

4 July 2012

**EDITOR**

Sir

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend an **ORDINARY MEETING** of **COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL** to be held in the **SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE** on **WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2012** commencing at 9 am.

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Yours faithfully  
**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager

**5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012**

**9.30 a.m**            **MRS MARGARET CASEY**  
**House Numbering in Coonamble**

**1.00 p.m.**            **TERRY LEES**  
**Joining Councillors & Senior Staff for Lunch.**  
**Resigned from Council's employ, effective**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July.**

**6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
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**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012**

**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE, 2012 COMMENCING AT 9.09 A.M.**

**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. Mr John Walker attended the meeting as a mentee.

**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.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Walker to the meeting and advised him of his obligations. Mr. Walker accepted the conditions.

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Two bookings were made for public question time:

- Mr & Mrs Ralston
- Mrs Anne Kennedy

**4.0 APOLOGY**

Nil

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

There were no further deputations at the meeting.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**9867 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 9 May, 2012 be confirmed.

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

### **(a) NSW Rural Fire Service**

Cr Schieb asked whether there were any developments concerning the NSW Rural Fire Service taking charge of their own operations, as was discussed at the Shires Association Conference.

The General Manager replied that the Shires Association felt that local government should disassociate itself from the Service however, at this stage, it is just a proposal. The meeting noted that Council would still be responsible for payment of its levy.

At this juncture, 9.12 a.m., Cr. Canham arrived at the meeting.

### **(b) Roads Management Plan**

In reply to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager said that the Roads Committee has not yet met to discuss the Roads Management Plan.

## **8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**9868 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

### **(a) Clearing of River Bed**

Cr Karanouh referred to unsuccessful applications by both group councils and this council for funding to clear the river bed. The Director of Engineering Services said that the Fisheries Department has stringent rules regarding this activity.

### **(b) Quarry Development**

Cr Schieb asked whether there had been any progress to date – the Director of Engineering Services said that the plan is finalised; the Aboriginal artefacts investigation is complete, as is the flora and fauna investigation. He said there doesn't seem to be any problems and understands that the present lessee of the Crown land is willing to transfer it to Council.

### **(c) Industrial Estate**

Cr Karanouh referred to the Company which carried out works on the land having gone into Administration and asked what happens if there are further problems. The Director of Engineering Services said Council is holding a "retainer" in accordance with contract conditions.

The Director referred to his concerns about the bitumen seal which, due to lack of use, may become brittle and crack. He said it will have to be monitored closely.

**(d) Coughran's Canyon/Dubbo Street**

In response to a question from Cr Cullen, the Director of Engineering Services said this work is "border line" as far as funding is concerned. He said that he will convene a meeting of the Roads Committee to discuss this project and ascertain how to fund the work.

**(e) Eco Spa**

The Mayor asked whether the entire Smith Park area is Crown land – he was informed that it is and Council is endeavouring to purchase the required portion. Reference was made to the new rising main and lines which, the Director of Engineering said, would run parallel to the walk way and existing levee.

**9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Mayor gave a verbal report on his activities since the last meeting and included the following events:

- Rodeo – referred to the media release – a copy of which was handed to councillors/staff. The Mayor said it was a great event and positive feedback is being received.
- Public Meeting – Trial Program – Connected Communities - advised that this program is being forced upon 15 councils in NSW. There has been no consultation whatsoever and teachers were made aware of the Government's intention through the media. Mr. Paul Loxley attended the public meeting and was unable to answer questions relating to the concerns of the community. The Mayor said he is concerned that if enforced, the program would divide the community – teachers are being offered transfers – they have to apply for jobs locally and if not successful lose their current positions. The Mayor said, in his opinion, Coonamble cannot afford to be part of this trial. Cr Horan said he has spoken to Departmental officials and the program may be deferred for 1 – 2 years. He said there will be a further meeting which may clarify the issue.

Cr Cullen said that the School in Menindee, whose Principal is Brian Debus, has excelled with this program and the Government representatives thought the same program should be introduced State-wide. Cr. Cullen said that Mr Debus was the driving force behind Menindee's success – he got the kids right through school and moved them on to jobs, but his commitment and dedication was extreme.

Mr. Walker said that Menindee is such an isolated location which was probably one of the reasons the program worked so well, but he could not see it working in places like Coonamble.

Councillors noted that recruitment for principals is nation-wide, with huge remunerations – the rewards are not being offered to deserving teachers. Cr Schieb referred to the alternate learning program which has been introduced at the Coonamble High School for problem kids .

Cr Karanouh suggested that Council get further information before making any decision. The Mayor said he would keep Council up to take on this matter and referred to a meeting which was to be held shortly, but said Council was not invited, as it is not a “stakeholder”.

- Shires Association Annual Conference – attended the Conference with the General Manager and other councillors. Referred to information which was available should councillors wish to peruse. Cr Horan referred to “One Association” and said it would be discussed later in the day during the General Manager’s report.
- Sr Finian – referred to the morning tea held in honour of Sr Finian at twoeighttwoeight to thank her for providing Pastoral Care to Gulargambone and noting she is unable to continue those duties.

**9869 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Horan and Webb that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Sr Finian for her years of work and wishing her well in the future.

- Eco Spa – referred to the concept plan which looks great – said additional land is required and referred to the availability of the necessary site. The Mayor said this will be a good project for Coonamble as it is in a good location.

**9870 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and O’Brien that the Mayor’s activity report be adopted.

#### **DEPUTATION – MILTON & SANDRA RALSTON**

At this juncture, Mr & Mrs Ralston were received to the meeting to discuss their proposal to establish a heavy vehicle inspection station (HVIS) on land owned by them in Buckley Drive. Mr Ralston said the facility would benefit locals and be a boost for Coonamble, referring to news that the HVIS at Gilgandra is to be closed. He said to get the facility up and operational will be a costly exercise and sought financial assistance by way of a loan from Council. Mr Ralston said he has been guaranteed at least 28 days per annum use by the Roads & Maritime Services (RMS).

Council noted that it would be an extension of a current shed and purpose built, including office and toilet block. Mr. Ralston informed Council of the requirements of the RMS regarding construction of the facility.

He said it was hoped that vehicles could enter off Conimbia Street, proceed to the facility and exit to the Castlereagh Highway. Mr. Ralston said he owns the land fronting Conimbia Street and, in the event of vehicles waiting to be inspected, they would be parked on private land. In response to a question, Mr. Ralston said he has a firm commitment from the RMS for use of the facility.

Mr. Ralston answered questions from Councillors and said when he is aware of Council's decision he will proceed to development application stage, which will include a traffic management plan.

Mr. & Mrs Ralston left the meeting at 9.45 a.m.

### **MRS ANNE KENNEDY – PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE**

The Mayor welcomed Mrs Kennedy to the meeting and she thanked Council for the opportunity to address it regarding this extremely important subject.

Mrs Kennedy referred to the letter she wrote, which is on Council's agenda, requesting assistance in sending a flyer to residents and ratepayers in Coonamble Shire alerting them to the fact that there is a petroleum exploration licence (PEL) over this Shire. Mrs. Kennedy said it is paramount that everyone is aware of their rights in the matter. She thanked Council for its support in the past and for passing a motion requesting a Moratorium on any further CSG mining in the district. Mrs Kennedy said it would be great if Council made it clear that it will not support such activity within the Shire.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Kennedy and said she should liaise with the General Manager regarding the message on the flyer. Cr. Cullen referred to Crown Land – Mrs Kennedy said that local government has the final say. The Mayor said a decision would be made later in the day, when her letter was being discussed. She left the meeting at 9.55 a.m.

## **10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**9871 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

### **Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:**

#### **10.1 MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL INC S5-1(37257)**

**9872 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that this item be deferred until later in the day, when further correspondence from Moorambilla Voices is being discussed.

**10.2 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW L9(37251)**

**9873 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Councillor Tim Horan be nominated as Council voting delegate to participate in the forthcoming secret postal ballot to deal with the matter of "One Association" and that his name and postal address be forwarded to the Associations to form the Roll of Voters.

**10.3 WATERFORD RYAN PR1484-01(37318)**

**9874 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council:

- (a) formally relinquish its Trusteeship of the Coonamble Retirement Units Trust, in accordance with Resolution No 1345 of Council passed on 8 July 1997;
- (b) authorise the execution of a Transfer from Council to the Coonamble Retirement Units Incorporated; and
- (c) authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to the Transfer document.

**10.4 LGSA CIRCULAR – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL C13**

**9875 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council agree to adopt the mid-point range for a Category 4 Council, being \$8,980 for Councillors, with an additional \$15,765 for the Mayor.

**10.5 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE B13(37283)**

**9876 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that Council note the response received from the NSW Rural Fire Service in relation to the discussion paper "Review of Local Government Engagement with the RFS".

**10.6 RADO, OUTBACK ARTS A11(37224)**

**9877 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council agree to the use of its plinths and easels at the Outback Arts Office in Coonamble, subject to the following conditions:

- Must be available for Council's use at any time in the future;
- Must not be taken away from Coonamble;
- Must be used for display purposes only.

**10.7 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE D5-4(37383)**

**9878 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council agree to meet the cost of the paint for the Rural Transaction Centre building.

**10.8 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CIRCULAR 12-14  
C13(37386)**

**9879 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council advise the Division that it has offered to undertake mentoring programs with potential candidates.

**10.9 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – CATCHMENTS & LANDS  
SR109+R8-11**

**9880 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council apply for the transfer to Coonamble Shire Council for control of the small section of Crown road to provide a continuous access from Thara Road to Lot 43 DP754187 and that all costs associated with this process be the responsibility of the owner of that lot.

**10.10 LIFELINE CENTRAL WEST F2 (37349)**

**9881 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council agree to contribute \$500 to Lifeline Central West which provides coverage to an area of approximately one-third of western NSW.

**10.11 ANNE KENNEDY**

Councillors discussed Mrs. Kennedy's request to forward a flyer to all residents and ratepayers within Coonamble Shire concerning the petroleum exploration licence over this LGA and making them aware of their rights. It was agreed that any such flyer should first be referred to Council's solicitor for approval. The General Manager said that Council should adopt a policy on CSG – the Mayor said that Council's policy is to oppose coal seam gas.

**9882 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that, in consultation with Mrs Kennedy, the General Manager draw up a flyer, refer it to Council's solicitor for approval and bring it back to the July meeting for final approval prior to sending it to residents/ratepayers of Coonamble Shire.

**Section B – Matters for Council's Information****10.12 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING C6+M5(37284)**

Referring to Council's correspondence of 12 April 2012 to the Minister for Health, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, regarding support for establishment of a medical school at Charles Sturt University and saying Council's support is noted. Stating the Australian Government will continue to support and invest in improving access to health services for all Australians, including initiatives that cater specifically to the needs of rural, regional and remote Australian communities.

**10.13 CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL T3-11(37269)**

Advising this year sees the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Festival of Fisher's Ghost Art Award and saying Council's continuing contribution enables the Centre to fund the most prestigious category of this award.

The General Manager advised that Council has voted \$2,000 in its 2012/2013 budget within the Section 356 allocation.

**10.14 MARK DREYFUS QC, CABINET SECRETARY E5(37289)**

Updating Council on what the Australian Government is doing to help local councils take advantage of opportunities in the Clean Energy Future Plan and prepare for the implementation of the carbon pricing mechanism. Pointing out landfill facilities will be liable if they emit 25,000 tonnes or more of carbon dioxide equivalent greenhouse gas emissions each year from waste deposited after 1 July 2012.

**10.15 SHIRE OF WALGETT C8(37308)**

On behalf of the Walgett Shire Council Youth Development Team, Walgett Shire Youth Council and young people throughout the Shire, expressing thanks for Coonamble Shire Council's support during Youth Week 2012.

**10.16 CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY CENTRAL WEST – SALINITY AND WATER QUALITY ALLIANCE**

Forwarding a copy of the official announcement of the Bio Diversity Grants – first round. Saying that after a response of 1530 applications, 317 projects will receive funding of \$271m over the next six years.

**10.17 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES G5(37313)**

Thanking Council for its application to Round One of the Biodiversity Fund for grant funding *Castlereagh River, Giant Reed (Arundo Donax) Eradication and Promotion*. Advising the application was unsuccessful and encouraging Council to review the criteria for future rounds of the Biodiversity Fund and consider applying.

**10.18 PROJECT SUPPORT OFFICER – SALINITY & WATER QUALITY ALLIANCE R11**

Advising that the Livestock Health & Pest Authority (LHPA) is currently under review and the matter was discussed at the recent Local Government Reference Group meeting in Orange. Stating the meeting decided that the Alliance make a submission to the LHPA Review, which would be formed based on discussion at the meeting and submitted as such.

A copy of the Submission was included with the business papers.

**10.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING G5 (37555)**

Thanking Council for applying for funding in the sixth round of the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program (NRRHIP). Advising the application has been assessed against the eligibility criteria and found to be non-compliant.

The General Manager advised that this application for funding was for Doctor Housing.

**10.20 CASTLEREAGH LEARNING CENTRE G2-1 (37356)**

Invitation to a BBQ lunch on Friday 15 June 2012 at 1.00 p.m – the Centre is at the back of the Lands Council in Castlereagh Street. Asking that responses to be forwarded to Marie Thomas on 0488 330417 or [marie.thomas1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:marie.thomas1@det.nsw.edu.au)

**10.21 NSW GOVERNMENT – MINISTERIAL CIRCULAR S6(37374)**

Advising the purpose of the circular is to encourage all NSW councils to participate in the “50:50 Vision” - *Councils for Gender Equity Program*. Pointing out the Program is an accreditation and awards program which will make it easier for councils to attract and keep quality women candidates and officers.

**10.22 STUART DAVIES, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER, CENTRAL WEST**

In an email to all members of the Central West DEMC forwarding “an interesting publication” – referring, in particular to Chapter 10. Advising the document *Draft Report of the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Regulatory and Policy Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation April 2012*, has been published for public consultation.

Councillors noted that the chapter dealing with Emergency Management was copied and included with each business paper.

**10.23 THE HON TONY ABBOTT MHR – LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION E5(37392)**

In a letter to the Mayor, saying that the carbon tax which begins on 1 July will add to the operating costs of councils across Australia – the Australian Local Government Association estimates the cost (excluding landfill operations) on local government will be \$200 million nationwide. Saying at the next election, he will seek a mandate from the Australian people to repeal this tax. Encouraging council to publicly detail the impact of the carbon tax on its operations so that the community is fully informed about the damage inflicted by this toxic tax.

Cr Karanouh asked if management has ascertain how the carbon tax will affect this Council – the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services said it would have no direct cost to Council and it was considered when the budget was being prepared.

**10.24 THE HON DON PAGE MP – MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
L10-1(37423)**

Forwarding a Ministerial Circular regarding the temporary policy to apply to proposals to change local government boundaries in NSW. Advising that following the recent formation of the Independent Local Government Review Panel, he has determined it appropriate to implement a temporary policy that will apply to proposals to change local council boundaries. Pointing out the Panel is expected to report back to Government by July 2013 but pending the Government's consideration of the report, he outlined the policy which will now apply in relation to proposals for council boundary changes.. Advising that after the Government has received the Panel's report, he will review this position and councils will be advised accordingly.

**9883 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.12 to 10.24 inclusive be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**9884 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the following matters be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

**10.25 MICHELLE LEONARD, MOORAMBILLA VOICES LTD D5-6-1**

Advising they may have support of the Public School for use of the COLA as a venue – saying this option will be followed up. Putting concerns forward and requesting both additional financial support (\$10,000) and operational support for the Festival.

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Canham that Council decline to provide further financial assistance due to budgeted financial constraints **was withdrawn.**

At this stage, Council discussed Item 10.1 in Precis of Correspondence.

**10.1 MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL INC D5-6(37257)**

Making application to use Council's stage – to be delivered to the venue, installed then dismantled and returned.

**9885 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council provide the stage, deliver it to the venue and install, after the event dismantle and return, at no charge to Moorambilla Festival Inc.

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Canham **SECONDED** by Cr O'Brien that Council decline to provide further financial assistance due to budgeted financial constraints **was lost.**

**9886 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council agree to provide additional financial support of \$5,000 to the Moorambilla Festival Inc.

Councillor Canham gave notice of his intention to move a Rescission Motion against Minute No. 9886 at the July Meeting of Council.

**10.26 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE INC M3-1(37459)**

**9887 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Rotary Club of Coonamble Inc. be informed that the Mayor will be available to attend the Combined Service Clubs' changeover dinner on 16 June and will give the Welcoming Address.

**Section B – For Council's Information:**

**10.27 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW B13 (37494)**

Forwarding media release advising that the Association delegates have made a historic decision advocating local government's withdrawal from the operations of the Rural Fire Service (RFS). Stressing that this decision has nothing to do with the dedicated work RFS volunteers carry out in times of need in their local communities.

**10.28 MR MICHAEL T WILSON, DUBBO D5-21**

Saying he attended the Coonamble rodeo and campdraft on Sunday and found it to be a great event. Advising his only disappointment was meeting a Councillor who is totally negative to the development. Saying he is concerned how this will affect the project if such attitude is reflected to groups where funding is being sought.

In discussing this matter, the Mayor made it very clear that this Council will not be providing additional funds over the \$1.2 million already committed for this project. Councillors noted that provision has already been made in Council's budget for repayments of the money, whether it be an internal loan or from other borrowing authorities.

**9888 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council's Economic Development Manager arrange a meeting between the Chairman of the RDA (Mr Walkom), and both Local Members of Parliament (Messrs. Humpries and Coulton) to discuss Council's indoor arena project and the concept design to enhance its funding opportunity under the Regional Development Australia Program.

**10.29 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW  
B13(37461)**

Referring to the letter received by councils from Rural Fire Service Commissioner, Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM dated 9 May 2012. Advising the Associations are pleased there has been a strong response by councils to the discussion paper. Pointing out the feedback will be presented and discussed at the annual respective conferences and a policy position on the future engagement of NSW Local Government with the RFS will be formulated.

**10.30 ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF NSW E2(37457)**

Providing an estimate of the cost of the conduct of Council's election to be held on 8 September, 2012. Advising the budget estimate for Coonamble Shire Council is \$27,690 plus GST – saying the estimate has been formed with the best available information at this time.

**10.31 CASTLEREAGH-MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL N7(37482)**

Advising that it resolved to increase contributions of Constituent Councils in the draft Operational Plan and Budget for 2012/13 by 10% - making this Council's contribution \$93,450 (plus GST).

**10.32 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L9-1(37480)**

Advising that the *Destination 2036 Action Plan* has been released by the Implementation Steering Committee (ISC) following approval by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Don Page MP. Saying the Action Plan can be downloaded from the Destination 2036 webpage (via [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au))

**10.33 CEO, SYDNEY AIRPORT A5(37477)**

Referring to the recently released *Joint Study on Aviation Capacity in the Sydney Region*. Pointing out there have been claims in the media that Sydney Airport is full, or that it wants to move regional airlines to another airport in the Sydney basin (such as Bankstown). Saying these claims are untrue and, to the contrary, Sydney Airport recognizes the importance of aviation to regional NSW and welcomes regional airlines. Stating that regional airlines are already guaranteed ongoing access to Sydney Airport under Commonwealth law and its New Vision demonstrates commitment to ensuring this access will continue.

**9888 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the information contained in Item Nos.10.27 to 10.33 be noted.

**10.34 CR KEN KEITH, MAYOR – PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL**

**9889 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council approve the attendance of Crs. Cullen and Schieb and the General Manager at the Brisbane Inland Rail Symposium to be held at Parkes on Friday 22 June 2012 and they bring forward issues of concern to Council.

At this juncture, 10.50 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.15 a.m.

#### **11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**9890 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**

**9891 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note there were no Development Applications approved under delegated authority since last meeting, however, during the period, Complying Development Certificate Application Nos 013/2012, 014/2012 and 0167/2012 were approved.

#### **11.2 POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

**9892 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council place the amended Policy for Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period and invite comment **AND FURTHER** that the Policy be formally adopted at the August meeting, taking into account any submissions received.

#### **11.3 SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

**9893 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council agree to hold the September 2012 meeting on the third Wednesday, viz 19 September, in Coonamble and the meeting for October be held in Quambone to allow for the Local Government Election to be declared.

#### **11.4 PARKING IN MAIN STREET PRECINCT**

**9894 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council agree to continue with rear to kerb parking and advise the Traffic Committee of its decision, referring to the outcome of the community survey.

#### **11.5 2012 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT – TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION**

**9895 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council endorse the action of the General Manager in instructing staff to create a temporary extension to the Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park from 9 – 11 June 2012, within the area currently designated as Smith Park, south of the netball courts **AND FURTHER**, if bookings dictate the necessity, endorse the action of the General Manager in providing additional sites at the Coonamble Sportsground.

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

**9896 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**9897 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 May 2012 be noted.

**12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**9898 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the list of investments as 31 May, 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 VACATION CARE**

**9899 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council operate the Coonamble Vacation Care service as a Community Services function of Council.

**12.4 WASTE TO ART COMPETITION 2012**

**9900 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information in the report be noted.

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

**9901 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be noted.

**13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER****(a) Indoor Arena**

Council noted that tenders for the design and approval have been extended until c.o.b. Monday 18 June 2012.

**(b) Eco Spa**

The Mayor referred to a meeting held with consultants to review concept designs. He said the project has potential and encouraged Councillors to view the concept plans. Council has committed \$200,000 to this project.

**(c) Rent-a-Farmhouse**

Cr O'Brien referred to this initiative and said that Council's Economic Development Manager should be thanked for your efforts, noting that there has been considerable interest in the Shire.

**9902 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.O'Brien and Karanouh that the information contained in the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

### **13.2 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

#### **(a) Visitor Information Centre**

In response to a question from Cr O'Brien, the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services said that the VIC is being manned, some signage has been placed and other signage issues have been referred to the Traffic Committee.

#### **(b) Rodeo and Campdraft Event**

Cr Cullen referred to the recent rodeo and campdraft and suggested that a meeting should be arranged with the Committee to wrap up this year's event and discuss issues such as partnerships/sponsorships, etc. for future events.

**9903 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that Council write to the Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft Committee, congratulating members on the success of the 2012 event.

**9904 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb & O'Brien that the information contained in the report by the Tourism Development Manager be noted.

### **13.3 DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT – LOT 2 “YATTON”**

**9905 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council call tenders for the erection of one brick veneer dwelling on Lot 2 – Yatton Subdivision.

### **13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

#### **(a) Bag-a-Bargain building**

Council noted that pigeons roost under the awning of the subject building, creating a mess in that area of the main street. The General Manager said he would instruct the Manager – Environmental Services to issue a Notice to Serve Order on the owners to have the problem rectified. Councillors requested that this be done as a priority.

#### **(b) Beautification of Main Street – Stage 1**

Councillors were informed that insufficient information has been submitted to allow a development application to be lodged. The General Manager referred to Council's policy that any development of Council land had to be presented to Council for approval, so it would not be possible to look at this matter prior to the July Council meeting.

**9906 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that when the information is received, Council grant the General Manager authority to approve the development application under delegated authority.

**9907 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb & Karanouh that the information contained in this report be noted.

#### **14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**9908 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

#### **14.1 HIRE OF CONTRACT PLANT**

**9909 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council accept all of the contractors shown below, who are recorded in the data base and have submitted tenders in accordance with the tendering regulations, for the period ending 30 June 2013.

- Accurate Asphalt & Road Repairs Pty
- Batterline Earthmoving
- Castlereagh Hire
- Coates Hire
- DE&AJ Murray t/a Conex Services Pty Ltd
- Earth Plant Hire
- Full Tilt Contracting
- Maas Group Pty Ltd
- Neill Earthmoving Pty Ltd
- Newbold Bulk Haulage Pty Ltd
- Robbo's Construction & Earthworks
- Rollers Australia Pty Ltd.

In response to a question from the Mayor, the Director of Engineering Services assured Council that all proper processes are being followed in the hire of plant. The Director said that unless all obligations/requirements are addressed, those contractors/plant items are not included on Council's Register.

#### **14.2 WATER TREATMENT PLANT – UPDATE**

**9910 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the report be noted and Council consider a further report when the investigations are completed and a recommendation received from NSW Public Works.

The Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that the two preferred tenderers have passed a financial check. He said he had a meeting in Sydney with the PWD, Health Department and preferred tenderers recently to discuss various issues.

The Mayor referred to the fluoridation of water supplies and was advised by the Director that it will become part of the filtration project which, hopefully, will be completed in July 2013.

#### **14.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**9911 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information in this report be noted.

#### **15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**9912 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be noted.

#### **15.1 RANGER'S REPORT**

**9913 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that the Ranger's report for the month of May 2012 be noted.

#### **16.0 ADOPTION OF DELIVERY PROGRAM & OPERATIONAL PLAN**

**9914 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council proceed to adopt the delivery program and operational plan as follows.

#### **16.1 DELIVERY PROGRAM & OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The General Manager advised the meeting that no submissions were received from the public in response to the exhibition of Council's draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

**9915 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that, in accordance with Sections 402, 403, 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the Community Strategic Plan, Resourcing Strategy, Delivery Program and Operational Plan, noting that at the time of writing this report, no submissions have been received and noting that the Community Strategic Plan, Resourcing Strategy, Delivery Program and Operational Plan were advertised and exhibited for the prescribed period of 28 days, with advertisements being placed in the Coonamble Times on 9 May, 16 May and 23 May 2012.

#### **16.2 ADOPTION OF LEVY OF RATES**

**9916 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council adopt the making and levying of rates and charges as follows:

##### **(a) Ordinary Rates**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2012 to 30/6/2013 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 9 May, 16 May and 23 May, 2012 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493 and S529 of the Local

Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be made and levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013:

| Type of Rate         | Cents in \$ | Minimum (\$548) |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Ordinary             | 1.2900      | 360.00          |
| Farmland             | 0.5360      | 329.00          |
| Small Rural Holdings | 0.810       | 406.00          |
| Rural Residential    | 0.682       | 360.00          |
| Business             | 2.559       | 442.00          |

**(b) User Charges - Water and Sewerage**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2012 to 30/6/2013 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 9 May, 16 May and 23 May 2012 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the User Charges and that in accordance with S501 and S502 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected in accordance with S552 as follows:

**(i) Water:**

| Town/Village | Access Charge (\$) | Usage Charge 1 <sup>st</sup> Tier (c/kl) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Pricing Limit (kl) | Usage Charge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier (c/kl) |
|--------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Coonamble    | 121.00             | 44                                       | 370                                     | 67                                       |
| Gulargambone | 176.00             | 60                                       | 430                                     | 89                                       |
| Quambone     | 175.00             | 62                                       | 430                                     | 92                                       |

| Item                        | Coonamble (\$) | Gbone (\$) | Qbone (\$) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Access charge (20mm meter)  | 121.00         | 176.00     | 193.00     |
| Access charge (25mm meter)  | 191.00         | 278.00     | 304.00     |
| Access charge (40mm meter)  | 486.00         | 708.00     | 774.00     |
| Access charge (50mm meter)  | 761.00         | 1,107.00   | 1,211.00   |
| Access charge (75mm meter)  | 1,936.00       | 2,816.00   | 3,080.00   |
| Access charge (100mm meter) | 3,025.00       | 4,400.00   | 4,825.00   |

**ii) Sewer:**

Council has adopted a user charge applicable to residential and commercial use – there is no land value based charge.

**Residential:**

| Town/Village         | Annual Domestic Charge (\$) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Coonamble            | 426.00                      |
| Gulargambone         | 594.00                      |
| Coonamble – Flats    | 359.00                      |
| Gulargambone – Flats | 502.00                      |

**Non-Residential:**

The sewer charge for non-residential services is at minimum charge of:

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Coonamble    | \$426.00 and |
| Gulargambone | \$594.00     |

Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. Further information is contained in Council's Water and Sewer Management Plan.

**Treatment Charge – per kilolitre:**

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Coonamble    | 82 cents/kl |
| Gulargambone | 98 cents/kl |

**(c) Domestic Waste Management Service (Garbage)**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2012 to 30/6/2013 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 9 May, 16 May and 23 May 2012 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with s496 and s501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1 July, 2012 to 30 June, 2013 as follows:

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Coonamble    | \$280.00 |
| Gulargambone | \$365.00 |
| Quambone     | \$315.00 |
| Vacant Land  | \$ 48.00 |

**Commercial Waste Management Charge:**

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Coonamble    | \$280/service |
| Gulargambone | \$365/service |
| Quambone     | \$315/service |

**(d) Interest on Outstanding Rates and Charges**

In accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, interest on outstanding rates and charges is set as per the Determination of the Minister for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June, 2013, being 10%.

**(e) Fees and Charges:**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2012 to 30/6/2013 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 9 May, 16 May and 23 May 2012 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections have been received in making the fees and charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the fees and charges for period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, **AND FURTHER** that Council, in setting these charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539.

**16.3 ADOPTION OF 2012/2013 ESTIMATES**

**9917 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb & Karanouh that Council hereby votes for expenditure for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 the sums set out in the draft estimates considered by Council on 11 April 2012 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 9 May, 16 May and 23 May 2012, details of which are as follows:

| <b>Details</b>                       | <b>Expenditure</b> | <b>Income</b>     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Administration                       | <b>8,136,190</b>   | <b>11,385,130</b> |
| Public Order & Safety                | <b>333,650</b>     | <b>24,000</b>     |
| Health                               | <b>307,540</b>     | <b>7,000</b>      |
| Community Services & Education       | <b>93,430</b>      | <b>48,500</b>     |
| Housing & Community Amenities        | <b>1,079,900</b>   | <b>593,490</b>    |
| Water Supplies                       | <b>660,121</b>     | <b>5,569,800</b>  |
| Sewerage Services                    | <b>1,278,475</b>   | <b>900,140</b>    |
| Recreation & Culture                 | <b>1,262,115</b>   | <b>74,200</b>     |
| Mining, Manufacturing & Construction | <b>1,418,930</b>   | <b>1,488,800</b>  |
| Transport & Communication            | <b>8,601,560</b>   | <b>5,182,070</b>  |
| Economic Services                    | <b>636,100</b>     | <b>279,200</b>    |
| Capital - General                    | <b>3,165,429</b>   | <b>1,383,500</b>  |
| Capital – Water                      | <b>5,146,900</b>   | <b>-</b>          |
| Capital – Sewerage                   | <b>262,560</b>     | <b>276,210</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>32,382,900</b>  | <b>27,212,040</b> |

**URGENT BUSINESS – COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN & DELIVERY PROGRAM CONSULTATION**

**9918 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the following matter be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

The Director of Corporate and Community Services tabled a report detailing comments collected from community members during consultation activities. The report provided a summary of responses and suggestions.

**9919 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in the report be noted.

**17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**9920 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that reports from various committees, as listed below, be noted:

**(i) Coonamble Shire Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting**  
(Tuesday 29 May 2012)

**9921 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendation from the Committee that Code of Conduct training be organised for all members of Section 355 Committees of Council following the Local Government Elections in September.

Cr O'Brien referred to Council's decision to change the name of the Museum in April 2011 and said that signage has not been updated. The Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services said he would arrange for correct signage to be ordered and installed.

**(ii) Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting** (Tuesday, 1 May 2012)

**9922 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the minutes of the Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting held on 1 May 2012 be noted.

**(iii) Summary of Presentation to TAFE Head Teachers** (Thursday 24 May 2012)

The Mayor referred to a video presentation on Coonamble at this meeting and suggested that Council obtain a copy to put on its website and also to take to Country Week in Sydney.

**9923 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council contact TAFE and ascertain whether it can be provided with a copy of the 3 minute video to put on Council's website and take to Country Week.

**18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**9924 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that the Saleyards Report for the month of May 2012 be noted.

Councillors suggested that a meeting of the Saleyards Management Committee be convened in the short term.

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW – COONAMBLE MULTI PURPOSE INDOOR ARENA**

A detailed report was submitted in accordance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines released by the Division of Local Government regarding what Council is required to undertake for the proposed construction of the Multipurpose Indoor Arena. Council noted that a feasibility assessment and a business plan have been prepared for the project and their findings have been included in this report.

**9925 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Cullen that the information provided in the report, which has been sourced from relevant assessments and plans as reliable, be noted.

Cr. Schieb requested that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

#### **19.0/20.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**9926 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb 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"*

**9927 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

#### **19.1 BATTERLINE EARTHMOVING PTY LTD**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council provide a \$50,000 loan over five years, with interest at a commercial rate being applicable, to Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd. to assist with the establishment of a heavy vehicle inspection station on land in Buckley Drive **AND FURTHER** that Council instruct its Solicitor to draw up the appropriate contract document.

#### **URGENT BUSINESS – ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

**9928 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the following item be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

#### **19.2 TENDER FOR BANKING SERVICES**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the tender for banking services submitted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

#### **20.1 PLANT REPLACEMENT**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council agree to replace the items of plant in accordance with the following recommendations:

- (i) Backhoe / Loader:  
Accept the tender submitted by JCB for supply and delivery of one 3CX-APC Backhoe at a net changeover price of \$103,100
- (ii) Excavator & Flip Screen:  
Accept the tender submitted by Komatsu for supply and delivery of a PC270-LC-8 27tonne Excavator for a net changeover price of \$184,429 and purchase a flip screen from Flip Screen Australia for a net amount of \$24,500 – total cost \$208,929

- (iii) **Street Sweeper:**  
Accept the tender submitted by Rosmech for supply and delivery of a Scarab Mistral Street Sweeper, mounted on a Hino 500 cab chassis, at a net changeover price of \$259,347
- (iv) **Wheel Loader:**  
Accept the tender submitted by Komatsu for supply and delivery of a WA 430 – 6 Wheel Loader – for a net changeover price of \$245,082.

**9929 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

**9930 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1, 19.2 and 20.1 as detailed above.

At this juncture, 1.00 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.55 p.m.

## **21.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

Nil

## **22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Cr Karanouh:**

- Quambone Hall – re power problem – Director advised that work was being undertaken by Wiatkowski.
- Camping at Quambone – the Director advised this is not in Council's funded works, however it is hoped to repair the toilet block under insurance and minimum signage can be arranged.

### **Cr Schieb:**

- Referred to development of Abattoirs and Agri-grain and suggested Council endeavour to source funding to provide a bitumen bypass around the town.

**9931 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that staff prepare costings for bitumen sealing of the Back Combara Road to provide a bitumen bypass around Coonamble for heavy vehicles to and from the Abattoirs and proposed Agri-Grain business.

**O'Brien:**

- Street numbering in Gulargambone – Director of Engineering Services said that numbers have been received and they will be delivered in a “drop” to residents, who will be requested to display them appropriately.
- Gulargambone library – need appropriate signage to indicate disabled parking.
- Camping – Lions Park – General Manager said that Council has refused to instal dump points, as it prefers travellers to use the caravan parks.
- Advised the Melbourne Cup will be on display at Gulargambone – invited all councillors to attend function.
- Vietnam Veterans – she has researched and found eight enlisted and served in Vietnam and are not recognised on an Honour Roll. Permission has been granted from the Veterans and/or their families to include the name. Asked whether Council would finance the costs – between \$2,000 - \$2,500.

**9932 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that Council approach the Local Sub Branch of the RSL seeking assistance and if none forthcoming, agree to provide funding up to \$2,500 to have Vietnam Veterans included on a War Memorial at Gulargambone.

**Cr Webb:**

- Referred to Bushfire Management Committee Meeting and presented information regarding hazard reduction for Councillors to peruse. Said that the Acting Manager at Coonamble is Mr. John Cook.

**Cr Cullen:**

- Requested that a letter be forwarded to the Coonamble Associated Agents asking when the Farewell Dinner is to be held for Greg Robinson.

**General Manager:**

- Copies of the Code of Conduct will be provided to all Councillors.
- Received complaint referring to a breach of the Code – advised he will talk to person involved, refer the matter to a reviewer and report back.

**Director of Engineering Services:**

- Advised RMS wishes to obtain Council approval to plant trees on the Walgett Road on the approach to Coonamble. Said he has agreed to the use of a couple of tanks to water the trees.

At this juncture, 3.15 p.m., all Council staff left the meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION – GENERAL MANAGER’S PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

**9933 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O’Brien that Council resolve to Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act – *section (2) (a) “personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)”*

**9934 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O’Brien that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

Councillors individually scored the General Manager’s performance and had the opportunity to discuss any relevant issues. Councillors were satisfied with the results he has achieved during the past 12 months. This was reflected in their scores, indicating the performance of the General Manager was more than satisfactory. The General Manager was called to the meeting, presented his ratings and gave reasons for such scoring. An agreed score was then determined by both parties.

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that the General Manager be given a 15% increase for his commendable performance assessment and to bring his remuneration into line with neighbouring Councils, as well as the 5% incentive bonus in accordance with contract conditions.

**9935 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O’Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

**9936 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council adopt the recommendation of Closed Session detailed above.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.23 p.m.

These Pages (1/5054 – 25/5053) were confirmed on the .....day of JULY 2012 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire held on 13 June 2012.

**MAYOR**

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2012**

**DRAFT LEP 2011****E5-2****10/11/2010**

**8804 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Canham that Council:  
 (3) Apply for Grant Funding to complete a flood study to allow for rezoning following the review of the Strategic Land Use Plan.

**Status:****In progress – seeking funding for Flood Study.****13.2 QUARRY DEVELOPMENT**

**9388 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that quotes for a detailed investigation of the quantity and quality of materials available be obtained, prior to discussing the possibility of obtaining additional land from the present lessee.

**Status:****Meeting will be convened when Development Study is complete.****IMPROVEMENT WORKS - URBAN**

**9409 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council carry out improvements to the culvert known as “Coughran’s Canyon”, carry out sealing in the vicinity and that work be carried out at the intersection of Charles Street and McCullough Street and that these works be a priority.

**Status:****Further design options being investigated and an application has been submitted seeking Repair funding to upgrade Dubbo Street between Tooloon and Aberford Streets.****ECO SPA – RESUMPTION OF LAND**

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

**Status:****Process commenced – Council allocated \$100,000 in 2012/13 budget.**

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

**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.

**Status:**  
**No action to date**

**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.

**Status:**  
**Report being prepared.**

**13.3 DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT – LOT 2 “YATTON”**

**9905 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council call tenders for the erection of one brick veneer dwelling on Lot 2 – Yatton Subdivision.

**Status:**  
**Tender/Specification documents are being prepared.**

**BAG-A-BARGAIN BUILDING – PIGEON PROBLEM**

Council noted that pigeons roost under the awning of the subject building, creating a mess in that area of the main street. The General Manager said he would instruct the Manager – Environmental Services to issue a Notice to Serve Order on the owners to have the problem rectified. Councillors requested that this be done as a priority.

**Status:**  
**Orders have been served on owners of properties. Follow up action will be taken if appropriate.**

**COONAMBLE SHIRE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**9921 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendation from the Committee that Code of Conduct training be organised for all members of Section 355 Committees of Council following the Local Government Elections in September.

**Status:**

**Training for all Section 355 Committee members will be implemented following re-election in September for the next four year term.**

**SALEYARDS REPORT**

Councillors suggested that a meeting of the Saleyards Management Committee be convened in the short term.

**Status:**

**Management position being advertised – meeting will be arranged after that.**

**9931 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that staff prepare costings for bitumen sealing of the Back Combara Road to provide a bitumen bypass around Coonamble for heavy vehicles to and from the Abattoirs and proposed Agri-Grain business.

**Status:**

**The Director of Engineering Services provided an estimated cost of \$2.65 million.**

**MR MICHAEL T WILSON, DUBBO****D5-21**

**9888 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council's Economic Development Manager arrange a meeting between the Chairman of the RDA (Mr Walkom), and both Local Members of Parliament (Messrs. Humpries and Coulton) to discuss Council's indoor arena project and the concept design to enhance its funding opportunity under the Regional Development Australia Program.

**Status:**

**Meeting to be arranged pending availability of delegates.**

**8.1 COMPLETED SECTION – RESOLUTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM  
RESOLUTION BOOK****BEAUTIFICATION OF MAIN STREET – STAGE 1**

**9906 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that when the information is received, Council grant the General Manager authority to approve the development application under delegated authority.

**Status:****Development Application approved.****COMPLETED.****SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION TO TAFE HEAD TEACHERS**

**9923 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council contact TAFE and ascertain whether it can be provided with a copy of the 3 minute video to put on Council's website and take to Country Week.

**Status:**

**Requested TAFE to provide a copy of the video – when modifications have been made regarding presentation - copy will be provided.  
COMPLETED.**

**9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012**

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**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012**

**Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:**

**10.1 COONAMBLE CLAY TARGET CLUB D7(37591)**

Advising the Club holds its annual open shoot on the weekend of the third Saturday in October, the event is called the Golden Grain and attracts participants from all over Australia. Currently seeking sponsorship for the Golden Grain Event to be paid at the beginning of September 2012. Saying any contribution or donation towards the Shoot would be greatly appreciated.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has, in the past, contributed to the annual Black Duck Memorial Shoot which is held at “Youie” – last year’s contribution was \$100).

**Recommendation:  
For Council’s determination.**

**10.2 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE INC D5-6(37631)**

Advising the Coonamble RTC has been nominated by the Coonamble Employment Circle to coordinate the Jobs & Skills Expo planned for September 2012. Saying seed funds have been granted by DWWER. Pointing out this is a great event for Coonamble and will bring a wide variety of businesses, training and employment organisations to display information and discuss opportunities with jobseekers from a wide area. Saying it is hoped to use Coonamble Showground for the Expo and wondering if Council would provide support from its Events and Grants Manager to assist in site planning, preparing a risk management plan and providing advice on marketing and promotion.

**Recommendation:  
That Council agree to its Events and Grants Manager providing guidance to the RTC, where necessary, however this Officer is not available to organize the event on behalf of the Rural Transaction Centre.**

**10.3 MANAGER, LOCAL BRANCH NAB B7(37603)**

Referring to the plan of the main street improvements and saying she was surprised to hear of the “street awning” that is proposed and saying she has several concerns:

- Problems with cleaning and required ongoing maintenance of the building because the awning would be so close to the building.

- Gathering place for vandals – saying this would give something else to vandalise and climb
- By climbing the awning they would have access to the higher levels of the bank residence which would be a security issue
- Should trouble makers be injured, it may leave Council open to prosecution.
- Currently bank windows are used for marketing – this would no longer be possible.
- The awning would block windows, making the bank building darker and colder during winter – which could lead to mould and mildew problems causing health issues for staff and customers.
- The local branch has been pushing to add an ATM to the store – this would not be possible because where it is intended to build the awning is the only place available to install the facility.

Saying she would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter at length with Council.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – These are issues that can be addressed by Council’s Manager of Environmental Services. Council’s Manager of Environmental Services has inspected the site in company with one of the Bank employees, and reported he could see no problems with issues raised – the Development Application was subsequently approved.)

**Recommendation:  
That this matter be noted.**

#### **10.4 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**E2(37636)**

Advising of the upcoming local government elections in September and providing a summary of the new caretaker provisions pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. Pointing out that councils are expected to assume a caretaker role during the election period to ensure that major decisions are not made which would limit the actions of an incoming council. Saying that council, the General Manager or any other delegate of the council (other than a Joint Regional Planning Panel or the Central Sydney Planning Committee) must not exercise the following functions during the four weeks preceding an ordinary election (caretaker period):

- Enter into any contract or undertaking involving an expenditure of receipt by the council of an amount equal to or greater than \$150,000 or 1% of the council’s revenue from rates in the preceding financial year (whichever is the larger)
- Determine a controversial development application except where a failure to make such a determination would give rise to a deemed refusal, or such a deemed refusal arose before the commencement of the caretaker

period. Advising the term “controversial development application” is defined as one for which at least 25 persons have made submissions by way of objection.

- Appoint or renew the appointment of the General Manager or terminating their employment – (this does not include the appointment of an acting or temporary general manager).

Pointing out, however, these functions can be exercised with the approval of the Minister. Saying that the caretaker period for the September 2012 ordinary local government elections commence on Friday 10 August 2012 and ends on Saturday 8 September, 2012. Asking that this information be brought to the attention of councillors and senior staff.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the amendments made on 22 June 2012 to the Local Government General Regulations mandating formal pre-election caretaker provisions.**

**10.5 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE**

**D7(37633)**

Pointing out it is a section 355 Committee of Council and requesting that Council consider increasing the yearly contribution from \$4,500 to \$7,000 in the next financial period. Saying these funds are put towards a number of substantial projects in the community, along with coordinating the markets held throughout the year. Saying to continue this tradition, more funds are required to assist with the inevitable costs.

Advising the markets have been a source of angst for the committee since the most recent coordinator was taken ill and can no longer fulfill the role. Saying the committee is considering paying a suitable person/s \$1,000/annum to take on the role with minimal assistance from committee members. Stating there is no equivalent group operating in Coonamble who would be able to take on the role of Streets Ahead and, therefore, the committee seeks Council’s assistance both financially and in kind. Pointing out that supporting the committee’s role in the community through promotion is another way it is hoped that Council will assist.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has already voted for its 2012/2013 budget).

**Recommendation:**

**That Council advise Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee that it has already budgeted the 2012/2013 amount and the request for an additional yearly contribution will be submitted to the 2013/2014 budget.**

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| <b>10.6 MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL</b> | <b>S5-1(37656 + 37657)</b> |
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Booking the Coonamble Showground Pavilion for the 2013 and 2014 Moorambilla Concerts, to be held on 20 – 23 September and 12 – 14 September respectively.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Councillors will recall that this year the Coonamble Pony Club had a prior booking to use the Showground and Pavilion for a Pony Club Zone Jamboree the same weekend as the Moorambilla Festival (22 & 23 September). Council, at the March 2012 meeting, resolved that Festival organizers would have to make alternate arrangements concerning a venue for the Concert.

Councillors will remember that the Pony Club also had the venue booked for its activities in 2011 prior to any booking for the Moorambilla Festival. When approached, the Pony Club agreed to postpone its activities to start on the Sunday after the Concert. It seems that there is always going to be two organisations vying for use of the pavilion during this weekend in September.

Council may wish to consider what options are available to give both organizing committees the opportunity to use the Pavilion, e.g. turn about, draw from hat, etc.

The Pony Club has been using the Showground and Pavilion at the same time in September to conduct its Annual Camp during the school holidays for many years

Councillors are aware that this is an issue causing angst between the two “camps” and Council should endeavour to comprise so that both events have the opportunity to use the facility).

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| <b>10.7 SHIRE PICNIC DAY COMMITTEE</b> | <b>S6-10(37669)</b> |
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Requesting Council to recognize Friday 14 September 2012 as its employees’ annual picnic day and regard it as a holiday for the USU financial members.

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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b><br/> <b>That Council agree to regard Friday 14 September 2012 as its employee annual picnic day for USU financial members and non-Union members be required to take a day’s annual leave.</b></p> |
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**10.8 FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES C8-6(37334)**

Advising that Community Services has approved funding of \$6,414 for Coonamble Children's Services for the 2012/2013 financial year and providing two copies of the Service Agreement. Requesting that the Service Agreement be executed by Council and returned.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note funding approved for Coonamble Children's Services for the 2012/2013 financial year and authorise the affixing of the Common Seal on the Service Agreement.**

**10.9 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE D5-2(37702)**

Referring to the markets conducted throughout the year and wishing to seek comment from the community. Requesting to send the survey out with the next lot of rate notices and also asking that the Committee be allowed to have a "collection point" at the front desk at Council's office.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council is unable to support this request in the initial rate mail out due to number of other inclusions).

**Recommendation:**

**That Council advise Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee it is unable to include the survey with the current rates mail out**

**10.10 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE S5-1(37696)**

Confirming a booking for Coonamble Showground for the Jobs & Skills Expo on Wednesday 19 September. Saying they are aware that the Sheep Yards at the ground are booked for the same day, however the other party has agreed to share the facility. Asking that, as there are two users, will the hire fee be shared.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Casual use of sheep yards at the Showground is charged by the number of animals yarded. The Showground is not double booked or paid for twice).

**Recommendation:**

**That Council advise the RTC that it will be charged for use of the facilities it has requested and that Council actively encourages multiple use of the ground.**

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| <b>10.11 MARTHAGUY PICNIC RACE CLUB</b> | <b>D7(37689)</b> |
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Thanking Council for previous support and requesting that Council again support this year's races which will be held on 1 September. Advising that the amount for toilets is estimated at \$3,000.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to contribute an amount of \$3,000 which was provided for in the 2012/2013 budget**

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| <b>10.12 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC)<br/>O5(37687)</b> |
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Advising that Friday 17 August 2012 is the date set for Stage 1 Consultation with Local Government Review Panel at the Central Conference Rooms – Dubbo City Council. Putting forward two issues for Council to address.

***Issue 1***

Saying the Panel would like to hear from Mayors, Councillors & General Managers about issues and ideas they have that the Panel should consider – this session is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Pointing out that Stage 1 is a fact finding mission – collating information about the various regions of NSW.

***Issue 2***

Asking if Council can provide at least two community members from its area, and their contact details so that the review panel will have a list of regional representatives to consult with the local government review panel on 17 August. Saying the community leaders consultation is scheduled to take place from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

- (a) **nominate the Mayor, or his delegate, and the General Manager to attend the Panel Session on 17 August 2012; and**
- (b) **identify suitable community members with a view to seeking their approval to participate, then advise OROC accordingly.**

**Section B – Matters for Council's Information:****10.13 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L9(37514)**

Providing an update on progress of the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government and enclosing copies of the final report of the Expert Panel appointed by examine options for the recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution. Pointing out the Australian Labor Party reached an agreement with the Greens and Independents when forming Government in 2010 to proceed towards a referendum on the recognition of local government. Saying, as part of the process, an 18 member Expert Panel was appointed in 2011 to identify options for the constitutional recognition of local government and report on the level of support from stakeholders and the broader community.

Saying the Panel identified four possible forms of recognition:

- Symbolic recognition
- Financial recognition
- Democratic recognition
- Recognition through federal cooperation

but concluded that financial recognition was the only viable option capable of success at a 2013 referendum and, of all the options, financial recognition had the broadest base of support among the political leadership at both Federal and State levels.

Urging Council to read the Expert Panel's report and promote its findings to the community. Pointing out almost 90% of councils have indicated to ALGA that they are behind the campaign and the financial recognition option. Saying the matter will be further discussed at the National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 17 – 20 June.

**10.14 NSW EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES – PUBLIC SCHOOLS NSW E1(37544)**

Referring to the Department's strategy to provide more local decision making power to schools. Advising the strategy *Local Schools, Local Decisions* was announced by the Premier and Minister in March. Saying that under the strategy Government schools in NSW will be given the opportunity to respond to the needs of their students based on specific circumstances, not on the basis of formulas and forms dictated by head office. Pointing out key features of *Local Schools, Local Decisions* are:

- The shift in decision making from head office to school level
- The management of school budgets by school principals (including staffing and non staffing resources)
- Schools will manage more than 70% of total budget allocated to their school

- A new resource allocation model will fund schools directly and funding will reflect complexity as well as student numbers
- Schools will determine the number and mix of staff within their budgets and principals will have an increased say in filling vacancies in their schools
- Salary progression will be based on attainment of professional standards
- Improved processes will be introduced to deal with under performance
- Principal salary and classification will be linked to school complexity, not just student numbers
- Principals will be free to make more local decisions for purchases up to \$5,000
- One school plan, one annual report and one budget all linked to student learning outcomes.

Saying while the strategy will be implemented gradually over the next 3 – 5 years, the first group of implementing schools has already commenced work. Pointing out 16 schools in Western NSW Region have been included in the initial implementation.

#### **10.15 CHAIRMAN - AUSTRALIAN RURAL ROAD GROUP INC R8-1(37525)**

Presenting his report – The Year in Review 2011/12 - acknowledging the Executive Committee for their energy and commitment to improving all local roads across Australian. Thanking also administrative and executive staff of both Gwydir and Moree Plains Shire Councils for their commitment to the cause. Pointing out the group is fortunate to have a partnership with Mr. Luke Fraser who has drafted three very powerful and highly regarded reports. Saying the group has met with Ministers, Federal/State Members and Government officials and thanking Mark Coulton for arranging these opportunities. Saying he believes that the highest achievement is when they stand in front of the decision makers and present a thoroughly researched and statistically valid argument. Advising the group has the corporate support of Cotton Australia and NRMA is a member and has recently allowed use of its logo on letterhead and website.

Referring to an article in The Land Newspaper in March, which cited the Australian Rural Road Group as a source for one of its feature articles. Pointing out that it highlighted the 'local roads' issues with extracts from the group's reports. Saying The Land stated:

- Local roads represent 80 per cent of all public roads in Australia by kilometres.
- Rural local roads comprise 68.7 per cent of the total but receive only 34 per cent of local road maintenance and upgrading funding.
- The 2003 Federal Parliament inquiry into local government and cost shifting estimated the stock of local roads to be worth more than \$90 billion.

- By 2006 total Federal grants to local government for road maintenance for local roads were less than \$2 billion and total expenditure on local roads only \$3.3 billion.

Pointing out that the past two years have been used effectively to:

- Raise the 'local roads' issue into a national light
- To prove that this issue is real and can be fixed, through cooperation.

Saying he is hopeful that both the Federal National and Liberal parties will adopt the group's ideas and write them into party policy. Pointing out the group needs to consider where to now – saying it has supplied both the Government and Opposition with a wealth of research at no cost and will continue to heavily lobby individual members with the expectation of a change of government in 2013.

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| <b>10.16 MARK DREYFUS QC MP –CABINET SECRETARY</b> | <b>T1-3(37557)</b> |
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Saying it has been brought to his attention that a number of councils have been sent misleading information about the effect of the Australian Government's climate change policies on their operations. Referring to a letter sent to councils by the Leader of the Opposition claimed that the carbon price would make it more expensive to run council trucks from 1 July 2012 – saying this is not true. Pointing out that from 1 July 2012 on-road fuel costs will not increase as a result of the Government's Clean Energy Legislative Package. Saying the Government's policy is to apply an effective carbon price on heavy on-road transport from 1 July 2014, but this is not part of the legislation the Government has enacted. Advising that in relation to off-road fuel costs from 1 July 2012 councils will pay less as a result of changes to fuel tax credits.

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| <b>10.17 VAL &amp; LAWRIE SCHACHE</b> | <b>D5-21(37565)</b> |
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Advising they travelled from Ballina aiming for the Rodeo/Campdraft at Coonamble if the weather was OK. Saying they visited Tamworth on Monday and Tuesday, 4 & 5 June to see the Cutting Horse events in the Equine Centre and thoroughly enjoyed it. Advising they travelled on to Coonamble, camped at the showground and had a great time, but they would not have come if they had known the weather was inclement. Pointing out that whilst in Coonamble they had a look at plans to build the "equine centre" over five stages – encouraging everyone involved to persevere and get it done. Saying the benefit to the whole community will be considerable.

**10.18 PRESIDENT, SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW L9-1(37588)**

Referring to the recent Conference and extending appreciation to the organizers of the event. Advising the motions from the Conference have been put on the LGSA website at <http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/sa-annual-conference/motions-and-business-papers> and will be sent shortly to each relevant Minister requesting that the Executive be given the opportunity to meet and explain the rationale behind each resolution. Saying the responses will be conveyed to relevant councils.

Pointing out a few of the more urgent matters from the Conference have already been actioned. Saying he will be writing to Local Government Minister, Dog Page, promoting his serious consideration of the Code of Conduct passed by the Conference. Saying this Code is simpler than the existing one and encourages Councillors, particularly new councillors, to fully participate and represent their communities free from excessive regulation.

Advising the working party established to represent the LGSA with the current review of the LHPAs has been elected and the initial policy to the recommendations of the Ryan Review remains to look to improvements of the LHPAs without any major structural changes to give them a chance to increase their rate base and make alternative arrangements for the management of the TSRs. Saying they are seeking an urgent meeting with the Emergency Services Minister Mike Gallacher to explain the reasons behind the Conference resolution to advocate operational disengagement with the RFS and request the Minister to establish a working party to investigate the issue.

Finally, advising that on 12 June 2012 the issue of One Association was heard before Fair Work Australia with FWA Senior Deputy President Hamberger subsequently issuing the order to progress the matter to a vote of members – the secret postal ballot will open on 12 July and close 7 August 2012.

**10.19 NSW HEALTH – HEALTH WATER UNIT W1(37551)**

Inviting Council to participate in the development of a risk-based drinking water management system. Saying the Public Health Act 2010 will require all water suppliers to establish and adhere to a quality assurance program that is consistent with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (National Health and Medical Research Council 2011). Stating NSW Health has engaged a team of water quality specialists and engineers to assist selected councils to develop risk-based drinking water management systems and offering this service to Council.

Advising NSW Health will pay for the contractors, should Council agree to participate. Pointing out that key engineering, technical and environmental health staff would be asked to participate in the system development, which is expected to take up to two days of meetings and further time in preparation for meetings. Saying Council will be asked to provide access to operational water quality data and relevant plans and reports. Encouraging Council to participate in the project which is expected to be completed within six to 12 months.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The Director of Engineering Services has written to NSW Health – Health Water Unit advising that Council is currently proceeding with its water filtration plant, which is expected to be operational by mid 2013. The Director has asked whether Council can defer any decision regarding its participation in the development of a risk-based drinking water management system until the plant is up and running).

## **10.20 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Forwarding important information from the Floodplain Management Association and requesting that it be brought to the attention of the Mayor, Councillors and staff involved in flood management (planning, engineering, development, control, drainage, subdivision, emergency management and natural resources officers). Please refer to **APPENDIX A**.

## **10.21 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13(37606)**

Advising the Division has just released the updated *Councillor Induction and Professional Development – A Guide for Councils*. Saying it aims to provide councils with information to assist them develop and implement councillor induction and continuing professional development programs so that councillors have the information, skills and resources to undertake their roles and responsibilities effectively. Pointing out the guide:

- Provides a framework for the development of induction and professional development
- Provides checklists of what could be included to assist councils to develop programs that best suit local needs and circumstances
- Includes a sample self assessment tool for councillors to identify individual areas for knowledge and skills development
- Identifies further opportunities for councillor professional development

Saying the *Guide for Councils* is available electronically on the Department's website at "Council Elections 2012". Encouraging council to use this guide to develop locally appropriate programs to support those councillors elected at the September 2012 local government elections.

**10.22 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT****G5(37618)**

Advising the outcome of Council's application under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA)* was one of 143 received. Saying each application was closely assessed to ensure it met the criteria in the program guidelines, in order to identify which projects would deliver the best outcomes. Informing Council that, on this occasion, its application was not successful and they will contact Council when future funding opportunities become available.

**10.23 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW  
R2(37652)**

Calling on the Australian Government to invest more funds and start building the Melbourne to Brisbane Rail Line this decade. Referring to the Inland Rail Symposium held in Parkes on 21 & 22 June and saying rail is a vital component of the transport network in rural and regional areas of NSW and is the most appropriate form of transport for bulk freight products. Pointing out that councils are responsible for around 90 per cent of the NSW road network and with freight movement expected to double by 2030, the better option is to shift much of the freight task off the roads and onto rail. Advising the Inland Rail Line could also stimulate other rail traffic on nearby rail lines, many of which are under the threat of closure. Saying not only would these closures force additional heavy vehicle movements onto adjacent local road networks, it would impact on the growth and prosperity of local communities. Urging the Australian Government to recognize the importance of this nation building project by substantially increasing the allocated funding for the Melbourne to Brisbane rail line and speed up its delivery.

**10.24 PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE****T4(37653)**

Advising that the Urban Activation Precincts (UAP) Program was announced by the Treasurer in the budget on 12 June 2012. Advising the program will see the NSW Government partner with councils to deliver key urban housing and renewal projects. Seeking comment on the draft guidelines for the UAP program and welcoming local government feedback no later than 31 July 2012.

**10.25 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER -STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE  
S7(37690)**

Advising the State Government has committed additional funding over the next five years to the NSW SES. Pointing out the additional funding is part of the *Strategic Disaster Readiness Package* delivered to the SES in response to recommendations from the Commission of Inquiry into the Queensland floods and in recognition of the outstanding work the Service and its volunteers have done in response to recent NSW floods. Stating the two key components of the package are Fleet Management and Unit Support Funding:

- *Fleet Management*: a five year project to standardize and centralize the SES operational vehicle fleet, the majority of which is currently owned and managed by local government. This will result in significant cost savings to local government across NSW.
- *Unit Support Funding*: a support funding package to the 228 volunteer NSW SES units to assist them in their day to day operating costs.

Advising the SES Region Controller will arrange a meeting with Council to discuss how the package may affect current partnership arrangements with your SES unit and to outline the changes that will occur specifically in relation to the ownership and management of the NSW SES operational vehicle fleet.

**10.26 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT E2(37667)**

Reminding council of the obligations of council officials in relation to the use of council resources and the potential for council publications to be considered 'electoral matter'. Asking General Managers to bring the information contained in the circular to the attention of all councillors and senior staff. Saying that General Managers should ensure that appropriate mechanisms are in place to ensure that council resources are used appropriately. Pointing out that Councils must not issue publications that fall within the definition of "electoral matter" during the 40-day regulated period prior to the election.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of this circular in its entirety is attached as **APPENDIX B**)

**10.27 THE HON BRAD HAZZARD MP D5-22**

Advising he has decided to re-appoint all State members and alternates of the Joint Regional Planning Panels for a period of 12 months up to 30 June 2013 as an interim measure pending the implementation of the NSW planning review. Accordingly Ms Gabrielle Kibble AO, Mr Gordon Kirkby and Ms Ruth Fagan have been re-appointed as State members to the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel (regional panel).

Saying the LGSA have endorsed the appointment of Ms Kibble as the regional panel chair. Reminding council that it is required to nominate two persons as council nominees to the regional panel, at least one of the nominated persons must have expertise in planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering or tourism. Pointing out that councils were previously asked to nominate members for a period of up to three years and, if council has nominated members, requesting it to confirm the nominees with the Regional Panels Secretariat before their current term expires.

Advising the government has determined that fees for council nominated members are to remain a matter for each council to establish or modify as appropriate. Advising, however, the following should be considered when setting fees:

- *Council staff members:* No fees should be paid, as participation in the regional panel would form part of the employee's regular duties, consistent with the Department of Premier and Cabinet Guidelines for NSW Board and Committee Members: Appointment and Remuneration
- *Elected councillors:* As councillors already receive an annual fee set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal each year for performing their councillor duties, an additional per meeting fee is reasonable, recognizing that membership of the regional panel brings additional responsibilities.
- *Community members:* Each council may determine an appropriate level of remuneration for that person, by arrangement with that member, with your council's current rates used as a guide when determining appropriate remuneration fees.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council formerly resolved that the General Manager be its delegate).

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| <b>10.28 SKYDIVE OZ</b> | <b>A5(37695)</b> |
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Requesting use of Coonamble Aerodrome for tandem skydiving operations on 14 August, 2012. Saying there is no change to aircraft or operations. Advising they will ensure that other users are not disrupted and all instructors will carry ASIC cards and escort all passengers on and off the airfield. Attaching Certificate of Currency which includes \$20 million public liability coverage and indemnifies council.

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| <b>10.29 OUTBACK ARTS</b> |
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Advising, through Board Members, the Summary of Activities from March to June 2012.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This information was handed to members at the Board Meeting to make available to their various Councils. It is attached as **APPENDIX C**)

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012**

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED  
AUTHORITY**

**Background:**

Council was instructed in the Promoting Better Practice Review to report all development applications approved under Delegated Authority to each monthly meeting.

**Issues:**

The list covering period since last Council Meeting is as follows:

| DA No | Owner                   | Applicant | Proposed Use                       | Address of land         | Approval Date |
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| 17/12 | Coonamble Shire Council | Owner     | Installation Water Treatment Plant | Yarran Street Coonamble | 06/06/2012    |
| 20/12 | Coonamble Shire Council | Owner     | Subdivision                        | Part "Meglo" Coonamble  | 25/06/2012    |

| CDC No | Owners Name | Applicant | Proposed Use | Land proposed to be developed | Approval Date |
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| NIL    |             |           |              |                               |               |
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**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

As stated in the Promoting Better Practice Review from the Department of Local Government.

**Financial Considerations:** NIL

**Options:** NIL

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note Development Application Nos. 017/2012 and 020/2012 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting and that no Complying Development Applications were approved in the period.**

**11.2 ELECTION 2012****Background:**

Local Government Elections are scheduled to be held on Saturday 8 September 2012.

**Issues:**

Council will be aware that a Returning Officer is being shared with Gilgandra to defray costs of the election. Mrs Helen Murray has been appointed Returning Officer by the Electoral Commission of NSW. Mrs Murray is to be located at Gilgandra and will visit Coonamble from time to time – the office previously occupied by the Returning Officer at previous elections is currently being utilized.

Mrs Murray's email address is: [RO.GilgandraRegion@elections.nsw.gov.au](mailto:RO.GilgandraRegion@elections.nsw.gov.au)

Mrs Murray has advised that nomination forms and candidate handbooks are available from the website [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au). All information regarding the elections should be directed to the appropriate officer with the Electoral Commission.

Pre-polling will be available at the Shire Office for a period of approximately two weeks prior to the elections.

**APPENDIX D** contains the most recent election bulletins received from the Commission.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:** N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

The Electoral Commission of NSW has provided an estimate of \$27,690 (+GST) to conduct the 2012 Election.

**Options:** N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information regarding the 2012 Local Government Elections.**

**RICK WARREN**

General Manager

**12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2012**

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections to 30/06/2012 compared to 30/06/2011:

|   | <b>30/06/2012</b>   | <b>30/06/2011</b>   |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year | 598,833.17          | 502,953.25          |
| Plus 2011/2012 Combined Levy                | 5,282,768.84        | 4,982,643.43        |
| Add Transfer from Postponed                 | -                   | 1,349.15            |
| <b>GROSS LEVY</b>                           | <b>5,881,602.01</b> | <b>5,486,936.93</b> |
| Less: Pensioner Concession (State)          | (64,496.94)         | (61,302.24)         |
| Pensioner Concession (Council)              | (52,770.22)         | (50,158.79)         |
| Transfer to Postponed                       | -                   | (231.15)            |
| Abandoned                                   | -                   | (14,891.43)         |
| <b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>              | <b>5,770,334.85</b> | <b>5,360,353.22</b> |
| Less Collections                            | (5,085,254.35)      | (4,867,816.41)      |
| Plus Refunds                                | -                   | 7,210.35            |
| <b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>                    | <b>685,080.50</b>   | <b>499,747.16</b>   |
| Plus Postponed                              | -                   | 4,686.92            |
| <b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>                  | <b>685,080.50</b>   | <b>504,434.08</b>   |
| Collection % of Total Receivable            | 88.13%              | 90.68%              |
| Arrears % of Total Receivable               | 11.87%              | 9.32%               |

**Recommendation:**  
**Submitted for Council's information.**



I, Bruce Quarmby, Responsible Accounting Officer, certify that in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 s212 the investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Ministerial Order and Councils Investment Policy.

**Recommendation:**

**That the list of investments as at 30 June 2012 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.**

## 12.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

### (a) *Crime Prevention*

- Burglar Beware Project – this project involves Police safety audits small infrastructure subsidies. 22 community members in Coonamble have engaged in this project to date. The program has commenced in Gulargambone with advertising and promotion.
- Drug & Alcohol Working group – consisting of community stakeholders working to develop a coordinated approach to drug and alcohol issues.
- Domestic Violence – Coonamble Domestic Violence Collective is currently developing a community Domestic Violence Prevention Plan together with a Safe House business plan.
- Youth anti-social behaviour –
  - Library program concluded with high school aged young people and will commence with primary school aged children in Term 3.
  - The FARE project is an externally funded project that aims to address binge drinking and related alcohol harms in young people. A partnership has been developed with Coonamble High School with program commencement in term 3.

### (b) *Street work program*

The purpose of this program is to engage with young people who are on the main street, during school hours, to gain an understanding of their situation and divert them from anti-social behaviour. During the reporting period, staff walked the main street on average two days per week and approached 4 young people, in total. Two of the young people approached (primary school age) were on restricted school hours and had finished for the day. Two of the young people approached (high school) should have been at school.

### (c) *Home Power Saver Project*

This project, funded by the Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Premier and Cabinet, has concluded. The program involved promotion of household power assessments (for eligible households), power Savings Kits and personal action plans. In total 16 participants registered, through Council. Other community members contacted the funding body direct to register their interest in the initiative.

### (d) *Community development events/ activities*

During the reporting period Council staff conducted workshops in conjunction with other organisations:

- Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service's Men's Pitt Stop.
- Coonamble Show – stall promoting Power Saver Project, Burglar Beware, Community Strategic Plan 2026 & Council's Delivery Program.
- Volunteer's Morning Tea, Gulargambone.
- NAIDOC event Coonamble Primary School.
- NAIDOC event Coonamble Health Service.

**(d) Library**

May – June 2012

- Book deliveries to housebound and Koonambil fortnightly
- Obituary books project continued
- Book exchanges.
- Quilt Show
- Waste to Art exhibition
- National Simultaneous Storytime
- Distance Education Exams
- Writers Group meetings
- Family history group meetings
- CWA meeting and Skin care information session

|                     | <b>Total issues</b> | <b>Total returns</b> | <b>New members</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Coonamble</b>    | 2529                | 2248                 | 27                 |
| <b>Gulargambone</b> | 261                 | 256                  | 0                  |
| <b>Quambone</b>     | 180                 | n/a                  | n/a                |

**(e) Integrated Planning & Reporting**

Council's draft Delivery Program and the Coonamble Shire Community Strategic Plan was on public exhibition during the reporting period. No formal submissions were received; however comments were collected from community members during consultation activities. Thirty four (34) comments were received. The nature of comments related to actions across the 5 main themes of the document (People, Infrastructure, Economy, Environment, Leadership). The majority of comments received related to community safety and cohesion and were in support of the actions outlined in Council's Delivery Program.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

*Local Government Act 1993, Section 8.*

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil.

**Options:**  
N/A

**Recommendation:**  
That information contained in the Community Services Progress report be noted.

**LIANNE TASKER**  
Director of Corporate & Community Services

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL  
AND URBAN SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2012**

**13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S SECTION**

**Author:** *Economic Development Manager – Lee O'Connor*

**1. Diversify Industry Base - Infrastructure, Tourism, New Enterprise**

| <b>PROJECT</b>                | <b>ACTIONS</b>   | <b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b>  |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Covered Arena                 | Initial drawings received and display mounted at Rodeo. Meeting held with 4 tenderers 12 June. Meeting to select preferred tenderers held 21 June. Revised tender documents distributed 26 June.   | Revised tenders using UNSW student layout close 12 <sup>th</sup> July.  |
| Eco Spa + Caravan Park        | 1. Design & Approval – committee feedback incorporated into new design proposal. Initial costings done on concept.<br>2. Smith Park Land Acquisition – phone meeting 14 June with D Burber, Crown Lands to clarify options for purchase.                             | 1. Video conference between Steering Committee and consultants to be held Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July.<br>2. Continuing.        |
| Rail Loading                  | 1. Met with G Clark, Rail Infrastructure Corp, re potential for new siding and loading at Coonamble Railway. Also re approvals and requirements for other rail loading sites.<br>2. Discussions with John Holland Rail re potential leasing of railway station site. | 1. New siding to be constructed as part of current line upgrade, to be completed 2013/14 financial year.<br>2. JHR keen to lease. |
| Industrial Estate expansion   | Information submitted for grant acquittal 14 <sup>th</sup> June.   | Grant acquittal complete.   |
| New enterprises at The Meglo. | Followed up information for exchange of contracts.<br>Attending Oaks Bore Trust meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> July re water allocations to Meglo blocks and abattoir.  | TBA.  |
| National Broadband Network    | Attended meeting with Aurecon in Coonabarabran, 19 <sup>th</sup> June with M Cock. Discussed site/approval issues and community involvement.   | 1 site identified in Coonamble Shire for fixed wireless.  |

## 2. Business Growth – Start-up/Expansion, Promotion, Education, Skill Development

| PROJECT                           | ACTIONS  | STATUS/OUTCOMES   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Abattoir                          | Settlement occurred 26 June. Helped prepare press release announcing sale. Provided information to new owners as per discussions held 1 <sup>st</sup> June.  | Abattoir sold.  |
| Support new and existing business | <b>Support Business Start-Ups/Expansions:</b> Provide information and referral for proposed chemist in Gular; preliminary investigations re potential grain loading site at Combara; referrals re water access for J Pace.   | Purchase of Quambone Store on hold.   |
| Employment Circle                 | Meetings held 5 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> June:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jobs &amp; Skills Expo – date set Wed 19<sup>th</sup> September, Coonamble Showground, 10am to 2pm. Providing direction, info and contacts to RTC.</li> <li>2. Driver Mentoring – liaised with MPREC re access to vehicle and mentor for Coonamble residents.</li> <li>3. Remote Jobs &amp; Communities Program – attending Information Session in Dubbo on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>4. Workforce Development Forum – attending steering committee meeting with RDA Orana on 6<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ol> | <b>Notes included of CEC meetings.</b><br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DEEWR funding to RTC \$4400 to auspice and co-ordinate Expo on behalf of Employment Circle. Council contribution \$1500.</li> <li>2. Driver Mentor to offer supervised sessions for L-platers on 20<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>3. Outcomes TBA</li> <li>4. Outcomes TBA</li> </ol> |
| New/Prospective Residents         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Respond to website and telephone requests for Prospective Residents Information.</li> <li>2. Respond to inquiries from new residents seeking rental accommodation.</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2 packs distributed to prospective residents from Trangie and Sydney.</li> <li>2. 2 new inquiries re rental accommodation.</li> </ol>   |

**3. Community Economic Development + Physical Amenity**

| <b>PROJECT</b>   | <b>ACTIONS</b>   | <b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b>  |
|------------------|--|---|
| Rent-a-Farmhouse | Met with volunteers to review recent applicants. Seeking more information. Contacting families to invite to visit and interview. | 1 new house near Quambone offered. 1 family coming to visit 9 <sup>th</sup> July. |

**4. Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying**

| <b>PROJECT</b>                           | <b>ACTIONS</b>   | <b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b> |
|--|--|------------------------|
| Orana Education Skills & Industry Forum  | Employment Circle representatives to attend Workforce Development Forum to be held in Warren on 12 <sup>th</sup> July. | Outcomes TBA.          |
| NSW Transport Plan                       | No action this month.  | Underway.              |
| Remote Jobs & Communities Program (RJCP) | As above.  | As above.              |

**Recommendation:**

**That the report by the Economic Development Officer be received and noted.**

## 13.2 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S SECTION

**Author:** *Tourism Development Manager – Lauren Picone*

### 1. Tourism projects – product development and tourism/visitor infrastructure

| PROJECT  | ACTIONS   | STATUS/OUTCOMES   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Visitor Information Centre Development</b>    | Oversee refurbishment of the new Visitor Information Centre in conjunction with other relevant staff. Seek expressions of interest for volunteers to staff the new VIC.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The VIC has been opened on the 9th of June</li> <li>- Building sign has been erected</li> <li>- Garden boxes have been restored and replanted by Parks and Gardens staff</li> <li>- Several volunteers have been recruited. They will commence when the building refurbishments have been complete, including heating, lighting, and other maintenance.</li> <li>- Building Trades Coordinator is in the process of building a backing board for brochure holders.</li> <li>- Toilet block refurbishment to be completed by Building and Trades Staff</li> <li>- Directional signage request has been submitted for DA approval</li> </ul> |
| <b>Indoor Arena</b>                              | Provide support to EDM.   | - Continue to seek progress updates from EDM.   |
| <b>Eco Spa and Caravan Park</b>                  | Provide support to EDM.   | - Continue to seek progress updates from EDM.   |
| <b>Warrumbungle Wired</b>                        | Project acquittal and evaluation to be submitted to Central NSW Tourism   | Project acquittal and evaluation has been submitted.  |
| <b>Macquarie Marshes</b>                         | Meet with key, local stakeholders to identify short term goals.   | Currently in discussion with key stakeholders to identify a project plan.   |
| <b>Inland Tourism Networking Night and Forum</b> | Inland Tourism NSW/CSC will host a joint tourism network night & forum to provide local tourism operators & residents the opportunity to network, brainstorm and learn about what Inland Tourism NSW is and how Coonamble Shire will benefit from membership and involvement within the organisation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Event had to be postponed</li> <li>- New date to be confirmed with the new Member Services Officer from Inland Tourism NSW</li> </ul>  |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Inland Tourism NSW Business Planning and Product Development</b> | The TDM has expressed interest in Inland NSW Tourism hosting a workshop to train all tourism operators in the shire; retailers, cafes/restaurants, accommodation providers, attractions and museums | - Inland Tourism NSW are to confirm a date. |
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## 2. Strategic Planning – to inform the new Destination Management Plan

| PROJECT  | ACTIONS   | STATUS/OUTCOMES  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Develop new Destination Management Plan</b> | Accommodation audit – assessment of accommodation quality and capacity.   | - Audit has been completed. Local motel operators identified their key target markets.   |
|  | Destination ‘experience’ audit – assessing consumer attitudes and feelings toward current tourism experiences in the Shire. | - Inland NSW Tourism is currently in the process of developing a research report on consumer attitudes in the region. This data will be included in the plan.  |
|  | Market assessment of Shire and surrounding area – source relevant statistics and conduct comparative analysis.              | - Destination NSW compiled tourism data from the Coonamble LGA on domestic overnight visitation, international visitation and the profile of the domestic overnight visitors over different periods. This data will be included in the plan. |
|  | Re-evaluation of tourism signage needs in the shire.  | - Assessment has been conducted in Quambone regarding directional signage to the Macquarie Marshes. Evaluation has commenced in Coonamble and Gulargambone and will be completed by the end of August, 2012                                  |

## 3. Marketing and promotion

| PROJECT                                  | ACTIONS  | STATUS/OUTCOMES   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Spring Event Promotional Campaign</b> | Working with the Events Manager on preparing a Spring Events calendar and poster to promote all the Spring events. | - Currently working on the design of the flier and poster     |
| <b>Website redevelopment</b>             | Continue to work with IT to improve the appearance of the website  | - The overall layout, font and appearance have been improved. |

| PROJECT                                      | ACTIONS  | STATUS/OUTCOMES                    |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Coonamble Shire Council Facebook Page</b> | Continue to update Facebook page with current events.                                | - Total 'likes' – 105 (up from 94) |
| <b>Monthly newsletter</b>                    | Monthly tourism newsletter established and distributed to all relevant stakeholders. | - Received positive feedback.      |

#### 4. Events

| PROJECT                              | ACTIONS   | STATUS/OUTCOMES   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft</b> | Helped with the promotion and sponsorship of the event<br>Conducted two surveys during the event including a postcode survey and a multiple question survey | - There was a strong response for both surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 500 people participated in the postcode survey</li> <li>o 300 people participated in the multiple question survey</li> </ul> - A meeting has been held with the Committee President to evaluate the success of event and to put forward recommendations for further consideration |
| <b>Moorambilla Festival</b>          | - Assist Events Manager with the promotion of the event.  | - The event has been promoted on the CSC website, Regional Events Live, has been included on the Spring Events flier and will be posted on the CSC Facebook page closer to the event.   |

**5. Stakeholder/Community Engagement**

| <b>PROJECT</b>                    | <b>ACTIONS</b>  | <b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Coonamble Rodeo Committee</b>  | Have agreed to provide support to committee until a new Promotions Officer is appointed.          | - Corporate and local sponsors have been secured.<br>- Management of publicity for the Rodeo Committee has been formally 'handed over'. |
| <b>Warrumbungle Cluster Group</b> | Met with cluster council representatives regarding past project success and future project ideas. | - New projects to be identified.  |
| <b>Eco Spa</b>                    | Have attended two community consultation meetings.  | - Strong community support for project.   |

**Recommendation:**

**That the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and noted.**

### **13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS UPDATE**

#### **Parks & Gardens:**

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces under its control.
- Construction of the new portable grandstand has been completed. It is awaiting certification from Barnson's prior to its deployment.
- Grant funding has been received which will allow for the construction of a second portable grandstand.
- Management has recently filled one of the vacancies created by the resignation of staff within the Parks and Gardens team, currently in the process of filling another labourer's position within Parks & Gardens.
- Terry Lees, has recently submitted his resignation from Council, his position is being reviewed and will be advertised in due course.

#### **Pools:**

- Official Season closed to the public 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012.
- The capital works program for the Gulargambone pool for 2011/12 has been completed and in the process contractors and staff were able to find and repair a long term issue with the pool.

#### **Housing:**

- Repairs as identified with the Tooloon street residence have been completed.
- Inspections are continuing on an ongoing basis on Council Assets.

#### **Saleyards:**

- Operations as per normal.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information contained in this update report.**

#### **BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Development, Commercial & Services

## **14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES** **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2012**

### **14.1 COONAMBLE LEVEE UPDATE**

#### **Background:**

Council has engaged NSW Public Works - NSW Water Solutions to finalise the design of the Coonamble levee and to complete investigations into the stability of the high bank adjacent to Council's library. The stability analysis will also impact on the final design of the levee in this area and the overall design is dependent on these investigations.

#### **Issues:**

Before the design of the levee can be finalized it is necessary to complete an environmental impact assessment (EIA),

The EIA cannot be finalized until the bank stability analysis is completed and the impact of the high bank restoration is assessed and the design specification finalized.

Costs of both the levee construction and the high bank are dependent on State and Federal Government funding.

#### **Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Various Government statutory bodies must be consulted to ensure compliance with regulations.

#### **Financial considerations:**

NSW Public Works has indicated it is considering several options, with costs being as follows for works between chainages 5920 and 6060:

|          |   |               |
|----------|---|---------------|
| Option 1 | Rock toe berm and 600mm riprap up the bank  | \$ 689,400    |
| Option 2 | Steel sheet piling & concrete capping with rock placed on river bank  | \$1,302,000   |
| Option 3 | Placement of additional rock fill at locations outside of the above chainages to reinforce the concrete levee | \$3,000/metre |

**Options:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information contained in the report and consider the concept report from NSW Public Works – Water Solutions – when it is received.**

**14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS****(a) CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY**

- Ongoing maintenance, including edge patching and pothole repairs (still in progress).
- Wingadee - Shoulder Widening Stage 2 (north of Come-by-Chance turnoff) scheduled in coming months. Scope of works clarification from RMS required. 5000T DGB carted.

**(b) REGIONAL ROADS**

- Heavy patch in causeway on MR383 complete
- Some surface corrections on MR7515 complete, further work scheduled
- Repair works on MR383 in progress
- Slashing of shoulders in progress
- Flood damage on MR7515 complete

**(c) LOCAL ROADS**

- Maintenance grading in progress on Local Roads
  - SR33
  - SR8
  - SR111
- Shoulder grading on SR86 complete
- Flood damage complete

**(d) URBAN STREETS**

- Hickey Street seal complete – some minor drainage works remaining
- Replaced broken footpath adjacent to the post office.
- Replacement and upgrading of access ways on intersections in progress utilising RMS Traffic Facilities Special Grant.

**(e) PLANT**

- Seven (7) light trucks purchased from Clancy Ford – Dubbo – delivery expected in six weeks.
- One (1) light truck from Taylor Automotive Coonabarabran – delivery expected in six weeks.
- Backhoe/loader purchased from JCB – delivery expected in three weeks.
- Excavator and Loader purchased from Komatsu – delivery expected in six weeks.
- Street Sweeper purchased from Rosmech – delivery approximately ten weeks.
- Flip screen purchased from FlipScreen Australia – expected in four weeks.
- No tenders received from Low Loader & Semi Tipper – re-advertising for quotations.

**(f) DEPOT**

- Training in online ordering /stockkeep
- General clean-up continuing
- Emulsion tank purchased from Downer – delivery expected in three weeks.
- Expressions of interest for obsolete materials closed – submissions being reviewed.
- End of year stocktake.

**(g) AIRPORT**

- Slashing and general clean-up
- CASA audit upgrades
- Lighting maintenance

**(h) WORKSHOP**

- General servicing / maintenance

**(i) WATER & SEWER**

- General maintenance
- Tenders for sewer relining awarded to Kembla – due to commence late August.
- WTP Tenders to be awarded.
- New roof for Quambone reservoir .Quotation accepted from Jeff Hort Engineering Dubbo ,in design stage expected completion in six weeks
- Meter reading – Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information.**

**K N BRODBECK**

Director of Engineering Services

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| <b>15. <u>REPORT FROM MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</u></b><br><b><u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012</u></b> |
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| <b>15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – JUNE 2012</b> |
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**STATISTICS:**

| <u>Compliance</u>                            | <u>Jun<br/>2012</u> | <u>Year to Date<br/>2011/2012 Total</u> |
|--|---------------------|---|
| Official Correspondence                      |                     | 8                                       |
| Infringements (Animals)                      |                     | 19                                      |
| Infringements (Other)                        | 2                   | 3                                       |
| <br>Microchipped dogs                        | 7                   | 22                                      |
| Registrations                                | 7                   | 19                                      |
| <br>Nuisance dog declaration                 | 0                   | 0                                       |
| Dangerous dog declaration                    | 0                   | 0                                       |
| Restricted dog declaration                   | 0                   | 0                                       |
| <br><b><u>Impoundments</u></b>               |                     |   |
| Dogs   | 26                  | 197                                     |
| Cats   | 6                   | 72                                      |
| Stock  | 0                   | 1                                       |
| Other  | 0                   | 0                                       |
| <b>TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED</b>               | <b>32</b>           | <b>269</b>                              |
| <br>Motor vehicle                            | 0                   | 0                                       |
| <br><b><i>Breakdown of impoundments:</i></b> |                     |   |
| Dogs destroyed                               | 20                  | 179                                     |
| Dogs surrendered by owner                    | 8                   | 22                                      |
| Dogs re-housed                               | 2                   | 2                                       |
| Dogs released                                | 4                   | 9                                       |
| <br>Cats destroyed                           | 6                   | 73                                      |
| Cats re-housed                               | 0                   | 3                                       |
| Cats released                                | 0                   | 0                                       |
| <br>Gulargambone dogs impounded              | 0                   | 21                                      |
| Quambone dogs impounded                      | 1                   | 2                                       |

**Villages:**

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Gulargambone: | Nil to report |
| Quambone:     | Nil to report |

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information.**

**MATTHEW COCK**

Manager – Environmental Service

**16. REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012**

**16.1 NOTES FROM COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING HELD  
ON TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2012, GLOBAL VILLAGE RESTAURANT – 11.30  
A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Rodney Ney (skillset), Karen Neyle (CWCC Apprenticeships Centre), David Floyd (Youth Express), Shane Kilby (TAFE Coonamble), Donna Swansborough (Sureway/CCOC), Teagan Smith

**APOLOGIES:** Alison Salt, Richard Simpson, Wayne Fernando, Elisha Bailey, Taryne Albert, Rene Wykes.

Chair: David Floyd. Notes: Lee O'Connor

**1. Jobs & Skills Expo 2012**

- CRTC is happy to auspice funding.
- Lee approached Alison Dent and then Jane Atkinson re co-ordinating. Both unavailable.
- D Floyd – CHS teachers and students might help organise through Integrated Units of Work. Eg. Maths, art, careers, etc. Contact would be Terry Lewis. David will talk to Imogen at Castlereagh Learning Centre after this meeting. Students could do marketing strategy, budget management, database management.
- Shane – Lyndy Regan's literacy and numeracy group may also assist.
- Lee approached Ali Dent and Jane Atkinson to co-ordinate but they are unavailable.
- Venue – Showground
- Date – Wednesday either 19<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> September. School to be consulted.
- Targeting – open to anyone - yr 10-12 include Walgett, Warren, Baradine, Coonabarabran, Gular, L Ridge, Gilgandra, Wee Waa; jobseekers from around the region; new residents.
- Encourage live and Interactive activities. Include a workshop on employability skills, include skits in how to present/speak.

**ACTIONS:** Lee to approach Sandra Harrison to for RTC to do co-ordination.

**Ask Sandra to write to council to request assistance from Amanda Glasson as Events Manager and to CHS to help Sandra to liaise with Amanda and CHS to plan Employment Circle members to suggest contacts of businesses, employers, training and recruitment organisations to invite to participate.**

**Lee to find feedback surveys from last expo**

**Shane to speak to Lyndy.**

## **2. Driver Training/Mentoring**

- Offer by MPREC to provide supervised driving on 1<sup>st</sup> June to any local L-platers.
- Unfortunately no takers. Very short notice for trial. Need time to refer clients.

**ACTION:** Lee to find out if further dates are available.

## **3. LLNP (Literacy Numeracy Program)**

- Lee spoke to TAFE faculty managers at a lunch in Coonamble on 24 May. Shane officially thanked Lee for speaking – represented the community's economic situation and promoting the employment circle.
- Discussion re the need for funding to return to local TAFE for delivery of literacy and numeracy programs.

**ACTIONS:** Lee to write to Mark Coulton and Ellen Clifford to reinforce the importance of local providers being funded to deliver these services. Remote or external delivery cannot work effectively for literacy/numeracy clients.

## **4. Skills Attraction Strategy (including skills audit)**

- Final draft due from Gilgandra EDO by end of this week.
- Next meeting to discuss how to conduct the survey in our area.
- Discussion re skills retention – lot of people think the grass is greener. Eg. Mines. We have lifestyle, family and community connections versus Big money. Also, students and parents think there's no opportunities here.
- Karen described the Agrifoods pilot program called AGCAPS – Agrifoods Careers Program. Only in new England at the moment. Started in Narrabri. School-based traineeships in ag – plus specialist opportunity

trips to show extended opportunities eg. Science, marketing, trading. Run through DEC and the schools.

**ACTIONS: Lee to circulate Skills Survey when available.  
Karen Neyle will contact the board of agrifoods to see if we can become involved. Karen is based in Tamworth, now servicing Coonamble.**

#### **5. Orana Skills Education and Industry Forum**

- Last Friday in Dubbo hosted by RDA Orana.
- David Floyd reported there was a lot of discussion but no immediate formal outcomes, next steps, actions or responsibilities. Report to be prepared and distributed. Not a big presence from eastern part of Orana region – has potential to be Dubbo and western Orana focused but report may clarify direction. Not a big industry presence.

**ACTIONS: Lee to ask RDA for official outcomes.**

#### **6. General Business**

- John Crawford's apprentice – not successful last year, now coming to TAFE for tutorial support. Just got 99% in his practicum and 61% in his theory. Has passed 2 exams this year that he failed last year. Shows need for and results of local support.
- Abattoir – due to settle on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Workforce requirements not yet known.

Karen came from meat industry. CWCC won an award for a pre-vocational program. Covers basic skills in certificate 2 in meat industry skills. Opportunity for unqualified workers to start and progress to higher paid more responsible positions. Teys won't hire without prior work history. This was a way of addressing this issue. Meat industry is a big employer for people on 457 visas.

**ACTION: Lee to forward Karen's contact to new owners.**

- Remote Jobs and Skills Program – Coonamble is not in the designated 'remote' area. Lee has queried the impact on CDEP programs outside the designated area. No response received yet.

#### **7. Strategic Employment Plan**

- Not enough people here today to break into groups to work on Action Items.
- The group revised the Barriers to Employment. [see attached]

- Agreed to include a new section for background on local economy, workforce and demographics.

**ACTION: Employment Circle participants to review Action Items and bring suggestions to next meeting for discussion/inclusion. Consider which are not achievable, no longer relevant and any new priorities and ideas.**

**Next meeting Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (maybe start at 11am - check with school)**

**16.2 NOTES ON COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012 – COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM – 11 AM**

**PRESENT:** Karen Neyle (CWCC Apprenticeships Centre), Shane Kilby (TAFE Coonamble), Teagan Smith (BEC), Phil Abrahall (CRTC), Lee O'Connor (CSC EDM), Jim Quinn (CRS), Fiona Harris (TAFE Outreach), Amanda Glasson (CSC GEM), Kate Keizer (CNC), Lyndy Regan (TAFE TVET), Priscilla Harvey (CHS Careers)

**APOLOGY:** Alison Salt (Summit), Richard Simpson (DAA), Wayne Fernando (Lands Council), Elisha Bailey (DEEWR), Taryne Albert (MPREC CDEP), Rene Wykes (MPREC). Donna Swansborough (Sureway/CCOC), David Floyd (Youth Express), Rodney Ney (Skillset), Adam Willner (ABL), Al Karanouh (CSC), Robyn McPherson (RDA Orana).

Chair: Priscilla Harvey Notes: Lee O'Connor

### **7. Jobs & Skills Expo 2012**

- Co-ordination – Sandra Harrison agreed to co-ordinate as well as auspice.
- Funding – Elisha was able to secure \$4400 towards co-ordination.

**ACTION: Teagan to speak to STS re additional funds.**

**Ask JSAs for contribution to advertising etc.**

**NDOC – Jim to approach Cynthia.**

- Date – 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. Priscilla to check HSC trials and other dates.
- Time – 10am to 2pm
- CHS – students could be organised to assist if tasks are clarified.
- TAFE assistance – Skills for Work & Training students – could assist with contacting businesses, flyers, evaluations/attendance
- Taste of TAFE (TVET opportunities) – teachers doing demonstrations and hands on workshops – was organised by Fiona at Walgett. Beautician, hairdresser, horticulture, jewellery making, auto trailer, coffee trailer.  
**ACTION: Fiona to send around her enrolment/evaluation for comment.**
- ACC – **ACTION: Karen to send copy of info**
- Enrol on line? Worksheets for students? TAFE enrolment form attached to email. JSAs and CRS could make it compulsory.

- Atmosphere – music eg. Trevor Simpson, Walgett AMS; C Gals
- Venue – Showground – **ACTION: Sandra to book when date confirmed**
- Catering – will need morning tea/lunch. Phil has spoken to Lions Club – would probably do it 'at cost'; CHS hospitality, possibly for morning/arvo teas and real coffee – **ACTION: Priscilla to speak to new teacher;**
- CRS – couple of clients could help with setup/packup. [CRS does Rehab+ recruitment = servicing Coonamble weekly]
- Advertising – paid ads, contact list, phone/face to face follow up;, radio promo; email network (CNC, RTC), tv southern cross community connect, ABC radio (Jim could go and talk about it live), posters (CHS), flyer and registration form (SWT TAFE); equipment – what do we supply? Ask their requirements, suggest own tables/chairs, whether they need power, indoors/outdoors, etc. Chairs/tables – price and check numbers, include in budget;
- Budget – co-ordination, venue hire, printing, furniture/equipment hire, advertising **ACTION:– Sandra to draft for input**
- Risk management plan – CRS to do this with Amanda (Heidi or Jodi)
- RTC are central co-ordinating point for information.
- Further funding – **ACTION: grant application to go to Clubs NSW (Amanda/Sandra),**  
**ACTION: Kate to check other sources.** TAFE and CHs will contribute to printing costs. JSAs could print their own.
- Target attenders – open to anyone - yr 10-12 include Walgett, Warren, Baradine, Coonabarabran, Gular, L Ridge, Gilgandra, Wee Waa; jobseekers from around the region; new residents.
- Encourage live and Interactive activities. Include a workshop on employability skills, include skits in how to present/speak. Will require a Program of Activities and workshops.

**ACTIONS: RTC to prepare draft database listings of organisations and businesses to be invited.**

**RTC to prepare draft budget.**

**CEC members and partners to consider and confirm financial or in-kind contributions.**

**Coonamble RTC contact details: Sandra Harrison or Phil Abrahall.**

**Tel: 68224420 or email: [Sandra@coonamblertc.org.au](mailto:Sandra@coonamblertc.org.au)**

### **8. Driver Training/Mentoring**

- Offer by MPREC to provide supervised driving on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July to any local L-platers.
- \$45 per hour. Book with Kerry 6821 0111.
- TAFE Outreach are offering in Gular, young Aboriginal mums as trial program, if they complete their course they get their learner's permit (test and licence) for free. Program called Get Licensed, Get Legal, Get Work. Fiona has organised with Skye at McKillop. Suggest Elsie Day and Erin Webb with Mission Australia.

**ACTION: Priscilla to put it on a parent note.**

**Kate to talk to Kerry and put a flyer out.**

**Kate to check with RTA with cost of license for pensioners.**

### **9. LLNP (Literacy Numeracy Program)**

**ACTIONS:** Lee to write to Mark Coulton and Ellen Clifford to reinforce the importance of local providers being funded to deliver these services. Remote or external delivery cannot work effectively for literacy/numeracy clients.

### **10. Skills Attraction Strategy (including skills audit)**

- Draft survey was distributed via email last week.
- Please advise any issues.

**ACTIONS: CEC members to consider how survey info can be collected eg. Can you help with phone surveys or other methods of collection?**

### **5. AGCAPS**

Russell Stewart is going to email info to Karen N and may come and speak to us about expanding the AgCAPS program. New England is the pilot. Created by Agrifoods Skills Council and Narrabri Make It Work (two busloads of best kids leave town because they don't realise what's here.) sign people up to 2yr traineeships in Ag. Includes meat processing, farming, Do tours of ag related industries behind the scenes. (Teys abattoir Tamworth/hogs breath). Young people see that there's more jobs in ag than just sitting on a tractor.

### **11. Orana Skills Education and Industry Forum**

Next step is Orana Workforce Collaboration Forum to be held in Warren, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 to 3pm. Organisers are RDA Orana and DEEWR. Lee, Priscilla, Shane have been invited to attend as CEC spokespeople. Others can also be nominated.

**ACTIONS: Lee to nominate Karen Neyle as well.**

### **12. General Business**

- Add Bobby Jones, AHS or Cherie Stevens, Kim Lees, AHS to Employment Circle list.
- Shane tabled TAFE access newsletter.
- Abattoir – has finally settled. New owners hope to open within 2 months.

**ACTION: stay tuned...**

- Remote Jobs and Skills Program – Coonamble is not in the designated 'remote' area. Lee has queried the impact on CDEP programs outside the designated area. Reply email has been distributed.

**Action: CEC members to attend info session on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am Dubbo**

### **7. Strategic Employment Plan**

Those present reviewed Action Item 1. See attached latest draft.

**ACTION: Bring suggestions to complete Action Item 1, plus items for Action Item 2 'Pathways to Employment Through Education & Training', and 3 'Self Employment & Local Enterprise' (new name?)**

**Next meeting Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (11am, Council committee room)**

**17. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012**

**Recommendation:**

**That the report by the Saleyard Manager be received and dealt with.**

**17.1 SALES****(a) CATTLE:**

| Date     | Type  | Scale | Amount (\$) | VA | Amount (\$) | Total Cattle | Total Amount (\$) | No of Yards |
|----------|-------|-------|-------------|----|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 01/06/12 | Fat   | 701   | 3,575.10    | 12 | 45.12       | 713          | 3,620.22          |             |
| 20/06/12 | Store |       |             |    |             | 862          | 3,241.12          |             |

|                |       |          |            |  |  |  |                   |
|----------------|-------|----------|------------|--|--|--|-------------------|
| <b>Totals:</b> | Scale | 701 head | \$3,575.10 |  |  |  |                   |
|                | VA    | 12 head  | \$ 45.12   |  |  |  |                   |
|                | Store | 862 head | \$3,241.12 |  |  |  |                   |
|                | Yards | NIL each | \$ NIL     |  |  |  | <b>\$6,861.34</b> |

**17.2 CASUAL WEIGHING & CASUAL USE**

|              |                                     |                  |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 01 June 2012 | Halcroft & Bennett (a/c "Glendara") | <b>\$ 164.50</b> |
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**17.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT**

|                               |                   |                       |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Period to <b>30 June 2012</b> | Income            | \$121,671.33          |
|                               | Expenditure       | <u>\$163,649.85</u>   |
|                               | Surplus/(Deficit) | <b>(\$ 41,978.52)</b> |

**DANIEL VEER**

A/Saleyards Manager