy.
- c) The General Manager/SMC is of the reasonable opinion that the staff member is no longer suitable to be an authorised user.

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Part 3 – Administrative framework for councillors’ social media platforms

- 3.1** For the purposes of this policy, Councillor social platforms are not Central Darling Shire Council social media platforms. Part 2 of this policy does not apply to councillor social media platforms.
- 3.2** Councillors are responsible for the administration and moderation of their own social media platforms (in accordance with Parts 3 and 5 of this policy), and ensuring they comply with the record keeping obligations under the *State Records Act 1998* (see clauses 7.1 to 7.4 of this policy) and Council’s records management policy in relation to social media.
- 3.3** Clause 3.2 also applies to Councillors in circumstances where another person administers, moderates, or uploads content onto their personal social media platform.
- 3.4** Councillors must comply with the rules of the platform when engaging on social media.

Induction and training

- 3.5** Councillors who engage, or intend to engage, on social media must receive induction training on social media use. Induction training can be undertaken either as part of the Councillor’s induction program or as part of their ongoing professional development program.

Identifying as a councillor

- 3.6** Councillors must identify themselves on their social media platforms in the following format:
Councillor “First Name and Last Name”.
- 3.7** A Councillor social media platform must include a profile photo which is a clearly identifiable image of the Councillor.
- 3.8** If a Councillor becomes or ceases to be the mayor, deputy mayor, or the holder of another position (for example, chairperson of a committee), this must be clearly stated on the Councillor social media platforms and updated immediately/as soon as possible and no later than three days.

Other general requirements for Councillor social media platforms

- 3.9** Councillor social media platforms must specify or provide a clearly accessible link to the ‘House Rules’ for engaging on the platform.

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3.10 A Councillor social media platform must include a disclaimer to the following effect:

“The views expressed, and comments made on this social media platform are my own and not that of the Central Darling Shire Council.”

3.11 Despite clause 3.10, Mayoral or Councillor media releases and other content that has been authorised according to Central Darling Shire Council's media and communications protocols may be uploaded onto a Councillor's social media platform.

3.12 Councillors may upload publicly available Council information onto their social media platforms.

3.13 Councillors may use more personal, informal language when engaging on their social media platforms.

Councillor queries relating to social media platforms

3.14 Questions from councillors relating to their obligations under this policy, technical queries relating to the operation of their social media platforms or managing records on social media may be directed to the General Manager/SMC in the first instance, in accordance with Council's councillor requests protocols.

Other social media platforms administered by Councillors

3.15 A councillor must advise the General Manager/SMC of any social media platforms they administer on which content relating to the Central Darling Shire Council or Council officials is, or is expected to be, uploaded. The councillor must do so within:

- a) As soon as possible and no later than three days of becoming a councillor or of becoming the administrator.

Part 4 – Standards of conduct on social media

4.1 This policy only applies to a Council official's use of social media in an official capacity or in connection with their role with Central Darling Shire Council. The policy does not apply to personal use of social media that is not connected with a person's role as a Council official.

4.2 Council officials must comply with the Council's code of conduct when using social media in an official capacity or in connection with their role as a Council official.

4.3 Council officials must not use social media to post or share comments, photos, videos, electronic recordings or other information that:

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- a) Is defamatory, offensive, humiliating, threatening, or intimidating to other council officials or members of the public.
- b) Contains profane language or is sexual in nature.
- c) Constitutes harassment and/or bullying within the meaning of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* or is unlawfully discriminatory.
- d) Is contrary to their duties under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and their responsibilities under any policies or procedures adopted by the Council to ensure workplace health and safety.
- e) Contains content about the Central Darling Shire Council, Council officials or members of the public that is misleading or deceptive.
- f) Divulges confidential Council information.
- g) Breaches the privacy of other Council officials or members of the public.
- h) Contains allegations of suspected breaches of the Council's code of conduct or information about the consideration of a matter under the *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*.
- i) Could be perceived to be an official comment on behalf of the Council where they have not been authorised to make such a comment.
- j) Commits the Council to any action.
- k) Violates an order made by a court.
- l) Breaches copyright.
- m) Advertises, endorses or solicits commercial products or business.
- n) Constitutes spam.
- o) Is in breach of the rules of the social media platform.

4.4 Council officials must:

- a) Attribute work to the original author, creator or source when uploading or linking to content produced by a third party.
- b) Obtain written permission from a minor's parent or legal guardian before uploading content in which the minor can be identified.

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- 4.5** Council officials must exercise caution when sharing, liking, retweeting content as this can be regarded as an endorsement and/or publication of the content.
- 4.6** Council officials must not incite or encourage other people to act in a way that is contrary to the requirements of this Part.
- 4.7** Councillors must uphold and accurately represent the policies and decisions of the Council's governing body but may explain why they voted on a matter in the way that they did. (see section 232(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

Part 5 – Moderation of social media platforms

Note: Central Darling Shire Council and Council officials should be aware that they may be considered a 'publisher' of any content uploaded onto a social media platform they administer, including content that:

- **Is uploaded by a third party; and/or**
 - **Appears on their social media platform because they have 'liked', 'shared', or 'retweeted' the content, or similar.**
- 5.1** Council officials who are responsible for the moderation of the Council's or councillors social media platforms may remove content and 'block' or ban a person from those platforms. Such actions must be undertaken in accordance with this Part.
- 5.2** For the purposes of this Part, 'social media platform' and 'platform' means both the Council's and councillors' social media platforms.

House Rules

- 5.3** Social media platforms must state or provide an accessible link to the 'House Rules' for engaging on the platform.
- 5.4** At a minimum, the House Rules should specify:
- a) The principles of social media engagement referred to part one of this policy.
 - b) The type of behaviour or content that will result in that content being removed or 'hidden' or a person being blocked or banned from the platform.
 - c) The process by which a person can be blocked or banned from the platform and rights of review.

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- d) A statement relating to privacy and personal information (see clause 7.5 to 7.7 of this policy).
- e) That the social media platform is not to be used for making complaints about the Council or Council officials including elected members.

5.5 For the purposes of clause 5.4(b), third parties engaging on social media platforms must not post or share comments, photos, videos, electronic recordings, or other information that:

- a) Is defamatory, offensive, humiliating, threatening, or intimidating to Council officials or members of the public.
- b) Contains profane language or is sexual in nature.
- c) Constitutes harassment and/or bullying within the meaning of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* or is unlawfully discriminatory.
- d) Contains content about the Council, council officials or members of the public that is misleading or deceptive.
- e) Breaches the privacy of Council officials or members of the public.
- f) Contains allegations of suspected breaches of the Council's code of conduct or information about the consideration of a matter under the *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*.
- g) Violates an order made by a court.
- h) Breaches copyright.
- i) Advertises, endorses or solicits commercial products or business.
- j) Constitutes spam.
- k) Would be in breach of the rules of the social media platform.

Note: If a person shares content from a Council platform to another social media page/platform and makes comments as outlined above (5.5 a-k) they will be immediately banned from the Council page.

Removal or 'hiding' of content

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- 5.6** Where a person uploads content onto a social media platform that, in the reasonable opinion of the moderator, is of a kind specified under clause 5.5, the moderator may remove or 'hide' that content.
- 5.7** Prior to removing or 'hiding' the content, the moderator must make a record of it (for example, a screenshot).
- 5.8** If the moderator removes or 'hides' the content under clause 5.6, they can notify the person who uploaded the content that it has been removed and the reason(s) for its removal.
- 5.9** A person may request a review of a decision by a moderator to remove or 'hide' content under clause 5.6. The request must be made in writing to the General Manager and state the grounds on which the request is being made.
- 5.10** Where a review request is made under clause 5.9, the review is to be undertaken by the General Manager/SMC or a member of staff nominated by the General Manager who is suitably qualified and who was not involved in the decision to remove or 'hide' the content.

Blocking or banning

- 5.11** If a person uploads content that is removed or 'hidden' under clause 5.6 of this policy on three occasions, that person may be blocked or banned from the social media platform.
- 5.12** A person may only be blocked or banned from a Council social media platform with the approval of the General Manager/SMC. This clause does not apply to blocking or banning a person from a Councillor's social media platform.
- 5.13** Prior to blocking or banning a person from a social media platform, the person must, where practicable, be advised of the intention to block or ban them from the platform/all platforms and be given a chance to respond.
- 5.14** The duration of the block or ban is to be determined by the General Manager/SMC, or in the case of a Councillor's social media platform, the Councillor.
- 5.15** Where a determination is made to block or ban a person from a social media platform/all social media platforms, the person must, where practicable, be notified in writing of the decision and the reasons for it. The written notice must also advise the

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person which social media platforms they are blocked or banned from and the duration of the block or ban and inform them of their rights of review.

- 5.16** Despite clauses 5.11 to 5.15, where a person uploads content of a kind referred to under clause 5.5, and the moderator is reasonably satisfied that the person's further engagement on the social media platform poses a risk to health and safety or another substantive risk (such as the uploading of defamatory content), an interim block or ban from the platform/all platforms may be imposed on the person immediately.
- 5.17** A person who is blocked or banned from the platform/all platforms under clause 5.16 must, where practicable, be given a chance to respond to the interim block or ban being imposed. Any submission made by the person must be considered when determining whether the interim block or ban is to be removed or retained under clauses 5.11 to 5.15.
- 5.18** Where a person that is the subject of a block or ban continues to engage on a social media platform(s) using an alternative social media account, profile, avatar, etc., a moderator may block or ban the person from the platform(s) immediately. In these circumstances, clauses 5.11 to 5.17 do not apply.

Part 6 – Use of social media during emergencies

- 6.1** During emergencies, such as natural disasters or public health incidents, the Council SMC will be responsible for the management of content on the Council's social media platforms. This will be in consultation/direction from the General Manager.
- 6.2** To ensure consistent messaging both during and after an emergency, authorised users and Council officials including Councillors must not upload content onto the Council's or their own social media platforms which contradicts advice issued by the agency coordinating the emergency response, or agencies supporting recovery efforts.
- 6.3** Training on social media use during emergencies should be included in training and/or induction provided to authorised users and Councillors.

Part 7 – Records management and privacy requirements

Records management

- 7.1** Social media content created, sent, and received by Council officials (including councillors) acting in their official capacity is a Council record and may constitute open access information or be subject to an information access application made under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*. These records must be managed in

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accordance with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* and the Council's approved records management policies and practices.

7.2 You must not destroy, alter, or remove social media content unless authorised to do so.

If you need to alter or remove social media content, you must do so in accordance with this policy, and consult with the Council's records manager and comply with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998*.

7.3 When/if a Councillor's term of office concludes, the Councillor must contact the Council's records manager and General Manager/SMC to manage/transfer records of social media content created during their term of office and comply with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998*.

7.4 In fulfilling their obligations under clauses 7.1 to 7.3, Council officials should refer to any guidance issued by the State Archives and Records Authority of NSW relating to retention requirements for Councils' and councillors' social media content¹.

Privacy considerations and requirements

7.5 Social media communications are in the public domain. Council officials should exercise caution about what personal information, if any, they upload onto social media.

7.6 The *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* applies to the use of social media platforms by the Council and councillors. To mitigate potential privacy risks, council officials will:

- a) Advise people not to provide personal information on social media platforms.
- b) Inform people if any personal information they may provide on social media platforms is to be used for official purposes.
- c) Advise people to contact the Council or councillors through alternative channels if they have personal information they do not want to disclose in a public forum.

7.7 Council officials and Councillors must ensure they comply with the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* when engaging on and/or moderating social media platforms. In fulfilling their obligations, Council officials and Councillors should refer to any guidance issued by the Information and Privacy Commission of NSW, such as, but not limited to, the Health Privacy Principles.

¹ See State Archives and Records Authority of NSW '*Government Recordkeeping / Advice and Resources / Local Government*' and '*Social media recordkeeping for councillors*'

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Part 8 – Private use of social media

Note: Activities on social media/websites are public activities. Even though privacy settings are available, content can still be shared and accessed beyond the intended recipients.

The terms and conditions of most social media sites state that all content becomes the property of the site on which it is posted².

What constitutes ‘private’ use?

8.1 For the purposes of this policy, a Council official’s social media engagement will be considered ‘private use’ when the content they upload:

- a) Is not associated with, or does not refer to, the Council, any other Council officials, contractors, related entities or any other person or organisation providing services to or on behalf of the Council in their official or professional capacities, and
- b) Is not related to or does not contain information acquired by virtue of their employment or role as a Council official.

8.2 If a Council official chooses to identify themselves as a Council official, either directly or indirectly (such as in their user profile), then they will not be deemed to be acting in their private capacity for the purposes of this policy.

Staff use of social media during work hours

8.3 Council Officials, employed by Council, are permitted to have access to social media platforms during Council ordinary work hours. This is for limited and reasonable personal use.

1.1 Using social media Platforms for personal use must not impact upon the user’s work performance or Council resources or violate this policy or any other Council policy.

1.2 Users must not inappropriately use social media. Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Using Social Networking Sites and Social Media Platforms to send, post or otherwise publish:
 - i. Obscene messages.
 - ii. Racially and/or sexually harassing messages.
 - iii. Sexually explicit material.

² Social Media: Guidance for Agencies and Staff (Government of South Australia) – page 9

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8.4 Internet access is to be used primarily for departmental business including the performance of work-related duties and endorsed professional development activities. However, limited personal use of the internet access is permitted provided that it meets the following characteristics:

- It is infrequent and brief.
- Does not adversely impact productivity or service delivery.
- Does not demonstrate illegal, unacceptable, or prohibitive behaviour (as outlined above).
- Does not negatively impact on the performance or security of the Central Darling Shire Council's information systems or services.
- It is not in relation to other employment.

Council officials should avoid using the same password across different services or websites so that in the event the password of one service/website is compromised, the damage is limited to that site only.

Part 9 – Concerns or complaints

9.1 Concerns or complaints about the administration of a Council's social media platform/s should be made to the council's General Manager/SMC in the first instance.

9.2 Complaints about the conduct of Council officials on social media platforms may be directed to the General Manager.

9.3 Complaints about a General Manager's conduct on social media platforms may be directed to the Administrator/Mayor.

Part 10 - Definitions

For the purposes of this policy – terms and their meanings

The following terms have the following meanings:

Authorised User	Members of council staff who are authorised by the General Manager or SMC to upload content and engage on the Council's social media platforms on the Council's behalf.
Council official	<i>'Council official'</i> includes employees, agents and contractors (including temporary contractors), administrators appointed under section 256 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (NSW), members of council committees,

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	conduct reviewers, delegates of council, work experience employees and volunteers of the Council.
Minor	For the purposes of clause 4.4(b) of this policy, is a person under the age of 18 years.
Intellectual Property	All forms of intellectual property rights throughout the world including copyright, patent, design, trade mark, trade name, and all Confidential Information and including know-how and trade secrets.
Personal Information	Information or an opinion (including information or an opinion forming part of a database and whether or not recorded in a material form) about an individual whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained from the information or opinion.
SMC	Is a Council's social media coordinator appointed under clause 2.5 of this policy.
social media	Online platforms and applications - such as but not limited to social networking sites, wikis, blogs, microblogs, video and audio sharing sites, and message boards - that allow people to easily publish, share and discuss content. Examples of social media platforms include, but are not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, LinkedIn, Yammer, YouTube, Instagram, Flickr and Wikipedia.

Legislation

Enforcement

Clause 3.1(b) of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* provides that council officials must not conduct themselves in a manner that is contrary to a Council's policies. If adopted by Central Darling Shire Council, a breach of the policy will be a breach of the Central Darling Shire Council's code of conduct.

Related Documents

Central Darling Shire Council Media & Social Media Procedure - Council Officials.

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Central Darling Shire Council Cyber Security Policy and Records Management Policy.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed by the responsible Director to ensure compliance. Once adopted, it remains in force until it is reviewed by Council. It is to be reviewed approximately every two (2) years to ensure that it meets requirements, or sooner if the General Manager determines appropriate.

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Draft Central Darling Shire Council Media and Social Media Policy procedure – Council Officials

Purpose

This policy procedure sets out the standards of behaviour expected when making public comments or reference to Central Darling Shire Council. Unless otherwise stated, it applies to the use of traditional media and social media platforms. This includes social networking sites when the person is using a computer or handheld device which is not owned or controlled by Council. This policy also deals with acceptable use of the social media platforms during ordinary work hours.

This procedure document is a companion policy to the draft Central Darling Shire Council Media Policy, draft Central Darling Shire Council Social Media Policy and draft Central Darling Shire Council Media Policy Procedure for elected councillors and government appointed members.

Application

Part 1

- 1.1** This procedure document will commence after it is adopted by Council. It is scheduled to go before the Council at the April 2024 Ordinary Council meeting.
- 1.2** This procedure document is based upon a Local Government workplace relations document and references material from the Office of Local Government (OLG) Model Social Media Policy and Cyber Security NSW.

2 Commencement of policy

- 2.1** This procedure policy applies to all people who contribute to traditional media outlets, external blogs and sites including social networking sites who identify themselves as being associated with Central Darling Shire Council.
- 2.2** This procedure does not apply to elected councillors or government appointed administrator.
- 2.3** This policy does not apply to personal use of social media platforms where the Council official makes no reference to Council or any of Council's employees, contractors, other Council Officials, related entities or any other person or organisation providing services to or on behalf of Council.
- 2.4** This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment. Nor does it form part of any other Council Official's contract for service.

3 Use of social networking sites and social media platforms

- 3.1** When contributing to traditional media publications/broadcasts, a social networking site or accessing a social media platform, a Council official must not identify him or herself as representing Council or any of Council's related entities unless specifically authorised to do so in writing by the Council General Manager or their delegate.
- 3.2** Because it may be possible for any user of an external site/publication to conduct a search that will identify any comments about Council - except where permitted in this policy or otherwise - Council officials must not publish any material which identifies themselves as being associated with Council or a related entity of Council.
- 3.3** A Council official can share public information about Council, including social media posts from Council social media sites, but must not disparage or make any adverse comment about Council, any policy or decision of Council or any of Council's related entities, employees, contractors and other Council officials or any other person or organisation providing services to or on behalf of Council.

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- 3.4** A Council official must ensure that any information he or she posts about Council, or a related entity of Council is informed and factually accurate.
- 3.5** A Council official must not disparage or make any adverse comment about Council, any policy or decision of Council or any of Council's related entities, employees, contractors and other Council officials or any other person or organisation providing services to or on behalf of Council.
- 3.6** A Council official must not harass, bully, intimidate or threaten another employee contractor or other Council Official (or a person the user knows to be a relative or associate of a Council Official) when contributing to a social networking site, accessing a social media platform, or being quoted in traditional media publications.
- 3.7** A Council official may only disclose publicly available information and must not disclose or cause to be disclosed confidential information.
- 3.8** A Council official must use a disclaimer when referring to Council or a related entity of the Council or a Council official. Such a disclaimer is *'the views expressed in this post are mine only and do not necessarily reflect the views of Council'*.
- 3.9** A Council official must not transmit or send Council's documents, emails or text messages (in any format) to any external parties or organisations unless expressly authorised to do so.
- 3.10** If the Council official subsequently discovers a mistake in their blog or social networking entry, or any published material, they are required to immediately inform their manager and the Council Community Engagement Officer, and then take authorised steps to correct the mistake, including informing the publisher. All alterations should indicate the date on which the alteration was made.

4 Use of social media in ordinary work hours

4.1 Council officials are permitted to have access to social media platforms during Council ordinary work hours. This is for limited and reasonable personal use.

4.2 Using social media Platforms for personal use must not impact upon the user's work performance or Council resources or violate this policy or any other Council policy.

4.3 Users must not inappropriately use social media. Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Using Social Networking Sites and Social Media Platforms to send, post or otherwise publish:
 - i. Obscene messages.
 - ii. Racially and/or sexually harassing messages.
 - iii. Sexually explicit material.

4.4 **Internet access** is to be used primarily for departmental business including the performance of work-related duties and endorsed professional development activities. However, limited personal use of the internet access is permitted provided that it meets the following characteristics:

- It is infrequent and brief.
- Does not adversely impact productivity or service delivery.
- Does not demonstrate illegal, unacceptable, or prohibitive behaviour (as outlined above).
- Does not negatively impact on the performance or security of the Central Darling Shire Council's information systems or services.

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• It is not in relation to other employment. Council officials should avoid using the same password across different services or websites so that in the event the password of one service/website is compromised, the damage is limited to that site only.

5 Representation

5.1 Council officials must not represent or indicate that they represent Council or any of its related entities unless specifically authorised to do so in writing, by the General Manager or their delegate.

5.2 If a Council official is authorised to represent the Council or any of its related entities, the user must disclose that they are an employee, contractor or other Council official of the Council or a related entity and what the users role and accountabilities are.

A Council official authorised to represent the Council or a related entity must ensure that:

- a) Any content that the person publishes is factually accurate and complies with relevant policies of Council.
- b) That they only comment on topics that fall within their area of responsibility at Council.
- c) The person does not post material that is obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or hateful to another person or entity or which causes (or could cause) insult, offence, intimidation, or humiliation.
- d) They do not disclose another person's personal information.
- e) The person respects copyright, privacy, financial disclosure, occupational health and safety, employment, and other applicable laws.
- f) They do not create any legal or contractual obligations on behalf of Council unless expressly authorised by Council.
- g) They do not send or cause to be sent chain or SPAM emails or text messages in any format.

6 Warning

Apart from the potentially damaging effects a blog or social networking entry may have on the Council, inappropriate blogs on internal or external sites can also have adverse consequences for a User as the material can remain widely and permanently accessible to other site users.

7 Enforcement

Council Officials must comply with the requirements of this policy. Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action which may include termination of employment (or, for Persons other than employees, the termination or non-renewal of contractual arrangements).

Other disciplinary action that may be taken includes, but is not limited to, issuing a warning, suspension, or disconnection of access to all or part of the Council's Computer Network whether permanently or on a temporary basis.

Variations

The Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.

8 Definitions

For the purposes of this policy – terms and their meanings

The following terms have the following meanings:

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Council Official	<i>Council Official</i> includes employees, agents and contractors (including temporary contractors), volunteers, members of council committees, conduct reviewers, delegates of council, work experience employees and volunteers of the Council.
Minor	For the purposes of clause 4.4(b) of this policy, is a person under the age of 18 years.
Confidential Information	'Confidential Information' includes but is not limited to trade secrets of Council; non-public information about the organisation and affairs of Council such as: pricing information such as internal cost and pricing rates, production scheduling software, special supply information; marketing or strategy plans; exclusive supply agreements or arrangements; commercial and business plans; contractual arrangements with third parties; tender policies and arrangements; financial information and data; training materials; technical data; schematics; proposals and intentions; designs; policies and procedures documents; concepts not reduced to material form; information which is personal information for the purposes of privacy law; and all other information obtained from Council or obtained in the course of working or providing services to Council that is by its nature confidential.
Intellectual Property	Means all forms of intellectual property rights throughout the world including copyright, patent, design, trademark, trade name, and all Confidential Information and including know-how and trade secrets.
Personal Information	Information or an opinion (including information or an opinion forming part of a database and whether or not recorded in a material form) about an individual whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained from the information or opinion.
Traditional Media	Printed publications, television and radio.
Person	Includes any natural person, company, partnership, association, trust, business, or other organisation or entity of any description and a Person's legal personal representative(s), successors, assigns or substitutes.
 Blogging	means the act of using web log or 'blog'. 'Blog' is an abbreviated version of 'weblog' which is a term used to describe websites that maintain an ongoing chronicle of information. A blog is a frequently updated website featuring diary-style commentary, audio-visual material and links to articles on other websites.
social media	Online platforms and applications - such as but not limited to social networking sites, wikis, blogs, microblogs, video and audio sharing sites, and message boards - that allow people to easily publish, share and discuss content. Examples of social media platforms include, but are not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, LinkedIn, Yammer, YouTube, Instagram, Flickr and Wikipedia.
Hand held device	Includes all such devices which are used by Council Officials, inside and outside working hours, in the workplace of the Council (or a related

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corporation of the Council) or at any other place. Such devices include, but are not limited to, Palm Pilots, PDAs, iPhones, tablets, iPads, other handheld electronic devices, smart phones and similar products, and any other means of accessing social networking sites or a social media platform.

Legislation

Enforcement

Clause 3.1(b) of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* provides that council officials must not conduct themselves in a manner that is contrary to a Council's policies. If adopted by Central Darling Shire Council, a breach of the policy will be a breach of the Central Darling Shire Council's code of conduct.

Related Documents

This procedure document is a companion policy to the Central Darling Shire Council draft Social Media Policy. Other related documents are the Central Darling Shire Council Cyber Security Policy and Records Management Policy.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed by the responsible Director to ensure compliance. Once adopted, it remains in force until it is reviewed by Council. It is to be reviewed approximately every two (2) years to ensure that it meets requirements, or sooner if the General Manager determines appropriate.

- Council official acknowledgement

I acknowledge:

- *Receiving the Council Policy*
- *That I will comply with the Policy; and*
- *That there may be disciplinary consequences if I fail to comply, which may result in the termination of my employment.*

Your name:

Signed:

Date:

WILCANNIA HERITAGE ADVISERS REPORT – MARCH 2024

The Adviser visited Wilcannia 21 March, 2024 - summary information as follows:

1. CURRENT BUDGETS 2023-2024

Heritage Advisory Service – Total allocation \$22,727.50

Advisors projected budget out of this allocation - \$7,580.00

Remaining budget for Advisors work after March 2024 visit \$2,380.00 – (ie after March account)

Heritage Place (Local Restoration Fund) – allocated funds FY 23/24 - \$15,147.50

Already allocated \$8,000 (Gail Russell 48 Reid Street project) – **remaining is \$7,567.50**

Adviser recommends

Ongoing works at 48 Reid Street – Recipient Gail Russell - separate application form being submitted for this project for the following - Entry door threshold, glazing for entry doors and shopfront, ongoing works to front façade. - Could allocate up to \$7567.50 to use all the fund. Strong support by advisor for more assistance given the extent of works required.



March 24 photos of shop front and threshold requiring work

NO OTHER INTEREST EXPRESSED for financial assistance for works in township

Previously discussed

House, 64 Woore Street, Wilcannia, - Diedre Sammon – 80915802

Note that house is not an LEP item but is still an early house and support is recommended

- For verandah repair works - but no follow up

White cliffs Post office - discussed with new owner Troy, but no application yet

Bond Store, 71 Reid Street – no application this year

Owners and contact details - Anthony Pease, 8091 5960, Karin Donaldson, 8091 5102 –

Clancys Hut - ongoing requests for help to conserve this structure , however access and lease issues a problem, Clancys Hut is registered in CDSC LEP 2012 Schedule 5 as a Heritage item on lot 5276 DP 722957 (WLL). The Taylors, are the lessees of Glen Hope Station, White Cliffs

PREVIOUS 2021-2022 ALLOCATIONS -

48 Reid Street – total allocation of \$11,000 made to this project - Recipient Gail Russell - clean up, power supply, roof repairs - well spent on this project, advisor continues to have input into the works being done.

Also see end of Report for previous 2016-2021 summary

2. **BAAKA CULTURAL CENTRE /KNOX AND DOWNS SITE** – Advisor separately undertaking advice work on this to separate project budget

3. **ADVICE ON 40A, 40B REID STREET - NEW BUILDING - separate report being prepared - contact** George morkos 0438360279 Georgeawny@hotmail.com
 The advisor is to prepare schematic design ideas. The small wrecked section of the building appears to be on the land that George has purchased. It is beyond repair and could and should be demolished as part of new building work. Advisor to discuss with council whether there can be the new building constructed immediately abutting the remaining existing building or if one metre gap is required between the retained building and a new building.
 Site of new building photo below



4. **ADVICE ON WILCANNIA POST OFFICE**
 Ongoing input by advisor on post office internal upgrade. Historic Interpretation project completed. Use now required for ground floor residence, now upgraded.

5. **WILCANNIA BRIDGE: update require** - conservation works still recommended for this prior to the weir being constructed. As once the weir is in place, repairs to the lower levels will not be possible. Note - Jim Wilson engineer from Adelaide inspected this bridge in the December 2015 visit and provided a report outlining necessary works. No work has been undertaken by Council since this inspection



2015 photos of the bridge (Jim Wilson photos)

• Wilcannia Heritage Advisory Service •

6. WILCANNIA HERITAGE STUDIES AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

Wilcannia Aboriginal Community Heritage Study – Part A: Aboriginal Thematic History - Central Darling Shire and Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council - October 2018
<http://heritagensw.intersearch.com.au/heritagenswispui/handle/1/10577>

Wilcannia NSW Community Based Heritage Study
<http://heritagensw.intersearch.com.au/heritagenswispui/handle/1/10578>

Next Council visit to Wilcannia by Adviser – to be confirmed, and advised - likely April 2024 to coincide with Baaka visit

ELIZABETH VINES, Central Darling Shire Heritage Adviser, March 2024

SUMMARY HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS - 2016- 2021

2020- 2021

1 - House, 99 Reid St, Christine Smith - replacement of rotten fascia - total cost \$1500, allocated \$750

2 - House, 81 Reid St, Wendy Iseghem - replacement of fascia and rebuilding of verandah - total cost \$6016, allocated \$3,100

3 - Friends of the White Cliffs Solar Thermal Power Station – total cost, \$7,000, allocated \$3100 for entry ramp to comply to enable disabled access

4 - OLD RESCHE RESIDENCE, 23 Bonney Street - Extension of woven wire fencing in front of residence, owner Ron Plunkett - total cost \$3,400, allocated \$1,600

5 - MOORABIN HOMESTEAD, Menindee Road – owner **Christian Strang**, christianfstrang@gmail.com 0438195099 Roof repairs. (note that Advisor visited homestead to - spent on upgrade of the shearing shed) allocated \$1500

6 - Riversleigh Residence, rear 71 Reid Street- ongoing work to perimeter verandah – Cost estimated \$6,000 allocated \$950 for supply of materials Owners and contact details - Anthony Pease, 8091 5960, - house inspected, money spent well

TOTAL OF ABOVE = \$11,000

19- 20 PROJECTS – TOTAL BUDGET \$13,000

Bond Store, 71 Reid Street - \$3,500

Owners and contact details - Anthony Pease, 8091 5960, Karin Donaldson, 8091 5102 - ongoing conservation of building, in particular structure works internally with new beams and necessary material for ongoing conservation, grant is for material cost, all labour excluded (and would likely work out at least \$7,000 labour if charged)

Allocated - \$3,500 from fund for ongoing work to the Bond Store

Anglican Church, Myers Street ongoing work - \$6,500

contact person Andrew Stacey and Helen Ferguson the local priest – church urgently required more repairs, such as roofing. Church now usable following previous years funding. Funds for roofing/weather proofing, stone repairs and ongoing painting externally

Allocated \$6,500 from fund for ongoing works

Riversleigh Residence, rear 71 Reid Street- ongoing work to front verandah - \$3,000

Owners and contact details - Anthony Pease, 8091 5960,

Allocated \$3,000 from fund for ongoing works

2018 – 19 PROJECTS – TOTAL BUDGET \$13,000 -

Bond Store, 71 Reid Street

Owners and contact details - Anthony Pease, 8091 5960, Karin Donaldson, 8091 5102 - additional internal flooring and structural supports internally necessary for ongoing maintenance of building

Allocated \$6,500

Anglican Church ongoing work -

contact person Andrew Stacey and Helen Ferguson the local priest – church urgently required internal plaster and painting repairs which have been undertaken. Church now usable.

Allocated \$6,500

“HERITAGE NEAR ME” PROJECTS, 2018, 2019 – summary**Successful Applications**

- White Cliffs Solar Thermal Power Station - Grant of \$59,590 for the purpose of undertaking conservation of the historic White Cliffs Solar Thermal Power Station - announced August 2018, see separate item below – organized by Graeme Hanigan.
- Post office verandah restoration and master planning for stage 2 and 3 - **COMPLETED - \$100,000** received as a grant. All paper work has been submitted on this project. Received National Trust NSW award.
- Bond Store, 73 Reid St, owner Anthony Pease, Karen Donaldson –repairs to timber flooring on the internal mezzanine, new front windows and glazing.
- Former Queens Head hotel - 64 Reid St - Andrew Stacey –, external conservation works and internal adaptation works

17 - 18 PROJECTS – TOTAL BUDGET \$13,000

- **Repointing to once external wall of the Brewery now Golf Club, 29 – 31 Ross Street** – contact person Marg Stribbles 08 8091 5042 - this is a small amount of work, likely cost approx. \$1000 so likely grant \$500. Anthony Pease undertaking this work for Margaret Stribbles.
Cost of project \$1000, allocated - \$500 grant
- **Collapsing chimney at 83 Reid Street property** – for Wendy Van Iseghem 0459574197
Cost of project \$2087.50, allocated- \$1000 grant
- **Collapsed wall** – Christine Smith - 80915025
Cost of project \$1925, allocated - \$950 grant
- House, 19 Bonney St, Contact details - Ron Plunkett, 8091 5265, mobile 0488091257, ron.plunkett@bigpond.com - lowering front fence and installation of top metal rail, and side crimp wire fence – *Allocated \$2,900*
- Anglican Church – contact person Andrew Stacey and Helen Ferguson the local priest – church urgently needs an engineering assessment of the shifted stones at the top of the west wall, leaking around church porch entry. Desire to paint interior to provide a “lift” to the church’s image, and provide a potential space for baptisms etc. – *Allocated - \$7,650.*

PREVIOUS 2016-17 PROJECTS – TOTAL BUDGET \$22,500

- Former Queens Head hotel, 64 Reid Street - leaking roof repairs and brick and stone repairs and other works as outlined in application, Andrew Stacey (0409175522), - *Allocated \$11,250*
- Bond Store, 71 Reid Street – Repairs to stone work as detailed in schedule, purchase of materials for front verandah and photos in application form - (Owners and contact details - Anthony Pease, 8091 5960, Karin Donaldson, 8091 5102. (includes front windows, stone conservation work and internal repair works) - *Allocated \$11,250*

ONGOING PROJECTS Possible Projects

Wilcannia Convent – this is now badly deteriorated and it is very disappointing there is no action on this building.

Wilcannia Wharf Project – Materials previously sourced and are stored at the Council Depot, money was previously set aside in Councils budget. Army involvement not now possible. The following was undertaken to make this project possible :

- CMP of Wharf prepared

• Wilcannia Heritage Advisory Service •

- Drawings Prepared
- Engineers certifications
- Council approval obtained .



View of early wharf

OTHER ISSUES

Tree Planting, retention of stone gutters and new paving –

The 2010 **main street report recommends tree planting in Reid Street** and the advisor has discussed this previously with Reece Wilson and previous general manager, and now the current GM Michael Boyd. Tree planting has commenced now at the western end of Reid Street with pepper trees and eucalypts which have been planted, with a combination of voluntary and council labour. Retention of Stone gutters in Reid street should also be part of Councils objectives as these are good examples of these gutters



Wilcannia River Trail walk –

The advisor has previously been in contact with Debbie Files, Activities Development Officer Remote Jobs and Communities Program PH: 0458 035 846 debbief@mprec.org.au who has indicated that MPREC has now completed the river trail walk. There is also the Olive grove project which has commenced and is in partnership with the Wilcannia local Aboriginal land council.

Leah Dougherty

From:

Sent:

To:

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Subject:

nt & suggestion

Attachments:

Mr. Greg Hill
 General Manager of Central Darling Shire Council

I'm Thai Dang, Utilities Engineer of Central Darling Shire Council.
 Below is my comments and suggestion related to the proposed allocation of draft names for unnamed roads in Central Darling Shire.

Proposed name	My suggested name	Reason
White Hill Road White Cliffs	Smiths Hill Road	Smith's Hill is the original name for the hill. While Turley's Hill retained its name as "Turleys Hill Road", there can't be any good reason for Smith's Hill's name to be changed. There is also a street with proposed name of "White Street", this name will cause unnecessary confusion.
Unnamed Road west of Opal Street (map attached) White Cliffs	Pineapple Street	This road does not have a name on the proposal while it is a seal road with traffic. Council also has new water main installed on this road. Opal 'pineapples' with their distinctive radiating pointed forms, are only found at the White Cliffs opal field. There should be a street in White Cliffs with this name, even in a more prominent location, since it is associated uniquely with White Cliffs and promoting tourism.
Harris Lane	Shaft Street	The (mine) shafts are distinctive features associated with mining activities and history of White Cliffs, as well as visual elements of the White Cliffs landscape and aerial photos. This road goes straight to The Blocks with many shafts visually displayed.
Warrali Street	Warrali Avenue	The road is currently known as "Warrali Avenue" with a street sign. This name appears on Council's development documentation and on navigation tools and websites including Google Maps

I hope that my suggestion will be considered and discussed with the naming team.
 I'm more than welcome any feedback or discussion.
 Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,
Thai Hoang Dang



Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Hello it's shannon forrest residence from white cliffs I would like to propose a street name as Kennewell Drive as I've had family members live in this town for 50+years 4 generations since the 1970's and I'm one of the descendants of the Kennewell family and some of us still reside here and most are out at the white cliffs cemetery majority of the Kennewell 's have lived along the blocks Hill so maybe the road that goes along the front of the blocks could be called Kennewell Drive I would like to submit this as one of the names to be proposed. The town was once named by the locals as the kennewell county 🤔 as there was a lot of us living here in white cliffs the kennewell's also played a big part in the town to help get the sporting club built and up and running when I was a kid I helped make bricks by hand to build the sports club thank you for your time to read this and I really hope to see my family name on a street sign here in white cliffs would be an honour to my self and the family thank you again for your time

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Dear Council

In response to your recent media release to suggest a name for a current unnamed road /drive I would like to recommend that the Cemetery road be named Barraclough Drive commemorating the many decades and that would at least be 50 the The Ladies from Barradale station regularly and I note it was daily that Millie the Mum of June, Vera, Ruby and Leila who is the only one still alive today went to the cemetery and cleaned it up not only family graves but many others in general they never missed this side of huge rain before it was sealed those ladies also cleaned the river banks both sides of the bridge all the rubbish under the sun they saved Council workers a lot of work doing that also during the early years Millie and her girls ran numerous street stalls fund raising for the little pool at the swimming pool. It would be a very fitting honour to acknowledge their many years as community volunteers. They really were local Loved Members of the Township and beyond and will be forever remembered.

Thank You so much

Best Regards

Suzanne Hall ex local

Sent from my iPad

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Apologies CDS a few typos in my email it should read 5 decades not 50
Cheers Suzanne Hall
Sent from my iPad

On 5 Mar 2024, at 4:55 pm, Central Darling Shire Council
<council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au> wrote:

"Thank you for contacting Central Darling Shire Council, your email has been passed onto the appropriate department"

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council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au | www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Allocation of street names

My suggestion is to name a **worthwhile** road "Knox". The Wilcannia News this week has Council's invitation for potential names on p9 immediately followed by two pages covering the remarkable Naval career of a local hero Vice Admiral Ian Knox. Apart from anything else the corner of Reid and Myers was always and, remains, known as 'Knox & Downs' where so many local people have significant attachments. Truly a home-grown Wilcannia Hero. As far as I am aware, there is nothing what-so-ever incorporation Ian's name in Wilcannia.

Yours sincerely,
Bob Constantine.

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Subject: Re- naming of White Cliffs unnamed streets

To the General Manager

I am writing to make a submission with regard to the allocation of names for “unnamed roads/streets” in the township of White Cliffs according to your draft maps as shown on your public notice website. I would like to mention that some of these streets and roads appear to have been drawn incorrectly, making me question whether the draft person has ever actually been to White Cliffs.

Of particular concern to me is the re-naming of Murphys Road which runs west from the corner of Johnstone Street and is marked by a stone plaque. Murphy was apparently a pioneer of the area in the 1800s being a miner, opal buyer and manager and owning several properties along Murphys Road so the name seems quite appropriate to the history of the town. Why change one Road when there are other stone plaques around the town and it appears that those streets are to keep their names: e.g. Church Street, Keraro Road, Johnstone Street.

Murphys Road is the address we were given when we purchased the property and paid to have all the legal documents drawn up. It's the address allocated by council on our rates notice. We have used this address for all change of address documentation and correspondence. Therefore I cannot understand why the need to change the name of roads and streets which already have names and which all locals are familiar with and have been used for years (I grew up in White Cliffs).

I believe your council should converse and communicate with the local community to discuss and iron out these proposed changes before the implementation of these names. I believe also that any new streets should be named after the early pioneers or those associated with the history of the town.

Trusting you will address these issues and consider our proposal and re-consider and correct the draft map to the satisfaction of your rate payers.

Thank you
David Hayes
116 Murphys Road
White Cliffs

The General Manager
 Central Darling Shire Council
 P O Box 165
 Wilcannia NSW 2836

From

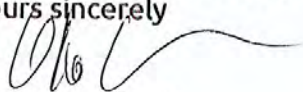
March 9, 2024

Re Street naming

This is in response to your recently released list of street names for White Cliffs. I am surprised to see that the road around Smiths Hill missed out of its name(#22 of the list) despite submissions to the Council on October 2022 and subsequent interview with the department of Urban Planing in 2023. It is disturbing to note that the team claimed that they did not receive any submissions from the Council regarding this matter. I gave them a copy of the letter from September 19, 2022. I also attach another copy within.

I note that there is big sign at great cost, image below, stating Smiths Hill Road at the beginning of the ring road. I thought it was accepted. So I have to ask the question why Turleys Hill Road is OK for the other hill and not Smiths. Who is so interested to wipe out a century of history? It is also very disappointing that no consultation re street numbering has occurred. The cost of changing 24 years of busies location is unimaginable.

Thank you for your attention
 Yours sincerely



Otto Rogge B.A.



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Greg Hill
Central Darling Shire Council
21 Reid Street
Wilcannia NSW 2836

From

On the 19th

PHONE 0821 209929

September 19, 2022

Re Street numbering

I tried the recommended search for my property but it did not bring anything for my location.

So I just used the supplied map, zooming in to Smiths Hill shows little detail. Disturbingly number 126 has moved about 400 meters to the west.

And I am horrified with all the consequences this will bring as we have been put through a lot of stress already.

For decades we have asked for a map for our services like clinic, SES and Fire brigade, to be produced for access reasons. Maps of this kind exist as we have been allocated these Dugout numbers for many decades. It seems though that different departments can't communicate with each other or are not willing to.

PO Boxes are not recognised by many services and need a proper address and in this case need to be verified by GPS for location. Mainly for financial services, insurance, NBN satellite, licences, will etc.

As per contract of occupation it is requested to look after the place and make improvements.

And this was done for decades. 126 Smiths Hill has become a unique identity. All dugouts are a unique place and have become part of our history and heritage.

I don't see any reasons why this should be erased and destroyed. Maps of dugouts and their positions do exist and should be used to keep a continuum.

Many people have visited this place and refer back for information and service.

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Not all dugouts are connected to the road directly and this will continue to have numbering problems, old or new. Once the dugouts have been properly located on the map there should be no problems to find them. A new survey has been done again and this data should be super accurate. And then what happened to all the other surveys prior to this? What a waste of money!

The naming should reflect to where we live, and that is IN or ON Smiths Hill or if it has to be Smiths Hill road. The originally assigned numbers of dugouts should be maintained and preserved. After all the decades the dugouts are now part of our history and heritage. A unique place in Australia.

Give residents a bit of a breather rather threatening us with extinction; communications with other departments is also recommended. White Cliffs is becoming a popular place.

And then where is all that money coming from?
We still have dirty water and communications are on the blink.
When the power fails we even can't dial 000. Telstra should not be the only provider. Most phones don't work here because of this.
Postal services, especially from the south, take longer than 120 years ago.

Thank you for your attention

Yours sincerely

Otto Rogge B.A.

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

To The General Manager
Central Darling Shire

We are writing to strongly oppose the renaming of the road around Smiths Hill.

Was this a mistake? The other hill name is being retained - Terleys Hill and the other Road - The Blocks is being retained. If it is a mistake, let's make sure it is rectified as soon as possible and the Community advised.

If it is not a mistake, we are totally flummoxed as to why this name has to be changed. The relatively new signage in town shows the direction to Smiths Hill. The residents have all their I.D and Utilities including your Rates Notices showing their current address as Smiths Hill. We are sure you would understand that it would be very distressing, time consuming and frustrating to have to change all of these, plus all the repercussions and paperwork that hasn't yet come to light.

The Central Darling Shire refers to this hill as Smiths Hill - see the internet reference below.

Smiths Hill Roadworks - White Cliffs



Central Darling Shire Council
<https://www.centraldarwin.nsw.gov.au> › Smiths-Hill-Ro...



Smiths Hill roadworks are **in progress**. The road requires realignment to be situated within the road reserve.

The Central Darling Shire also references it in their Heritage Trail App which would need to be changed.

The Underground Motel, an icon in White Cliffs would also have its address changed and all the advertising for this business would need to be reprinted.

All historical references and past tourist visits will also refer back to Smiths Hill - there are an enormous amount of references on the internet.

We are sure that after considering the implications you will agree that the name Smiths Hill needs to be retained.

Kind regards
Kim and Karyn Folland
PO Box 525

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

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To the General Manager Central Darling Shire Council.

My name is Janette Crocombe LI315112 I'm a long term resident of White Cliffs and I STRONGLY object to making changes to my street where I live in White Cliffs The street name is (Smiths Hill Rd)not White Hill Rd. Surely this decision MUST be an absolute stuff up in your department. It is also recognised and documented by your department on rates notices, water bills and many other paperwork also showing on Council rates and water bills as DESCRIPTIONS and LOCATION of property sent to me by your department also my drivers license etc it has been this way for years. It's my identity and address along with the many other residents on Smiths Hill. It is a grave mistake on your department to cause trauma and suffering and if changed it will cause unnecessary inconvenience and costs for all of us residents on Smiths Hill. DONT go ahead with these changes to Smiths Hill Rd. Janette Crocombe



Payment Reference: 10010032

The information on this bill has been used by Central Darling Shire Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations.

Assessment Number: 00966-10000000-000		Description and Location of Property	
Rating Year:	2023-24	60 SMITHS HILL WHITE CLIFFS NSW 2836	
Issue Date:	27-07-2023	LI315112	
Due Date:	31-08-2023	PT 21182310	
Land Area:	2730.00m ²		
Valuation:	\$2000		
Valuation Date:	01-07-2022		

Description	Units	Rate/Charge	Amount
Arrears			\$0.70
Residential Base Amount	1	\$130.00	\$130.00
Residential	2000	\$0.06625	\$133.25
Connected Water-Fibered	1	\$998.00	\$998.00
Domestic Waste Management	1	\$68.00	\$68.00
		Total	\$1329.95

Amount Overdue and Payable Now \$0.70

The General Manager
Central Darling Shire Council
P O Box 165
Wilcannia NSW 2836

From

March 21, 2024

Re numbering of dugout sites.

Finally found a document with a more detailed map of the new proposed dugout numbering allocation. Its no wonder everybody seems to panic.

Our allocated dugout numbers have been used for many decades and have become the base for our identity, finances and legal documents. We had nothing else to work on and PO boxes are not recognised as valid identification. This is not a **new unallocated place**. The legal and financial fallout can be quite severe.

Crown Lands and the Council has neglected White Cliffs affairs for over a century. This cannot easily undone. I feel strongly that the existing numbering system has to be maintained. A detailed map should have been produced a long time ago, mainly to assist local emergency services. Only your departments have these sort of details. Many places had proper signage and needs to be re-done after the road works have finally finished.

The proposed numbering seem to be even more confusing as some places are not directly connected to the new sealed road. I also hope that the name **Smiths Hill Road** will remain.

Thank you for your attention
Yours sincerely



Otto Rogge B.A.

The General Manager
Central Darling Shire Council
PO Box 165
Wilcannia 2836

20 March 2024

Draft Road names for unnamed roads throughout the Central Darling Shire Council area

White Cliffs road names and dugout numbers

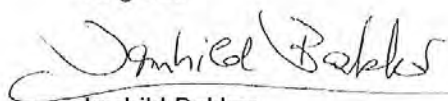
Dear Sir,
further to my letter of 18 march voicing my objection to changing Smiths Hill Road into White Hill Road, I hasten to object against the change of my dugout number.

I see on your plan that **my dugout number has been changed from 116 to 166.**

Why?

A new number would mean a lot of hassle to change my address with eg
Electoral Commission, Drivers Licence etc. etc.
What is the reason for the change? The new numbers are not in sequence
either!

Regards



Irmhild Bakker

Dugout 116
Smiths Hill
White Cliffs 2836

The General Manager,
Central Darling Shire Council,
PO Box 165
Wilcannia 2836

16 march 2024

Draft Road names for unnamed roads throughout the Central Darling Shire
Council area

White Cliffs road names

Dear Sir,

In the draft for road names, road number 22, the sealed circular road around dugouts on Smiths Hill, is proposed to be named "White Hill Road".

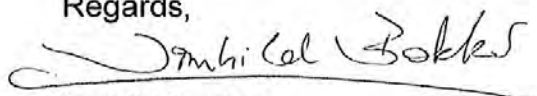
I ask that it keeps its traditional name of "Smiths Hill Road", as seen on the sign put up by Central Darling Shire Council last year, on 13 July 2023.

Decendants of the Mr Smith, after whom the hill was named, visited White Cliffs a few years back.

Turleys Hill's road keeps its name - why do you want to change Smiths Hills Road into White Hill Road?

My Drivers Licence and other documentation all show Smiths Hill.

Regards,



Irmhild Bakker
Dugout 116
Smiths Hill
White Cliffs 2836

encl.: 1 photo of "Smiths Hill Road" sign



13 July 2023

photo taken by
IRMINIA BAKKER
DUGOUT 116
SMITHS HILL
White cliffs 2836

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Central Darling Shire Council -

RE - Road Names White Cliffs

Road naming proposal submission:

Comments for White Cliff's.

Prepared by: Richard Allen, 77 Smiths Hill.

Date: 22/03/25

Retain 'Smiths Hill' - reject Whites Hill.

I believe this 'transport roading' to and around Smiths Hill should actually be called 'Smiths Hill Circuit' not a Road.

Note: One is already proposing a 'White Street' in town (which is OK by me.) - avoid any future confusion.

Likewise - I believe Turleys Hill proposed 'Road' should be 'Turleys Hill Circuit'.

This is entirely consistent with accepted conventions when describing and naming 'loop roading'.

Unless one prefers the term 'Turleys Hill Loop' - just because 'loopies' live there. (Joke).

Regards
Richard Allen
77 Smiths Hill, White Cliffs

Sent from my iPhone

Leah Dougherty

From:
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To:
Subject:

I'm following up with more information that you may want to consider regarding naming of general unnamed roads in White Cliffs mainly in the village it would be very appropriate to have considered the people that have made a large commitment to our village over many years. Obviously no one in your department have gone to the trouble to find out what the residents may like some of these roads and laneways named after. East West North and South does not apply especially if they don't even face that way Blah.

Graham Wellings. for one has been awarded an OAM for his many years of service to the White Cliffs community since the late 70s. Which would include volunteer with SES. Rural Service and White Cliffs Service. Shire Councillor 24yrs Deputy Mayor 12 yrs. Publican since the late 70s. to name a few. Maureen Ker. Also awarded an OAM for her health service as Sister at the White Cliffs Hospital raising \$250.000 for her the Flying Doctor. She has dedicated most of her adult life to helping others and saving lives.

Dick Wagner for his volunteer work in the kitchen of the sports club supplying meals for locals on Sundays over many years as well as being involved in numerous local communities over as many years.

Otto Rogge. Has spent year's collating several historical photographic records in book form.
Gwen Rowe.

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 Mar 2024, at 1:13 pm, Central Darling Shire Council
<council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au> wrote:

"Thank you for contacting Central Darling Shire Council, your email has been passed onto the appropriate department"

Central Darling Shire Council
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council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au | www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au

Leah Dougherty

From:**Sent:****To:****Subject:**

ANGES

Attention General Manager.

We the undersigned wish to submit
Our wishes to the proposed change of Smiths Hill Road to White Hill Rd.

We own & reside full time at 67 Smiths Hill Rd. White Cliffs.

Any changes to the proposed new name has met with a lot of discord in our community.
Many major changes on all documents relative to us all would have to be implemented, with time & unnecessary costs involved.
We ask that considerable thought by Council in the totally unnecessary changes be made.

Yours sincerely
Frank & Rita Veroude
67 Smiths Hill
White Cliffs NSW.

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**Submission by Anthony Pease
regarding draft names for unnamed roads, streets and lanes
in Central Darling Shire**

Dear Sir/Madam,

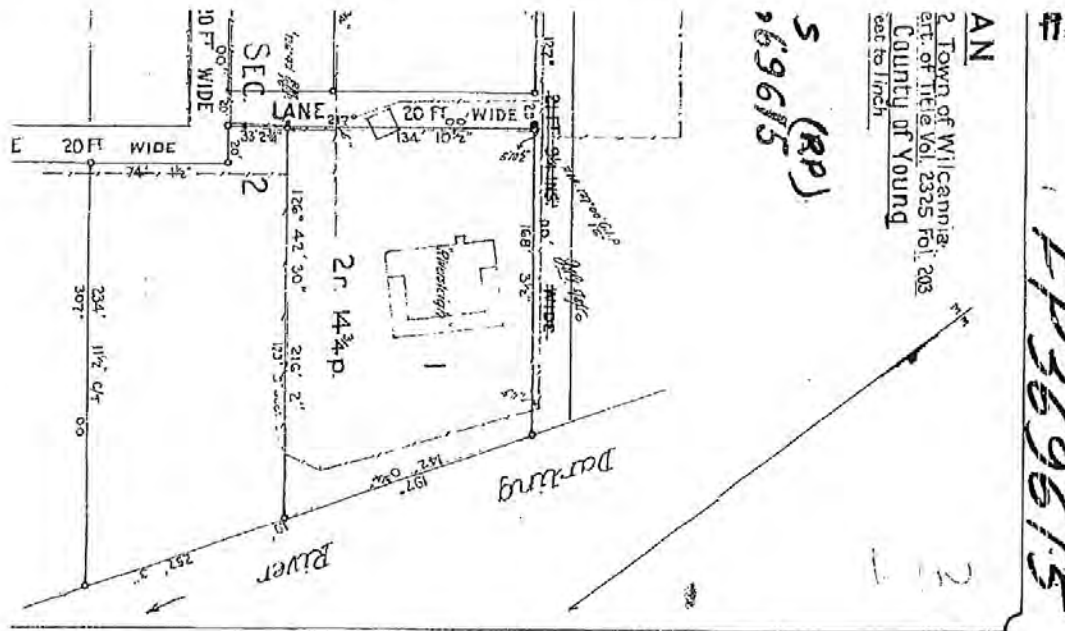
There is an unnamed lane off Martin Street, next to the BP fuel depot which is the only legal access to my house at DP369615, marked as 2B Martin street on the Urban Addressing Portal. I request that this lane is given an official name which I suggest to be "Riversleigh Lane" because that has been the name of my property since the 1870's and is the only property relying on the lane for access.

The name Riversleigh is mentioned in a newspaper notice in 1875, when Alfred Kirkpatrick held title:

The South Australian Register,
Thursday April 8th 1875:

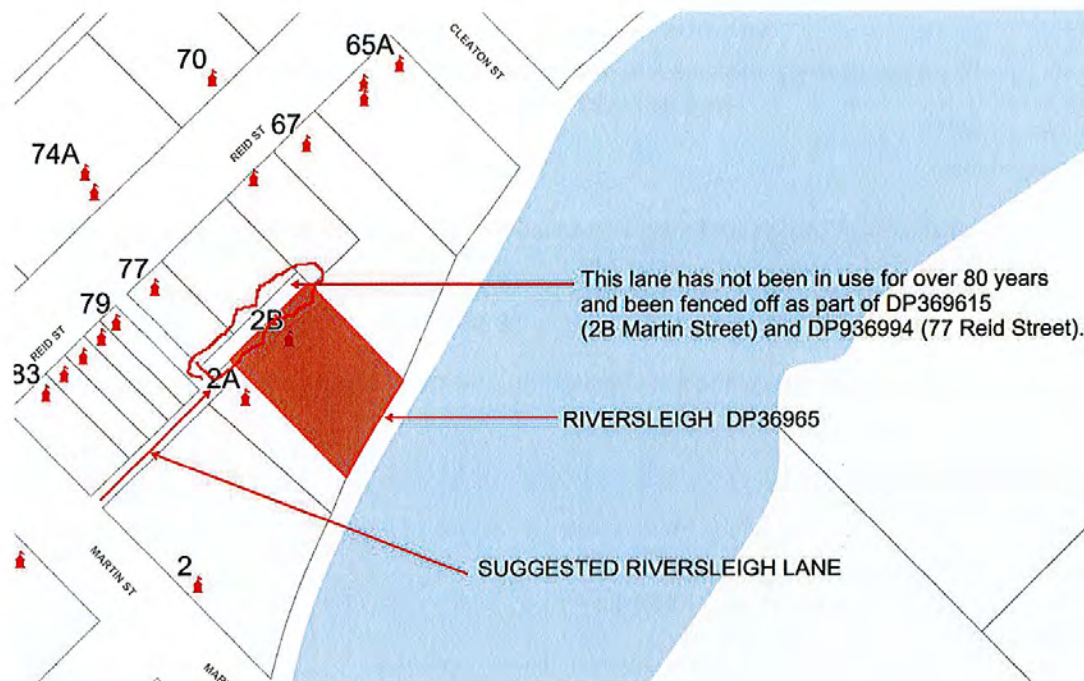
Births
KIRKPATRICK.—On the 29th March, at Riversleigh, Wilcannia, Mrs. Alfred Kirkpatrick, of a daughter.

The name "Riversleigh" is included in a Title Plan dated 11-5-1948



This is the plan marked "A" referred to in Transfer from Cecil Leckie to Valentin Smith dated 11-5-1948

As an aside; the draft numbering for DP369615 (Riversleigh) is 2B Martin Street. The property does not front onto Martin Street and is separated from Martin Street by 2 titles not associated with the owners of DP369615. If the naming of the lane goes ahead I request that DP369615 be recorded as Number 1 Riversleigh Lane, being the only property accessed by this lane. (2A Martin Street is an attachment to 2 Martin Street).



Yours sincerely,
Anthony Pease, joint owner with Karin Donaldson in the property mentioned.

26th March 2024



PW BARRACLOUGH

26th March 2024

Central Darling Shire Council
P O Box 165
Wilcannia NSW 2836

Dear Sir / Madam

To whom it may concern

Re allocation of draft names for unknown roads and lanes.

With all that is going on in Wilcannia and district, a lot of people would not have answered or known about this name re allocation project.

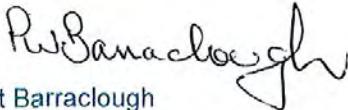
A lot of people in this Shire area are old, do not have computers, are not aware of what is going on, as they are not told and therefore have no say in their town.

I would request that the Council do an extension to the close date and advertise or send out flyers.

Also, most importantly use a more CURRENT map for each town. For example the Wilcannia map that is used is so old that Reid street does not meet the West Menindee Road at the South end of town.

Please advise your intentions.

Kind regards


Pat Barraclough

phone: 0880 915 021 | fax: 0880 915 961 | PO I

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Please do not change Smiths Hill.

E.F. Murphy in his book 'They Struck Opal' mentions the Smiths as being one of the very early families here in 1892. Smiths Hill is historically correct – always was, always will be.

In addition, your proposed new numbering on Smiths makes even less sense than our current numbers, and in no way makes it any easier for emergency services.

Church Street, as you note, is Church Street – as identified by the Valuer General.

If Keraro Lane has no official name, I propose Foggo Lane – to commemorate our recent colourfull long term resident whose cottage was at its junction with Johnson Street.

Another long term and esteemed resident, Graham Wellings, OAM, Councilor, should also be remembered with a street name – rather than just making them up.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

Clair Inness,
Dugout 110, Smiths Hill.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Leah Dougherty

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Attention Glenda Dunne.

Good morning Glenda,

Having realised on your public display maps, as printed in our Wilcannia News paper, that our number has not changed we assumed that a current map was being used.

It has been brought to our attention that the bottom end of town still refers to your original map of the 1800's. The bottom end of Reid St. is still cut off from the Menindee road by numerous blocks of land, as shown by the blue line.

We are also querying the West Bend Road, which on the map, appears to be going from nowhere to nowhere much.

We also understand there are many concerns among the White Cliffs community since they received the latest Wilcannia paper.

In view of the above, we strongly suggest you extend the cut off time for submissions and replies for another 28 days, instead of tomorrow, so this can be dealt with.

Kind regards,

Bill and Chris Elliott.

Leah Dougherty

From:
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Subject:

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Hi, Yesterday afternoon a local dropped off the submission of road names for us local as to look over, there was concerns about Smiths Hill being changed to White Hill road, one being why change it when Turleys Hill and the Blocks remain the same, there is already a White Street and it may be confusing for tourists etc its been Smiths Hill since the start of White Cliffs, I would like to ask if Keraro Lane can be changed to Hoffman Lane or Hoffman Way as it runs past the general store ,the old police station and the fire station. Ray and Di Hoffman ran the general store for 30 plus years, they restored the old police station, Ray started the fire brigade and donated the rain water tanks, Di taught at the local school and started the local history group, memorialised the pioneer childrens grave park, ran the store and I think it would fitting that they be recognised for there community services to White Cliffs. It Would greatly appreciate if you would consider our proposal for the name changes as they were a big part of the community.

Thanks Troy and Corinne
The Old Political Station
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Leah Dougherty

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The General Manager,
Central Darling Shire Council
Wilcannia

I am writing in regard to the proposed name changes in the White Cliffs village.

Many of the proposed names are not what they are known as at present such as White Hill Rd around what is Smiths Hill and aptly named Smiths Hill Rd.

I live on Boundary Ln which is a continuation of the lane behind the shop and has a small stone monument giving its name as Boundary Ln. The proposed new name is Koraro Ln.

There are a few such stone monuments in the village giving the original names of streets and lanes and I wonder if these were taken into account in the naming process or if anyone in council were aware of them.

I also wonder who has proposed these names and if any consultations with locals or site visits were conducted.

It may seem like a minor process with little consequences to change a road name from what is in use to anything else.

This will require a lot of effort and time for those affected.

We will have to change all of our addresses such as our licences and registration, any form of identification, banks, insurance companies, power companies, clubs and associations, the clinic and hospitals, doctors, dentist, allied health, Australia Post and all other business and private contacts we have.

I would like to propose that we keep any currently used and/or documented road names which better reflect the history of the village and are more familiar to locals and visitors alike. I think that a residents meeting and more vigorous consultation process is called for so we can discuss the proposals and their consequences before any further action is taken.

Regards

Leah Dougherty

From:
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To:
Subject: es for unnamed roads in

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Hi Greg,

I sent this through yesterday and it bounced back due to me using the wrong email address.

Kind Regards
 Sarah Ker
 White Cliffs Hotel

From: Sarah Ann Ker <manager@whitecliffshotel.com.au>
Date: Thursday, 28 March 2024 at 18:00
To: "council@centraldarlingshire.nsw.gov.au" <council@centraldarlingshire.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Submission of comment on allocation of draft names for unnamed roads in White Cliffs

Dear Mr Hill

I wish to submit three comments on the allocation of draft names for unnamed roads in White Cliffs.

The first being

Road number:22
 Draft name: White Hill Road
 Suburb: White Cliffs
 Road type: Road
 Orientation north south or east west: Circular around dugouts
 Road sealed/unsealed/paper plan: Sealed Road
 Gazeted: Yes, gazetted with no name

I propose the name for this road to be called Smith's Hill Road instead of White Hill Road for the following reasons

1. There is no hill called White Hill in White Cliffs
2. The road is circular around dugouts on Smith's Hill
3. Calling road 22 Smith's Hill Road will be keeping in line with the naming of Turley's Hill Road and The Blocks Road
4. It will be confusing for visitors having a road around Smith's Hill called White Hill Road
5. Road 22 has always be known as Smith's Hill Road locally

The second being

Road number:16
Draft name: Fossickers Street
Suburb: White Cliffs
Road Type: Street
Orientation north south or east west: East West
Road sealed/unsealed/paper plan: Track is use
Gazeted: No

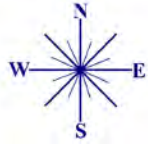
I propose the name for this road to be called Noodling Street instead of Fossickers Street for the following reasons

1. Noodling is the unique and traditional name for fossicking for opal.
2. Noodling (also known as fossicking) is the sifting for small pieces of precious opal accidentally discarded by miners. When miners mine for opal, they are only looking for high-quality opal that they can sell. This means they are less interested in smaller pieces and lower quality opal. These pieces are brought up from underground and left on mullock heaps (waste rock left behind from opal mining) that surround White Cliffs. Some people are 'professional' noodlers and rely on noodling for a living!
3. White Cliffs is unique and noodling is unique to White Cliffs

Yours Sincerely
Sarah Ker
White Cliffs Hotel

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Submission Summary Report

**For proposed road names for 43
of the unnamed roads in the Central Darling Shire Council area
April 2024**

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Table of submissions for road names April 2024

Number of submissions received during exhibition period from 29 February 2024 to 9 April 2024 – 23 submissions.

15 submissions received on retaining Smiths Hill Road White Cliffs.

Submission no.	Name of proponent	Draft road name	Proposed road name from submission	Submission content	Council comment
1	Thai Hoang Dang <Dangt@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au>	White Hill Road White Cliffs	Smiths Hill Road	Smith's Hill is the original name for the hill. While Turley's Hill retained its name as "Turleys Hill Road", there can't be any good reason for Smith's Hill's name to be changed. There is also a street with proposed name of "White Street", this name will cause unnecessary confusion.	Request for Smiths Hill Road
		Unnamed Road west of Opal Street (map attached) White Cliffs	Pineapple Street	This road does not have a name on the proposal while it is a seal road with traffic. Council also has new water main installed on this road. Opal 'pineapples' with their distinctive radiating pointed forms, are only found at the White Cliffs opal field. There should be a street in White Cliffs with this name, even in a more prominent location, since it is associated uniquely with White Cliffs and promoting tourism.	
		Harris Lane	Shaft Street	The (mine) shafts are distinctive features associated with mining activities and history of White Cliffs, as well as visual elements of the White Cliffs landscape and aerial photos. This road goes straight to The Blocks with many shafts visually displayed.	
		Warrali Street	Warrali Avenue	The road is currently known as "Warrali Avenue" with a street sign. This name appears on Council's development documentation and on navigation tools and websites including Google Maps	
2	Shannon Forrest	The Block Road	Kennewell Drive	Hello it's shannon forrest residence from white cliffs I would like to propose a street	The Block Road to be named Kennewell Drive due to long term

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	<swforrest304@gmail.com>			<p>name as Kennewell Drive as I've had family members live in this town for 50+years 4 generations since the 1970's and I'm one of the descendants of the Kennewell family and some of us still reside here and most are out at the white cliffs cemetery majority of the Kennewell 's have lived along the blocks Hill so maybe the road that goes along the front of the blocks could be called Kennewell Drive I would like to submit this as one of the names to be proposed. The town was once named by the locals as the kennewell county 😊 as there was a lot of us living here in white cliffs the kennewell's also played a big part in the town to help get the sporting club built and up and running when I was a kid I helped make bricks by hand to build the sports club thank you for your time to read this and I really hope to see my family name on a street sign here in white cliffs would be an honour to my self and the family thank you again for your time</p>	<p>occupation by the Kennewell family.</p>
3	Suzanne Hall Suzanne <suzannehall@bigpond.com>	Wilcannia Cemetery Road	Barraclough Drive Wilcannia	<p>In response to your recent media release to suggest a name for a current unnamed road /drive I would like to recommend that the Cemetery road be named Barraclough Drive commemorating the many decades and that would at least be 50 the The Ladies from Barradale station regularly and I note it was daily that Millie the Mum of June, Vera, Ruby and Leila who is the only one still alive today went to the cemetery and cleaned it up not only family graves but many others in general they never missed this side of huge rain before it was sealed those ladies also cleaned the river banks both sides of the bridge all the rubbish under the sun they saved Council workers a lot of work doing that also during the early years Millie and her girls ran numerous street stalls fund raising for the little pool at the swimming pool.It would be a very fitting honour to acknowledge their many years as community volunteers. They really were local Loved Members of the Township</p>	<p>Wilcannia Cemetery Road renamed as Barraclough Drive.</p> <p>After long term Barraclough family in Wilcannia</p>

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				and beyond and will be forever remembered.	
4	Suzanne Hall Suzanne <suzannehall@bigpond.com>	Wilcannia Cemetery Road	Barraclough Drive Wilcannia	In response to your recent media release to suggest a name for a current unnamed road /drive I would like to recommend that the Cemetery road be named Barraclough Drive commemorating the many decades and that would at least be 50 years	Wilcannia Cemetery Road renamed as Barraclough Drive. After long term Barraclough family in Wilcannia
5	Bob Constantine. Bob Constantine.		Knox road For use in Wilcannia	My suggestion is to name a worthwhile road "Knox". The Wilcannia News this week has Council's invitation for potential names on p9 immediately followed by two pages covering the remarkable Naval career of a local hero Vice Admiral Ian Knox. Apart from anything else the corner of Reid and Myers was always and, remains, known as 'Knox & Downs' where so many local people have significant attachments. Truly a home-grown Wilcannia Hero. As far as I am aware, there is nothing whatsoever incorporation Ian's name in Wilcannia.	Knox Road should be used in Wilcannia after Vice Admiral Ian Knox. Origins in Wilcannia
6	David Hayes 116 Murphys Road White Cliffs	Church street. White Cliffs	Change to Murphy road west of Johnstone street White Cliffs	I am writing to make a submission with regard to the allocation of names for "unnamed roads/streets" in the township of White Cliffs according to your draft maps as shown on your public notice website. I would like to mention that some of these streets and roads appear to have been drawn incorrectly, making me question whether the draft person has ever actually been to White Cliffs. Of particular concern to me is the re-naming of Murphys Road which runs west from the corner of Johnstone Street and is marked by a stone plaque. Murphy was apparently a pioneer of the area in the 1800s being a miner, opal buyer and manager and owning several properties along Murphys Road so the name seems quite appropriate to the history of the town. Why change one Road when there are other stone plaques around the town and it appears that those streets are to keep their names: e.g. Church	Church street is short the rest of the street needs to be changed to Murphy road west of Johnstone street White Cliffs

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				<p>Street, Keraro Road, Johnstone Street.</p> <p>Murphys Road is the address we were given when we purchased the property and paid to have all the legal documents drawn up. It's the address allocated by council on our rates notice. We have used this address for all change of address documentation and correspondence. Therefore I cannot understand why the need to change the name of roads and streets which already have names and which all locals are familiar with and have been used for years (I grew up in White Cliffs).</p> <p>I believe your council should converse and communicate with the local community to discuss and iron out these proposed changes before the implementation of these names. I believe also that any new streets should be named after the early pioneers or those associated with the history of the town.</p>	
7	<p>Otto Rogge 126 Smiths Hill Rd White Cliffs otto@ottophoto.com 0427 289 929</p>	<p>White Hill Road</p>	<p>Smiths Hill Road</p>	<p>This is in response to your recently released list of street names for White Cliffs. I am surprised to see that the road around Smiths Hill missed out of its name(#22 of the list) despite submissions to the Council on October 2022 and subsequent interview with the department of Urban Planning in 2023.</p> <p>It is disturbing to note that the team claimed that they did not receive any submissions from the Council regarding this matter. I gave them a copy of the letter from September 19, 2022. I also attach another copy within.</p> <p>I note that there is big sign at great cost, image below, stating Smiths Hill Road at the beginning of the ring road. I thought it was accepted.</p> <p>So I have to ask the question why Turleys Hill Road is OK for the other hill and not Smiths. Who is so interested to wipe out a century of history?</p> <p>It is also very disappointing that no consultation re street numbering has occurred. The cost of changing 24 years of busies location is unimaginable.</p>	<p>Previous submission. This submission is regarding Smiths hill road which is the current name of the road around the southern dugout hill. Request for large road signage.</p>


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				<p>September 19, 202 Re Street numbering I tried the recommended search for my property but it did not bring anything for my location. So I just used the supplied map, zooming in to Smiths Hill shows little detail. Disturbingly number 126 has moved about 400 meters to the west. And I am horrified with all the consequences this will bring as we have been put through a lot of stress already.</p> <p>For decades we have asked for a map for our services like clinic, SES and Fire brigade, to be produced for access reasons. Maps of this kind exist as we have been allocated these Dugout numbers for many decades. It seems though that different departments can't communicate with each other or are not willing to.</p> <p>PO Boxes are not recognised by many services and need a proper address and in this case need to be verified by GPS for location. Mainly for financial services, insurance, NBN satellite, licences, will etc.</p> <p>As per contract of occupation it is requested to look after the place and make improvements. And this was done For decades. 126 Smiths Hill has become a unique identity. All dugouts are a unique place and have become part of our history and heritage. I don't see any reasons why this should be erased and destroyed. Maps of dugouts and their positions do exist and should be used to keep a continuum. Many people have visited this place and refer back For information and service.</p>	
8	<p>Otto Rogge 126 Smiths Hill Rd White Cliffs otto@ottophoto.com 0427 289 929</p>	<p>White Hill Road</p>	<p>Smiths Hill Road</p>	<p>And then what happened to all the other surveys prior to this? What a waste of money!</p> <p>The naming should reflect to where we live, and that is IN or ON Smiths Hill or if it has to be Smiths Hill road. The originally assigned numbers of dugouts should be maintained and preserved.</p>	<p>This submission is regarding the proposed numbers for dugouts on Smiths hill road which is the current name of the road around the southern dugout hill. Would like the original dugout number kept for</p>

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				<p>After all the decades the dugouts are now part of our history and heritage. A unique place in Australia.</p> <p>Give residents a bit of a breather rather threatening us with extinction; communications with other departments is also recommended. White Cliffs is becoming a popular place.</p> <p>And then where is all that money coming from? We still have dirty water and communications are on the blink. When the power fails we even can't dial 000. Telstra should not be the only provider. Most phones don't work here because of this. Postal services, especially from the south, take longer than 120 years ago. Thank you for your attention Yours sincerely</p>	<p>the smiths hill road address.</p> <p>Poor servicing of the dugouts for roads, water and power.</p> <p>Retain Smiths Hill Road and retain existing dugout numbers.</p>
9	<p>Kim Folland kimball.folland@gmail.com</p> <p>Kim and Karyn Folland PO Box 525 White Cliffs NSW 2836</p> <p>-- <i>Kim and Karyn Folland</i> <i>Ph 0400 277 822</i></p>	White Hill Road	Smiths Hill Road	<p>We are writing to strongly oppose the renaming of the road around Smiths Hill.</p> <p>Was this a mistake? The other hill name is being retained - Turleys Hill and the other Road - The Blocks is being retained. If it is a mistake, let's make sure it is rectified as soon as possible and the Community advised.</p> <p>If it is not a mistake, we are totally flummoxed as to why this name has to be changed. The relatively new signage in town shows the direction to Smiths Hill. The residents have all their I.D and Utilities including your Rates Notices showing their current address as Smiths Hill. We are sure you would understand that it would be very distressing, time consuming and frustrating to have to change all of these, plus all the repercussions and paperwork that hasn't yet come to light.</p> <p>The Central Darling Shire refers to this hill as Smiths Hill - see the internet reference below.</p>	Request Smiths Hill Road name retained.

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				<p>Central Darling Shire Council https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au › Smiths-Hill-Ro...</p>  <p>Smiths Hill roadworks are in progress. The road requires realignment to be situated within the road reserve.</p> <p>The Central Darling Shire also references it in their Heritage Trail App which would need to be changed.</p> <p>The Underground Motel, an icon in White Cliffs would also have its address changed and all the advertising for this business would need to be reprinted.</p> <p>All historical references and past tourist visits will also refer back to Smiths Hill - there are an enormous amount of references on the internet.</p> <p>We are sure that after considering the implications you will agree that the name Smiths Hill needs to be retained.</p>	
10	<p>Janette Crocombe Janette Crocombe <gypseys2@bigpond.com></p>	<p>White Hill Road</p>	<p>Smiths Hill Road</p>	<p>LI315112 I'm a long term resident of White Cliffs and I STRONGLY object to making changes to my street where I live in White Cliffs The street name is (Smiths Hill Rd)not White Hill Rd. Surely this decision MUST be an absolute stuff up in your department. It is also recognised and documented by your department on rates notices, water bills and many other paperwork also showing on Council rates and water bills as DESCRIPTIONS and LOOCATION of property sent to me by your department also my drivers license etc it has been this way for years. It's my identity and address along with the many other residents on Smiths Hill. It is a grave mistake on your department to cause trauma and</p>	<p>Retain Smiths Hill Road name.</p>

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				<p>suffering and if changed it will cause unnecessary inconvenience and costs for all of us residents on Smiths Hill. DONT go ahead with these changes to Smiths Hill Rd.</p>	
11	<p>Otto Rogge 126 Smiths Hill Rd White Cliffs otto@ottophoto.com 0427 289 929</p>	White Hill Road	Smiths Hill Road	<p>Re numbering of dugout sites.</p> <p>Finally found a document with a more detailed map of the new proposed dugout numbering allocation. Its no wonder everybody seems to panic.</p> <p>Our allocated dugout numbers have been used for many decades and have become the base for our identity, finances and legal documents. We had nothing else to work on and PO boxes are not recognised as valid identification. This is not a new unallocated place. The legal and financial fallout can be quite severe.</p> <p>Crown Lands and the Council has neglected White Cliffs affairs for over a century. This cannot easily be undone. I feel strongly that the existing numbering system has to be maintained. A detailed map should have been produced a long time ago, mainly to assist local emergency services. Only your departments have these sort of details. Many places had proper signage and needs to be re-done after the road works have finally finished.</p> <p>The proposed numbering seem to be even more confusing as some places are not directly connected to the new sealed road. I also hope that the name Smiths Hill Road will remain.</p>	<p>Third submission made regarding Smiths Hill road the southern dugout hill. Historic and current use of road name Smiths Hill Road</p>
12	<p>Irmhild Bakker Dugout 116 Smiths Hill</p>	White Hill Road	Smiths Hill Road	<p>Dear Sir, further to my letter of 18 March voicing my objection to</p>	<p>Issue with road name request Smith Hill road be</p>

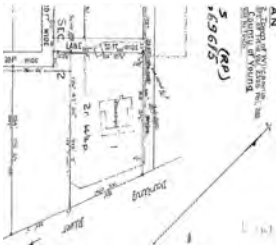
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	White Cliffs 2836			<p>changing Smiths Hill Road into White Hill Road, I hasten to object against the change of my dugout number.</p> <p>I see on your plan that <u>my dugout number has been changed from 116 to 166.</u></p> <p><u>Why?</u></p> <p>A new number would mean a lot of hassle to change my address with eg Electoral! Commission, Drivers Licence etc. etc.</p> <p>What is the reason for the change? The new numbers are not in sequence</p> <p style="text-align: right;">either!</p>	retained and current dugout number retained.
13	Irmhild Bakker Dugout 116 Smiths Hill White Cliffs 2836	White Hill Road	Smiths Hill Road	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>In the draft for road names, road number 22, the sealed circular road around dugouts on Smiths Hill, is proposed to be named "White Hill Road".</p> <p>I ask that it keeps its traditional name of "Smiths Hill Road", as seen on the sign put up by Central Darling Shire Council last year, on 13 July 2023.</p> <p>Decendants of the Mr Smith, after whom the hill was named, visited White Cliffs a few years back.</p> <p>Turleys Hill's road keeps its name - why do you want to change Smiths Hills Road into White Hill Road?</p> <p>My Drivers Licence and other documentation all show Smiths Hill.</p>	2 nd submission. Issue with road name and dugout number.
14	Richard Allen 77 Smiths Hill, White Cliffs	White Hill Road	Smiths Hill Road	<p>Retain 'Smiths Hill' - reject Whites Hill.</p> <p>I believe this 'transport roading' to and around Smiths Hill should actually be called 'Smiths Hill Circuit' not a Road.</p> <p>Note: One is already proposing a 'White Street' in town (which is OK by me.) - avoid any future confusion.</p> <p>Likewise - I believe Turleys Hill proposed 'Road' should be 'Turleys Hill Circuit'.</p> <p>This is entirely consistent with accepted conventions when</p>	<p>Retain Smiths Hill Road, but true name is Smiths Hill Circuit not a road.</p> <p>Turleys Hill Road should also be Turleys Hill Circuit</p>


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				describing and naming 'loop roading'. Unless one prefers the term 'Turleys Hill Loop' -	
15	Gwen Rowe. Janette Crocombe <gypseys2@bigpond.com>	White Hill Road	Smiths Hill Road	I'm following up with more information that you may want to consider regarding naming of general unnamed roads in White Cliffs mainly in the village it would be very appropriate to have considered the people that have made a large commitment to our village over many years. Obviously no one in your department have gone to the trouble to find out what the residents may like some of these roads and laneways named after. East West North and South does not apply especially if they don't even face that way Blah. Graham Wellings. for one has been awarded an OAM for his many years of service to the White Cliffs community since the late 70s. Which would include volunteer with SES. Rural Service and White Cliffs Service. Shire Counciler 24ys Deputy Mayor 12 yrs. Publican since the late 70s. to name a few. Maureen Ker. Also awarded an OAM for her health service as Sister at the White Cliffs Hospital raising \$250.000 for her the Flying Doctor. She has dedicated most of her adult life to helping others and saving lives. Dick Wagner for his volunteer work in the kitchen of the sports club supplying meals for locals on Sundays over many years as well as being involved in numerous local communities over as many years. Otto Rogge. Has spent year's collating several historical photographic records in book form.	Retain Smiths Hill Road
16	Frank & Rita Veroude 67 Smiths Hill White Cliffs NSW.	White Hill Road	Smiths Hill Road	We the undersigned wish to submit. Our wishes to the proposed change of Smiths Hill Road to White Hill Rd. We own & reside full time at 67 Smiths Hill Rd. White Cliffs. Any changes to the proposed new name has met with a lot of discord in our community. Many major changes on all documents relative to us all	Smiths Hill Road to be retained

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				would have to be implemented, with time & unnecessary costs involved. We ask that considerable thought by Council in the totally unnecessary changes be made.	
17	Submission by Anthony Pease regarding draft names for unnamed roads, streets and lanes in Central Darling Shire	Martin Lane	Riversleigh lane	<p>There is an unnamed lane off Martin Street, next to the BP fuel depot which is the only legal access to my house at DP369615, marked as 2B Martin street on the Urban Addressing Portal. I request that this lane is given an official name which I suggest to be "Riversleigh Lane" because that has been the name of my property since the 1870's and is the only property relying on the lane for access. The name Riversleigh is mentioned in a newspaper notice in 1875, when Alfred Kirkpatrick held title:</p> <p>The South Australian Register, Thursday April 8th 1875: Births KIRKPATRICK.-On the 29th March, at Riversleigh, Wilcannia, Mrs. Alfred Kirkpatrick, of a daughter.</p>  <p>As an aside; the draft numbering for DP369615 (Riversleigh) is 2B Martin Street. The property does not front onto Martin Street and is separated from Martin Street by 2 titles not associated with the owners of DP369615. If the naming of the lane goes ahead I request that DP369615 be recorded as Number 1 Riversleigh Lane, being the only property accessed by this lane. (2A Martin Street is an attachment to 2 Martin Street).</p>	Historic name for Martin Lane is Riversleigh Lane.

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				 <p>Yours sincerely, Anthony Pease, joint owner with Karin Donaldson in the property mentioned.</p>	
18	Pat Barraclough			<p>Re allocation of draft names for unknown roads and lanes.</p> <p>With all that is going on in Wilcannia and district, a lot of people would not have answered or known about this name re allocation project.</p> <p>A lot of people in this Shire area are old, do not have computers, are not aware of what is going on, as they are not told and therefore have no say in their town.</p> <p>I would request that the Council do an extension to the close date and advertise or send out flyers.</p> <p>Also, most importantly use a more CURRENT map for each town. For example the Wilcannia map that is used is so old that Reid street does not meet the West Menindee Road at the South end of town.</p> <p>Please advise your intentions.</p>	<p>Extend exhibition period for draft road names</p> <p>Out of date maps used by council.</p>
19	Clair Inness, Dugout 110, Smiths Hill.	<p>White Hill Road</p> <p>Kerraro Lane</p>	<p>Smiths Hills Road</p> <p>Foggo Lane</p>	<p>Please do not change Smiths Hill.</p> <p>E. F. Murphy in his book 'They Struck Opal' mentions the Smiths as being one of the very early families here in 1892. Smiths Hill is historically correct - always was, always will be.</p>	<p>Retain Smiths Hill Road. Retain existing numbering for dugouts.</p> <p>Name Kerraro Lane after long term resident as Foggo Lanet,</p> <p>Road named after esteemed resident,</p>

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				<p>In addition, your proposed new numbering on Smiths makes even less sense than our current numbers, and in no way makes it any easier for emergency services.</p> <p>Church Street, as you note, is Church Street - as identified by the Valuer General.</p> <p>If Keraro Lane has no official name, I propose Foggo Lane - to commemorate our recent colourfull long term resident whose cottage was at its junction with Johnson Street.</p> <p>Another long term and esteemed resident, Graham Wellings, OAM, Councilor, should also be remembered with a street name - rather than just making them up. Thanks for the opportunity to comment, Clair Inness, Dugout 110, Smiths Hill.</p>	<p>Graham Wellings, OAM, Councilor,</p> <p>So Wellings street or lane.</p>
20	Bill and Chris Elliott.			<p>Having realised on your public display maps, as printed in our Wilcannia News paper, that our number has not changed we assumed that a current map was being used.</p> <p>It has been brought to our attention that the bottom end of town still refers to your original map of the 1800's. The bottom end of Reid St. is still cut off from the Menindee road by numerous blocks of land, as shown by the blue line.</p> <p>We are also querying the West Bend Road, which on the map, appears to be going from nowhere to nowhere much.</p> <p>We also understand there are many concerns among the White Cliffs community since they received the latest Wilcannia paper.</p> <p>In view of the above, we strongly suggest you extend the cut off time for submissions and replies for another 28 days, instead of tomorrow, so this can be dealt with. Kind regards,</p>	<p>Maps of the town of Wilcannia and White Cliffs incorrect.</p> <p>Council is investigating the correction of the maps and current location of roads that cut through properties without permission of the land owner.</p>
21	Troy and Corrine	White Road	White Hill Road	<p>Hi, Yesterday afternoon a local dropped off the submission of road names for us local as to look over, there was concerns</p>	

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	The old political station	Kerraro Lane	Hoffman Lane	<p>about Smiths Hill being changed to White Hill road, one being why change it when Turleys Hill and the Blocks remain the same, there is already a White Street and it may be confusing for tourists etc its been Smiths Hill since the start of White Cliffs, I would like to ask if Keraro Lane can be changed to Hoffman Lane or Hoffman Way as it runs past the general store</p> <p>,the old police station and the fire station. Ray and Di Hoffman ran the general store for 30 plus years, they restored the old police station, Ray started the fire brigade and donated the rain water tanks, Di taught at the local school and started the local history group, memorialised the pioneer childrens grave park, ran the store and I think it would fitting that they be recognised for there community services to White Cliffs. It Would greatly appreciate if you would consider our proposal for the name changes as they were a big part of the community. Thanks Troy and Corinne The Old Political Station Get Outlook for iOS</p>	
22	<p>Regards</p> <p>Greg Cleary</p> <p>97 Boundary Ln</p> <p>White Cliffs NSW</p> <p>greg.cleary58@gmail.com</p>	<p>White Hills road</p> <p>Kerraro Lane</p>	<p>Smiths Hill Road</p> <p>Existing name Boundary Lane</p>	<p>I am writing in regard to the proposed name changes in the White Cliffs village.</p> <p>Many of the proposed names are not what they are known as at present such as White Hill Rd around what is Smiths Hill and aptly named Smiths Hill Rd.</p> <p>I live on Boundary Ln which is a continuation of the lane behind the shop and has a small stone monument giving its name as Boundary Ln. The proposed new name is Koraro Ln.</p> <p>There are a few such stone monuments in the village giving the original names of streets and lanes and I wonder if these were taken into account in the naming process or if anyone in council were aware of them.</p> <p>I also wonder who has proposed these names and if</p>	<p>Retention of Smiths Hill Road name and Boundary lane for White Cliffs as the existing road names.</p>

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				<p>any consultations with locals or site visits were conducted.</p> <p>It may seem like a minor process with little consequences to change a road name from what is in use to anything else. This will require a lot of effort and time for those affected. We will have to change all of our addresses such as our licences and registration, any form of identification, banks, insurance companies, power companies, clubs and associations, the clinic and hospitals, doctors, dentist, allied health, Australia Post and all other business and private contacts we have.</p> <p>I would like to propose that we keep any currently used and/or documented road names which better reflect the history of the village and are more familiar to locals and visitors alike. I think that a residents meeting and more vigorous consultation process is called for so we can discuss the proposals and their consequences before any further action is taken.</p>	
23	Sarah Kerr White Cliffs Hotel	White Hills Road Fossickers Street	Smiths Hill Road Noodling Street	<p>I wish to submit three comments on the allocation of draft names for unnamed roads in White Cliffs. The first being Road number:22 Draft name: White Hill Road Suburb: White Cliffs Roadtype:Road Orientation north south or east west: Circular around dugouts Road sealed/unsealed/paper plan: Sealed Road Gazeted: Yes, gazetted with no name</p> <p>I propose the name for this road to be called Smith's Hill Road instead of White Hill Road for the following reasons</p> <p>There is no hill called White Hill in White Cliffs The road is circular around dugouts on Smith's Hill Calling road 22 Smith's Hill Road will be keeping in line with the naming of Turley's Hill Road and The Blocks Road</p>	<p>Nominate Smiths Hill Road name to be retained and instead of Fossicker street the actual term is Noodling so Noodling Street White Cliffs.</p>

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				<p>It will be confusing for visitors having a road around Smith's Hill called White Hill Road Road 22 has always be known as Smith's Hill Road locally</p> <p>The second being</p> <p>Road number:16 Draft name: Fossickers Street Suburb: White Cliffs Road Type: Street Orientation north south or east west: East West Road sealed/unsealed/paper plan: Track is use Gazeted: No</p> <p>I propose the name for this road to be called Noodling Street instead of Fossickers Street for the following reasons</p> <p>Noodling is the unique and traditional name for fossicking for opal.</p> <p>Noodling (also known as fossicking) is the sifting for small pieces of precious opal accidentally discarded by miners. When miners mine for opal, they are only looking for high-quality opal that they can sell. This means they are less interested in smaller pieces and lower quality opal. These pieces are brought up from underground and left on mullock heaps (waste rock left behind from opal mining) that surround White Cliffs. Some people are 'professional' noodlers and rely on noodling for a living! White Cliffs is unique and noodling is unique to White Cliffs</p>	

PROPOSED PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Plant						New Plant No	Proposed New Vehicle	Comments	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33
50	CARAVAN - COROMOL FLEETWOOD	ANTHONY RONAYNE	Y00971	2017	\$ 61,818.00		Caravan					\$90,000						
52	CARAVAN - COROMAL	GARRY CARTER	Y00964	2017	\$ 61,818.00		Caravan					\$90,000						
53	CARAVAN - NEXTGEN BLACKLINE	GRANT ONIEL	TF06KJ	2017	\$ 75,000.00		Caravan					\$90,000						
91	TRUCK - ISUZU CRANE	WILCANNIA	XN45RU	2021	\$ 195,560.00		Crane Truck						\$200,000					
95	TRUCK - ISUZU FVR 2021 WHITE CLIFFS	WHITE CLIFFS	XO98AG	2021	\$ 163,985.00		MR Tipper							\$170,000				
96	TRUCK - ISUZU FVR 2021 IVANHOE	IVANHOE	XO97AG	2021	\$ 166,919.00		MR Tipper							\$170,000				
98	TRUCK GARBAGE - ISUZU FVR1000	WILCANNIA	BU37FV	2013	\$ 334,880.00		Garbage Truck											350,000
99	TRUCK GARBAGE ISUZU FVR1000	MENINDEE	BU39FV	2013	\$ 334,880.00		Garbage Truck											350,000
100	TRUCK GARBAGE ISUZU FVR1000	IVANHOE	BU38FV	2013	\$ 334,880.00		Garbage Truck											350,000
107	VACCUM - VERMEER	WILCANNIA	TF17KJ	2022	\$ 87,305.00		Vermeer Vac Unit											110,000
130	LOADER AGRISON	WILCANNIA	20730D	2020	\$ 80,000.00			Do not replace										
132	LOADER AGRISON #2	MENINDEE	20732D	2020	\$ 80,000.00			Do not replace										
133	LOADER AGRISON #3	IVANHOE	20733D	2020	\$ 80,000.00			Do not replace										
201	EXCAVATOR HITACHI MINI	WHITE CLIFFS	33174C	2012	\$ 74,000.00		Excavator, Ston	includes trailer	\$75,000									
230	EXCAVATOR KUBOTA U25-3S	WILCANNIA	88494D	2018	\$ 56,933.00		Excavator, 1.Ston	includes trailer					\$65,000					
251	KUBOTA M135GXS 4WD 135HP HYD CAB TRACTOR	WILCANNIA	37107E	2022	\$ 116,300.00		Tractor								\$125,000			
253	KUBOTA M135GXS 4WD TRACTOR	IVANHOE	37408E	2022	\$ 116,300.00		Tractor								\$125,000			
255	KUBOTA M135GXS 4WD 135HP HYD CAB T	White Cliffs	37114E	2022	\$ 116,300.00		Tractor								\$125,000			
257	KUBOTA M135GXS 4WD 135HP HYD CAB TRACTOR	MENINDEE	37115E	2022	\$ 116,300.00		Tractor								\$125,000			
260	TRUCK TIP ISUZU	CLIFF	CP29TN	2023	\$ 62,241.00		Small Tipper						\$75,000					
1043	TRUCK TIPPER MITSUBISHI - FK617L	MENINDEE	BR52WN	2013	\$ 160,000.00		MR Tipper							\$170,000				
1045	FORKLIFT TCM	WILCANNIA		2018	\$ 25,358.00		Forklift		\$35,000									
1079	BACKHOE/LOADER KUBOTA	MENINDEE	AI55AC	2020	\$ 54,872.00													
1141	SKID STEER - BOBCAT-2022	IVANHOE		2022	\$ 90,000.00		Skid Steer						\$100,000					
1142	SKID STEER - BOBCAT-2022	WHITECLIFFS		2022	\$ 90,000.00		Skid Steer						\$100,000					
1143	SKID STEER - BOBCAT - 2022	WILCANNIA		2022	\$ 90,000.00		Skid Steer						\$100,000					
1222	MOCRIB CRIB ROOM	ROAD CREW	TF00KJ	2020	\$ 58,380.00		Mobile Site Office									\$75,000		
1223	MOCRIB CRIB ROOM	ROAD CREW	TC07XL	2020	\$ 58,380.00		Mobile Site Office									\$75,000		
1224	MOCRIB CRIB ROOM	ROAD CREW	TF04KJ	2020	\$ 58,380.00		Mobile Site Office	Do not replace										
1225	MOCRIB CRIB ROOM	ROAD CREW	TF05KJ	2020	\$ 58,380.00		Mobile Site Office	Do not replace										
5029	TRAILER CAR CARRIER	WILCANNIA	TF03KJ	2002	\$ 1,500.00		Large Car Trailer 3500kg		\$12,500									
7049	EXCAVATOR - IVANHOE KUBOTA	IVANHOE	85146D	2018	\$ 56,842.00		Excavator							\$75,000				
7050	TRUCK - 2018 ISUZU SMALL	HARRY KENNEDY	CR46CP	2018	\$ 62,241.00		Small Tipper	NEW Ivanhoe & Menindee		\$150,000								
							Jetpatcher	\$684,500 total cost	\$385,000									
							MEWP			\$120,000								
							Stashers, 4 no.	2022 \$13,500 ea		\$60,000								
							Ride on Mowers 4no.	2023 \$12,500 ea		\$60,000								
							Portable Traffic Signals	2018 \$35,226 ea					\$45,000					
							Mini Excavator Menindee	NEW		\$65,000								
							Bobcat skid steer Menindee	NEW		\$90,000								
							Survey Drone	NEW	\$13,000									
							Bobcat Mulcher	NEW	\$68,000									
							Underborer and Compressor	NEW	\$26,500									
							Water Tank Trailer Units	NEW, Menindee & Ivanhoe	\$18,000									
							Septic Skid Pump Unit	NEW, Ivanhoe	\$12,000									
							VMS Sign display trailers	NEW, roadworks	\$50,000									
							Vermeer Vac Unit	NEW, Ivanhoe	\$110,000									
									\$535,000	\$575,000	\$240,000	\$270,000	\$685,000	\$685,000	\$500,000	\$150,000	\$110,000	\$1,050,000



LGP Request for Tender EL0224 for Supply of Renewable Electricity

LGP seeks your participation in the new tender process (EL0224), Stage 1 (large sites & streetlighting) to be released on the 6 May 2024 and stage 2 (small sites) to be released on the 20 May 2024.

LGP is intending to conduct a tender for the supply of electricity based upon renewable power augmented by more traditional power sources when the output of the renewable power is insufficient to meet the demand. This is an invitation for your council to participate in this opportunity.

Where a council does not wish to participate in a supply of renewable energy but would rather have a “traditional” (non-renewable supply) this can also be accommodated through this LGP tender.

The tender aims to establish a single (if possible) licensed Retailer(s) holding accreditation to provide retail electricity services in New South Wales for the provision of renewable power.

To assist councils, attached is a brief explaining a renewable power purchase agreement model.

Evaluation Process

Tenders are to be evaluated by a Tender Evaluation Team comprising LGP staff, supported by a Tender Evaluation Working Group (TEWG) consisting of up to four staff from participating Councils in the process.

A tender evaluation report will be drafted by LGP following the pricing submission stage. It is then forwarded to the Tender Evaluation Working Group for review and feedback. Once finalised, the confidential evaluation report is released on request to General Managers/Chief Executive Officers or Senior Manager having the Delegated Authority of the participating Council or other entity.

The issue of this tender will not commit, oblige, or require LGP to award any contract should the Tender Evaluation Team and TEWG believe that the submissions, after due consideration, are not reflective of the market at that time.

Acceptance Process for Participating Councils only.

As electricity prices have a short validity period, LGP will aim to allow up to 48 hours for feedback regarding the evaluation report. Assuming there are no significant issues, LGP will determine the outcome in accordance with its Prescription status and s(55) of the Local Government Act 1993 (Act) as amended. Note that the participating Councils will be **bound** to the outcome determined by LGP.

In the interests of transparency and good corporate governance however, we would make the following comments:



1. Each General Manager/Chief Executive Officer or Senior Manager must have the appropriate delegation in consideration of the monetary value involved. This should be reviewed carefully.
2. Regarding the monetary value, each General Manager/Chief Executive Officer or Senior Manager may feel it is appropriate to inform, or seek further authority, or confirmation from the Council. This of course, is a matter for each respective General Manager/Chief Executive Officer or Senior Manager to consider, given their own unique political and governance sensitivities.

Commitment Process

As we are seeking binding commitments, we ask that you complete the attached 'Acceptance Declaration'. This confirms you that you have read and acknowledged and agree to, the outcome of this selective tender process.

This commitment is required before LGP commences and releases the request for tender to the market.

Contract Terms and Conditions

As Retailer terms and conditions may be updated over time, LGP regularly reviews them to ensure compliance with the current LGP requirements and expectations.

The applicable Retailer terms and conditions apply once successful Retailers are selected by LGP via the tender evaluation process. The terms of the successful Retailers contracts will be part of the contract documents sent to Participants for signing at that time.

Decision not to Participate in EL024

If your Council decides not to participate in this EL0224 any further, please notify us in writing. If the Council decides to withdraw after the release of the tender on the 6th May 2024, your Council will be subject to a cancellation fee paid to LGP.

The formula used for calculation is:

Cancellation Fee = [Current annual consumption in kWh x current market price* (c/kWH) x 2%]
+ GST

Where:

* Market Price = (c/kWH) based on NSW RRP price of energy as at AEMO Website¹ at COB on the day you inform LGP of the withdrawal.

¹ AEMO Website: <https://aemo.com.au/energy-systems/electricity/national-electricity-market-nem/data-nem/data-dashboard-nem>

**Required action by all Participating Organisations**

If after reviewing this correspondence, your Council wishes to commit to the LGP Request for Tender EL0224 for the Supply of Electricity, please arrange for your General Manager/Chief Executive Officer or delegated Senior Manager to sign and return the attached 'Acceptance Declaration' form.

Should you have any queries regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you,

Corey Hennessey

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PLEASE RETURN TO: Local Government Procurement (LGP) ASAP
 via EMAIL: energy@lgp.org.au
 By 5.00pm on Friday, 29th March 2024

Acceptance Declaration

LGP Request for Tender EL0224 for Supply of Renewable Electricity

To LGP,

We, _____, declare the following is acceptable for the provision of electricity services through LGP’s tender process and can be accepted by LGP in order to comply with the requirements of s55 of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended, and that, upon LGP’s acceptance of the Retailer’s terms and conditions for electricity supply, my organisation will enter into the supply contract(s) with the selected Retailer(s) from LGP’s EL0224 tender process.

Disclosure of Management Fee: As per prior tenders, a management fee will be paid by retailers to LGP. The fee is to cover initial process costs and the ongoing contract management that is carried out by LGP.

Maximum Price Acceptance Declaration

Table 1 - Large Sites (generally >100 MWh)

The maximum average energy rates (exclusive of network charges, environmental charges, regulated charges, metering charges, service charges, GST and losses) to be accepted under the LGP E16 tender process are shown in the following table.

Tender Category	Price component c/kWh		
	Peak	Shoulder	Off-peak
Large sites (generally > 100 MWh p.a.)	17	17	10
Street Lighting (average based on 25% peak/shoulder, 75% off peak)	12		

**NOTE:**

1. As some retailers provide stepped pricing in order to take all offers to account, the above Maximum rates are the Maximum Average c/kWh. As an example for stepped pricing offers, the average 3 Year Price = (Year 1 + Year 2 + Year 3)/3.
2. Whilst separate peak/shoulder/off-peak rates have been shown in the table, LGP can reasonably weight these in assessing offers e.g. if a peak/shoulder price of 12 and off peak price of 11 c/kWh was received, the weighted price would be below that in the table above and acceptable.

Small “Tariff” Sites (generally <100 MWh p.a.)

Small tariffs include network and other charges via a c/kWh usage charge and a supply charge component.

We anticipate a “worst case scenario” being a minimum of 10% reduction (discount) on the usage charge of the Default Market Offer (DMO) to be accepted under this LGP E9 process.

Please Note: Due to energy market volatility, LGP will be seeking proposals from tenderers covering several supply periods. LGP will review the proposals submitted and select the most optimal supply period for participants.

Further, you acknowledge that market volatility may result in very short validity periods and that LGP may need to accept offers on your behalf without allowing participants the normal 48 hours to respond.

However, the issue of this tender will not commit, oblige, or require LGP to award any contract should the Tender Evaluation Team and TEWG believe that the submissions, after due consideration, are not reflective of the market at that time.

Our organisation would like to participate in the following category or categories.

- Electricity - Large Buildings & Facilities > 100 MWh p.a.
- Electricity - Small Tariff Sites < 100 MWh p.a.
- Electricity - Unmetered Street Lighting.

Further, our organisation would like to participate in this tender based on a:

- Renewable Supply arrangement, or,
- Non-Renewable Supply arrangement.
- Basis of participation to be confirmed.



In signing this Acceptance Declaration, _____ warrants that _____ as _____ has authority to **bind** the named Participant/Council to participate in this tender process and enter into the resulting contract with the successful retailer(s). The named Participant/Council acknowledges that Local Government Procurement (LGP) reserves the right to request evidence of the formal delegation from the named Participant/Council authorising the Officer signing to execute this Authority and undertakes to provide same upon request in writing.

I confirm that my organisation authorises Local Government Procurement (LGP) to obtain information and data either directly, or via a third-party consultant engaged by LGP, from our current retailer and/or meter data agent regarding our current electricity purchases and consumption.

Authorised Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact Name: _____

Entity Name: _____

Contact Position: _____

Phone / Fax: _____



Short Brief: How much do renewable energy PPAs cost?

It is challenging to nominate a cost of PPAs, without going to tender and getting quotes. Even a consulting report cannot be as accurate as getting market prices. This short brief relates to 7-10 Year renewable energy supply agreements, aka Retail PPAs, with retailers.

Generally renewable energy PPAs do not necessarily cost more to organisations. The price will depend on how long the PPA is for, how competitive the tender is, the market conditions at the time of the tender and what organisation decide to do with LGCs (see separate section below)

Typically, retail agreements are 2-3 years long, while Renewable PPAs are 7-10 years long. By signing a longer contract, a Renewable PPAs enable the retailer to sign a PPA or invest in a new wind or solar farm. These projects have (mostly) fixed costs for their duration, so they are able to provide a fixed price for a long period. This is different to coal and gas power stations, which have varying fuel costs over time, sometimes linked to volatile and/or international markets. It is less viable for coal and gas generators to offer long term fixed prices as future costs may change.

A longer agreement can offer fixed and often lower costs compared to several 2-3-year retail agreements over the same period. However, it is not possible calculate today the savings (or additional costs) in the later years compared to 2-3 year tendering, as the future market conditions are unknown. Therefore, not possible to know exactly how much a Renewable PPA will save or cost for its duration. The benefit is, however, that with a renewable PPA, costs are known for the period, creating better budget certainty.

This is illustrated in the table below:

Contract Type	Baseload Futures Cost	Peak & Shoulder Rate
Typical 2-3 Year Retail Contract - in 2022	\$200 per MWh	28 c/kWh
Typical 2-3 Year Retail Contract - in 2024	\$100 per MWh	14 c/kWh
Renewable PPA 2024 (Electricity price - excluding LGCs)	N/A	10-16 c/kWh

Judging by the above table, a Renewable PPA can offer considerable savings compared to typical contracts 2 years ago. Now electricity has become cheaper in the short term, so the exact cost comparison will depend on the prices offered in tenders, and how the electricity price changes over time, during the term (duration) of the retail Renewable PPA.

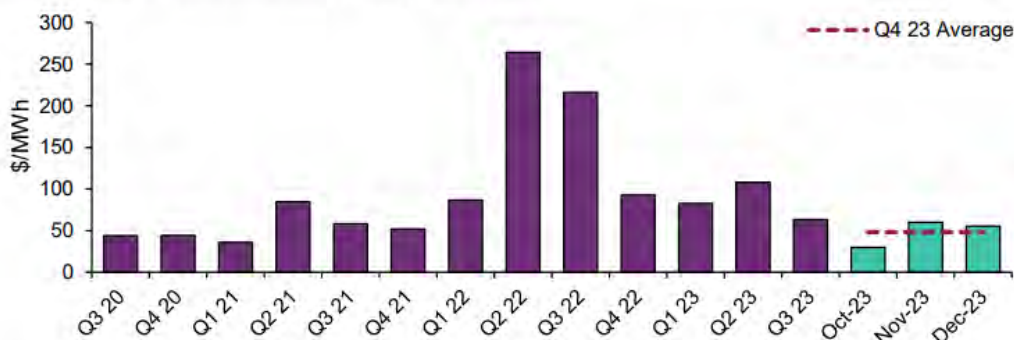


Timing of Tender

In typical retail tendering, timing of the tender can make a big impact on tender prices. This is due to changes in ASX Baseload futures. An advantage of longer-term renewable retail tenders is their pricing is less subject to day-to-day changes in ASX Baseload futures, and a longer-term view is taken by tenderers.

The AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator) Quarterly Energy Dynamics Q4 2023 report indicates that the wholesale spot prices across the National Electricity Market (NEM) averaged \$48/MWh, a drop of \$44/MWh (-48%) from Q4 2022 and a \$15/MWh (-24%) decline from Q3 2023. This was comparable to average price levels for Q4 2020 (\$44/MWh) and Q4 2021 (\$52/MWh). Following a dip to \$30/MWh in October, average monthly prices rose sharply to \$60/MWh in November, leveling off at \$55/MWh in December.

Figure 8 Average NEM spot prices down by 48% on Q4 2022, and 24% on Q3 2023
 NEM average wholesale electricity prices – quarterly since Q3 2020



Reducing electricity costs to Councils is a key objective of the RFT. While ASX Baseload futures are currently lower than in recent years, it is possible it may increase by the time of the RFT and tendered prices may be higher than would be expected today. In this situation, LGP will work with the tender panel to select the lowest cost option for councils. This may include choosing a shorter term (eg. 2 year) contract, as was done in 2022, to reduce energy costs.

LGC Costs

Under a retail Renewable PPA, organisations can choose to receive LGCs, retire / surrender them or on-sell them. This is generally done by the retailer on behalf of the Council by the retailer. Often organisations decide to on-sell them for a period, to help the business case of the retail Renewable PPA. They can still claim they have supported emissions reduction in a general sense, as their PPA has supported the investment and



construction of a new wind or solar farm. This is true even if they are on-selling the LGCs, and not reducing their own emissions or “purchasing renewable energy”.

It is common for organisations to decide to retire the LGCs from a certain year, to meet sustainability goals, such as 2028. In this case, they can say “xx (organisation) has signed a renewable energy PPA on their way to being 100% Renewable / Net Zero Carbon by 2028” or similar. Due to the expected low price / value of LGCs from 2028, it may be possible that retiring of LGCs from this time will not see an increase the cost of a Renewable PPA price compared to normal electricity purchasing, as the future price of LGCs is expected to be low.

The table below illustrates how what is chosen to be done with LGCs can affect the cost of a Renewable PPA:

Contract Type	Peak & Shoulder Rate
Renewable PPA (electricity price only - excluding LGCs)	10-16 c/kWh
Renewable PPA – 100% Renewable – including LGCs which need to be retired or surrendered (not sold)	14-20 c/kWh
Renewable PPA (100% Renewable from 2028)	11-17 c/kWh

The above table shows that Renewable PPAs can be the same or lower cost than successive 2–3-year retail contracts over a period of time, however if LGC retirement is required from the agreement start (say, 2025) rather than delayed, there can be a cost premium. So carefully considering LGC retirement in a Renewable PPA is key to maximising the financial benefits.

Memorandum of Understanding

Broken Hill City Council

and

Central Darling Shire Council

Name: Central Darling Shire Council

Address: 21 Reid Street

Wilcannia, NSW 2836

ABN: 65 061 502 439

Name: Broken Hill City Council

Address: 240 Blende St

Broken Hill, NSW 2880

ABN: 84 8731 161 32

Memorandum of Understanding

Joint 2020-25 Weeds Action Program Delivery

Context

The NSW Weeds Action Program 2020-2025 (“the program”) is a NSW Government initiative to reduce the impact of weeds. The NSW Department of Primary Industries provides an allocation of program funds to each Local Land Services region annually. Each Local Land Services is the lead organisation for that region’s subprogram and devolves program funds to participating organisations to the regional subprogram.

Further information about the program is provided to each participating council - **Participant Agreement - NSW, Weeds Action Program 2020-2025 Guidelines.**

Central Darling Shire Council and Broken Hill City Council are participating organisations to the western regional sub-program.

Central Darling Shire Council and Broken Hill City Council have identified financial and human resource constraints that will affect their ability to deliver the 2023-24 WAP Central Darling Shire Council and Broken Hill City Council Projects.

Central Darling Shire Council is proposing to utilise staff employed by CDSC to deliver on behalf of both Council’s in a shared arrangement, the on-ground inspections and community

engagement activities required under the NSW Weeds Action Program guidelines, MOU's between the two Council's and LLS and the funding provided.

Central Darling Shire Council has agreed to host the position and contract to Broken Hill City Council the services of a Biosecurity Officer (Weeds) to deliver these activities in 2023-24, and 2024/25 for an initial 12-month period using the program funding allocation.

Parties

The parties involved in this MoU are:

- Broken Hill City Council
- Central Darling Shire Council

Purpose

- The purpose of this MoU is to formally recognise the agreement between the Central Darling Shire Council and Broken Hill City Council to deliver the identified outputs in the 2023-24 WAP Central Darling Shire Council Project and Broken Hill City Council Project through the temporary employment of a Biosecurity Officer (Weeds).

Terms of agreement

The parties agree:

- To work collaboratively for the duration of the 2023-24 and 2024-25 WAP for Central Darling Shire Council and Broken Hill City Council Projects.
- Central Darling Shire Council agrees to manage a temporary position of Biosecurity Officer (weeds) that will service both Councils in relations to tasks required to deliver the Standard Measures (Outputs) tabled in the funding agreements under the *Participant Agreement - NSW, Weeds Action Program 2020-2025*
- Broken Hill City Council agrees that Central Darling Shire Council will provide the services of that Officer to them to undertake the activities agreed to in their agreement under the WAP and within the scope of the position description of the Biosecurity Officer (Weeds).
- Payment by Broken Hill City Council (BHCC) will be made to Central Darling Shire Council (CDSC) to reflect the planned division of time/service by the Officer, being on average 1 day per week for BHCC and 2 days per week for CDSC and be allocated through but not limited to the following;
 - The Biosecurity Officer's time while undertaking tasks for BHCC.
 - Milage for the vehicle based on a per \$/Km rate as set for Local Government.
 - 1/3 of the Officer's time and costs for any training or attending activities that represent both Council's eg regional meetings.
 - Actual costs for any incidentals associated with tasks undertaken for BHSC, including costs associated with travel and overnight stays in Broken Hill
- This MoU is not legally binding. However, the matters set out here are agreed to in principle between the parties.

- This MoU is non-exclusive and does not preclude other avenues for collaboration being pursued by the parties to the agreement.
- To strive to resolve disagreements cooperatively and, wherever possible, achieve consensus. Where consensus cannot be reached the matter will be referred to an independent external mediator.
- Weed control functions of local control authorities as prescribed by section 371 of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 are not replaced or affected by this agreement

Central Darling Shire Council

Will:

- recruit, employ and provide all equipment for Biosecurity Authorised Officer qualified to undertake activities identified in the Project and in accordance with the funding MOU with Local Land Services.
- provide management and coordination of Biosecurity Authorised Officer except for the tasks required when working for Broken Hill City Council.
- ensure Work Health and Safety for the Officer is prioritised for the Officer when under their management and as a priority liaise with the Officer and Broken Hill City Council about any practices or protocols that should be developed or addressed.
- through the Officer keep records about weed surveillance/inspections, weed control and capacity building activities for Central Darling Shire, and
- report all weed management activity undertaken on behalf of (the participating organisation) to the Biosecurity Information System including weed surveillance/inspections, weed control and capacity building activities for Central Darling Shire Council.

Broken Hill City Council

- Will manage the role of the Biosecurity Officer (weeds) when undertaking work for Broken Hill City.
- Will task the Officer with work in accordance with the role description including compliance activities and respond to weed incursions as these situations arise, as well as other deliverables in the Participant Agreement - NSW, Weeds Action Program 2020-2025
- Will ensure Work Health and Safety for the Officer is prioritised for the Officer when under their management and as a priority liaise with the Officer and Central Darling Shire Council about any practices or protocols that should be developed or addressed.
- report all weed management activity undertaken on behalf of (the participating organisation) to the Biosecurity Information System including weed surveillance/inspections, weed control and capacity building activities for Broken Hill City Council.
- Will liaise regularly with the nominated representatives at Central Darling Shire Council regarding the officer's activities, schedule and care.

- Agree to pay as per financial details above.

Duration of MoU

- The MoU will commence on signing by the parties and initially for a 12-month period.
- Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, it is the intention of the parties that the MoU will continue to 30 June 2025 whether the Officer is employed to this date. The parties will review the MoU in February 2025 and at other times as required.

It is required to assess the functionality of the partnership and to determine whether renewal should occur.

- Each Council will report separately on their project activities in the annual report as per the requirement in their MOU with LLS and WAP with the officer assisting with this function as required.
- The parties to this MoU may terminate the MoU by giving three months' notice in writing to the other party

Authorised representative, Broken Hill City Council

Signed

General Manager, Broken Hill City Council

Date:

Signed

General Manager, Central Darling Shire Council

Date:

Meeting Date	Section	Item Number	Item Header	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Resolution Status
19/10/2022	NOTICE OF MOTION	6.1	MENINDEE LANDFILL	03-10-22	That a report on the Menindee Landfill be presented to a future Council Meeting detailing 1. Requirements to address disposal, recycling, Fire control, windblown litter (including upgrade fencing) and signage to improve operations at the landfill. 2. Estimate to seal the existing gravel road to the landfill. 3. That Options be developed including costings for public consultation. 4. That a future Management Plan and Operational Procedures be developed.	Reece Wilson;#29;#Greg Hill;#57	IN PROGRESS
22/02/2023	SHIRE SERVICES REPORT	11.2	PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD FOR THE NEW WILCANNIA WEIR AND COMMUNITY RIVER PLACE AT UNION BEND PARK	10-02-2023	1. Receive the report 2. Note the status of the Wilcannia Weir project and proposed access road 3. Council staff continue negotiations with Department Planning and Environment – Regional Projects -Water, for Council preferred design and source of remuneration for ownership and ongoing maintenance for proposed access roads. 4. Council staff continue negotiations with Department Planning and Environment – Regional Projects -Water, with proposed Community River Place area at the Union Bend Park upgrade and the ongoing future maintenance of the Crown Reserve. 5. A report be provided to Council on the outcomes of discussion with Department Planning and Environment – Regional Projects- Water, on the proposed access road and Community River Place area at the Union Bend Park.	Reece Wilson;#29	ONGOING
22/02/2023	SHIRE SERVICES	11.7	WASTE SERVICES, MENINDEE	15-02-2023	Receive the report Bring a further report to implement all actions recommended by the Waste Facilities Operations Strategic Plan and the Menindee Waste Facility Long Term Plan of Management including time schedule, budget implications and the possibility of sealing the tip road.	Reece Wilson;#29	IN PROGRESS
24/05/2023	SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS	11.1	PLANNING PROPOSAL – RECLASSIFICATION OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND FROM COMMUNITY LAND TO OPERATIONAL LAND	14-05-2023	1. Endorse the submission of the Planning Proposal at Attachment 1 and supporting documentation to the Department of Planning and Environment through the Planning Portal to seek a Gateway Determination. 2. Endorse the preparation of a second Planning Proposal for Lot 8 DP1182315 (Beth Street, White Cliffs) as it may have been dedicated as a public reserve requiring the consent of the Minister to achieve reclassification. 3. Subject to the receipt of a gateway determination from the Department of Planning and Environment, proceed with both Planning Proposals and consultation is undertaken with the community and government agencies in accordance with Schedule 1, Division 1, Clause 4 f the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and any directions of the Gateway Determination. 4. Endorse Council staff organising a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993 at the end of the public exhibition period of both the Planning Proposals. 5. Should no objections be received, a copy of this report and any other relevant information (including the Planning Proposal(s)) is sent to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and/or NSW Parliamentary Counsels Office, in accordance with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 to request the Minister for Planning (or a delegate on their behalf) undertake the appropriate actions to secure the making of the Amendment to the Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012.	Greg Hill;#57	IN PROGRESS
28/06/2023	SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS	11.2	URBAN AND RURAL ADDRESSING PROJECT	20-06-2023	1. Receive the report 2. Endorse the adoption of the Urban and Rural Project street addresses and numbering for use on the councils rates and addressing systems as listed in the attachment report item 11.2 pages 159 - 220 3. Inform Commonwealth and State agencies of the new street addressing and numbering to assist the local community. (a) Endorse the submission of the new street addresses and numbering to the Geographic names board.	Glenda Dunn;#100;#Reece Wilson;#29	IN PROGRESS
27/09/2023	SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS	11.8	WEEDS BIOSECURITY	OCM 20-09-2023	1. Receive the report 2. Draft a Memorandum of Understanding between Broken Hill City Council and Central Darling Shire Council for the engagement of a Weeds Biosecurity Officer.	Reece Wilson;#29	IN PROGRESS
25/10/2023	SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS	11.5	PLAN OF MANAGMENT FOR COMMUNITY LAND CROWN RESERVE 85567 UNION BEND PARK, LOT 7315 DP 1181235 WILCANNIA	OCM 15-10-2023	1. Receive the report 2. Adopt the Draft Plan of Management for the Crown Reserve lot 85567 - Union Bend Park, with land use category as a “park” Lot 7315 DP 1181235, Wilcannia. (a) Send the Draft Plan of Management for the Crown Reserve lot 85567	Glenda Dunn;#100;#Reece Wilson;#29	IN PROGRESS
13/12/2023	SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS	11.6	DRAFT CENTRAL DARLING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN	OCM 20-12-2023	1. Receive the report 2. Endorse the commencement of consultation on the Draft Central Darling Development Control Plan 2024. (a) Note that the required exhibition period for the draft development control plan is 28 days. (i) Endorse the public exhibition of the Draft Central Darling Development Control Plan 2024 in February 2024.	Reece Wilson;#29	IN PROGRESS