

Recent Council Activity

- ✓ Hon Paul Toole, Minister for local Government attended a meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee in Sydney. Cr McKinnon and the GM also attended as Council representatives on the Committee. The Committee was informed that a paper about local government reform in the Far West is likely to be issued in July 2016.
- ✓ Council adopted its draft Operational Plan for 2016/17 on 12 May 2016 and released for public exhibition.
- ✓ Council's Sustainable Wentworth Strategy was released for public exhibition on 12 May 2016.
- ✓ Council meeting held on 12 May 2016. Minutes available on Council's website.
- ✓ Council met with Broken Hill City Council, Mildura Rural City Council to discuss the health and viability of the Darling River. A motion seeking support from local government across Australia to address the Darling River situation will be considered in Canberra in June 2016.

What is Coming Up

- Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 29 June 2016, commencing at 10am.
- Council will adopt its Operational Plan on 29 June 2016.
- A report on consultations and submissions regarding the Sustainable Wentworth Strategy is likely to be considered in July 2016.
- A meeting of the Western Division Executive will be held in Cobar on 11 July 2016.
- A possible meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee on 12 May 2016.

Did You Know

- ❖ As a result of the resignation of Bob Wheeldon from Council an exemption from holding a by-election was sought and granted by the Minister for Local Government.
- ❖ Council Election Update: Election will be held on 10 September 2016.
- ❖ In the draft operational Plan for 2016/2017 the total Council Expenditure is proposed to be \$39,273,676 based on: Operating Expenditure of \$20,602,253 and Capital Expenditure of \$18,671,423.
- ❖ Council has installed outdoor exercise equipment at James King Park and Buronga Wetlands.
- ❖ The Far West Initiative footprint which is currently the subject of local government reform is greater than the area of Victoria.
- ❖ Councils in NSW which have been the subject of mergers (not Wentworth Shire Council) will go to elections in September 2017.