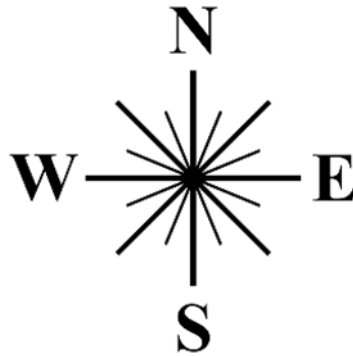


# **CENTRAL DARLING**



## **SHIRE COUNCIL**

### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **BUSINESS PAPER**

### **30 APRIL 2025**

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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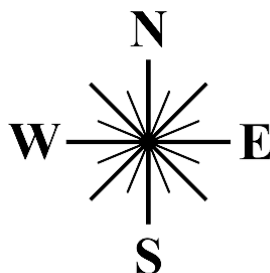
1. The Council may hold a public forum prior to each ordinary meeting of the Council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting. Public forums may also be held prior to extraordinary Council meetings and meetings of Committees of the Council.
2. Public forums are to be chaired by the Mayor or their nominee.
3. To speak at a public forum, a person must first make an application to the Council in the approved form. Applications to speak at the public forum must be received by same day 8.50am before the date on which the public forum is to be held and must identify the item of business on the agenda of the Council meeting the person wishes to speak on, and whether they wish to speak 'for' or 'against' the item.
4. A person may apply to speak on no more than two (2) items of business on the agenda of the Council meeting.
5. Legal representatives acting on behalf of others are not to be permitted to speak at a public forum unless they identify their status as a legal representative when applying to speak at the public forum.
6. The General Manager or their delegate may refuse an application to speak at a public forum. The General Manager or their delegate must give reasons in writing for a decision to refuse an application.
7. No more than three (3) speakers are to be permitted to speak 'for' or 'against' each item of business on the agenda for the Council meeting.
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.
9. If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may, in consultation with the Mayor or the

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

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

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

# CENTRAL DARLING



## SHIRE COUNCIL

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 30 April 2025

10:30 AM

Council Chambers, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia

### **BUSINESS PAPER AGENDA**

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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 26 March 2025 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

### **Attachments:**

1. [Ordinary Council Meeting - 26 March 2025](#)

## **6 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

## **7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)**

### **7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**FILE NUMBER:** GD25/6336  
**REPORT AUTHOR:** ADMINISTRATOR  
**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

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#### ***Flood Update & Community News – April***

After some heavy rain up north in the catchment area, both the Paroo and Darling Barka Rivers are set to flood. The Central Darling Shire Council (CDSC) and the Unincorporated Area Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) have been activated. They're now working with the SES (State Emergency Service) to plan and respond over the coming weeks as the floodwaters make their way through our communities.

Right now, we don't know exactly how bad it's going to be – we're still waiting to see how much water is heading downstream. But it's likely that a lot of rural properties will end up cut off as the floodwaters move through. Agencies already have plans in place to support people affected. Wilcannia locals will notice more support being brought in, as the SES steps up its presence in town to handle any emergency situations.

For the latest and most accurate info, please check the SES and Council websites – they're the official sources. To all residents who may be affected by flooding – stay safe, and don't hesitate to reach out if you need help.

#### ***Good News for Wilcannia***

Minister Jackson's Independent Review Panel for the Wilcannia Weir has wrapped up its work. The final report will be released soon. Locals had the chance to have their say directly to the panel at a community event held in Wilcannia Hall. Council will also be reviewing the report and sharing feedback.

#### ***Upgrades to Water Infrastructure***

At the March Council meeting, we awarded the tender to upgrade the Wilcannia Water Treatment Plant. This is the final step in delivering new and upgraded water treatment facilities for White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe. A brand-new water system has also gone in at White Cliffs.

Also in March, we received the finished Barka Centre from the builder. Now comes the big job – fitting it out and securing ongoing funding to make sure it becomes a great visitor experience and achieves what it's meant to.

#### ***New Tourism Boost***

Another exciting tourism project, Stories Behind the Stones, has wrapped up – giving people another reason to stop and explore our beautiful Shire.

#### ***Council Elections & Admin Update***

Because of the timing of the Federal election and delays in finalising the rules for the Rural and Remote Council model, we couldn't hold Council elections in March. The Minister has extended my appointment as Administrator until September, which gives enough time for an election to be called.

It also means we'll be able to finalise the 2025–2026 budget so the new Council has something solid to work with. We've already started drafting the budget.

#### **Attachments:**

NIL



## 8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 8.1 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - MARCH 2025

**FILE NUMBER:** GD25/6216

**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 2025.

#### 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	\$6,250,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$1,250,000.00	1.15%	\$4,602.73	\$75,259.27
Operating Account	\$872,767.88	\$521,931.80	\$350,836.08	N/A	NIL	NIL
Post Office Clearing Account	\$2,022.55	\$783.80	\$1,238.75	N/A	NIL	NIL
Total Cash at bank as of 31st March 2025						\$7,124,790.43

#### Commentary:

The net movement of cash for the month of February 2025 was an increase of \$1,602,074.83.

Payments for wages and creditors for the month of March 2025 totalled \$2,936,653.09 and receipts for the month totalled \$4,538,727.92.

Grant debtors outstanding at the end of February are calculated and summarised below:

Grant category	Fund	Amount
Roads	General	\$1,532,368

Flood damage restoration work	General	\$4,306,218
Water Treatment Plants	Water	\$829,569
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure	General	\$1,771,870
Power Outage	General	\$155,659
Other grants	General	\$789,171
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,384,855</b>

Please see the attachment on the Grants Register report for a more detailed breakup of the grant debtors and income.

Council's unrestricted funds for this period are less than projected, for the following reasons:

- Expenditure on major projects such as the water treatment plants for Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and White Cliffs continue, along with expenditure of Regional Emergency Road Repair Funding most of which was received in advance combined with expenditure on grants to be claimed after the completion of monthly or milestone reporting and expenditure on flood damage restoration which cannot be claimed until work has been completed, has impacted Council cash inflow.
- The grant debtors have increased as work is completed in line with the terms and conditions of the attached grants. Receipts from outstanding grant debtors has commence and is expected to continue as work is completed on projects and acquittals are submitted for the completed works.

**Restrictions:**

<b>Restricted Cash and Investments</b>	
	Mar-25
<b>Externally Restricted <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>(\$000's)</b>
Specific purpose unexpended grants	7,556
Water supplies	-
Sewerage services	1,942
Domestic waste management	650
<b>Total Externally Restricted</b>	<b>10,148</b>
(1) Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose	
<b>Internally Restricted <sup>(2)</sup></b>	
Employees Leave Entitlements	935
Plant and vehicle replacement	8
Other Waste Management Reserve	140
<b>Total Internally Restricted</b>	<b>1,083</b>
(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>11,232</b>
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>5,523</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b> (ie. available after the above Restrictions)	<b>(5,709)</b>
Outstanding Grants Debtors	9,385

**Commentary:**

The level of unrestricted funds required by Council is generally \$1,000,000. Currently Council's unrestricted funds are below this level mainly due to the receipt of grant funding in advance and expenditure on major items of capital and repair work, some of which will not be reimbursed until finalisation of the work and acquittal are submitted.

This situation is expected to improve as grant projects are completed.

**Attachments:**

1. [March 2025 Grants Register](#)

**8.2 GRANTS REGISTER - MARCH 2025****FILE NUMBER: GD25/6217****REPORT AUTHOR: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary Council's current year grant funding applications status as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive 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 2025, 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 February 2025, including a work plan to June 2025, 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
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	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 2025 Monthly Report](#)
2. [CDSC Grant Opportunity Tracking March 2025](#)
3. [CDSC Third Quarter Review March 2025](#)
4. [CDSC Grant Register March 2025](#)

**8.3 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES UPDATE****FILE NUMBER: GD25/6877****REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING RATES OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the progress of property sales following the sale of land for unpaid rates auction held 27 February 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Receive bi-monthly reports until such time that the contracts of sales have been completed, and the sale processes finalised.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28 August 2024, Council resolved to sell 17 properties for unpaid rates and authorised the General Manager to carry out the relevant steps necessary to undertake the sale.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 March 2025, Council received a report explaining the outcomes of the sale of land for unpaid rates auction held 27 February 2025 and resolved;

1. Receive the report
2. Receive a further report on the progress of remaining sales at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 26 June 2025.

**REPORT:**

Whilst a further report to Council on this matter is not due until Council's Ordinary Meeting set down for 22 May 2025, it is appropriate to report earlier as the sales of most properties have now been completed.

Of the eleven (11) property sales made at the unpaid rates auction 27 February 2025, eight (8) sales have now been completed with proceeds of the sales received and fully accounted for. The remaining three (3) property sales relate to purchases by Council. Completion of these sales has been delayed as the transfer documents need to be executed by Council, as purchaser, under seal in the presence of the Administrator and the General Manager.

As the General Manager is currently on leave and the Administrator generally attends Wilcannia monthly only, it is not expected that both persons will be available until the fourth week of May 2025 during which time we anticipate the relevant documents can be signed under seal.

It is expected that settlements of the remaining three (3) properties will be finalised shortly thereafter.

**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
<b>Social</b>	NA
<b>Environmental</b>	NA
<b>Economic</b>	Positive Improved cashflow and crystallisation of some doubtful debt exposure
<b>Governance</b>	NA

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

Nil

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

Local Government Act 1993

Councils Debt Recovery Policy

Council's Economic Hardship Policy

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

No risks identified

**OPTIONS:**

None identified.

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

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

N/A.

**External Exhibition:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

NIL

## 9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

### 9.1 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

**FILE NUMBER:** GD25/6147

**REPORT AUTHOR:** HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

#### REPORT:

##### Recruitment Activities

Below is a summary of recruitment activities undertaken for the quarter 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025

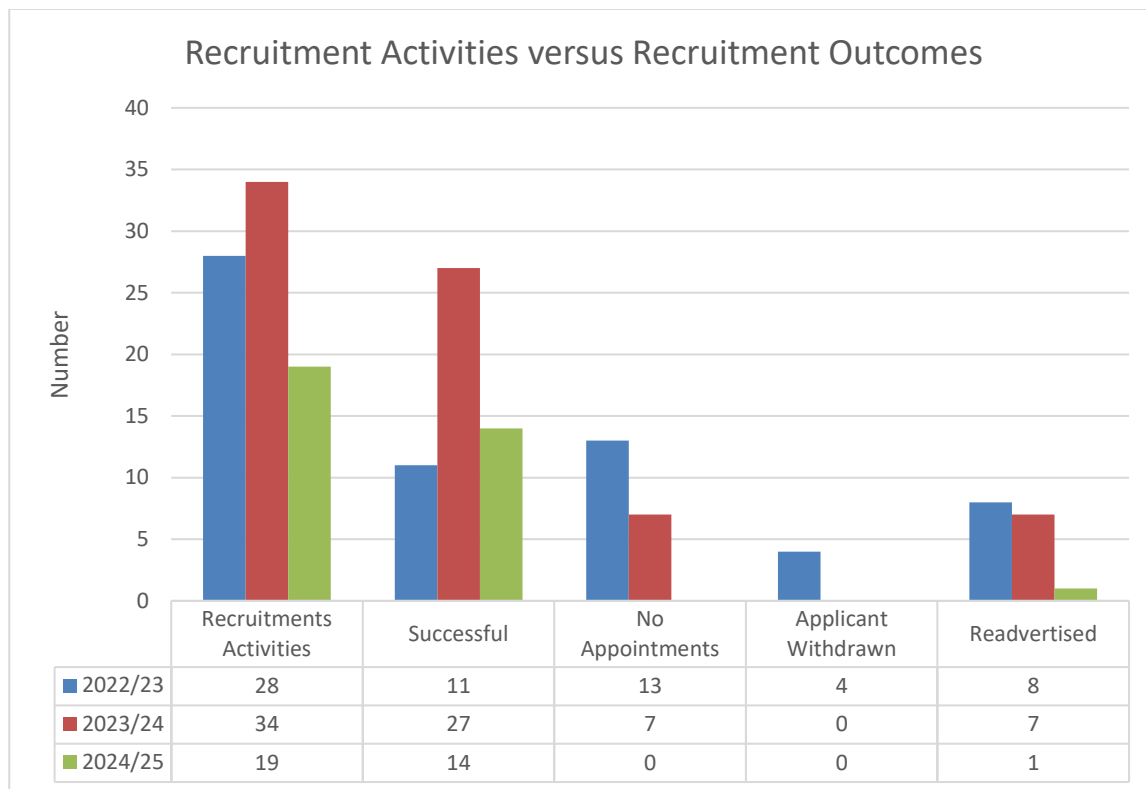
Position	Status / Progress
Customer Service Manager (CDSC1121)	<b>Internal and External Recruitment</b> – candidate identified. Commencement delayed due to injury.
Truck Driver / Labourer / Maintenance White Cliffs (CDSC1255)	<b>Internal and External Recruitment</b> – recruitment underway
Water Operator White Cliffs (CDSC1252)	<b>Internal and External Recruitment</b> – recruitment underway
Rates Office (CDSC1119)	<b>Internal and External Recruitment</b> – recruitment underway
Accounts Payable Officer (CDSC1104)	<b>Internal and External Recruitment</b> – recruitment underway
Customer Service Officer Ivanhoe (CDSC1112)	<b>Internal and External Recruitment</b> – recruitment underway

While attracting candidates for vacancies remains a challenge for Council, it is good to see a number of candidates from within the Shire applying for positions this quarter.

The graph below reflects the outcomes of recruitment against the number of recruitment activities (excluding casuals).

It is pleasing to see the number of no appointments, successful applicants withdrawing and readvertising of positions being reduced.





Note: 2024/25 reflects 19 recruitment activities, however there are 5 currently underway.

The graph below outlines where our successful candidates come from.



## Organisational Structure

Below is a summary of the FTE numbers as at 30 March 2025

Department	FTE as at 30/6/22	FTE as at 30/6/23	FTE as at 30/6/24	2023/2024		
				Occupied FTE as at 31/10/24	Vacant FTE as at 31/3/25****	Proposed Variation to FTE
Governance	5.23	5.20	5.20	4.63	0.57	0
Customer Service	*** 13.40	*** 15.00	11.43	9.00	2.00	0
Finance			6.57	8.57	0.50	0
Shire Services	* 44.60	* 48.68	* 47.10	** 36.62	** 5.37	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>* 63.23</b>	<b>* 68.88</b>	<b>* 70.30</b>	<b>** 58.82</b>	<b>** 8.44</b>	<b>0</b>

\* includes 3.53 FTE for casuals and 1.29 FTE for swimming pool attendants

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\*\*\* FTE reflects former Business Services structure

\*\*\*\* Subject to proposed variation being approved by Council.

## Human Resource Management Policies

Work continues with developing human resource management policies. The following policies have been developed, with staff consultation occurring:

- **Right to Disconnect Policy**

Central Darling Shire Council is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of our employees. We recognise that maintaining a healthy work/life balance is important for employee wellbeing and are committed to supporting our employees in prioritising their wellbeing by taking steps to reduce work-related stress, fatigue, prevent burnout, and foster a psychologically safe workplace.

In line with this commitment, we have established this Right to Disconnect Policy to facilitate employees who wish to utilise their right to disconnect from work-related tasks and communications during non-working hours.

Central Darling Shire Council recognise that every employee has the right to, and should, disconnect from work outside of their working hours unless there is an emergency or agreement to do so (for example while “on-call”).

- **Work Experience Policy**

Central Darling Shire Council is committed to supporting, facilitating and encouraging the participation in school-based work experience programs assist participants to gain skills and experience in the work undertaken by Council. This Policy applies to all requests for work experience received by Council.

As the above policies are operational in nature, there is no requirement for the documents to be placed on public exhibition.

The policies will be placed on Council’s website.

### Attachments:

1. [CDSC Policy - Work Experience](#)
2. [CDSC Policy - Right to Disconnect](#)



**9.2 WORKPLACE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PLAN 2025 TO 2028****FILE NUMBER: GD25/6155****REPORT AUTHOR: HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse to place the Central Darling Shire Council Workplace Diversity Equity and Inclusion Plan on Public Exhibition for 28 days.
3. Report to Council on comments received from the Public Exhibition with the intention of adopting the plan at the Council meeting.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Workplace Diversity Equity and Inclusion Plan 2025 to 2028 (the “Plan”) is Council’s EEO Management Plan which is required under Section 345 of the *Local Government Act*. The development and delivery of the Plan is also an action within our Workforce Management Plan 2023 to 2027. It also links to our:

- Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022

**REPORT:**

The Plan also supports both our Respectful Workplace Behaviours Policy and Workplace Diversity Policy. It is internally focussed and is designed to bring about a positive culture change within the workplace.

The aim is that our internal efforts will help to create positive outcomes for the community through more inclusive, equitable and accessible service delivery and behaviour of staff.

The Plan is aligned with requirements of the following State and Federal legislation:

- *Age Discrimination Act 2004 (Cth)*
- *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*
- *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW)*
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)*
- *Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW)*
- *Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1987 (Cth)*
- *Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act 1986 (Cth)*
- *Industrial Relations Act 1996 (NSW)*
- *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*
- *Local Government (State) Award 2023 (NSW)*

- *Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)*
- *Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth)*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW)*

The final draft was presented to the Workplace Consultative Committee and staff as required under the Local Government (State) Award. The Plan will need to go through a final community public consultation before Council can adopt the plan.

Following Council meeting the Plan will be required to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days for public comments before Council potentially adopts the plan at a following Council meeting.

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

<b>Focus/Goals/Objectives</b>	<b>Strategic Area</b>	<b>Actions</b>
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:**

	<b>Assessment</b>
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	NA
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

#### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

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

#### **Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

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

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

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

#### **OPTIONS:**

Nil

#### **COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**

**Internal Exhibition:**

Consultation with internal staff has been undertaken.

**External Exhibition:**

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

**Attachments:**

1. [Workplace Diversity Equity and Inclusion Plan 2025 to 2028](#)

### 9.3 CENTRAL DARLING HERITAGE TRAIL APP - STORIES BEHIND THE STONES GO-LIVE

**FILE NUMBER:** GD25/6156

**REPORT AUTHOR:** COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the second stage of the Central Darling Heritage Trail app. The *Stories Behind the Stones* project was released in early April. The project reveals historical stories from cemeteries in Ivanhoe, Wilcannia, Menindee and White Cliffs.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

#### BACKGROUND:

In September 2023 Central Darling Shire Council welcomed a \$45,455 Community Heritage Grant for a special project known as *Stories Behind the Stones*. The project aimed to unravel stories from the region's pioneer cemeteries and include these stories in the Central Darling Heritage Trail app.

The Central Darling Heritage Trail app was launched in March 2023 with great success. In 2024 the app was Highly Commended in the extremely competitive National Trust Australia (NSW) Heritage Awards Events, Exhibitions and Tours category.

The *Stories Behind the Stones* modules were created by historian and App consultant Dr Bernadette Drabsch and heritage specialist Ben Churcher in collaboration with community members. After 18 months of research the stories are now available on the app, which is free to download.

#### REPORT:

The *Stories behind the Stones* project involves 106 stories about people buried in local pioneer cemeteries. These stories are now ready to be explored via the app. It's a tourism experience which is generating widespread interest.

The piecing together of family histories is a growing interest for many Australians with people wanting to know more about their ancestors.

Photographs and lively accounts bring the pioneering heritage of the Central Darling to life.



People can experience stories from the pioneer cemeteries at Ivanhoe, Wilcannia, Menindee, and White Cliffs. Visitors will be able to tour the graves via simple directions and GPS alerts, allowing for better navigation through the cemeteries with a beautifully customised interface, designed to be user friendly for people of all ages.

Since the Council announced, in March 2025 that the project was almost complete, after 18-months of research, there has been substantial community and media interest. Council is seeing an increase in user numbers for the app with 147 new views in just one week alone.

Council is also seeing positive feedback via the in-app survey, with most rating the app as 'excellent' or 'very good.' The following comments are an example of what people are saying:

*'Touches on the rich history of the outback in each town, highlighting the pioneering families, otherwise forgotten. My forebears came from there, Grandfather born in 1890 in a tent during a flood.'*

*'Lets the pictures and words tell the powerful story of this frontier country.'*

The *Stories Behind the Stones* is attracting plenty of interest locally and beyond. Media outlets covering news stories about the project include:

- The Grey Nomad Times – a newsletter which goes out to 25,000 subscribers
- Dr Drabsch was interviewed by Steph Gardiner from Australian Associated Press (the national newswire). She wrote a great article in The Guardian. See the article here: [Crushed by rabbits, bolting horses and childhood illness: the stories buried in outback NSW cemeteries | Rural Australia | The Guardian](#)
- Dr Drabsch spoke on radio with ABC Broken Hill and 2WEB.
- The Broken Hill Times made contact for further information and coverage.
- The Hillston Spectator also provided great coverage

The *Stories Behind the Stones* modules were created by historian and App consultant Dr Bernadette Drabsch and heritage specialist Ben Churcher. The Council would like to thank Dr Drabsch and Mr Churcher for all their work and dedication in carefully researching vast amounts of historical information and presenting the stories in a respectful manner. The project also involved community collaboration, and this involvement was greatly appreciated and crucial to the success now being seen with the final product.

The modules are positioned within the Central Darling Heritage Trail app, freely downloadable to any Apple and Android phone. More details are on Council's website:

<https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au/Tourism-App>

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
1 Community and Culture	1.4 Local sport and recreation	1.4.2 Work with community groups to identify local sporting and recreational needs and opportunities
	1.5 Community events	1.5.1 Source grants and provide financial and other assistance for community events across the shire
		1.5.3 Identify opportunities to establish periodic and ongoing community events
4 Local Economy	4.3 Tourism	4.3.5 Identify and pursue opportunities to use digital technologies to promote tourism across the shire
		4.3.1 Provide ongoing support to existing local tourism associations and ensure cultural diversity

#### **SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**

	<b>Assessment</b>
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<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

NA

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

NA

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

NA

**OPTIONS:**

NA

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

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

NA

**External Exhibition:**

NA

**Attachments:**

NIL

**9.4 NEW POLICY - CHILD SAFE POLICY****FILE NUMBER: GD25/6202****REPORT AUTHOR: RISK & WHS OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Child Safe Policy (Version One).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Approve the Draft Child Safe Policy
3. Place the Child Safe Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to allow for public review and submissions.

**BACKGROUND:**

This Policy has been developed in alignment with the national Child Safe Standards, state and federal legislation and outlines how Council will prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

The Policy describes the child safe practices that Council will implement to create a culture where the safety of children and young people is promoted, child abuse is prevented, and allegations of child abuse are taken seriously and acted upon.

**REPORT:**

Central Darling Shire Council is committed to keeping children and young people safe.

Council has zero tolerance of child abuse and are committed to actively contributing towards a child safe community where all children and young people are protected from harm.

This policy applies to all employees, volunteers, work experience participants, agency employees, Councillors, volunteers, trainees, apprentices, contractors and subcontractors engaged by Council.

This policy also applies to lessees/licensees and hirers of Council owned or controlled facilities.

**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	NA

<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

Nil

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

Without a formal policy in place, Central Darling Shire Council may be at a greater risk of non-compliance with Child Safe Standards as well as State and Federal Legislations.

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

Without a formal policy in place, Central Darling Shire Council may fail to meet its Child Safe Standards obligations.

**OPTIONS:**

That Council approves the draft policy as presented; or makes recommendations for any changes needed before approval.

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

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

To the Management/Executive (ManEx) Group

**External Exhibition:**

Child Safe Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to allow for public review and submissions.

**Attachments:**

1. [CDSC Policy - Child Safety 2025- DRAFT](#)

**9.5 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE ON VARIOUS MATTERS**

**FILE NUMBER:** GD25/6243  
**REPORT AUTHOR:** GENERAL MANAGER  
**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the report is to inform Council on matters which the General Manager has dealt or currently dealing with.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**REPORT:*****Correspondence received from Fay Johnstone***

- raising community concerns on the following issues:

- Lack of toilet facilities between Ivanhoe and Wilcannia since this section of road has now been bitumen sealed.
- No lighting at the front of the Ivanhoe swimming pool entrance and playpark adjacent to the swimming pool entrance
- Bitumen sealing Mossgiel Road.

A formal letter from Council has been sent to the Member of Barwon Roy Bulter, supporting and advocating for a toilet between Ivanhoe and Wilcannia. Any such facility would need to be funded and owned by the State Government. Council does not have land available for a toilet and would need to be located within the existing road corridor which is under the care and control of Transport for NSW. Initial correspondence has been received from Roy Butler Office, he has advocated Fay Johnstone concerns to Jennifer Aitchison Minster for Regional Transport. Roy Bulter's Office will again advocate on Council behalf to the Minster for Regional Transport for a toilet.

Council Engineering Services staff will investigate the lack of lighting concerns at the Ivanhoe swimming pool entrance and playpark area. If funds are available in coming financial budget works will be programmed, however if funds are not available, Council would be seeking grant funding to undertake the works.

A formal letter has been sent to Carrathool Shire Council about their intentions of bitumen sealing the remaining unsealed section of the Mossgiel Road. A response has been received from Carrathool Shire Council: they have 63 kilometres remaining unsealed, with sealing 2 kilometres every second year using their Block Grant Funding. If additional external funding was made available to Carrathool Shire Council, works could be accelerated. Central Darling has 4 kilometres of Mossgiel Road unsealed, with an estimated cost of \$3m to bitumen seal council section of the road. At this stage it would not be beneficial to sealed Central Darling section, until Carrathool is near completing their section of road.

***Policing numbers in Central Darling Shire Council area***

A formal letter has been sent to the Member of Barwon, Roy Butler, raising concerns of the lack of permanent placement of police at Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe. In recent months there has been several break-ins and car theft across the shire, which has also impacted Council employees.

The Ivanhoe Police Station remains unattended, with both officer positions currently in the recruitment process. As a result, the Ivanhoe community is being serviced by Balranald Police Station, which is located approximately 200 kilometres away.

Similarly, Menindee Police Station is facing significant staffing challenges. The station currently has only one sergeant, who is seeking a transfer that is expected to take effect in the coming weeks. In addition, there are two vacant police officer positions that are yet to be filled.

Wilcannia Police Station is staffed by eleven officers; however, key senior positions—including those of Inspector, Sergeant, and several constables are vacant and undergoing recruitment. This leaves only approximately four officers stationed in Wilcannia. To manage the shortfall, police officers from Broken Hill Police Station have been providing additional support to both Wilcannia and Menindee. The ongoing shortages of police officers in Far West NSW, coupled with the high number of vacancies, mean that recruitment efforts are merely maintaining current staffing levels rather than addressing the backlog of unfilled positions. Furthermore, the existing workload pressures, including extensive overtime demands, are affecting police morale and increasing fatigue, which could further exacerbate staff shortages.

The General Manager has been advised by Roy Butler office, he has made representation to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP, Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism.

### ***Telstra generator upgrade at White Cliffs***

In November 2024, The General Manager wrote to Mr. Roy Butler, Member for Barwon, for support of financial assistance for Council to purchase a generator to support the Telstra Mobile phone tower at White Cliffs during power outages. Council had discussion with Telstra representatives who were willing for Council and emergency services at White Cliffs to manage a power back up for the Telstra Mobile Phone Tower. Telstra would not purchase a generator, and it would be up to Council to acquire a generator, with Telstra to train Council staff and emergency services personnel.

Correspondence received from The Hon Jihad Dib MP, Minister for Emergency Services, via Roy Butler's office, funding for a generator is not forthcoming and refers to the outcome from Committee on Environment and Planning inquiry findings into the major electricity outage.

### ***Potential Flooding in the Shire***

In late March, ex-tropical cyclone Alfred produced rainfall in the western parts of Queensland and the far northwest of NSW, with up to two years of rainfall over several days incurring significant flooding. Some of the flood water making its way into the Barwon Darling catchment, has heightened concern for flooding in the shire. The Paroo River is in flood, with water reaching major levels at Wanaaring.

On Friday 4 April, the General Manager started to attend NSW SES - Upper West Severe Weather Event - Interagency & Stakeholder Briefing, which is held daily. Councils Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) first met on Tuesday 8 April and continues to meet twice a week (Tuesday & Thursday) to observe and plan for potential flooding. At the time of writing this report, it is unknown what impact the flood waters will have on towns and villages in the shire, as the NSW Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) are not able to provide advice due to significant volume of water is currently over land and not contained within a river catchment which is gauged. NSW SES have held online meetings for rural property owners and a community meeting at Wilcannia to advise property owners and give advice on preparations for flooding.

### **Attachments:**

1. [Email-Roy Butler-Cobb Hwy](#)
2. [Mossgiel Rd- Carrathool Shire Council](#)
3. [Fay Johnstone-Letter](#)
4. [Letter-Roy Butler-Police Resourcing](#)
5. [Letter-CDSC-Carrathool Shire Council](#)
6. [Letter-Roy Butler-Cobb Hwy](#)
7. [Telstra Generator Upgrade at White Cliffs](#)

**9.6 VERGE AND STREET TREE POLICY****FILE NUMBER: GD25/6301****REPORT AUTHOR: GOVERNANCE OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: GENERAL MANAGER**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek adoption of Central Darling Shire Council (CDSC)'s draft Verge and Street Tree Policy (Version One).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the Verge and Street Tree Policy.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Verge and Street Tree Policy provides guidelines for residents to create, install and maintain an authorised street verge in front of their property on CDSC land. It supports the strategic plan delivery program objectives for the greening and beautification of towns and streetscapes.

**REPORT:**

The draft Verge and Street Tree policy was approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 February 2025. Council also resolved to place the Verge and Street Tree Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to allow for public review and submissions. The period of exhibition finished on 1 April 2025, with no submissions or requests for changes received.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
5 Rural and Urban Land Use	5.2 Greening and beautification of towns	5.2.3 Develop an ongoing program to plant street trees throughout towns and villages within the shire
		5.2.1 Develop and maintain streetscape masterplans for towns and villages within the shire

**SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	NA
Governance	Positive

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

There are no financial implications, as the implementation of the new policy will be managed within existing staff resources.

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

Nil.

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

Without a formal policy in place, CDSC can be exposed to a greater risk to public safety and non-compliance with desired standards.

**OPTIONS:**

That Council adopts the draft Verge and Street Tree Policy as presented or makes recommendations for any changes needed before adoption.

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

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

Approved by the Management / Executive Group (ManEx) at their meeting on 12 February 2025.

**External Exhibition:**

Placed on public exhibition via CDSC's website to allow for community review and comment.

**Attachments:**

1. [Verge and Street Tree policy](#)

## 10 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORTS

### 10.1 GENERAL SERVICE REQUEST AND COMPLAINTS

**FILE NUMBER:** GD25/6307

**REPORT AUTHOR:** HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** GENERAL MANAGER

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on general service requests and complaints.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

#### REPORT:

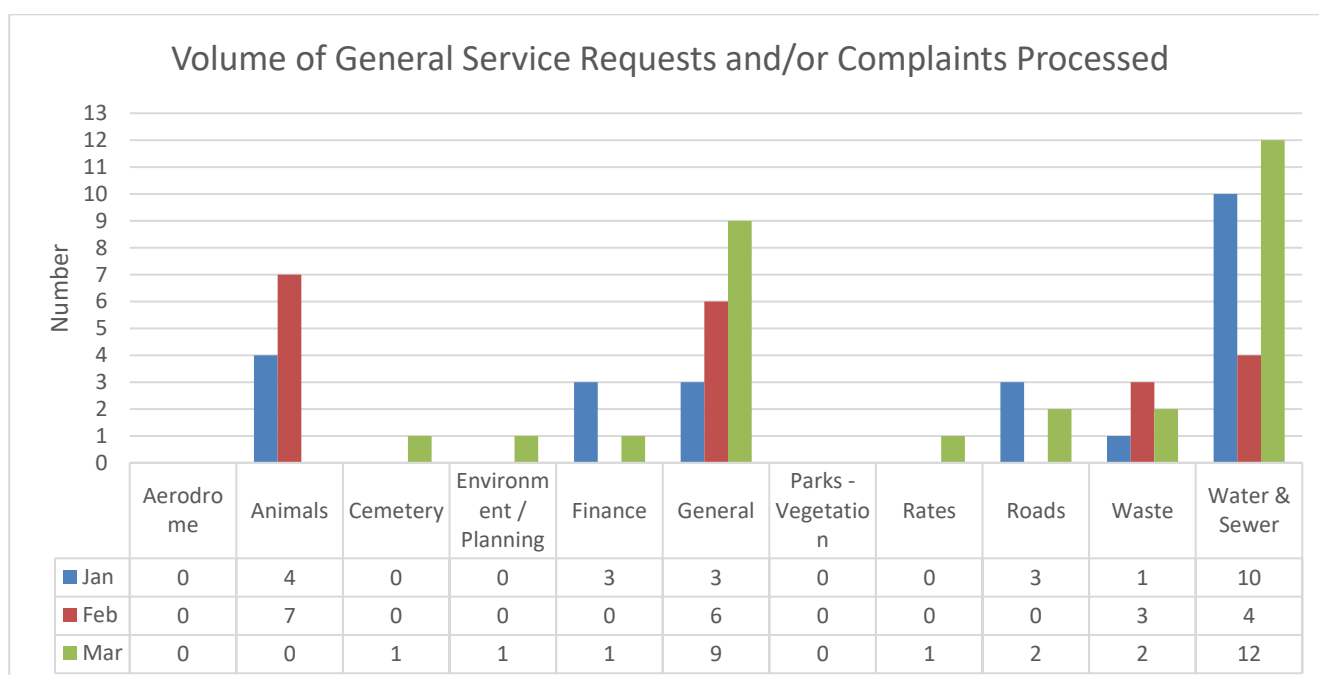
Council acts on services request pertaining to its responsibilities, such as road maintenance, tree clearance and town upkeep. Service requests related to public safety are given immediate attention.

All service requests are actioned within a period of fifteen (15) working days. The course of action is determined based on the priority of the request, Council's work schedule and available resources.

When council receives a complaint, it indicates dissatisfaction with a decision, level or quality of our service, or the behaviour of an employee or representative. These complaints can be investigated and addressed. Central Darling Shire Council recognises the individual's right to file a complaint if they believe that our service provision or actions have been inadequate.

Complaints made in person, by phone, letter or email can expect to receive a response within ten (10) working days.

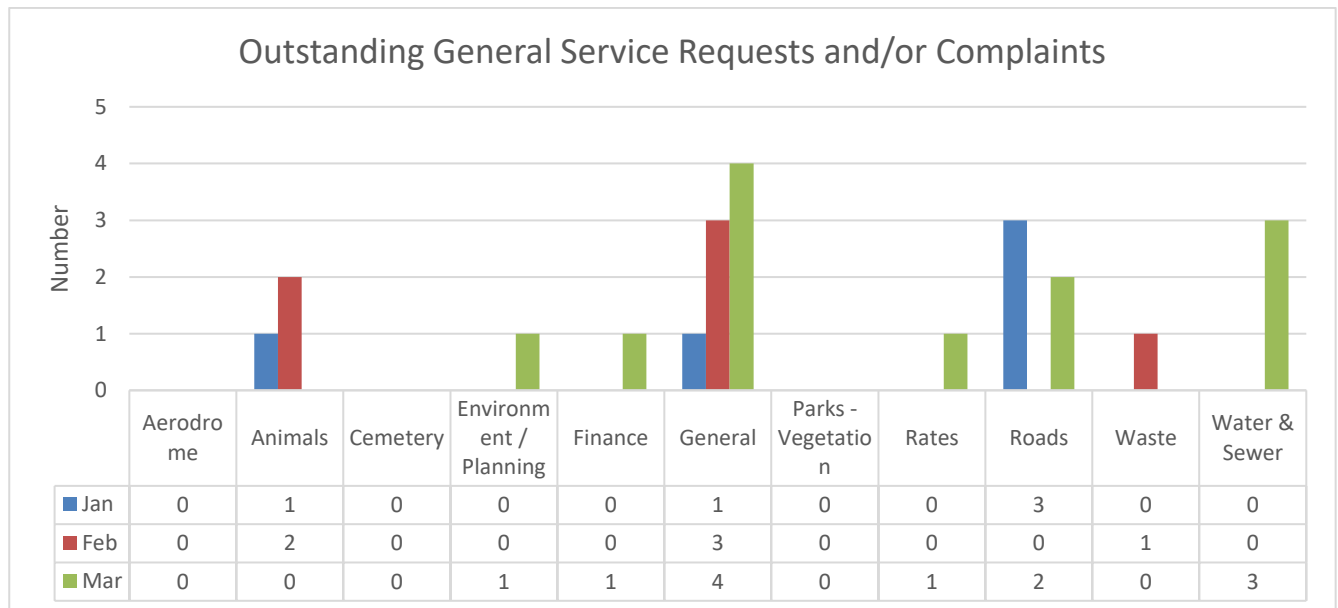
For the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2025, the volume of general service requests and/or complaints processed are shown in the graph below. Water and Sewer continue to receive the highest number of requests.



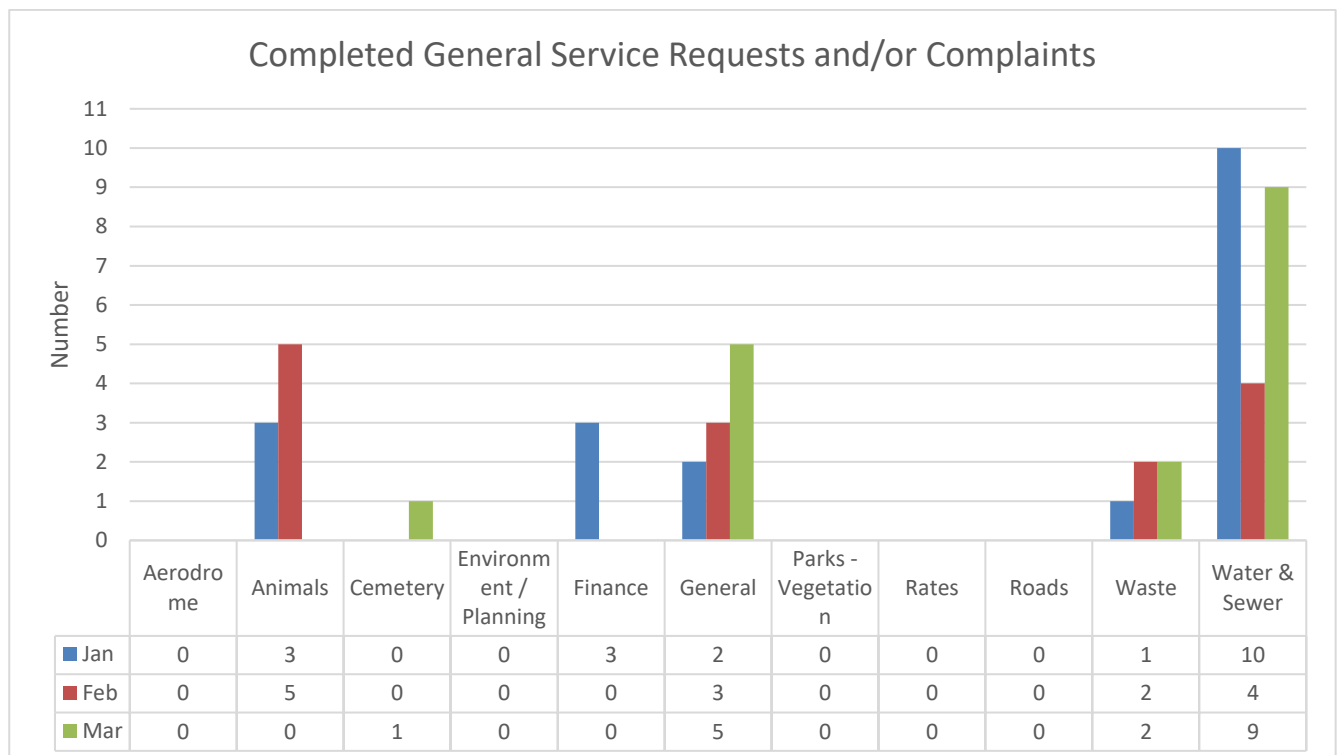


The Customer Service team have processed 73 general service requests and 1 complaint this quarter. This equates to an average of 6.08 general service requests and 0.08 complaints per week.

The graph below outlines the number of outstanding general service requests and/or complaints for the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2025.



During the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2025, a total of 51 general service requests and/or complaints were closed out. The average days open for these requests being 5.9 days. Six (6) requests were completed outside the 15 working days outlined in the Customer Service Charter, with an average of 24.5 days taken to close out.



### **Attachments:**

NIL

## 11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

### 11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT MARCH 2025

**FILE NUMBER:** GD25/6274

**REPORT AUTHOR:** ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Environmental Services Performance for March 2025 for Central Darling Local Government Area.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council will:**

1. Receive and note the report.

#### REPORT:

Statistics for March 2025		
Development approvals and final certificates issued under Part 4, Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.  Number of Certificates issued under the Local Government Act 1993.	Number of DAs Approved – New Dwellings	0
	Number of DAs Approved – Renovation	0
	Number of DAs Approved – Other	1
	Total Value of DAs Approved	\$10,000.00
	Number of Construction Certificates / Crown Construction Certificates Issued	1
	Number of Complying Development Certificates issued	0
	Number of LGA S68 Approvals	3
	Number of Occupation Certificates Issued	0
	Number of completion Certificates issued (S68)	0
	Section 10.7 Planning Certificates	12
Food Safety	Food Premises Approvals-	5
	Food Safety Inspections	5
Animal Control Activities -	Impounded	28 Dogs
	Surrendered	2 Dogs
	In pound at end of month	0 Dogs
	Escaped	0 Dogs
	Rehomed	2 Dogs
	Returned to Owner	2 Dogs
	Euthanized	12 Dogs

	Registrations	0 Dogs
	Microchipped	0 Dogs
	Penalty Notices Issued	0
Water Sampling	Microbiology Samples Collected	13
	Chemistry Samples Collected	0
	Non-Compliant Samples	0
	Darling River Algae Samples	0
	Pool Samples	8
	Raw Water Toxic Water Test	0
	Mosquito Virus Program	4

Attachment: Nil

**Attachments:**

NIL

**11.2 IVANHOOE WATER TREATMENT PLANT COMMENCEMENT OF PROJECT****FILE NUMBER: GD25/6347****REPORT AUTHOR: SENIOR PLANNER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council to endorse the commencement of the Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant that was approved under Section 5.10 (a) Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* with a Review of Environmental Effects Factors (REF) Report.

The REF report was approved by the Council Engineers, the Director of Shire Services, and the General Manager. The REF approval process required Council to endorse the final REF and the commencement of works.

The Crown Construction Certificate to commence works will be issued by an A1 Accredited building certifier under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP & A Act 1979). The A1 private Certifier will issue the Crown Occupation Certificate under Part 5 of the EP & A Act 1979 at the completion of the Water Treatment Plant at Ivanhoe.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the commencement of the Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant.
  - (a) Endorse the Review of Environmental Factors Report for the Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant.
    - (i) Endorse the subsequent issue of the Crown Construction Certificate under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, by a A1 Private accredited Certifier for the construction of the Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant.
    - (ii) Endorse the issue of the Crown Construction Certificate under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, at the completion of the Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Review of Environmental Effects Factors (REF) Report was prepared by an external consultant (the NSW Public Works Department) for the Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant. The REF report was assessed under a Delegated Planning Assessment report and endorsed by the Central Darling Shire Council Engineer Section with a minimum of three (3) Engineers, the Director of Shire Services and the General Manager.

The final step in the process is for Council to endorse the Review of Environmental Effects Factors (REF) Report, prior to commencement of the project.

**PROCESS:**

The approval process for the Review of Environmental Effects Factors (REF) report prepared by NSW Public Works and the delegated planning assessment report was prepared by Council in 2021. The delegated planning assessment report was prepared and approved by Council according to the approved Council REF process.

The Ivanhoe Water Treatment project is about to commence, therefore the Review of Environmental Effects Factors (REF) report (prepared in 2021 ) and the delegated assessment report is required to be endorsed by Council.

The next step in the process is for Accredited A1 Certifier to issue and Crown Construction Certificate and at the end of the project to issue a Crown Construction Certificate.

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

Focus/Goals/Objectives	Strategic Area	Actions
2 Local & Regional Governance	2.1 Shire governance	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 Infrastucture and Services	6.2 Drinking water	6.2.1 Ensure that water treatment plants under council's management are well-maintained and comply with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines

**SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**

	Assessment
<b>Social</b>	Positive
<b>Environmental</b>	Positive
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

The Ivanhoe Water Treatment plant will run efficiently and produce drinkable water for the residents of Ivanhoe. This is a benefit as at present the Ivanhoe Water Treatment plant requires constant work to ensure the water is drinkable and safe for residents of Ivanhoe.

**Statutory Implications:**

The new Ivanhoe water treatment plant will run efficiently and produce drinkable water for residents of Ivanhoe.

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

The new water treatment for Ivanhoe is required as the water is currently not of a high quality and this effects the residents health.

**OPTIONS:**

N/A

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

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

Yes, the Delegated Assessment Planning Report was approved by the Engineer Section of Council.

**External Exhibition:**

Not required by legislation, however the Review of Environmental Factors REF was exhibited for 28 days for comment in March 2022 with no submissions received.

**Attachments:**

1. [Determination letter and conditions](#)
2. [Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant Review of Environmental Factors Report \(REF\)](#)
3. [Delegated Planning Assessment Report](#)

**11.3 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE****FILE NUMBER: GD25/7228****REPORT AUTHOR: OPERATIONS MANAGER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Water and Sewer Maintenance, Capital Works and expenditure on all assets with the Central Darling Local Government Area.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**REPORT:****Water & Sewerage Operations:**

- Wilcannia's potable water supply is sourced from the Darling River Weir Pool. Estimated supply once weir stops flowing is 6 months. There are three emergency bores equipped for town supply usage. They were all maintained in good working condition.
- White Cliffs town water supply is sourced from the Wakefield Tank. Wakefield Tank storage supply is estimated 5 months' supply remaining. There is no emergency supply for White Cliffs. Water restriction is recommended if there is no rainfall in April.
- Ivanhoe town water supply is currently being sourced from Morrison's Dam. Morrison's Dam capacity is 300 megalitres. 8 months' supply remaining. Ivanhoe has 5 bores equipped for town supply usage.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Wilcannia Water	\$464,500	64%	\$168,129
Wilcannia Sewer	\$305,000	20%	\$243,395
White Cliffs Water	\$124,000	153%	-\$66,111
Ivanhoe Water	\$347,500	59%	\$141,802
Tilpa Water	\$62,000	6%	\$58,507
Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer program	\$144,700	24%	\$109,535

**Water and Sewer Capital Works:**

- The White Cliffs WTP is at practical completion stage. The project moves to defects liability period of 12 months. All work required under the contract for White Cliffs New Water Treatment Plant has been completed in a satisfactory manner by SNG Engineering in February 2025, subject to the discovery of defects after final completion, and except for items specifically excluded in the letter of final acceptance. The water treatment plant is capable of producing potable water. Training for water operators is in progress with closely monitoring from the Engineering Department.

The White Cliffs Reticulation works commenced 22 May 2023. Approximately 99% of the town reticulation water mains have been completed with connections into individual properties are progressing well.

The Commonwealth Government has allocated an additional \$2,765,000 to complete the original scope of works outlined in the Restart NSW funding deed. The deed of variation had now been finalised.

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.

- The Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant Tender was awarded to Liquitek Pty Ltd following Council resolution at the Ordinary Meeting of Council, May 2024. Final designs were approved, and construction was planned for this quarter.

Council received an amended executed funding deed for the Ivanhoe WTP to the value of \$5,850,000. The additional amount of \$3,350,000 was provided by the Commonwealth Government "Far West Water Treatment Plants" project funds.

- The Wilcannia New Water Treatment Plant tender has closed. Council resolved to award the tender for SNG Engineering. A contract is being drafted for the work.

Council received an amended executed funding deed for the Wilcannia WTP to the value of \$7,385,000. The additional amount of \$3,885,000 was provided by the Commonwealth Government "Far West Water Treatment Plants" project funds.

- Tilpa Village emergency water supply works including a 17km pipeline and bore were completed by June 2023. NSW Public Works has provided a preliminary design and proposal for an elevated reservoir for water storage.



The table below reflects expenditure to date for Capital Projects.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
White Cliffs WTP and Retic	\$8,265,000	100%	\$0
Wilcannia WTP	\$7,385,000	27%	\$5,377,184
Ivanhoe WTP	\$5,850,000	31%	\$4,029,053
Smart Meters	\$50,000	91%	\$4,720
Valve Replacement	\$150,000	122%	-\$33,172
AC Main Replacements	\$150,000	27%	\$109,220
Tilpa Reservoir	\$65,000	20%	\$51,973
Water Bubblers	\$30,000	54%	\$13,862

**Attachments:**

NIL

**11.4 ROADS AND AERODROMES****FILE NUMBER: GD25/7340****REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

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**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).

2024/25 RMCC Routine Maintenance allocation is: \$1,387,606.

2024/25 RMCC Works Orders value is \$2,097,413

- SH8 Heavy Patching \$487,191
- SH21 Heavy Patching \$868,450
- SH8 Resurface Prep \$553,364
- SH21 Resurface Prep V1 \$407,071

All WO from previous year (2023/24) have now been completed, value \$3,806,616

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining budget</b>
Routine	\$1,387,606	64%	\$504,593
WO	\$2,316,077	100%	\$0

**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

The Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) allocation for Regional Roads is \$4,224,500. The works include improvements to unsealed formation, gravel resheeting works and culvert works. Works will be delivered over 3 years.

The Pooncarie Rd Initial Seal Project reached Practical Completion 20 August 2024. Staff have completed the final completion report for State and Federal Government agencies and the road was officially opened on Friday 28 February 2025.

The pavement and verge damage sustained as part of the earlier flood events have also been completed August 2024.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Regional Road Block Grant	\$2,919,000	86%	\$400,084
RERRF – Regional Roads	\$4,224,500	98%	\$92,455
Pooncarie Rd IS project	\$39,600,000	100%	\$0

### **Local Roads**

Council maintains 1600km of Local Roads throughout the Shire.

2024/25 Operating budget is \$1,994,730 funded from the Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) – Local Roads Component.

2024/25 Roads to Recovery (R2R) allocation is \$1,001,818. Six capital improvement projects are programmed for completion by June 30, 2025. The two projects for White Cliffs initial seals, Johnston Street and the Blocks Rd, will be subject to rainfall and water availability to complete roadworks

The Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) allocation for Regional Roads is \$6,250,475. The works include improvements to unsealed formation, gravel resheeting works and culvert works. Works will be delivered over 3 years.

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 been completed. Native Title Claim and legal road issues are in discussions with Crown Lands and the Barkindji Native Title Corporation. Extension of Time has been granted by TfNSW – start construction 1/6/2025, project completion 20/12/2025.

Council attended the annual general meeting of the BNTC in Buronga, 30 November 2024, to present and update the members on the project details. Council have received a letter of support

from NTS Corp on behalf of the BNTC. An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) has been drafted by NTS Corp which is included in this agenda for consideration. Further survey work has been undertaken to ascertain alignment and proposed road easement width and areas. Land valuation of the area will occur April 2025.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
<b>Local Roads Component (FAG)</b>	\$1,994,730	81%	\$385,061
<b>Adam St IS (R2R)</b>	\$60,000	73%	\$16,439
<b>Wilson St IS (R2R)</b>	\$160,000	74%	\$41,091
<b>Johnston St IS (R2R)</b>	\$150,000	0%	\$150,000
<b>The Blocks IS (R2R)</b>	\$420,000	0%	\$420,000
<b>Lakeview Ave Drainage (R2R)</b>	\$345,148	22%	\$270,768
<b>Kingfisher Ave Drainage (R2R)</b>	\$252,368	19%	\$205,128
<b>Racecourse Rd (FLR Rd 4)</b>	\$2,343,471	8%	\$2,145,754
<b>RERRF – Local Roads</b>	\$6,250,475	58%	\$2,598,793

### **Maintenance**

Five grading crews are currently working on local and regional roads within the Shire. A brief summary of activities is detailed below for Council's information.

#### **Crew 1**

- April/ May/ June SR20 Baden Park Rd, Barrier Highway Shoulder Grading, Emmdale aerodrome, SR18 Trida Rd, SR39 Moolah-Trida Rd

#### **Crew 2**

- April/ May/ June MR68B Wilcannia-Menindee West Rd, SR9 Norma Downs Rd, SR5 Wanaaring Rd

**Crew 3**

- April/ May/ June MR68B Wilcannia-Menindee West Rd, Menindee Sealed Roads Repair EPA storm damage

**Crew 4**

- April/ May/ June Wilson & Adams Streets reconstruction Wilcannia, SR1 Tilpa East Rd, SR22 Cultowa Rd, SR5 Wanaaring Rd

**Crew 5**

- April/ May SR3 Tilpa-Tongo Rd, SR2 Tilpa-Louth Rd

**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 10 for the Wilcannia amenities and water supply was unsuccessful.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
<b>Aerodromes R&amp;M</b>	\$313,000	69%	\$98,377

**Attachments:**

NIL

**11.5 SERVICES****FILE NUMBER: GD25/7341****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.

<b>Works Description</b>	<b>QBR Budget</b>	<b>% Expended</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Parks & Gardens/ Sporting Facilities	\$176,500	133%	-\$58,599
Ancillary Works	\$243,500	34%	\$161,845
Street Cleaning/Bins	\$315,000	69%	\$97,532
Buildings	\$301,700	73%	\$81,130
Swimming Pools	\$380,000	112%	-\$46,712
Domestic Waste	\$323,500	88%	\$37,320

**Swimming Pool Operations**

Swimming Pool supervised operations ceased 31 March 2025

Swimming Pool unsupervised operations ceased 22 April 2025

**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 COUNCIL PLANT UPDATE AND STREETSWEeper****FILE NUMBER: GD25/7410****REPORT AUTHOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the report is for Council to determine to purchase a Mechanical Street Sweeper, as alternative to hiring a contractor to undertake street sweeping on a quarterly bases.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Purchase a used streetsweeper from Silversweep, Broken Hill, for the sum of \$25,000 + GST
3. Note the results from disused plant assets auction

**BACKGROUND:**

The council allocated \$575,000 for plant replacement in the 2024-25 budget. The items purchased include:

- Ivanhoe Isuzu Tipper Truck \$71,441
- Menindee Isuzu Tipper Truck \$71,441
- Ivanhoe Vermeer Vac Unit \$123,261
- White Cliffs 5ton Excavator \$110,041
- Wilcannia Electric Forklift \$28,900
- Construction Ganger New Age Caravan \$103,034

Total \$508,118

**REPORT:****Streetsweeper**

Two items that were budgeted for, Menindee Skid Steer and 2.5ton excavator will not be purchased this year, the requirement for a new caravan was a higher priority due to Ivanhoe Water Treatment Plant Operator accommodation and road works resource requirements.

Remaining Plant Capital budget for this year is \$66,882

An opportunity for the purchase of a used streetsweeper has arisen from Silversweep, Broken Hill, for the sum of \$25,000. The 2003 model Isuzu cab chassis is fitted with a Schwarze regenerative air sweeper. The unit has 162,000km and 523 sweep hours accrued. The unit is in use at present and has been registered for a further 12 months. Silversweep has been engaged by Council in the past under contract rates for gutter sweeping operations in Wilcannia and Menindee with good results.

Mechanical assessment of the unit identified the need to replace various worn pins, bearings, brakes and belts. Restoration costs are estimated at \$35,500

Total cost for purchase and repairs is \$60,500

Comparable quotes obtained for used streetsweepers included:

- 2001 Hino with McDonald Johnson \$50,000
- 2011 Isuzu with McDonald Johnson \$65,000
- 2002 Isuzu with Schwarze \$45,000

The recommendation above seeks to purchase the used streetsweeper, within budget constraints



### Plant Disposal

Council recently disposed of disused assets via Pickles Auction, Dubbo. Sale results are as follows:

- Isuzu FTR900 Tar Patching Truck \$43,250
- Agrison Loader 1 \$10,788
- Agrison Loader 2 \$13,788
- Agrison Loader 3 \$16,488
- Kioti Tractor 1 \$20,488



- Kioti Tractor 2 \$5,888
- Kioti Tractor 3 \$2,988

Total \$113,678

All items reached and exceeded plant estimates and reserve prices. The auction was held on site and on line, sale dates 14-3-2025 and 25-3-2025

#### 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
<b>Social</b>	NA
<b>Environmental</b>	NA
<b>Economic</b>	Positive
<b>Governance</b>	Positive

#### Financial and Resource Implications:

Expenditure to date for street cleaning 2024/25 is

Location	Pays	Plant	Stores	Creditors	Total
Wilcannia	\$118,889	\$269	\$11	\$6,075	\$125,245
Menindee	\$8,440	\$84	\$0	\$4,029	\$12,554
Ivanhoe	\$32,574	\$553	\$0	\$10,135	\$43,262
White Cliffs	\$1,674	\$0	\$0	\$5,700	\$7,375
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$188,436</b>

Contract rates for the hire of a streetsweeper from Broken Hill is \$2,128.50 per day including meals and accommodation. Estimated time for White Cliffs, Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee is 2 weeks round trip equating to approximately \$21,285 per visit. Allowing for a round trip every 3 months, the estimated annual cost is \$85,140

**Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:**

Assets were disposed of pursuant to Councils Disposal of Assets Policy.

Three written quotations were received for used streetsweepers, pursuant to Councils Procurement Policy

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

Risk exists for the purchase of used equipment, whilst mechanical assessment has been undertaken, unknown mechanical failures are a moderate risk.

Silversweep will deliver the unit and train operators in the use of the equipment

**OPTIONS:**

Do not purchase a used streetsweeper and continue with current operations and contract hire arrangements

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:**

No

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

Nil

**External Exhibition:**

Nil

**Attachments:**

NIL

**12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Nil

**13 RESOLUTION TRACKER**

Nil

**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, 28 May 2025 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, 26 MARCH 2025**

**PRESENT:** Administrator, Bob Stewart

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Greg Hill (General Manager)  
Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)  
Thai Dang (Operations Manager)  
Glenda Dunn (Senior Planning Officer)  
Evelyn Pollard (Human Resource Officer)  
Kara Mohr (Risk & WHS Officer)  
Nerida Carr (Governance Officer)  
Shirley Burraston (Management Accountant)  
Uday Mamidala (Finance Officer)

## **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 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 (Nil).

No declarations were received.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 February 2025 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

**Carried**

**6 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)****7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE -**

Received.

**8 FINANCIAL REPORTS****8.1 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2025****RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council

1. Receive and note the report.

**Carried**

**8.2 WATER BILLING ISSUES - JUNE 2024.****RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that Council will not bill the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council for the water usage as recorded by faulty meters.
3. Council to write off the amount of \$5,400.

**Carried**

**8.3 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES UPDATE****RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Receive bi-monthly reports until such time that the contracts of sales have been completed, and the sale processes finalised.

**Carried**

#### **8.4 GRANTS REGISTER - FEBRUARY 2025**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

**Carried**

### **9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

#### **9.1 AMENDMENT TO VENUE HIRE AGREEMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. It is recommended that an amendment be made to Central Darling Shire Councils Venue Hire Agreement and a condition be added stating that "Council will not take hiring bookings at Wilcannia Hall for private functions for birthdays and personal celebration events, if alcohol is involved.

The General Manger is authorised to reject any hire applications, of Council venues, based on its merits, if there's potential damage to be caused to the Council facility."

**Carried**

#### **9.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & TOURISM UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

**Carried**

#### **9.3 STRATEGIC RISK - CLIMATE CHANGE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**Carried**

#### **9.4 MAARI MA HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION- PURCHASE LAND AT MENINDEE**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.
2. Council seeks independent valuation for Lot 1 DP 1064220.
3. The General Manager reports back to Council on the Independent Valuer valuation (Lot 1 DP 1064220), with costs to make the existing housing suitable and complaint for tenants, for Council consideration to proceed with the sale of the land.

**Carried**

### **10 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORTS**

#### **10.1 PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES BY COUNCIL AT SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Give public notice, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) s 34, providing not less than 28 days during which submissions may be made to Council, of a proposed resolution to classify the properties listed in Attachment 1 to this report, as operational land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) s 26.
3. Receive a further report after submissions have closed, consider classifying the properties listed in Attachment 1 to this report, as operational land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) s 31(2).

**Carried**

### **11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS**

#### **11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT FEBRUARY 2025**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

**Carried**

#### **11.2 ROADS AND AERODROMES**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**Carried**

### **11.3 DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Endorse the CDSC Drought Management Plan
2. Consult with key State Government agencies detailed in the *Communications Plan* section of the CDSC Drought Management Plan

**Carried**

### **11.4 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**Carried**

### **11.5 SERVICES UPDATE**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council will:**

1. Receive and Note the report.

**Carried**

## **12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Nil

## **13 RESOLUTION TRACKER**

Nil

## **14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

It was resolved that Council moved into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A 2 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified. Confidential section was closed to the public and began at 10.42am.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**



That Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A 2 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified.:

#### **14.1 Supply and Delivery of Water Meters**

Item 14.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2) - (c) as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

#### **14.2 Wilcannia Water Treatment Plant Tender**

Item 14.2 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2) - (c) and (d) as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
- (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
- (iii) reveal a trade secret.

**Carried**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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

#### **14.1 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER METERS**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will resolve:

1. That the tenderers representing best value be awarded this contract as the Panel Source suppliers to Central Darling Shire Council for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2027, and
2. That a provision be allowed for a 12-month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31 March 2028.

**Carried**

#### **14.2 WILCANNIA WATER TREATMENT PLANT TENDER**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

2. Resolve to award tender to SNG Engineering Pty Ltd.
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute any documents required to be executed as part of the contract administration process that do not require the Common Seal of Council.

**Carried**

## **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, 30 April 2025.

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**ADMINISTRATOR**