

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA
ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2025**

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Hill (General Manager)
Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)
Thai Dang (Operations Manager)
Kevin Smith (Finance Manager)
Nerida Carr (Governance Officer)
Kara Mohr (Risk & WHS Officer)
Glenda Dunn (Senior Planning Officer)
Shirley Burraston (Management Accountant)
Gabrielle Johnson (Community Engagement)
Uday Mamidala (Finance Officer)
Toni Maher (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.

RESOLVED: OCM 01-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That no Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary were received.

CARRIED

No declarations were received.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED: OCM 02-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

RESOLVED: OCM 03-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 14 May 2025 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 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES - FINAL UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 04-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Note that the sale of land for unpaid rates sale has been finalised.

CARRIED

8.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - APRIL 2025

RESOLVED: OCM 05-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council

1. Receive and note the report.

CARRIED

8.3 GRANTS REGISTER - APRIL 2025

RESOLVED: OCM 06-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

CARRIED

8.4 WRITE OFF RATES - FORFEITURE OF WESTERN LANDS LEASE - 30 PARINGA STREET MENINDEE

RESOLVED: OCM 07-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.

Write-off rates and charges of \$7,299.14 outstanding against former Western Lands Lease 12987 over Lot 10 Section 25 DP 758669 30 Paringa Street Menindee.

CARRIED

8.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**RESOLVED: OCM 08-05-2025**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the variations to Council's 2024-25 Annual Budget noting the Net Operating Result is a surplus of \$11,000.
3. Note projected capital works budgeted expenditure for the financial year 2024-25 will be \$17.569 million.

CARRIED

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**9.1 MAARI MA HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION- PURCHASE LAND AT MENINDEE****RESOLVED: OCM 09-05-2025**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.
2. Offer, Lot 1 DP 1064220, located at the corner of Darling and Perry Streets, Menindee, to Maari Ma Health for \$30,000, conditional upon the rehousing of all current tenants in appropriate, affordable accommodation within Menindee.

CARRIED

9.2 NEW POLICY - PREVENTION OF MODERN SLAVERY**RESOLVED: OCM 10-05-2025**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the draft Prevention of Modern Slavery Policy.

CARRIED

10 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT APRIL 2025

RESOLVED: OCM 11-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

CARRIED

11.2 FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS

RESOLVED: OCM 12-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report
 2. Investigate exemption for the FOGO Service due to remoteness, low population within the shire and financial constraints.
 3. Lobby the Western Alliance Group of Councils to seek exemption from the FOGO service.
- CARRIED**

11.3 SERVICES UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 13-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and Note the report.

CARRIED

11.4 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 14-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report
2. Level Three water restrictions to be applied for White Cliffs due to low water supply.
3. Request the General Manager bring forward a report of current water supply arrangements for Tilpa, plus a strategic direction including financial impacts.

CARRIED

11.5 ROADS AND AERODROMES

RESOLVED: OCM 15-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil

13 RESOLUTION TRACKER

No resolutions outstanding.

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 11.07am.

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 Traffic Safety Signage

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.

RESOLVED: OCM 16-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council moves out of Confidential and back into Open Chambers at 11:10am.

CARRIED

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

14.1 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SIGNAGE

RESOLVED: OCM 17-05-2025

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. That the tenderers representing best value be awarded this contract as the Panel Source suppliers to the participating councils for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028, and
3. That a provision be allowed for a 12-month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 30 June 2029.

CARRIED

15 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at **11.13AM**

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 25 June 2025.

R. K. Hewart

ADMINISTRATOR