

## Recent Council Activity

- ✓ Council adopted its Operational Plan for 2016/17. The budget is the biggest ever for Wentworth Shire (Approx. \$39m operational & capital). The Ordinary rate increases by 1.8%.
- ✓ Wentworth Shire Council and Broken Hill City Council, Mildura Rural City Council and Central Darling Shire Council met in Canberra to seek support for the health and viability of the Darling River through a motion submitted to the Australian Local Government Association Conference. This motion was passed.
- ✓ Over 500 people signed a petition supporting Council purchasing the former Wentworth Services Club building.
- ✓ In the June Local Government Reform update report presented to Council all communiques issued by the State were attached.
- ✓ Council received an update on the Promoting Better Practice Program.
- ✓ Pooncarie will get a waste collection service soon as a result of a partnership between Council and Cristal Mining.
- ✓ Council authorised the Mayor and the General Manager to enter into contractual arrangements for the purchase of the former Wentworth Services Club building.
- ✓ Reports were presented to Council on road safety, O'Donnell Park & Curlwaa Boat Ramp upgrade, Bottle Bend Boat Ramp & Access Track update, James King Park update, Wentworth Aerodrome Drainage upgrade, Darling Lane Sewer, Stormwater & Road upgrade, and Dareton Boat Ramp & Carpark upgrade.
- ✓ Council has given in principle support to a second Oval at Dareton and looking at considering an overall strategy for the George Gordon Complex.
- ✓ Council adopted a new Asset Accounting Policy on 29/6/16.

## What is Coming Up

- 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.
- Council is looking at developing a policy on the supply of memorial seating for our cemeteries.
- Council is looking at changing the signs at the Wentworth Sporting Complex.
- A community Events Management Workshop is being planned by Council for 2016/17.

## Did You Know

- ❖ Council Election Update: Election will be held on 10 September 2016. Council will be conducting two sessions for prospective candidates in coming weeks. Details to be issued soon.
- ❖ Far West Initiative Update: Council has been informed that the State is likely to consult further on local government reform in the Far West in July and possibly August 2016. A consultation paper will be issued in due course. Council will provide further details as soon as we are advised.
- ❖ Council's adopted operational Plan for 2016/17 includes: Redevelopment of Midway Centre, sealing of Wentworth Aerodrome, an extensive Roads Program and an extensive Water and Sewer Plant program.
- ❖ The Far West Initiative footprint which is currently the subject of local government reform is 41% of the State of NSW. It is about 30% bigger than Victoria.
- ❖ Councils in NSW which have been the subject of mergers (not Wentworth Shire Council) will go to elections in September 2017.
- ❖ Council, on 28/6/16, facilitated a consultation meeting about the Junction Island Bridge.