

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

**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.

**MAYORAL REPORT**

At this juncture, the Mayor informed the meeting that he wished to bring forward his Mayoral Report.

**9823 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that the Mayoral Report be brought forward for discussion at this time.

The Mayor informed Council that he was disappointed to read the letter to the Editor in last week's Coonamble Times concerning the rodeo arena. He said it contained many inaccuracies and he wanted to present the facts and asked Councillors to bear with him. He advised that he has provided a response in a letter to the Editor for this week's Coonamble Times.

Cr Horan said, in his opinion, the letter defames Council and he asked Council's legal adviser, Mr. David Ryan, to 'sit in' while this matter was being discussed. Messrs David Burtenshaw and Jim Hiscock (representing the Rodeo Committee) were observers.

In beginning to present his case, the Mayor said the proposed rodeo arena was not his idea – saying it has been floating around well before he was elected to Council in 2004. Cr Horan said as far as he is concerned, the feedback and consultation clearly indicates that the arena is supported.

Cr. Horan said the concept of the arena was introduced in 2002 and in 2003 the Tourism Action Plan clearly identified the rodeo arena as a project that needs to be planned to be ready in the next 5 – 10 years.

The following précis was provided, with evidence to support each claim:

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12 August 2009 TDM report to Council – outlining benefits of the rodeo and indicating the event continues to expand each year, with nominations up by at least 25%.

10 February 2010 Council Meeting – Adoption of Showground Management Plan which included the proposed arena. Saying no submission was received and Cr Schieb seconded the motion formally adopting the report. Pointing out key elements of the plan have the arena at No 1 position.

9 June 2010 Council Meeting – Review of Management Plan – one response received – not related to the arena. TDM's report re planning discussions. Full detailed project summary provided to Council (included background, consultation process, support, project uses and project contacts).

14 July 2010 Report by TDM Steve Baldwin advising another successful rodeo. All councillors provided with report on the site master plan for Coonamble Showground – clearly indicating the proposed arena.

8 September 2010 Council Meeting – Steve Baldwin advised he was still working with the Rodeo Committee in relation to the rodeo arena.

13 October 2010 Council Meeting – arena discussed - \$25,000 allocated to assist with Corporate Visit.

10 December 2010 Council Meeting – Receipt of \$17,500 funding for project – resolution to accept the money. Mayoral Activity Report contained overview of meeting held with University students working on the project.

The matter was raised at Council meetings held on 10 November, 2010, 9 March, 2011 and 13 April, 2011 (Council resolved to commit \$500,000 “at this stage”). Also at April meeting Council resolved to adopt the Arena Steering Committee reports, as well as vote \$100,000 funding for Showground amenities. At the same meeting there was a recommendation by the Steering Committee to change/review the strategic plan.

9 May 2011 Council Meeting – letter from RDA endorsing the proposal and also noted it as a stand out.

11 May 2011 Discussed costs – Mayor's activity report included general overview of proposal.

8 June 2011 Council Meeting – report from EDM – talks about the stand at the Show for consultation concerning the arena. Informed the meeting that the Coonamble High School had provided a model (firstly displayed in

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the Council foyer and now in McCullough Hall where it has been for some months).

13 July 2011 Council Meeting – outcomes of the RDA application discussed.

14 September 2011 Council Meeting – General Manager sought guidance re future of the arena. Council decided to discuss possible structure changes with Rodeo Committee. Cr Cullen moved a motion which was seconded by Cr Schieb that no further action be taken regarding Corporate Sponsorship.

9 November 2011 Council Meeting – motion to increase funding – no objection. Cr Canham was concerned about funding sources. Presentation by Ian Berryman – no issues raised. Resolution passed to increase total commitment to \$1.2m – Cr Canham objected in relation to funding options.

8 February 2012 Council Meeting – letter from RDA advising application was unsuccessful in Round 2.

21 March 2012 Mayoral report in Coonamble Times – talks about time frames, dollar commitment and the fact that contracts for construction are underway.

The Mayor said that from all the facts presented, it is clearly obvious that Cr Schieb did not speak against the proposed arena when he clearly had many opportunities to do so. Cr Horan said that for anyone to say this Council does not consult is not correct and that comments have been made that the arena project should be referred to ICAC.

The Mayor asked Cr Schieb whether he believed there has been corrupt activities by him (the Mayor) or any other Councillor on the arena project or any other issue. Cr Horan also brought forward other issues before inviting Councillors to ask questions.

Cr Schieb said that at no time did he imply that this Council was acting corruptly and it was his opinion that he did not defame Council in his letter to the Editor. He agreed that he does support the arena project and commended the rodeo committee on its work and success. Cr Schieb said he was of the opinion that the \$500,000 voted would have been a very fair contribution to the project.

Cr Cullen said that Council is not about making money, its about providing services to the community for the betterment of the Shire. He pointed out that the quarry and saleyards are the only two functions of Council that make money. It is Council's role to provide the best services it can for the enjoyment of

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ratepayers. He said Council does not have any tourist attractions so it must provide other facilities which will attract people to the town. It was also noted that the Shire's population has dropped dramatically over the past 10 years and Council must endeavour to at least maintain the status quo.

The Mayor advised that there will be no rate increase attributable to the arena project – the rates will rise in accordance with the rate pegging limit of 3.6%. Cr. Cullen said that some members of the public gathered from Cr. Schieb's letter that rates will rise to pay for the covered arena. Cr. Karanouh asked whether Council is still awaiting Ministerial Approval to raise the loan internally – the General Manager replied that Council will have no problem in addressing the issues the Minister put forward.

Further general discussion continued on how Council should provide infrastructure and facilities to attract people to the Shire or, at the least, make venues attractive for events so that those events can expand.

**9824 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the report by the Mayor be adopted.

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No person was present during public question time.

**4.0 APOLOGY**

Nil

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Three delegations are booked for today's meeting:

- Coonamble High School
- Mr Sam Jeffries, MPREC
- Ms Judy Su, DoCS – Coonamble Branch

**(a) Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly – Mr Sam Jeffries**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Jeffries to the meeting and invited him to begin his presentation. Mr. Jeffries said he is the Chairman of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly – he pointed out it is a completely separate entity from the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation. Mr Jeffries said it is the Assembly's role to set strategies and plan to address issues to ensure a better and stronger relationship between Aboriginal people, local government and communities. He said it has no fiscal responsibility and his area covers eight LGAs.

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Mr Jeffries said the main purpose of his address is to promote the Regional Partnership Agreement which is currently being renegotiated with the government and will commence on 1 January 2013. He said we have to identify ways to address declining populations and may be joint planning and job creation may be a good start. Mr Jeffries said all levels of government should consider employment of Aboriginal people, we should invest in our own local community by employment and training.

Mr. Jeffries said it is important that all local government areas covered by the Assembly sign the Regional Partnership Agreement. He said strategies are developed by Aboriginal people in the region and owned by all people in the region. Mr Jeffries pointed out the Assembly is not incorporate or legislated, thus it cannot be abolished or go into administration.

At this juncture, the Mayor requested that Mr. Jeffries adjourn his presentation to allow Coonamble High School Students to present to Council, as the students have a limited timeframe.

**(b) Students from Years 7 – 8 – Coonamble High School**

At this time, five students from Coonamble High School, accompanied by a teacher, were welcomed to the meeting. They were present to put forward their predictions for Coonamble Shire in the year 2050 and why they believed those changes would occur.

The students were Tim Ibbott, Lucy Buckley, Cameron Markey, Imogen Pawley and Dylan Ryan. Each one did a separate presentation with graphs and images to support their predictions. The areas they covered included farming/agriculture, travel/transport, solar power and much more. The vehicles predicted to be driven in the year 2050 leave the current range way, way behind and believe it or not, what the robots will be doing (controlled by farmers at home) is amazing!!!

At the end of the presentations, the Mayor thanked the children and congratulated them on their foresight, creativity and ability to put forward very good cases. They left the meeting at 10.29 a.m. and Mr. Jeffries returned to his presentation.

**Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (continued)**

Mr. Jeffries briefed the meeting on the principles of the Regional Partnership Agreement which, he said, will bring benefits to the region. It was noted that Council, at a prior meeting, agreed to continue to be a signatory to the Agreement.

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This concluded Mr. Jeffries' presentation – the Mayor thanked him and invited him to join Council and staff for morning tea. The meeting adjourned at 10.55 a.m. and resumed at 11.15 a.m.

**(c) Address by Vivian Hall – Department of Community Services, Coonamble.**

The meeting noted that Ms Judy Su was to attend today's meeting but was unable to come and sent an apology. Ms Hall said that DoCS is not only about child protection, but covers many other areas within family situations.

In response to a question concerning control of juveniles in the streets at night, Ms Hall said DoCS did not have the power to intervene. Reports must be submitted and the Department prioritises on a 'category' basis. It was agreed that parental responsibility is a must and Ms Hall said that in some cases the Department works with families in attempts to make this happen. She said domestic violence is another area where the Department works with families, where it is seen that children may be at risk.

Ms Hall said there are currently five case workers in Coonamble and she also works within Coonamble and Walgett. Ms Hall said that there is a freeze on external recruitment at the moment, however internal recruitment can help when areas are short staffed. She said that if Councillors require further or specific information she will have it provided to them.

The Mayor thanked Ms Hall for attending and addressing Council and she left the meeting at 11.28 a.m.

**(d) Coonamble Show Society – Old Medals**

Mr. Gordon Ditchfield was present to show Council the medals which were purchased by the Show Society and to which Council contributed towards the purchase price. Mr. Ditchfield passed the framed medals around for Councillors to view and gave a commentary of the history of each one. The first was a medal awarded to Andrew Tobin at the first Coonamble Show in 1883, the second was a medal of appreciation presented to Maurice Field for his contribution to the early history of Coonamble and District and the third was presented to J.Jones in 1887 for a Durham Cow.

Mr. Ditchfield informed the meeting that the medal Coonamble Show Society really wished to acquire was too expensive. He said it was the medal awarded to Harry Broad in 1836 for the pig skin saddle he built and exhibited at the Coonamble Show. He said it is now in the National Archives in Canberra.

Before leaving the meeting Mr. Ditchfield said he is currently in the process of researching the Coonamble Tennis Club – Councillors commended him and advised that a 12 month Interim Heritage Order has been placed on the building. Mr. Ditchfield left the meeting at 11.40 a.m.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor declared an interest in Item 11.3 (General Manager's report) – Dental Housing.

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**9825 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 April, 2012 be confirmed.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**(a) Eco Spa Proposal**

Cr Karanouh asked whether a meeting date has been set for the Committee to meet to determine the scope and develop a brief for the Architect. The Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services advised that, due to other commitments, he has not set a date at this stage.

**(b) Banking Services**

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager said that an advertisement has been placed, inviting expressions of interest and a report will be presented to the June meeting.

Cr. O'Brien informed the meeting that the local Westpac Agency has jumped from No. 6 to No. 2 in NSW for Customer Service. Cr O'Brien said that the Rural Transaction Centre representatives are taking the staff to lunch at the Bowling Club on 16 May at 1 p.m. in recognition of their effort and invited interested councillors/staff to join them.

**9826 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the staff of the Westpac Agency for their achievement in being awarded the No. 2 position in New South Wales for Customer Service from 174 In-store Agencies

**(c) Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station**

Council noted that the local applicant has RMS approval to go ahead with the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station and has been guaranteed a minimum of 36 days/year use

**(d) Survey – Nose In Parking**

Cr O'Brien commended Cr Canham's suggestion to put out a survey regarding the proposal for nose in parking – she said it has created a lot of interest.

A request was made to instruct the Ranger to patrol the main street area and issue penalties for parking in excess of the limited time.

**(d) Country Week**

It was agreed that only one Councillor attend Country Week in company of a staff member. Councillor O'Brien agreed to accompany Council's Economic Development Manager, Lee O'Connor.

**(e) Airport – Use by Crop Dusters**

In response to a question, the Director of Engineering Services advised he taken no action in this matter as he is endeavouring to ascertain correct guidelines for this activity.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**9827 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

**(a) Grant Funding – Flood Study – Min No 8804**

The Director of Engineering Services advised that a flood study of the eastern side of Coonamble has been carried out. He said this application is for a complete flood study of the urban areas of the Shire (including west Coonamble). He said that the outcome of Council's application will not be known until announcements are made in September.

**(b) Driveway – Showground**

The Director of Engineering Services said that work has been carried out, however further work will be done prior to the Show. Councillors commented that recent painting done at the Showground has improved the look of the area.

**9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Mayor's report was dealt with earlier in the day.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**9828 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 MATERIAL GIRLS L4(37071)**

**9829 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O’Brien and Karanouh that Council agree to the use of the Coonamble Library for the Annual Exhibition by the Material Girls on Saturday and Sunday, 9 & 10 June 2012, in accordance with previous arrangements.

**10.2 URUNGIE PARTNERSHIP – S.J.GOLDSMITH R8-11(36664)**

Council noted that the Director of Engineering Services has advised Mr Goldsmith of the process to be followed in respect to the closing of roads. It was also noted that letters have been forwarded to adjoining landowners, seeking their agreement of otherwise.

**9830 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council note the application and also that letters have been sent to adjoining landowners, seeking their consent prior to application being made to the Minister for Lands.

**10.3 GREG & SHANE KILBY R8-11(37204)**

**9831 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council note Mr & Mrs Kilby’s objection to the proposed road closure by Mr Goldsmith and advise Mr Goldsmith that until all adjoining landowners agree, Council will not make application to the Minister.

**10.4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAIDOC WEEK INITIATIVES A2(37044)**

**9832 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council advise Koori Kids Executive Officer that it has, in the past, supported activities locally through the Coonamble Primary School and is committed to provide that support again this year.

**10.5 OUTBACK RADIO 2WEB A4(37139)**

**9833 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O’Brien and Canham that Council decline the offer from 2WEB for an annual Local Government advertising package in the amount of \$5,500 advising that Council prefers to support its local Community Radio Station.

**10.6 QUAMBONE POLOCROSSE CLUB INC D7(37098)**

**9834 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council contribute \$100 towards the Quambone Polocrosse Carnival.

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**10.7 GULARGAMBONE GOLF CLUB D7**

**9835 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council advise the Gulargambone Golf Club that due to the nature of the regular commitment and the size of the are required to be maintained Council cannot undertake the activity because of lack of resources.

**10.8 COONAMBLE LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION D7(37205)**

**9836 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council advise Coonamble Little Athletics Association to liaise with the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services to identify work required and costings be obtained.

**Section B – Matters for Council's Information.**

**10.9 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE B13**

Providing the Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates for 2012/2013 – included with the business paper.

**10.10 ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF NSW E2(37103)**

Forwarding copy of Local Government Election Bulletins – Numbers 1 and 2, 2012 – included with the business paper.

**10.11 NSW POLICE – CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5(37147)**

Forwarding copies of Media Releases – included with the business paper.

**10.12 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – PREMIER & CABINET E2(37066)**

Advising councils and other stakeholders of changes to the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981* which came into effect on 9 March 2012 and will apply to political donations made to candidates standing at the September 2012 ordinary elections. Pointing out that further information regarding the changes can be found on the Election Funding Authority's (EFA) website: [www.efa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.efa.nsw.gov.au)

**10.13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, PLANNING AND PROGRAMS – TRANSPORT FOR NSW R8-1(37131)**

Reminding Council of the invitation to attend the Central West regional forum to discuss the future of transport planning in NSW. Saying that the regional forum for the Central West will be held on Thursday 26 April, 2012 at "The Forum" 135 Byng Street, Orange from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

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The General Manager advised that Council was represented at the forum by the Chairman and Executive Officer of OROC, following from endorsement by the member Councils at the Board Meeting at Lightning Ridge on 19 April.

**9837 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council arrange to have regular meetings with local truck drivers to identify problems and develop a case for consideration, noting that the feeder bus service in Dubbo from CountryLink be included for clarification, e.g. who runs the service, why it is not available to all who wish to avail themselves of the service.

**10.14 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – PREMIER & CABINET  
C13(37137)**

Advising that in conjunction with the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW, the Division will be providing support to councils and councillors to help them in their role. Advising the Division will be conducting a series of Councillor Induction Workshops following the September 2012 elections. Encouraging councils to support all councillors elected in September 2012 to attend one of the upcoming Councillor Induction Workshops. Saying that further details of workshops will be advised prior to the elections.

**10.15 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR POLICE & EMERGENCY SERVICES F5(37159)**

Referring to correspondence regarding the absence of automated gauges on the Castlereagh River and Warrena Creek. Pointing out the decision to remove the automated gauge by the NSW Office of Water was made in consultation with the SES, Bureau of Meteorology and Council.

**10.16 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW  
C13(37160)**

Advising the Division of Local Government is currently updating the *Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW*. Pointing out that Councils should continue to use the current guidelines to prepare policies for the coming year.

**10.17 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP R2(37128)**

Enclosing information regarding the Inquiry into Inter-Regional Public Transport. Advising that the State & Regional Development Committee is currently conducting an inquiry into inter-regional public transport and providing a copy of the terms of reference. Pointing out the closing date is Friday 18 May 2012.

The General Manager advised that OROC will be making a submission on behalf of its member councils, however Council is free to make an individual submission should it so desire.

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**9838 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.9 to 10.17, excluding Item No. 10.13, be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**9839 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the following item be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

**10.18 COONAMBLE PRIMARY SCHOOL D7(37246)**

**9840 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council contribute \$450 towards the annual NAIDOC Celebrations to be held on 28 June, 2012.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**9841 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**9842 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note Development Application Nos. 004/2012, 006/2012 & 011/2012 have been approved under delegated authority since last meeting and no Complying Development Certificate Applications were approved in that period.

**11.2 MENTOR ACTIVITY – SEPTEMBER COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

**9843 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that it be noted Councillors Webb and Karanouh have nominated as potential mentors, in accordance with the Activity Statement submitted to the meeting.

**11.3 DENTAL HOUSING – COONAMBLE**

At this juncture, 11.15 a.m., the Mayor – having declared an interest – vacated the Chair and left the room. Cr Webb, the Deputy Mayor, took the Chair.

**9844 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that Council agree to retain the residence at 43 Tooloon Street for use by a dentist at a rental of \$100 per week and major repairs identified be carried out at the premises during the vacancy period.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 11.17 a.m. and resumed the Chair.

**11.4 WATER AND SEWERAGE PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2010/2011**

**9845 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the information pertaining to the Water & Sewer Performance Monitoring by the NSW Office of Water for the 2010/2011 financial year.

**9846 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that staff be commended on the efficient management of Council's water supply as reflected in the results contained in the NSW Office of Water Performance Report for 2010/2011.

#### **11.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2012**

**9847 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note the information provided in relation to the local government elections in September 2012 and that the following locations are polling places on election day:

- Coonamble High School
- Gulargambone Central School
- Quambone Public School.

#### **11.6 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT – GENERAL MANAGER**

**9848 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) note clause 7.6 of the standard conditions of employment requires the employee to give Council 21 days notice of an annual performance review date; and
- (2) agree to conduct the review of the performance of the General Manager at the Council meeting of 13 June 2012.

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

**9849 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

#### **12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**9850 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 April 2012 be noted.

#### **12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**9851 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the list of investments as 30 April, 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 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING**

**9852 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien:

- (1) that Council endorse the following documents;
  - Coonamble Shire 2026 – Community Strategic Plan for Coonamble Shire
  - Delivery Program 2012/13 – 2015/16
  - Asset Management Strategy 2012/13- 2022/23

- Workforce Plan 212/13 – 2015/16
  - Operational Plan 2012/13
  - Long Term Financial Plan;
- (2) that the Coonamble Shire 2026 Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Asset Management Strategy be placed on public exhibition, calling for submissions, for the prescribed period prior to formally adopting the documents, taking into consideration any submissions received;
- (3) that Council note the following plans:
- Recreational Facilities Management Plan 2013/23
  - Water & Sewer Management Plan 2013/23
  - Quarry Management Plan 2013/23
  - Building Management Plan 2013/23
  - Fleet Management Plan 2013/23

### **Roads Management Plan**

**9853 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the Roads Management Plan be referred to the Roads Committee for perusal, noting that the current document does not reflect a previous decision by Council.

### **12.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS**

**9854 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council note the information contained in the Community Services progress report.

It was noted the report contained a brief overview of the events held during Youth Week. The Mayor congratulated the Director of Corporate and Community Services, together with her staff, for the successful running of the events. He said good feedback has been received.

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

**9855 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be noted.

### **13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**9856 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

The Mayor commented about the interest in the Nickname Hall of Fame and that media is currently in town filming a segment to show on Weekend Sunrise. It was also noted that the rent a farm house scheme seems to be going along well. Regarding staffing for the Visitor Information Centre, Council noted that it is intended to place a school to work trainee there two days per week.

**13.2 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**9857 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the information contained in the report be noted.

Cr O'Brien requested the Director to follow up on Gulargambone Tourist signage with the TDM. She also provided a section for the Tourism Newsletter which was not included – the Director said he would also check on this matter.

The Mayor commented that the current Tourist Action Plan was implemented in 2003 and he requested that it be brought back to the meeting so that it could be updated and/or changed to focus on Council's current strategies.

**13.4 UPDATE – ONGOING WORKS**

**9858 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that the information contained in this item be noted.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**9859 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 COONAMBLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT – TENDERS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**9860 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council engage NSW Public Works to project manage the works to enable work to proceed to completion in accordance with the project timetable.

The Director informed the meeting that 12 expressions of interest were received for the pipe work – five were within budget and will be reviewed.

**14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**9861 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that the information contained in this item of the Director's report be noted.

**15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**9862 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be noted.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT**

**9863 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Ranger's report for the month of April 2012 be noted.

Cr. O'Brien said that last year Mr Colin Readford lost a considerable number of sheep – she said they were mauled by dogs from the old mission being allowed to stray. Cr. O'Brien requested that a direction be given to the Ranger to inspect the area.

**16.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 31 MARCH 2012**

**9864 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb 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 March 2012.

**17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

Council noted that no reports from Committees were submitted to the meeting.

**18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**9865 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Saleyards Report for the month of April 2012 be noted.

**19.0 CLOSED SESSION**

Council did not resolve into Closed Session as no discussion was needed prior to adopting the following recommendation:

**9866 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council accept the tender of Kembla Water Tech for the rehabilitation of 5112.6 metres of sewer mains at a tendered price of \$556,110.40 (excluding GST).

**19.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**19.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Karanouh:**

- Reported that staff are doing a good job in the CBD – washing the street and watering the gardens.
- Referred to the main street upgrade – said it is planned to change the lights, but he was of the opinion that the old lights were remaining.

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**Cr Schieb:**

- Referred to the Crime Prevention Survey regarding security of homes and asked whether Council staff could assist. The Director of Corporate & Community Services said that Council conducted a letter box drop in 'hot spot' areas. The Director agreed to discuss with Safety Committee.
- Shutters at the RTC – said that one roller door is required because occupants are having trouble with the shutters. Cr. O'Brien asked why this issue was not mentioned at a meeting with management recently. It was agreed to let Crs. O'Brien and Cullen take this matter back to Centre Management.

**O'Brien:**

- Informed the meeting that 2828 is up for accreditation shortly – requested that the Disabled (wheelchair) access be repainted.
- Requested that the Mayor attend the next Men's Shed meeting – Cr Horan agreed – Cr O'Brien to advise date.

**Cr Cullen:**

- Referred to the dusty state of the meeting room and requested that it be cleaned.
- Regarding the share farming agreement – he has spoken to the contractors who are happy to have the guarantee of 12 months.

**Cr Canham:**

- Asked when the street sweeper works – the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services to check.

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

- Advised parks and gardens staff are doing well, considering one member of the gang is on sick leave and one member has resigned and will leave shortly.
- Noted that Council is mowing the Gulargambone Cemetery – the CDEP is unreliable and the area gets out of hand.
- Community Radio – advised a quote has been accepted, but a date has not been given as to when the work will be carried out.

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**General Manager:**

- Wanted to record his appreciation to staff in the preparation of documents which were submitted to Council today. He said it has been a lot of work and a very good template has been established for future years.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.20 p.m.

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**MAYOR**