

**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 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 (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

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