

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. J. Canham, B. O'Brien, T. Cullen, M. Webb and A. Karanouh.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land, both past and present.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that there were several persons present to speak during this time.

4.0 APOLOGY

9455 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the apology from Cr Schieb for non attendance be accepted.

5.0 DELEGATIONS

(a) KENILWORTH LANE

At this point Council received a delegation, comprising John McDowell (spokesman), Charlie Beck, Colin Brown and Ross Chandler, to speak about the condition of Kenilworth Lane.

Mr McDowell said he had been asking for maintenance to be carried out on this road for over 12 months and nothing has been done. He said he is very disappointed that his requests have been ignored and now this year's harvest is about to start. He pointed out that not only is the road unsuitable for harvest traffic, in his opinion, there are also safety issues. Mr. McDowell said there are five ratepayers who will have at least 10,000 tonnes of grain, plus stock, which will need to be transported over this road and said there has been no maintenance work done, not even to the sections damaged by flooding.

The Mayor acknowledged Mr McDowell's concerns and said that most of Council's roads require attention and Council staff is doing its utmost to address the most urgent works. Cr Horan said that Council's roads have a priority rating for work and this is ongoing.

The Director of Engineering Services said that Council has been working on flood damage repairs and cannot take equipment off job sites and transport it many kilometres to work ad hoc.

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Mr. McDowell implored Council to direct staff to carry out work on the road – the Mayor said that work will be carried out after harvest, pointing out that there are other roads in worse condition. The Director said that there is still a small amount of flood damage money to be spent on Kenilworth Lane.

Cr Cullen pointed out that he, in company with the Director of Engineering Services, inspected the road this morning and confirmed that other roads are in worse condition, citing the Bullagreen Road, Carinda/Quambone Road and Wingadee Road as some. The Director said that he would put rock fill in the worst sections.

Mr McDowell thanked Council for its time and the delegation left at 9.36 am.

(b) MOORAMBILLA UPDATE

At this juncture, Ms Jamie-Lea Hodges, the RADO of Outback Arts, was welcomed to the meeting to provide an update on Outback Arts involvement with the Moorambilla Festival. She handed out a report, identical to that provided to Council by the Artistic Director, Ms Michelle Leonard.

She said that Outback Arts auspiced the Project Officer and pointed out that due to the lack of a proper hand-over from the previous body, Outback Arts started from scratch. She pointed out that the 2011 Festival was the most successful so far and that planning is already underway for next year. Jamie Lea said that congratulations and appreciation is due to Rowena Macrae for her involvement.

The organisers are already looking at accommodation for the festival and, in this regard, investigating the costs associated with a “tent city”. Ms Hodges said Outback Arts is always looking for opportunities to get corporate sponsorships to make the Festival bigger.

The RADO had on display the trophy won by the Moorambilla Festival 2011 for the NSW Trade and Investment Event and Tourism Award which was presented recently at a Gala Presentation Dinner at South Tweed Sports Club. Council noted the award recognises that community events and tourism projects can provide an effective source of income and other positive outcomes for regional communities. Ms Hodges said \$5,000 from Prime Television for advertising was also part of the prize.

Council thanked Ms Hodges and she left the meeting at 9.45 am.

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(c) COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Council welcomed Mrs Donna Swansborough and Ms Lisa Murray, representatives of the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce, who wanted to address Council on the proposed upgrade of the main street and signage in the Shire.

Mrs Swansborough referred to the information that had been provided to Council regarding the main street upgrade. She said Chamber of Commerce members had collected and collated the information so that Council would get a better idea of what business owners want in the CBD. Mrs Swansborough said they all support the upgrade, suggesting decorative street lighting, new garbage bins, cigarette receptacles, etc. It was also suggested that a median strip be placed in the middle of the street, removing all garden beds currently along each side.

Chamber of Commerce members are disappointed that the surveillance cameras are not being utilised to their potential – the General Manager said that only the police can use evidence provided by the cameras and they can ask Council for tapes at any time.

Ms Murray referred to the amount of signage in and around the town and said it is dull, boring and badly vandalised with graffiti. She showed Council pictures of the signs and asked whether something can be done to brighten them up and make them bright and interesting.

Mrs Swansborough and Ms Murray thanked Council and left the meeting at 10.20 am.

(d) COONAMBLE SHOW – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr Danny Keady to the meeting to discuss the future of Coonamble Show and the importance of the public holiday for the second day. Mr. Keady said he recognised that it was an imposition on businesses, including Council, to have a public holiday, but without it the show would not survive.

In response to a question regarding the proposal for a one day show, Mr. Keady said that stall holders and carnival proprietors would not attend because they rely on business over the two days. He said it would be very difficult to get any attractions to come, he also referred to horse owners who would not bother to attend for just one day.

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He said, as President of the Show Society, he was endeavouring to make it more of a community event and invited Council to participate by having a stall. The Mayor said Council sought the views of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the public holiday and had received a positive response. Mr. Keady thanked Council for its support over past years and looked forward to working with Council for the 2012 show.

(e) IAN BERRYMAN – RODEO ARENA DESIGN/COSTINGS

At this juncture, 10.35 a.m., Council welcomed Mr. David Burtenshaw who introduced Mr Ian Berryman of ILD NSW. Mr. Berryman is director of a shed building company located in Orange. Councillors were given a handout detailing costings for various stages of development for an undercover arena. In total Mr Berryman's costings were \$4,170,000, however when questioned by the General Manager, the amounts were just "guesstimates". Council noted that work can be done in stages.

Council's EDM, Mrs Lee O'Connor, spoke of new guidelines for funding which now almost without exception require dollar for dollar. It was noted that \$2.4M would provide a basic structure and the Mayor suggested it may be more prudent to apply for smaller grants over a timeframe of, say, ten years, rather than make application for larger amounts. The EDM said funding applications (expressions of interest) must first be submitted to the regional body and for this round of funding the closing date of the first step is 1 December 2011.

It was noted that if the shed was to be built over the present arena the event could not grow and Council's intention to have a multi purpose venue would not come to fruition. The Mayor suggested that the Steering Committee be recalled to provide detail to submit the expression of interest in the first instance. The EDM said she will still pursue corporate funding.

Mr. Brendan O'Connor, who was also present, said in his opinion an undercover arena will ensure the future of the rodeo and if Council can make the first stage of securing a roof and seating that would be a good start and further works could be done to improve the facility long term.

The Mayor suggested a meeting with the Steering Committee be convened for early next week. Mr. Berryman agreed to attend.

At this juncture, 11.05 am., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.37 a.m. Mr. Berryman did not return to the meeting. Mrs Lee O'Connor and Ms Amanda Glasson were in attendance.

INDOOR ARENA – COUNCIL COMMITMENT

The Mayor said he wished to continue discussion about Council's commitment to the project. He said Council has already committed \$500,000 and suggested that a further \$700,000 be committed at this meeting. He said, in his opinion, this is the way to go forward, have a plan, commit funds and work from there.

Cr Horan said in his opinion it's only a matter of time before Council will be involved in "boundary changes" and said now is the time to commit to this project and promote our Showground as one big complex, noting the amount of money Council has spent on the area over recent times.

Cr. Canham asked whether the Rodeo Committee had any commitment in dollar terms – Cr. Cullen said it would be a joint venture with Council, pointing out the Rodeo Committee has already spent \$75,000 - \$80,000 on the new yards. Cr. Karanouh said he thought more time should be given before committing another \$700,000 to the project.

9456 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Horan that Council commit a further \$700,000 to the indoor arena project, noting that \$500,000 has already been committed – making Council's contribution \$1.2M and the General Manager investigate from where the additional funds should be sourced and report back to Council.

Councillor Canham asked that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

Cr Karanouh referred to sealing of the Tooraweenah Road which he thought was a more worthy project. The Mayor said the arena project has been on the books for a long time and Council should now take a lead. Cr. O'Brien said the project would provide for younger people and this was a good thing. The Mayor said Council should also make application for the \$4m grant funding and said with the commitment of \$1.2m it may have a greater chance of success.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

9457 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 October 2011 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

Item 14.1 – Page 5/4940 – Development Application No 026/2011 – Telstra Shop (former Westpac Bank Building) – Minute No 9415

*Change the mover of the Motion from Horan to **Webb**.*

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

9458 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

(a) 10.5 National Rural & Remote Health Infrastructure Program (NRRHIP) – Min Nos 8259 & 8285

The General Manager advised that the next round of funding under this program has now opened – with applications closing on 15 December. He said application for funds for doctors housing would be submitted.

9459 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council submit an application for funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction of two duplexes for doctors housing, to be erected on land decided by Council if the application is successful.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor provided Council with a verbal report on his activities since the last Council meeting, which included:

- In company with the General Manager, attended the Fisher's Ghost Festival at Campbelltown. Presented Council's award to the winner of the Sculpture. Photos of the event will be available. Presented Council with the painting given by Campbelltown City Council. Said they are very concerned regarding boundary changes (amalgamations). The General Manager said Council can take the opportunity of using the expertise of their parks and gardens staff, particularly horticulturists to guide our staff.
- Eco Spa meeting – thanked Crs Karanouh and Schieb who also attended. Was an interesting meeting – the project will proceed and wont cost Council anything. It will give our community a much needed boost. Suggested that Council liaise with Crown Lands to take over the land where the caravan park is located and the balance of crown land included in Smith Park.

9460 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that Council begin proceedings with Crown Lands to take ownership of the Caravan Park and Smith Park which is currently Crown Land under Council's control.

- Attended meeting at Gulargambone – Young Leaders – said Jenny Carr was present also and spoke about traineeships and aboriginal employment. The young people are doing good work – they want a skate park and are working towards a plan.
- Attended meeting of Conn Family Trust on 24 October. Thanked the trustees for their commitment to this cause.

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- Met with Mr Kevin Humphries when he was in Coonamble – raised issues concerning crime, other agencies working together and the learning centre proposed for Coonamble

9461 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the activity report provided by the Mayor be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9462 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A –For Council's Consideration:

**10.1 SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL (GREENE VILLA RESIDENCE)
D7 (35923)**

9463 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council endorse the General Manager's action in advising that permission to access the pool would be granted to the eight disabled permanent residents of Greene Villa and their carers under a Family Season Ticket at a cost of \$200.

10.2 INDOOR EMPLOYEES CHRISTMAS PARTY S6-10(35972)

9464 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council contribute to the Indoor Employees' Christmas Party and authorise a \$300 donation from the donations vote.

10.3 OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES – NSW SPORT & RECREATION C8(35895)

9465 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that if any Councillors are interested in attending the meeting with officials of the Far West Academy of Sport at 3.30 pm on Thursday 1 December, 2011 they advise the General Manager beforehand, noting that Cr Karanouh will participate.

10.4 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE H5

9466 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council agree to apply for the gazettal of a public holiday for the Shire of Coonamble on Wednesday, 23 May, 2012, the occasion being the second day of the annual show.

10.5 QUAMBONE PUBLIC SCHOOL D7(36024)

9467 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and O'Brien that Council advise the Quambone Public School due to financial constraints, it is unable to contribute the \$1,500 for the purchase of items for the School's Therapy Program.

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10.6 GREG KILBY

9468 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council advise Mr Kilby this is a commercial decision for the owners of the business and market forces will determine any outcome, also point out why Council extended its Industrial Estate.

10.7 COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-1

9469 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Cullen that Council endorse the action taken by management in advising the Coonamble Swimming Pool that permission was granted to the free use of the pool for its fun night on 4 November and that Council authorise the use of the pool on the same basis on 2 December, 2011.

Section B – For Information Only

10.8 NSW ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY R8-13(35966)

Regarding a new policy which has been developed following the audit of speed zones and a key aspect of the new policy is to improve engagement with major stakeholders. Saying that Council participation in the review of speed zones will provide valuable local knowledge to the RTA's speed zoning practitioners which will be considered in the speed zone review.

10.9 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT A3-4(35962)

Advising of upcoming amendments to the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* (the Act) which sets out a comprehensive framework for protecting public officials who disclose wrongdoing in accordance with the Act. Saying new legislative changes to the Act will take effect on 1 November 2011. Summarising the changes in the circular and saying it should be brought to the attention of all councillors and staff.

10.10 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER – CENTRAL WEST DISTRICT E4(35954)

Forwarding a copy of the DEOCON issued "Concept of Operations" for the upcoming bush fire season. Saying that, in particular, it is relevant for declared "catastrophic" bush fire condition days.

10.11 THE HON MICHAEL GALLACHER MLC, MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES P5(35981)

Responding at length to Council's letter regarding policing in Coonamble and apologizing for the late reply. Noting Council's concerns and particularly its request for additional resources, longer operational hours and consideration that the area be given a special remote classification.

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Advising the NSW Police Force does not support the changing of Coonamble to a "special remote location" as it does not currently meet all the criteria required for such a classification. Also addressing other issues referred to by Council.

Cr. Webb said he was not happy with this response. Cr Karanouh referred to security cameras and said more cameras are needed, especially in Tooloon Street. Council noted that there is \$25,000 budgeted in this vote.

9470 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that more cameras be added to the Tooloon Street area, noting there is \$25,000 in the vote for expenditure, and the General Manager submit a full review to Council, including where more cameras are needed, the most suitable type and how the cameras can be better utilised.

10.12 NSW POLICE FORCE P5(35999)

Forwarding copies of media releases

10.13 COONAMBLE INTERAGENCY C8(35934)

Forwarding copy of minutes of the Coonamble Interagency Meeting held on 5 October, 2011.

**10.14 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
S6(36027)**

Advising that the purpose of the correspondence is:

1. To advise councils of the progress of the Division of Local Government's review of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (the Model Code),
2. To invite submissions on a position paper prepared by the division in relation to its reform proposal.
3. To invite registrations from persons interested in participating in regional workshops to be held to discuss the Division's reform proposal.
4. To advise of other events the Division will be participating in for the purposes of seeking stakeholder feedback.

Stating that a Positions Paper outlining the reform proposal can be found on the 'Publications' page of the Division's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

10.15 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION I2(36022)

Thanking Council for its correspondence advising endorsement of the plan developed in consultation with Commission officers for the implementation of corruption prevention recommendations arising from its investigation. Advising the information has been uploaded onto the ICAC website for public viewing.

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10.16 UNITED SERVICES UNION L9-1(35922)

Informing Council of the Union's position and concerns for the future of Local Government in NSW. Seeking feedback in relation to a series of questions and opinions and input from Mayors, General Managers and Elected Councillors. Inviting all concerned stakeholders to contact the Union so that ways can be found to sustain and protect services and jobs and the communities that rely on them.

10.17 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L9(36018)

Referring to previous correspondence following the release of the Discussion Paper by the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government. Urging every council to lodge a submission to the Panel as an indication of the level of support within the sector.

10.18 MICHELLE LEONARD – MOORAMBILLA VOICES & LEICHHARDT ESPRESSO CHORUS

Forwarding a short presentation as an overview of this year's Moorambilla Festival for Council's information.

9471 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information contained in Item Nos. 10.8 to 10.18 inclusive.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

9472 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following matters be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

10.19 BURGERS ON BOURBAH S10-1(35858)

9473 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council agree to provide a public seat in front of business premises Burgers on Bourbah as requested.

10.20 ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL D7(36073)

9474 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council agree to contribute \$100 to each of the five Schools in the Shire towards purchase of prizes for Awards Night.

10.21 BIANCA HERTEL S5

9475 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council advise the applicant it is unable to accede to her request in regard to fees and charges and she should contact the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services, regarding preparation of the arena surface for the event.

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10.23 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE – NORTH WEST ZONE A5(36053)

9476 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that Council agree in principle to the use of its Aerodrome facilities during bushfire activity, subject to the RFS complying with the directions of Council's Projects Engineer.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

9477 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

9478 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note Development Application No 012/2011 was approved under delegated authority since last meeting and there were no Complying Development Applications approved during the period.

11.2 JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

9479 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council resolve to not hold an ordinary monthly meeting in January 2012, noting the first meeting for the new year will be held on Wednesday, 8 February 2012.

11.3 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF OFFICE – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

9480 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Agree, for the 2011/2012 Christmas/New Year period, to give staff the time off and close the office from 5.00 p.m. Friday 23 December 2011 until 8.30 a.m. Tuesday 3 January 2012;
- (2) Agree, for the 2012/2013 Christmas/New Year period, to close the office for the period between Christmas public holidays and the New Year's Day public holiday and advise staff to avail themselves of their annual leave provisions for the period.

Cr. Canham voted against the section of resolution requiring staff to take the days off their annual leave entitlements and asked that his name be recorded as such.

11.4 2009/2010 COMPARISON OF COUNCILS

9481 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the information pertaining to the 2009/2010 comparative results issued by the Department of Local Government.

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The Mayor requested that this information be publicised in the Coonamble Times showing residents how much cheaper Council's charges are than other comparable Shire areas.

11.5 QUAMBONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOB CREATION COMMITTEE

- 9482 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council:
- (1) note the information relating to formation of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act;
 - (2) not resolve, at this stage, to appoint another s355 committee within the Quambone community;
 - (3) request that the three committees currently in operation within the Quambone community form a single entity to progress issues within the community.

11.6 GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICY

- 9483 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council place the draft Gifts & Benefits Policy on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, inviting comments and submissions, prior to formally adopting the policy taking into consideration any submissions received.

11.7 INTERNAL AUDIT

- 9484 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:
- (1) Note the information relating to the formation of its internal audit committee
 - (2) Nominate Councillor Webb as delegate and Cr. Horan as alternate delegate to the Coonamble Shire Council Internal Audit Committee.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 9485 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Canham and O'Brien that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

- 9486 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 October 2011 be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 9487 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the list of investments as at 31 October, 2011 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

12.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY

9488 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council endorse the attached Community Services Policy and place the document on public exhibition, calling for submissions, for the prescribed period prior to formally adopting the policy taking into consideration any submissions received.

12.4 CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT POLICY

9489 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council endorse the attached Child and Youth Development Policy and place the document on public exhibition, calling for submissions, for the prescribed period prior to formally adopting the policy taking into consideration any submissions received.

12.5 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

9490 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that Council endorse the attached Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Management Plan.

12.6 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

9491 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council note the progress report concerning the Community Strategic Plan.

12.7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

9492 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note the information contained in this report.

12.8 RECORDS – DESTRUCTION OF

9493 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council note the destruction of the subject records in compliance with the State Records Act 1998.

At this juncture, 1.05 p.m. the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.04 p.m.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES

9494 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be noted.

13.1 STATUS OF WORKS

The Director provided a progress report on the following:

- Quarry
- Parks and Gardens

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- Pools
- Housing
- Tourism
- Economic Development.

9495 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the information be noted.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

9496 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 TREE PLANTATION – WALGETT ROAD (SH18 NORTH)

9497 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council advertise for expressions of interest from local environmental groups wishing to replant the area on SH18 adjacent to the old garbage depot.

14.2 URBAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The Director of Engineering Services referred to Council's vote of \$320,000 for urban street construction in the 2011/2012 budget and provided the following preliminary estimates to carry out works requested by Council:

<i>Street</i>	<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Amount (\$)</i>
Charles Street	Pipe and causeway upgrade	30,000.00
Aberford Street	"Coughran's Canyon" – Upgrade - culvert construction and extension	250,000.00
Effie Durham Dr	Construction – Wilga Street to Vet's	84,000.00
Hickey Street	Construction – Limerick St to Yuma St	60,000.00
	Total	424,000.00

9498 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council

- (1) Complete the construction of Effie Durham Drive and Hickey Street;
- (2) Endeavour to obtain funds to upgrade "Coughran's Canyon" from the Repair Program and the Roads to Recovery Program;
- (3) Consider a further report on rehabilitation works to be completed this financial year and future programs.

14.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

9499 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the works in progress report submitted by the Director of Engineering Services be noted.

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15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

9500 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT

9501 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the Ranger's report for the month of October, 2011 be noted.

At this juncture, Cr. Canham advised the Mayor that he had to leave the meeting. The Mayor asked whether Cr Canham had anything he wished to discuss in general business. Cr Canham raised the following issue:

CHILD CARE CENTRE, WILGA STREET

Cr Canham referred to a sign at the Centre calling for enrolments and enquired whether the owner had complied with all the requirements necessary. The General Manager said he had, pointing out that all Council's legislative requirements have been met.

At this juncture, 2.37 pm, Cr Canham left the meeting and did not return.

16.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

The Director informed Councillors that the reporting system had changed in accordance with requirements of the Premier and Cabinet – Division of Local Government. He invited any councillor who wished to discuss the report or who was not sure of the new format to talk to him and he would go through any issues.

9502 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) note the management plan review;
- (2) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
- (3) note that, in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
- (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 30 September 2011.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

No reports from Committees were tabled at this meeting.

18.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

9503 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of October, 2011 be noted.

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19.0 CLOSED SESSION

9504 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A (2) (c) "*information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*"

9506 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

9507 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

9608 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos.19.1 – 19.4 as set out below:

19.1 COUNCIL HOUSING

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that:

- (1) Council agree in principle to provide one unit of accommodation to each medical practice and that each property be subject to \$100 per week rent, reviewed annually within Council's fees and charges;
- (2) Ochre Health continue with the occupation of 46 Yarran Street on this basis;
- (3) The Aboriginal Medical Service continue with the occupation of the Nash Street property subject to a weekly contribution of \$100 rent;
- (4) The dental practice be informed that Council requires a \$100 per week contribution for the Tooloon Street property;
- (5) Council sell the Ginty Estate, Aberford Street house and the Yalcogrin Street property, listing them for sale with the following prices:
 - Ginty Estate \$300,000
 - Yalcogrin Street residence \$ 85,000
 - Aberford Street residence \$ 75,000
- (6) Authorise the affixing of the Common Seal on all documents relative to these sales.

19.2 MAIN STREET

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that:

- (1) Council carry out the work in stages, commencing from the Aberford Street corner
- (2) Note that \$250,000 for the work and request the landscaper to prepare a design in 3D for Council's perusal to match the funding, pointing out that it cannot afford to do the whole street
- (3) Initial stage to include bins, seats, signage and suitable plants
- (4) Council invite the landscaper to the next meeting to give a presentation.

19.3 LIGHT VEHICLE PURCHASE POLICY

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that when replacing light plant vehicles Council call for quotations to obtain the best price possible for vehicles of similar standard to those identified in Council's Fleet Management Plan.

19.4 CASTLEREAGH LEARNING CENTRE

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council advise Coonamble High School that it is interested in the concept, however it has no funds to contribute but agrees to the use of its building currently occupied by the Radio Station and Vacation Care on a shared basis.

20.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh:

- Quambone residents happy about roads
- Asked whether Council could advertise for heavy vehicle mechanics on its website
- Lighting at Sports Oval – some lights out
- Anti Social Behaviour Officer – can Council push to have an officer located in Coonamble
- Vacation Care – no interest from parents – no attendance at meetings – future looks bleak.

Cr O'Brien:

- Thanked the Mayor for helping out with health issues at Gulargambone. Referred to the Health Expo which is being planned for early next year.
- Underage drinking – liquor being sold by supermarkets

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- Crime at Gulargambone is again a problem.
- New manager of DoCS – the GM and Lianne Tasker to meet with her then provide a report to Council.

Cr Webb:

- Old caravans at Caravan Park – requested a report from the Manager of Environmental Services.

Cr Horan:

- Suggested Council look at its policy on road closures after rain
- Signage – what can be done to improve it.

Director of Engineering Services

- Signage – is having a full audit Shire wide – traffic facilities funding available. When audit is done signage will be rationalised.
- SES – attended meetings – push by the State government to make local government more responsible for emergency services. Restructure of areas – Coonamble now included in area from Lithgow to Walgett (excluding Brewarrina and Bourke)
- Kenilworth Lane – gave an overview of what is happening with road works and the reason he did not deploy a grader from another worksite. Council noted that the Director has the responsibility to make appropriate decisions.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.19 a.m.

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MAYOR

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