

**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, D. Schieb and A. Karanouh.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services, Mr Quarmbly, 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 booked to speak during this time.

**4.0 APOLOGY**

There were no apologies – Cr. Canham arrived at this stage.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**9609 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 9 November 2011 be confirmed.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**(a) Kenilworth Lane**

In response to a question from Cr Karanouh the Director of Engineering Services advised that an inspection of Kenilworth Lane was carried out, with no problems being identified. The Director said that generally the road performed better than expected and Council will roster maintenance work, noting that there is no flood damage money for expenditure on the road.

**(b) Cover – Rodeo Arena**

Cr. Schieb asked what was happening with the project – the Mayor said that a meeting was held and it was decided to go with the bare minimum. It was noted that application for funding has been submitted. Cr Webb informed the meeting that at the recent OROC meeting, Mr. Walkom from Regional Development Australia said that his organisation had received four applications for funding but could only endorse three for the region.

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**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**9610 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Quarry Development – Min No 9388**

The meeting was advised that the seismic investigation has been undertaken and identified there is plenty of rock at the Quarry. The Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services said the services of a consultant were being sought for the purpose of handling the acquisition of land, investigating the necessary mining licenses and generally overseeing that Council is operating in accordance with all requirements.

The Director said quarry operations are going well and currently operational issues regarding streamlining the precoating of aggregate are being investigated to reduce handling time. He said that information is being sought from other quarries to get ideas that can be utilised. The Director said that overtime has been reduced, thus keeping costs down.

**(b) Quambone Store**

Cr Canham asked a question about the Quambone Store and what further action had been taken – the General Manager said that the Manager of Environmental Services would be at the meeting later in the day.

**(c) Urban Streets Program**

The Mayor enquired about Effie Durham Drive and Hickey Street works – the Director of Engineering Services advised that initial work has been done and both areas are included in the current program.

**DELEGATIONS**

**(a) MR JOE PACE**

At this juncture, Mr. Joe Pace was welcomed to the meeting to address Council on his proposal to start a business in Coonamble. He said he has been involved in the concrete industry for many years and wanted to set up in Coonamble on land at The Meglo. Mr. Pace said he manufactures concrete grates for which he has a market (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne) – he said when the business is fully operational, a timeframe of 4 years, he would employ 30 people and in the first stages there would be employment for 4 – 6 persons.

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He is interested in purchasing about 4 hectares of land and indicated his business would benefit the district because he would look at local employees, particularly indigenous. Mr Pace pointed out he has been in touch with the Employment Agency and been provided with contacts.

Mr. Pace said he is a welder by trade and perhaps could look at providing apprenticeships in that field. He said he would like to set up his business here in May/June 2012. Cr. Horan asked what he expected from Council – Mr Pace said he wants to buy suitable land – nothing more.

Councillors enquired about power and water requirements – Mr Pace said he hoped to recycle rainwater in pits and tanks. He also said that he does not require road frontage.

The Mayor said Council would be further discussing this issue later in the day and thanked Mr Pace for addressing the meeting. He left the meeting at 9.38a.m.

**(b) CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT AUTHORITY**

Ms Diane Kureen, Local Government Officer of the Authority, addressed Council and made a presentation. She said it is the aim of the Authority to work closely with the 16 councils within the catchment area. Ms Kureen presented the Central West Catchment Action Plan 2011 – 2021 which is a shared vision for the management, preservation and improvement of the Central West Catchment's natural resources.

She said it was important to talk to councils to identify projects that CMA can be involved with, in partnership with various councils, to achieve benefits for the whole catchment region. She referred to the weir and the wetland and grassy box woodland areas already established which are good outcomes for the community.

Ms Kureen answered questions from Councillors, before leaving the meeting at 10.15 a.m.

**(c) OUTBACK ARTS**

Ms Jamie-Lea Hodges, Regional Arts Development Officer, was present to speak on behalf of Outback Arts regarding the proposal to move its office from the Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre to a shop front space in Castlereagh Street. She pointed out that the organisation has grown and undergone significant changes to the staffing structure, the business plan and the constitution, which has led to a complete rebranding. Letters of support to the proposal were attached to the Discussion Paper presented at the meeting.

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Ms Hodges said Outback Arts said that the five year agreement with the RTC expired last year and the organisation is asking Council to consider meeting the increased rental for the shop front proposal. She answered questions from Councillors regarding facilities, fit out costs and informed Councillors of the additional uses the shop front space would be capable of providing.

Councillor O'Brien indicated that she totally supported the move to larger premises.

**9611 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council agree to the request to pay additional rental on behalf of Outback Arts to relocate to a shop front space in Castlereagh Street, noting that the rental payable is \$210/week, which is \$35/week more expensive than the current accommodation.

Jamie-Lea thanked Council for its support and left the meeting at 10.20 a.m.

**(d) MRS MARG CASEY – COONAMBLE HEALTH COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mrs Casey addressed Council on the need to have a proper house numbering system, pointing out that emergency service personnel often lose precious time in locating premises to address an emergency situation. She said numbering is such an important tool for these personnel because mainly they are not locals.

Mrs Casey also referred to the Meals on Wheels organisation, saying that people who come to Coonamble volunteer to deliver meals but, because on regular occasions, they are unable to locate premises, they withdraw their services.

Another suggestion was that when street signs are being replaced house numbers be displayed on them. It was agreed that an insert be included with the rate notices indicating the importance of clear, easily visible house numbers and that costings be investigated to include them on street signs. Mrs Casey suggested house numbers should be a specific size and be displayed in a specific location.

Mrs Casey thanked Council for its time. At this juncture, Mrs. Anne Wiatkowski was welcomed to the meeting to give a presentation on the outcome of the Healthy Communities Project.

**(e) HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROJECT UPDATE.**

Mrs Wiatkowski referred to the \$20,000 funding for healthy communities projects which was conducted in partnership with Council. She gave an outline of the various groups assisted and the successful outcomes.

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Indigenous groups were involved in the various projects, as well as elderly residents of the community. Mrs Wiatkowski said that falls were a major issue with elderly residents and one of the programs was Falls Prevention. She referred to the costs, both monetary and socially, when elderly people lose confidence through falls.

She said networks have been formed and a lot of the programs will continue because of the equipment which HealthOne was able to obtain. She thanked Council for the opportunity to work with it and hoped Council was happy with the outcomes.

At this juncture, 10.50a.m., Mrs. Wiatkowski left the meeting.

**(e) CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

Mr John Drummond was present at the meeting to receive his Certificate of Australian Citizenship. The Mayor welcomed Mr. Drummond and proceeded to go through the requirements of the Ceremony, before handing the Certificate to Mr. Drummond.

Following the Ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Drummond were invited to join Councillors and Staff for morning tea at 11.00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11.19 a.m.

**9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Mayor provided a verbal report of his activities during the previous month, which included:

- Attendance at the Remembrance Day Service
- Community Consultation Plan – met with invited representatives.
- Meeting to discuss the future direction of the rodeo arena cover and how just a basic structure can be achieved.
- Unable to attend School Presentation Awards Functions – thanked Cr. Webb for covering these events.

**9612 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the activity report provided by the Mayor be noted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**9613 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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**Section A –For Council’s Consideration:**

- 10.1 OCHRE HEALTH M5-1(36159)**  
**10.2 OCHRE HEALTH (DR HAMISH MELDRUM) M5**

Both letters refer to Council’s decision to provide one house per medical practice, repairs to the Yarran Street premises and the vacation of the Aberford Street house.

- 9614 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O’Brien that Council confirm its Resolution No 9608/19.1 in Closed Session of the November 2011 meeting :

**10.3 COONAMBLE SHIRE EMPLOYEES’ CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE S6(36197)**

- 9615 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council agree to the outdoor staff finishing work at 12 noon on Friday 23 December, 2011 and contribute \$500 to the Coonamble Shire Employees’ Christmas Party Committee

**10.4 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE R8-10(36190)**

- 9616 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O’Brien that Council agree to the closure of Castlereagh Street from the Peace Tree to Aberford Street intersection for the annual Christmas party on 15 December, 2011 between the hours of 5.30pm and 9.30pm, subject to prior approval by the local police.

**10.5 MRS CAROL STANLEY D7(36230)**

- 9617 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O’Brien that Council contribute the 50% indicative price for the purchase of the agreed medallion (i.e. \$250 for the Feehan Membership Medal), noting the other medallion purchased was not included in the initial request.

**10.6 MR BOB WARE – VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE T3-1(36251)**

- 9618 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council thank Mr. Ware for the contribution made for the provision of tourism services and also note the service will be temporarily be located at the Library.

**10.7 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE INC**

- 9619 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council agree to the request by the Rotary Club to relocate its grain collection storage area for the remainder of this season, subject to liaising with the Director of Engineering Services prior to any work being carried out, complying with instructions from the Director and being responsible for the satisfactory cleaning of the area at the conclusion of the current harvest season.

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**Section B – Matters for Information Only**

**10.8 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE G5-32(36130)**

Submitting an expression of interest in coordinating the International Women's Day in Coonamble in March 2012.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Director of Corporate and Community Services is liaising with various organisations seeking input into what activities will be undertaken.

**10.9 MAX PHILPOTT P1-3(36124)**

Advising he is unable to continue with watering at the northern end of Smith Park. Saying there is always a great satisfaction associated with voluntary work and pointing out he has done this job for many years.

Council noted a letter was written to Mr Philpott, thanking him for his commitment.

**10.10 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES R8-18(36149)**

Advising that on 1 November 2011 the RTA was abolished and by law all of its assets, rights and liabilities (including those under existing contracts) were transferred to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

**10.11 OFFICE OF LIQUOR, GAMING AND RACING L5-2(36196)**

Advising that the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing has developed a *Disturbance Concerns Guide* to provide information to local residents and businesses on resolving concerns about neighbourhood disturbances related to licensed venues.

The availability of this Guide has been publicised in the Coonamble Times.

**10.12 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – PREMIER AND CABINET  
D5-22+A20(36194)**

Pointing out that a grant of \$30,000 will be paid to Council under the Commonwealth Local Government Reform Fund for the preparation of a fully funded Asset Management Maturity and Gap Analysis, which will be conducted in two stages. Urging Council to take full advantage of the assistance available for this purpose.

**10.13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL S6(36188)**

Advising the Tribunal is required to make an annual determination, no later than 30 April 2012, on fees payable to Councillors and Mayors to take effect from 1 July 2012. Seeking comment from councils.

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**10.14 ESSENTIAL ENERGY E3-1(36205)**

Updating Council on changes to Essential Energy's regional management structure. Saying Council will now be serviced as part of Essential Energy's new Northern Region.

**10.15 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
C13(36232)**

Inviting Council, councillors and the public to make submissions on the *Dual Roles: Councillors as Members of Parliament in NSW* discussion paper which is available on the "Publications" page of the Division's website

[www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au) Advising the closing date for submissions is 31/01/2012.

**10.16 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5(36238)**

Forwarding copies of press releases – which were attached to the business paper.

**10.17 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1  
(36239)**

Pointing out that in September 2011 the Division reported on an investigation of a council under section 430 of the Local Government Act 1993 which arose from concerns about the council's practices in relation to the engagement of contractors to provide professional and consultancy services.

**10.18 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
D5-22(36246)**

Circular advising the State Government would like to work in partnership with local government to localize NSW 2021, which is the Government's 10-year strategic business plan to rebuild the economy, return quality services, renovate infrastructure, strengthen the local environment and communities and restore accountability to government. Advising a copy of NSW 2021 can be accessed at [www.2021.nsw.gov.au](http://www.2021.nsw.gov.au).

**10.19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS L9-1(36179)**

Forwarding a copy of the draft constitution (the "sixth draft versions") for One Association to be called tentatively the "*Local Government and Shires Association of NSW*". Saying the Association may also be known as "*Local Government NSW*" which is a business name currently owned by the two Associations.

The General Manager asked whether any Councillor wished to make a submission.

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**10.20 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY E5-3(36248)**

Inviting Council to collaborate with the Authority on projects that promote the 2012 Year of the Farmer. Saying if Council wishes to be involved, to nominate an officer to be the liaison so that activities can be planned for the year ahead.

**10.21 JOSEPH PACE, JOSEPH PACE HOLDINGS PTY LTD  
PR12245.5(36259)**

Advising he is considering the possibility of coming to Coonamble to establish his business and reside in the town. It was noted that additional information has been provided by Mr. Pace and is included in Closed Session reports.

**10.22 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Advising that the draft *Destination 2036 Action Plan* has been released by the Implementation Steering Committee (ISC) for stakeholder consultation. Encouraging Councillors to review and consider this important draft plan, which will be open for consultation until Wednesday 15 February 2012.

The General Manager encouraged Councillors to seriously consider the implications of this document, particularly in relation to resource sharing, potential amalgamations and regionalization of services.

**9620 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.8 – 10.22 be noted.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**9621 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**9622 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note Development Application Nos 030/2011 and 035/2011, together with Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 029/2011, 033/2011 and 036/2011, were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

**11.2 FUNDING FOR INDOOR RODEO ARENA**

**9623 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) note the information contained in the report
- (2) seek Ministerial approval for an internal loan of \$700,000 from Sewer Fund to General Fund for the purpose of funding an indoor arena.

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**11.3 INTERNAL AUDIT**

**9624 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that, in line with the recommendation of the Management Committee (comprising the General Managers of the six Councils), Council appoint Mr Andrew Fletcher as independent chair to its Audit and Risk Management Committee and appoint the Morse Group as internal auditor

**11.4 STAGE FOR SHOWGROUND PAVILION**

**9625 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council agree to purchase six portable module stage units at a total cost of \$14,100 funded from Showground reserve.

**11.5 SALEYARDS AMENITIES BUILDING**

**9626 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council:

- (1) undertake repairs to the toilet facility and surrounding amenities block at the saleyards;
- (2) source \$15,000 from the saleyard reserve to fund the repair
- (3) make toilet facilities at the saleyards available during the day and locked at night.

**COONAMBLE MAIN STREET UPGRADE**

At this juncture, Mr. Andrew Stanley, landscape consultant working on the main street upgrade, was welcomed to the meeting. He provided concept plans on the upgrade of the entrance to Castlereagh Street from the Highway entrance and showed pictures of other town's main business areas to give Councillors an idea of other options.

Ms Lisa Murray was also present and asked questions regarding the project so that she could inform members of the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor discussed the types of trees and plantings that should be considered in the upgrade.

**9627 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Horan and Karanouh that Council seek quotations on the plan presented at the meeting, which covers the entrance to Castlereagh Street's southern end, the front areas along Aberford Street, investigate what can be done to improve the Post Office corner and incorporate a Community Notice Board, in the first stage of the upgrade and that funding be sourced from the Development Reserve.

Mr. Stanley thanked Council and left the meeting at 12.07 p.m.

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**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**9628 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**9629 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 November 2011 be noted.

**12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**9630 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that the list of investments as at 30 November, 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 RATE CERTIFICATE AT LEVY 2011/2012**

**9631 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the Rate Certificate at Levy for 2011/2012 and authorise the affixing of the Seal.

**12.4 FINAL RATE CERTIFICATE FOR YEAR 2010/2011**

**9632 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the Final Rate Certificate for the Year 2010/2011 and authorise the affixing of the Seal.

**12.5 ANNUAL REPORT**

**9633 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the tabling of the Annual Report for 2010/2011 and that a copy of the Report was furnished to the Division of Local Government on 24 November, 2011.

**12.6 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – CONSULTATION REPORT**

**9634 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note the Draft Community Engagement Report, a copy of which was attached to the business paper.

**13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES**

**9635 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 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS FOR "THE MEGLO"**

Due to further enquiries for land at the Meglo Council discussed its future use, pointing out that it was for heavier industry which needed more space and less services than the recently extended industrial land.

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It was noted that options for the supply of water need to be investigated and guidelines in place, e.g. areas required for various industrial usage.

**9636 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council investigate its status with the Oaks Bore Trust regarding supply of water to the Meglo land.

**9637 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council agree in principle to proceed with the option to lease 100 acres of the Meglo, subject to the proponent identifying requirements, noting that the land in question is the block on the western end of the Meglo.

**9638 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that Council:

- (1) prepare a staged subdivision plan for potential demand at "The Meglo";
- (2) instruct the Manager Environmental Services to provide Council with a report indicating the need to consider a review of the existing Development Control Plan for Industrial Land Use in the Shire;
- (3) investigate the finance and pricing options for provision of infrastructure for potential industrial land development at "The Meglo".

Council discussed the requirements of Mr. Pace, who addressed the meeting earlier in the day and authorised the General Manager to commence negotiations. Upgrading the road was discussed and the Director of Engineering Services said that a road suitable for road trains, ½ kilometre long, 7½m with 10m formation would cost in the vicinity of \$200,000.

**9639 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt as Stage 2 the concept map submitted to the meeting.

**9640 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the General Manager be authorised to commence negotiations with Mr Pace for suitable land, obtain proper valuations and the terms of the sale be on the same conditions imposed on previous purchasers.

**13.2 STATUS UPDATE**

**9640 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Schieb that the status update of works provided by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be noted.

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**CLOSURE OF COONAMBLE SWIMMING POOL – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR**

**9641 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that Council authorise the closing of the Coonamble Swimming Pool on the following dates, noting also that it will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 23 December for the staff breakup party:

- Sunday 25 December      Closed
- Monday 26 December      Closed
- Tuesday 27 December      Closed.

At this juncture, 12.58 p.m. the meeting adjourned for lunch. Upon resumption, Council and the General Manager had an 'off the record' discussion and the ordinary meeting resumed at 3.05 p.m.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**9642 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 SECURITY CAMERA COVERAGE**

**9643 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Canham that Council investigate the closure of the walkway between the Museum and Department of Agriculture in Aberford Street, noting that it is not being utilised as a thoroughfare by pedestrians.

The Director of Engineering Services suggested that the \$25,000 budgeted by Council should be used to upgrade the system in the office before adding more cameras.

**9644 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that investigations be undertaken and a report submitted to identify what more can be done to achieve a better coverage by the CCTV system, noting that fixed cameras under awnings covering the footpath and half of the street, on each side of Castlereagh Street, may be an option and that the report include coverage of the area from the RSL Club to the Catholic Church in Aberford Street.

**9645 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council note the information relating to the current coverage of its CCTV network.

**14.2 TOWN WATER FILTRATION – GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION**

**9646 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note the Director of Engineering Services' action in accepting the quote from Public Works – Water Solutions – in the amount of \$38,000 (ex GST) to carry out the Town Water Filtration Geotechnical Investigation.

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**14.3 COONAMBLE LEVEE INVESTIGATION**

**9647 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council, after receipt of advice from the Office of Environment and Heritage, award the Environmental Assessment for the proposed levee and high bank restoration works to Geolyse in the amount of \$69,457.

**14.4 DEPOT IMPROVEMENTS**

**9648 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council remove the existing tank from the bunded area and install a new 20k litre vertical standpipe at an estimated "all up" cost of \$70,125 and that funds be sourced from the Depot Improvement Reserve.

**14.5 COONAMBLE LEVEE – COMPLAINT RE ILLEGAL USE**

**9649 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council advertise that the levee is not a public thoroughfare and request local police to patrol the problem areas, checking registrations and whether any public nuisance is being caused.

**14.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**9650 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the works in progress report provided by the Director of Engineering Services be noted.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that contractors are being used because of the pressure of work, pointing out that he has \$790,000 flood damage money which has to be spent by the end of June 2012.

At this juncture, Council's Manager of Environmental Services was at the meeting to present his report.

**15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**9651 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO: 050/2010 - MR VINCE MAGNOCAVALLO**

**9652 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council approve Development Application No. 050/2010, submitted by Mr Vince Magnocavallo from Digital Projects Pty Ltd, for the Strata of Lot A, DP.315012 and proposed single storey four (4) unit development and strata of Lot 1, DP. 662445, 18 - 22 Maule Street Coonamble, subject to the following conditions, noting that the two submissions received were considered in conjunction with the determination:

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1. The determination shall be regarded as being in accordance with the particulars and information set out and described in Development Application No.050/2010 except where varied by any or all of the following conditions. Any additional development not subject to this approval shall require the further consent of Council.
2. That prior to the commencement of the proposed development, a formal application for a Construction Certificate, together with all prescribed fees, plans and specifications be submitted to and approved by Council, or alternatively a privately certified Construction Certificate be lodged with council no less than forty eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the proposed development.
3. That the developer notify Council, not less than forty eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the work of:
  - i. date of commencement of the work.
  - ii. name of the principle certifying authority for the issue of compliance, occupation and/or subdivision certificates.
4. As Principal Certifying Authority, Council will require to inspect the various stages of construction as follows:
  - a. Strip footing/slab etc. when steel is laid prior to pouring concrete.
  - b. Internal and external drainage prior to covering.
  - c. Framework prior to lining internally.
  - d. Flashing of wet areas prior to tiling.
  - e. Stormwater drainage before covering.
  - f. Final - when building is completed prior to occupation.

It should be noted that if a stage requires a second inspection, due to work being incomplete or wrong, Council may require an additional fee to carry out the work.

5. That prior to the commencement of construction, the applicant lodge with, and receive approval for the following listed S68 Local Approval (s):
  - B1 – carry out water supply work
  - B4 – carry out sewerage work
  - B5 – carry out stormwater drainage work
6. That the building be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

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7. Residential building work
  1. That building work that involves residential building work (within the meaning of the Home Building Act 1989) not be carried out unless the principal certifying authority for the development to which the work relates:
    - (a) in the case of work to be done by a licensee under that Act:
      - (i) has been informed in writing of the licensee's name and contractor licence number, and
      - (ii) is satisfied that the licensee has complied with the requirements of Part 6 of that Act, or
    - (b) in the case of work to be done by any other person:
      - (i) has been informed in writing of the person's name and owner-builder permit number, or
      - (ii) that the value of the work is less than \$12,000.00.
  2. That an Insurance Certificate in relation to the work has been issued. A copy to be provided to Council.
8. That a concrete layback gutter crossing and full width concrete driveway between gutter and property boundary to Council specification be constructed at full cost to the applicant.
9. That all internal driveways, parking and manoeuvring areas of the complete site be constructed with a asphalt surface to Council's requirement.
10. That temporary water closets be provided before the commencement of any site or building work.
11. That any damage to Council's footpath, road or other land being restored in accordance with Council's specifications. Contact Council's Engineering Services Department.
12. That no materials or machinery to be used in the construction of the building shall be stored or stacked on Council's footpath, nature strip or roadway.
13. That the site be prepared so as to effectively divert surface water away from and around the building. In this regard, Council may require permanent surface or subsoil drains or a combination of both to be placed within or on the site..

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14. That the storm water be discharged to the street gutter, or stormwater system.
15. The boundary/common wall between all existing units shall be constructed to meet the requirements of the Building Code of Australia 2011.
16. That a works as executed drainage plan indicating the location of the drainage pipelines be submitted at the time of installation of such pipes.
17. A waste containment facility shall be provided on the construction site for all construction waste and is to be regularly serviced.
18. Prior to commencement of any works within the road reserve for the provision of a driveway crossing, the applicant or their nominated contractor shall make application to Council and receive approval for the construction of the driveway. Application shall be made on Council Driveway Construction Application. The construction of the footpath crossing must be completed prior to issue of Final Occupation Certificate.
19. The Strata Title Subdivision Certificate will not be endorsed until all fire separation and fire safety requirements have been met.
20. A Subdivision Certificate shall not be issued until an Accredited Certifier or Council is satisfied that the requirements of Section 37AA of the Strata Schemes (Freehold Development) Act 1973 and Section 29A of the Strata Schemes (Freehold Development) Regulation 2007 have been met.

NOTE: You are advised that where telephone connections or alterations are proposed, you should contact Telstra at their Business Office.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT**

**9653 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Ranger's report for the month of November, 2011 be noted.

The Manager informed Council that action has been commenced to fine drivers responsible for parking of trucks in town streets, pointing out that there are ample parking areas available for heavy vehicles. He also said that owners of stray dogs are being fined.

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**16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**9654 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following minutes/ reports be noted:

- 16.1 Minutes of Traffic Committee meeting held 2 November 2011
- 16.2 Minutes of Consultative Committee meeting held 1 December 2011
- 16.3 Delegates Report – OROC AGM held 2 December 2011

**17.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER**

**9655 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of November, 2011 be noted.

**9656 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that Council contribute \$250 to the dinner being arranged by the Coonamble Associated Agents for Mr. Greg Robinson.

**18.0/19.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**9657 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien 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"*

**9658 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**9659 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**9660 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos.18.1, 18.2, 19.1, 19.2 and 19.3 as set out below:

**18.1 TENDER T2112OROC – SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ROAD STABILISING SERVICES**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council:

- (1) list the following companies and they be awarded this tender as a Panel source tender for the Supply and Delivery of Road Stabilising Services for period 1 January 2012 to 30 December 2013:
  - Accurate Asphalt
  - Diveva Pty Ltd t/a Midcoast Road Services
  - Downer EDI
  - Road Worx

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- Stabilco
- Stabilised Pavements Australia
- Stabiltrac

(2) make provision for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance which may take this tender through to December 2014.

**18.2 SLASHERS MOWERS**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the quote of Scone Outdoors for the supply of two Toro Ground Master Mid-mount Mowers for \$72,568.00 and further, accept the quote for supply of two trailers for \$3,272 (2 x \$1,636).

**19.1 REQUEST BY JOSEPH PACE HOLDINGS TO PURCHASE LAND AT 'THE MEGLO'**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that the additional information supplied be noted.

**19.2 REPORT ON PROPOSED ACQUISITION BY COUNCIL OF A PORTION OF SMITH PARK RECREATION RESERVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECO SPA AND CARAVAN PARK DEVELOPMENT**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council:

- (1) note the information pertaining to acquisition of land currently used as the Caravan Park;
- (2) proceed with the acquisition of the identified site;
- (3) provide for \$100,000 in the 2012/2013 budget to fund the purchase of the subject land.

**19.3 UNSIGHTLY BUILDINGS IN ABERFORD STREET**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that the Manager of Environmental Services inspect the unsightly shops in Aberford Street, opposite the Police Station/Post Office, which are boarded up and serve an Order on the owner to bring them to an acceptable standard or demolish the buildings.

**20.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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**21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Karanouh:**

**RTA Inspection Station:**

**9661 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council provide a letter of support to Batterline Earthmoving in its endeavours to establish a RTA inspection station in Coonamble.

**Extraction of Sand from River:**

**9662 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council revisit options available for removal of sand from the river and what is required to acquire a license for same.

**Provision of Stage for Pavilion** – Thanked Council for agreeing to purchase a suitable stage for the pavilion at the Showground and saying that upgrades, e.g. decorative lighting, etc. should be ongoing so that the facility will be attractive to prospective hirers.

**Cr Schieb:**

- Submission – railway line – asked that Council follow up on the proposal to upgrade all branch lines. Said Council should chase funding to run a spur line so that grain companies can make use of the rail for transport of produce. Cr. Cullen said a lot of work was done by the Economic Development Manager on this and it was to no avail. The meeting agreed that the EDM provide a report to the February meeting on the history of Council's attempts in this regard.

**Cr O'Brien:**

**CLEARING OF RIVER BED**

**9663 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that Council investigate funding sources and submit application for grant money to clean the bed of the river.

- Referred to the impact new OH&S regulations will have on volunteers – who will be classified as staff and will have to receive training. Enquired whether this would include section 355 committees of Council.
- Attended Library meeting in Gilgandra on 13 December with the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services.

**Cr Cullen:**

- Referred to development taking place in a flood plain area and asked how this was approved – the General Manager said that private certifiers were employed and it was done under the old LEP.

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**Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services:**

- Provided update on the review of operations at the Quambone Pool – the safety auditor was happy with recent signage erected.

**Director of Corporate and Community Services:**

- Advised that there will be an increase of 3.6% in contribution fees next year for the North West Library Service. Also it is offering a six week amnesty on fees for overdue books and DVDs.

**General Manager:**

- MPREC has moved most of its operations from the council building and will move the Centrelink office when work is completed at the building owned by the Corporation.
- High School Principal has advised that the school is agreeable to share Council's building with vacation care for the alternate learning venue. It is proposed that a formal lease be drawn up for 3 – 5 years. The school will be responsible for fit-out and a contribution to council for use. Advised that a funding application has been made for a transportable building to be located at the Ag plot and if this is successful the venue will be moved. Council is aware the building is also used by Vacation Care and that both organisations will have to share the facility.

**Mayor:**

- Referred to problems with sewerage in the new Hooper Estate – the Director of Engineering Services advised that the contractors responsible have been notified.

Before closing the meeting the Mayor wished Councillors and staff a happy Christmas and a safe holiday period.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.14 pm.

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**MAYOR**

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