



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Council recommends Draft Budget

At its Extraordinary meeting today the Central Darling Shire Council resolved to endorse the 2022/23 Draft Budget. This follows a very robust budget process including extensive meetings and detailed review process.

The Operating Budget indicates that Council will have an Operating Surplus (after Capital Grants) of \$118,062. The total 2022-2023 budgeted operating expenditure will be \$21.284 Million, Capital Expenditure will be \$24.394 Million, with total revenues expected to be \$45.796 Million.

The \$118,062 surplus was achieved by constraining costs and income went up overall by a small percentage mostly to do with grants. It is also noted Council only has a small rate base.

Among the budget highlights is an extensive list of capital works including:

Reseals/Gravel Re-sheets and Roads to Recovery: \$2.2 M

Initial Seals - Pooncarie Road: \$12.0 M

Fixing Local Roads – Smiths Hill: \$1.60 M

White Cliffs Water Plant and Reticulation System: \$2.5 M

Ivanhoe and Wilcannia Water Treatment Plants: \$3.6 M

Ancillary Works totalling \$1.5 M

Streetscape upgrades, Landscaping & Tree Planting - Ivanhoe, White Cliffs & Wilcannia: \$250,000

Wilcannia Post Office: \$150,000

Wilcannia Cemetery – Plot Works & GIS Surveys: \$41,500

LRCI electronic roads signs: \$300,000

CRIF Electrical upgrades – Tilpa Village and Victory Caravan Park: \$234,000

Playground Upgrades: \$210,000

Tourist Kiosk & Public Amenities – White Cliffs, Sunset Strip, Wilcannia: \$94,000

Aerodromes – Emmdale Bore: \$85,000

Preparing Australia Program – Darling River Flood Mapping: \$100,000

Ordinary rates have been increased by the approved IPART rate peg of 0.7 per cent. An increase of 2.5 per cent has been applied to water, sewerage, and waste collection. No increase has been applied to general fees and charges other than statutory fees and charges if required.

The Draft Operational Plan (2022-2023) Incorporating, Draft Fees and Charges (2022-2023) and Draft Operational Budget (2022-2023), Draft Long-Term Financial Plan (2023- 2032) will now go to the community for review for a period of 28 days and feedback ahead of adoption. **Ends**

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