

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH
FEBRUARY, 2012, COMMENCING AT 9.10 A.M.**

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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 Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

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 students from the Coonamble High School were booked to present to Council films made by them in conjunction with the Stride Foundation which has conducted film workshops in Coonamble.

4.0 APOLOGY

Nil

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

It was noted that the Manager of the Coonamble Office of the Department of Community Services would be addressing Council at 2.00 p.m.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr O'Brien advised she is the President of the Two Eight Two Eight Committee and declared an interest in Correspondence Item 10.7.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

9664 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 December 2011 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING

(a) Mr Joe Pace – Proposal to Establish Business

Cr Schieb asked whether Council has received advice from the Oaks Bore Trust regarding connection of water to proposed further developments at "the Meglo". The General Manager said no response has yet been received.

The Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services informed the meeting that an independent valuer was engaged to provide a valuation of the land – this has now been received.

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9665 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council authorise the Mayor, General Manager and the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services to negotiate with Mr. Pace for the purchase of 4ha of land at "The Meglo".

(b) Clearing of River Bed – Minute No 9663

Requested that this minute be included in the Resolution Book Update so that funding sources for this work will not be overlooked.

(c) Quambone Store

The General Manager said he had spoken with the Manager of Environmental Services regarding this matter. The Post Office agency is the only service being provided at the Store.

(d) MPREC

In response to a question, the General Manager informed the meeting that Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation has moved its Centrelink Agency to its new location. Council's building is now being readied for occupation by staff.

(e) CCTV Cameras

Cr Schieb referred to the coverage of the CCTV cameras and the perceived image the public has that they are not working. The General Manager said the cameras do work, however footage is not available for the public to access. He said that if Council is aware of an 'incident' staff will put the footage on disc and hold it for a time.

(f) Batterline – Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station

In response to a question, the General Manager said that a letter of support has been provided to Batterline in its endeavours to have a HVIS in Coonamble.

(g) Closure of Coonamble Swimming Pool – Minute No 9641

Cr Canham reported an incident that occurred regarding his voting on this matter at the December meeting. He said it regarded his voting against having the pool closed for three days.

PRESENTATION BY SCHOOL STUDENTS

At this juncture, five students in company with Tanya Hind, attended the meeting to show films they made following their attendance at film workshops with the Stride Foundation. Mrs Hind said that the Foundation would be back in Coonamble this year and referred to the 'alternate learning centre' where this type of activity would be included for disengaged students to be involved.

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There were three films by students:

- The Rise of the Undead
- The Commercial Ghost
- The Accident

The Mayor congratulated the students and thanked them for their presentation to Council. Another film on Coonamble, made in 2010, was also shown to Councillors. At this juncture, 10.07 a.m., the students and Mrs Hind left the meeting.

COONAMBLE TAFE – PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH OLD BUILDING

Five residents and students of the Coonamble TAFE were present to make representations to Council concerning the proposal by TAFE to demolish the building used as the student amenities block, which was formerly the Clubhouse of the Coonamble Tennis Club.

Councillors were informed that the building was erected in 1937 and has significant history. The spokesperson for the delegation said it is important that the building be preserved and asked for Council's assistance in making representations.

9666 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Schieb that urgent representations be made to the Minister for Education and the Local Member for Barwon, for the building to be retained.

It was also suggested that Council's Heritage Advisor be approached to include the building as a 'heritage listing'.

The deputation left the meeting at 10.15 a.m.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

9667 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor reported that since the December meeting he has not attended or participated in any functions on Council's behalf, except the Australia Day Celebrations. Cr Horan said it was a great day, although the weather was not 'on side' the activities at the Coonamble Showground Pavilion were enjoyed by all. He made mention of the attendance numbers which, he said, were the best for some time. Cr. Horan also requested that the Events Organiser, Ms Amanda Glasson, be congratulated and thanked for arranging the celebrations.

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- Reinstatement of RTA Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station in Coonamble
- Return of commercial flights to and from Dubbo/Sydney.

10.5 GULARGAMBONE YOUTH CENTRE D7

9674 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council include the proposal for a skate park in Gulargambone for consideration in the 2012/2013 operational budget, noting that Council has been requested to contribute an amount of \$38,217.

10.6 QUAMBONE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATIONS F9+PR3053(36562)

9675 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Karanouh that Council advise the Quambone Community Economic Development and Job Creations Committee it supports the Committee's vision and the use of the land, however there are no available funds to assist the proposed developments, but Council would welcome the submission of a business plan, including an Environmental Impact Statement as would be required by legislation.

10.7 TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT D7(36557)

9676 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council agree to contribute \$150 towards the function for seniors during Senior Citizens Week at Gulargambone and the amount be sourced from the Donations Vote.

Cr O'Brien declared an interest in the above matter, as President of the Two Eight Two Eight Committee, and took no part in the discussions or voting.

10.8 INDEPENDENT PRICING & REGULATORY TRIBUNAL (IPART) R4(36307)

9677 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council adopt the determination by IPART for the increase in general rates for the 2013 financial year of 3.5%.

Section B – For Council's Information:

10.9 CABINET SECRETARY, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY E5+G1+F9(36332)

Referring to the Australian Government's Clean Energy Future Plan (the Plan) and its implications and opportunities for local governments. Saying the Plan is an important reform that will affect the wellbeing of future generations and help to address the threat of climate change.

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Pointing out the Plan includes income tax cuts that will support workforce participation. Referring to the Plan's effect on landfill facilities, electricity costs, construction and fuel costs.

10.10 COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL INDOOR EMPLOYEES CHRISTMAS PARTY S6-10(36322)

Thanking Council for its continued support of the Christmas Party, which was held on Friday 9 December at Coonamble RSL Club. Saying the evening was well attended and an enjoyable event.

10.11 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT A5(36346)

Advising the Department has begun a comprehensive process to reduce the number of Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) issuing bodies. Saying that Coonamble has no ASICs recorded on its register at Coonamble Airport.

Council noted that at the time it received funding from the Department of Transport and Regional Security (DOTARS) all airports were required to become Issuing Bodies for Aviation Security Identification Cards. It was pointed out that because Council did not have the equipment necessary no cards were issued – consequently Council did not apply to maintain an ASIC Issuing Program at its Airport.

10.12 DESTINATION 2036 L9-1(36343)

Advising that the Implementation Steering Committee (ISC) has prepared the draft Destination 2036 Action Plan and has extended the consultation period for the draft document until 15 February 2012 for councils and other stakeholders to comment.

The General Manager reminded Councillors that they were provided with a copy of the draft document and should they wish to comment, they should advise him by 10 February 2012 to enable a response to be provided.

10.13 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION R8-8(36351)

Forwarding a booklet highlighting local government's Roads to Recovery achievements that can be used to argue the case for the continuation of the Program. Encouraging Councils to discuss the future of the Roads to Recovery Program with local Federal members to raise the level of understanding of its importance and the need for it to be continued beyond 2014.

10.14 NSW POLICE FORCE P5(36372)

Forwarding copies of media releases which were made available to Councillors.

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10.15 NSW FIRE & RESCUE B13(36387)

Advising Council's Fire Brigade Contribution for the Coonamble Fire District for 2011/2012 is \$16,645. Advising the Zone Commander located in Council's fire district will organize a meeting within the next three months to ensure Council is consulted on all aspects of service delivery for Coonamble Fire District.

10.16 QUAMBONE PUBLIC SCHOOL D7(36433)

Expressing thanks for continued support of Awards Night – saying it is a very special occasion for students and Council's donation helps increase the value and number of prizes offered. Pointing out that Council's donation enabled the school to offer prizes for effort and application with the program.

**10.17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW
L9(36456)**

In a letter to the Mayor saying the Associations have agreed in principle to form One Association to represent local government in NSW based on the 27 principles agreed to by the Associations. Forwarding a copy of a draft constitution (the "sixth draft version") for One Association to be called tentatively the "*Local Government & Shires Association of NSW*". Identifying further matters which need to be resolved.

10.18 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA

Advising that Council's expression of interest for funding under Round Two of the Regional Development Australia Fund (FDAF) program (Coonamble Indoor Arena) has not been selected to proceed to full application. Advising that RDA Orana will provide feedback on the expression of interest.

**10.19 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
S13(36514)**

Advising that the NSW government is currently seeking the views of swimming pool owners, local councils and others in the wider community about the level of support for proposed amendments to the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* Review Discussion Paper. Inviting councils to consider and make a submission to the Division and pointing out the closing date is Friday 24 February, 2012.

The General Manager informed the meeting that a copy of the Review Discussion Paper has been provided to the Manager of Environmental Services so that he can make a submission on behalf of Council if thought appropriate.

He said it would be anticipated that local councils will be required to inspect and police standards of individual pools and Council should request that any additional inspection regime be supported with appropriate funding from the State Government.

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**10.20 ROB DUNKLEY - DIGITAL SWITCHOVER LIAISON OFFICER –
CENTRAL TABLELANDS AND CENTRAL WESTERN SLOPES C8(36522)**

Introducing himself and his role as Digital Switchover Liaison Officer and saying he would like the opportunity to discuss with Council the feasibility of conducting information events at towns within Council's LGA to promote the Digital Switchover and putting a link to the DigitalReady website onto Council's website.

**10.21 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
ARTS AND SPORT G5-34(36530)**

Acknowledging Council's letter regarding its application for funding from Round One of the Regional Development Australia Fund for the Unbridling our Potential – Coonamble Multipurpose Indoor Arena project. Advising the Department has investigated the matters raised and confirms that the endorsement letter and other mandatory documents were not available to the Assessor at the time of completing the assessment of Council's application.

Regretting the error in the Departments IT system which led to this and saying it has upgraded its online lodgment system for Round Two to a web-based form which will ensure that similar problems are averted.

10.22 MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY I6-1-1(36310)

Saying it is keen to meet with Council to present the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly's position and commence a dialogue with Council on how it can be a signatory to the second Regional Partnership Agreement.

Council noted that Mr. Jeffries, the Chairman of the Assembly, has advised he will not be available to address Council until its May meeting. His address will last about one-half hour and he has been invited to attend at 9.30am – 10.00 a.m. on 9 May.

9678 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.9 – 10.22 be noted.

10.23 GULARGAMBONE GOLF CLUB P10 (36534)

Advising the future of the club is currently being debated, with a likelihood of it ceasing to trade and perhaps being wound up. Saying the club holds a special lease with the Department of Lands which is ongoing and reviewed on a three year basis. Gauging interest from anyone who may be interested in any aspect of the club, with a view to operating a business or providing a service to the community.

9679 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Horan and O'Brien that Council contact the Gulargambone Golf Club offering its assistance where possible.

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At this juncture, 10.35 a.m. the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.55 a.m.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

9680 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

9681 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canaham and Webb that Council note Development Application Nos 037/2011, 039/2011 and 040/2011, together with Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 041/2011 and 043/2011 to 045/2011, were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

11.2 GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICY

9682 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council formally adopt the Gifts & Benefits Policy (including the Guidelines and Reporting Form) which has been on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, noting that no submissions were received.

11.3 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME

9683 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that Council submit an intention to lodge application for Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme for an externally funded loan.

11.4 DRAFT POLICY – COMMUNICATION WITH THE MEDIA

9684 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council place the draft policy on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period inviting written comments/submissions, prior to formally adopting the policy, taking into consideration any submissions received.

11.5 DRAFT POLICY – RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION

9685 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the Recruitment and Selection Policy, noting that it is an internal policy and, as such, does not need to be placed on public exhibition.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

9686 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and O'Brien that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

9687 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 January 2012 be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

9688 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the list of investments as at 31 January, 2012 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 PROGRESS

9689 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress report.

The Mayor referred to the need to communicate progress throughout the month as he is required to speak on Council's behalf on various issues within the community.

12.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY

9690 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that Council adopt the Community Services Policy, noting the document has been on display for the required period, that the closing date for written submissions was 16 December, 2011 and that no submissions were received.

12.5 CHILD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT POLICY

9691 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council adopt the Child & Youth Development Policy, noting the document has been on display for the required period, that the closing date for written submissions was 16 December 2011 and that no submissions were received.

12.6 ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

9692 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council endorse the attached Asset Management 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.

12.7 CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

9693 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council adopt the Child Protection Policy as presented to the meeting.

12.8 YOUTH COUNCIL

9694 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council:

- (1) Endorse the establishment of a Coonamble Shire Youth Council as a Section 355 Committee, with representation comprised of the following:
 - Councillor
 - Community Development & Liaison Officer
 - Young people aged 12 – 21 years residing in or attending school in the Coonamble Shire; with a review on the age limit to be carried out within 12 months;
- (2) Councillor representative on the Youth Council be the Mayor;
- (3) Approve the Terms of Reference, as presented at the meeting, for the Coonamble Shire Youth Council.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES

9695 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be noted.

13.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

9696 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh Schieb that Council noted the report on works in progress, which included:

- Quarry
- Parks and gardens
- Pools
- Housing
- Saleyards
- Tourism
- Economic development.

The Director informed Council that the Tourism Development Manager has commenced duty and was available to meet Councillors. Ms Lauren Picone was present at the meeting and spoke briefly about her role so far.

13.2 UPGRADE OF LOCAL RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

Councillors noted that this report from the Economic Development Manager, detailing history and outcomes to date regarding the upgrade of the Dubbo to Coonamble rail branch line, was requested at the December meeting.

9697 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information contained in the report be noted and Council support the Economic Development Manager in her attempts to arrange a 'loop line' which will service land in Coonamble for future development of grain handling facilities and that the work be within budget.

13.3 REPLACEMENT OF GRANDSTAND SEATING – COONAMBLE SPORTSGROUND

9698 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council replace the current seating with Design B (as submitted to the meeting), noting that a Council has included in its estimates a vote of \$25,000 for the replacement of the seats.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

9699 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and O'Brien that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 LANE CLOSURE – SKILLMAN'S LANE AREA

9700 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that Council advertise its intention to close the walkway adjacent to the Museum, which is not a dedicated public thoroughfare and is owned by Council, because of problems caused by persons engaged in unacceptable behaviour.

14.2 URBAN STREET REHABILITATION

9701 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council consider the allocation of increased funding at its future budget meetings to undertake programmed rehabilitation and resealing works on its urban and rural roads network.

14.3 ROADS TO RECOVERY & LOCAL ROADS WORKS PROGRAM 2011/2012

9702 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the report and concur with the proposal to increase the area of reseals and rehabilitation on the local sealed road network during the 2011/2012 Program.

14.4 CCTV SYSTEM COVERAGE

9703 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Karanouh that Council call a meeting of the CCTV Cameras Committee, inviting representatives from the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce, Coonamble Streets Ahead and Police, with the intention of looking at camera locations and identifying other areas where they may be needed, then make a recommendation to Council to consider costings for an upgrade in conjunction with its management plan for the forthcoming year.

14.5 WORKS IN PROGRESS

9704 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the works in progress report which includes:

- State Highway
- Local & Regional Roads
- Water / Sewer
- Airport
- Workshop

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

15.1+15.2 RANGER'S REPORT

9705 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the Ranger's reports for the months of December, 2011 and January, 2012 be noted.

At this juncture, 12.55 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.46 p.m.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

9706 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the minutes of the Mt Magometon Quarry Management Committee, held on 7 December, 2011, be noted.

At this juncture, 1.57 p.m., Cr O'Brien returned from lunch.

18.0 REPORT BY A/SALEYARDS MANAGER

Saleyards Amenities Building

The Mayor referred to a charge levied on local agents to defray costs involved with construction of the amenities building at the Saleyards. Cr Horan said a more equitable way to recoup this expense would be to set a charge per beast sold, then all users would be liable.

9707 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Karanouh that staff investigate an appropriate fee per beast sold at the Saleyards to be included in the Fees and Charges set by Council annually.

9708 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report by the A/Saleyards Manager for the month of January 2012 be noted.

20.0/21.0 CLOSED SESSION

9709 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"*

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9710 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

9711 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

9712 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos.19.1, 19.2, 19.3, 20.1 and 20.2, as set out below:

19.1 MAIN STREET UPGRADE

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (i) Accept the quotation from Gardenscape Design in the amount of \$158,817;
- (ii) Refer the design to the Roads & Maritime Services for comment/ approval;
- (iii) Appoint a committee comprising the Crs Horan, Schieb, Karanouh and Webb, together with the General Manager and the Director of Engineering Services to oversee the upgrade.

19.2 FARMING – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (i) Authorise the Farming Committee to negotiate with Peter Dent and Robert Thomas in regard to a share-farming agreement, which will be drawn up by Council's solicitor, including a time frame;
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Farming Committee to determine the share farming agreement for a period of up to three years;
- (iii) Inform the successful contractor that during the term of the agreement he will be working closely with the Farming Committee.

19.3 OCHRE HEALTH – HOUSING

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council advise Ochre Health it is not in a position to replace the kitchen at this stage, however the work will be considered in conjunction with the 2012/2013 management plan.

20.1 COONAMBLE WATER SUPPLY – UPGRADE PROGRESS REPORT

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council proceed with invitation of tenders for the Coonamble water supply and seek a contribution from the NSW Government to cover the shortfall in funding, noting that if funding is not available, Council meet costs from reserves.

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20.2 COONAMBLE LEVEE

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the fee proposal from the Public Works Department in the sum of \$161,200 (exclusive of GST) for the detailed design of the Coonamble Levee.

**16.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW –
31ST DECEMBER 2011**

9713 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that staff obtain costings to have 'car stoppers' installed in the main street area to prevent vehicles damaging awnings when parking.

9714 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham 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 31 December 2011.

21.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh:

- Scout Hall – been vandalised – advise Scout Headquarters that damage has been caused and ascertain their intentions – i.e. fence off; demolish.
- Scouring – river bank behind library – the Director of Engineering Services advised that a consultant will inspect next week – cost of repairs estimated at \$170,000.
- Gun Club – requested that staff follow up the request for trees.
- Business Papers – requested they again be shown on the screen in the meeting.
- Fold up screen for use in meeting room – requested that staff investigate what is available and the suitability for council's purpose.
- Rubbish bin from main street – the Director of DC&U Services said he would have the bin returned/replaced.

Cr Schieb:

- Referred to damage caused to the lights at Coonamble Airport.

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9715 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council provide the following motion to the "C" Division Conference:

"That the law be changed to make parents liable for any damage (vandalism) caused by their children and they be responsible for payment of compensation."

Cr O'Brien:

- International Women's Day – asked whether funding has been approved and whether the RTC would be the auspicing body. The Director of Corporate & Community Services advised that no response has been received to date.
- Seniors Award – requested permission to arrange certificates for the Senior of the Year at Gulargambone to be printed and for council to advertise the event.
- Heritage Committee – requested that a meeting of the Heritage Committee be arranged.
- Washing of Street – Gulargambone – asked that the work be done in early March.
- Dinner under the Stars – reminded Councillors/staff that they should advise Angela O'Brien immediately if they wish to attend the function.

Cr Webb:

- Reported that, in company with the Director of Engineering Services, attended the LEMC meeting – the Director said he would make minutes of the meeting available to Council.

9716 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council write to the State Emergency Service and the NSW Office of Water requesting that the gauges on the Castlereagh River at Coonamble and Warrena Creek be made operable as a priority.

Cr Cullen:

- Old Tennis Clubhouse at Coonamble TAFE – make representations to prevent the building being removed or demolished.
- Former Railway Station Building:

9717 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council contact the State Rail Authority, advising that the old railway station building has been vandalised to a point where it is impossible to use and request that the building be fenced off to prevent further incidents of vandalism.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH
FEBRUARY, 2012, COMMENCING AT 9.10 A.M.**

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Cr Canham:

- Reported that the power at Quambone was off for 17 hours and residents were not notified. Cr Canham was advised that Council was not notified by the Authority either and that, as a result, the reservoir ran out.

Director of Corporate and Community Services:

- Advised an apology was received during the afternoon from the local manager of DOCs regarding her presentation to the meeting.

General Manager:

- Yatton – presented copies of duplexes for councillors perusal – cost \$440,000. Councillors noted that transportable homes (ex Dubbo) were available within a price range (delivered to site) of \$142,000 - \$143,000. Council noted it had budgeted \$300,000 to proceed with the development. It was decided that a Committee, comprising the Mayor, Cr O'Brien, the General Manager and the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services, be formed to progress this project.
- Advised that Council has a licence for sand extraction for its own purposes. If it decides to sell the sand, royalty will be charged, returns must be submitted and the licence may be reviewed.

Mayor:

- Signs missing – Auburn Street/Warrena Street
- Pot holes – Castlereagh Street and adjacent to IGA
- New counter – front office – the General Manager reported that the 'best' quote he received was \$30,000, which was too expensive.

Director of Engineering Services:

- Reported that he has lodged an application to remove introduced species from the river bed – he said funds are available and it was hoped that they would be allocated to three Council areas for this work.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 3.40 pm.

These Pages (Pages 1/4989 to 17/5005) were confirmed on the

day of

2012 and are a full and

accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire

Council held on 8 February 2012.

MAYOR

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