

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. 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 Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse. Mr John Walker, Mr Adam Robinson and Mr Adam Cohen attended the meeting as "mentees".

4.0 APOLOGY

9937 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that an apology be accepted from Cr Jack Canham for non attendance.

PRESENTATION – MARGARET CASEY – STREET NUMBERING

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mrs Margaret Casey to the meeting to again discuss the importance of correct house numbering in Coonamble. Mrs Casey was representing the Coonamble Health Council and she provided letters of support from Police, Ambulance, Meals on Wheels, Neighbourhood Centre and a taxi service.

Mrs Casey advised the type of numbering that both Police and Ambulance would like and indicated their preference for placement of the numbers. She pointed out that volunteers wont continue with Meals on Wheels and it has come to pass that the Coordinator of the service has purchased numbers to have displayed on premises.

The Mayor said he agreed with Mrs Casey's sentiments, but reminded her that Council has no legal right to direct residents to put numbers up. The Director of Engineering Services said that numbers have been purchased for Gulargambone and staff will be delivering them to residents. Mr Brodbeck said staff offer to place the appropriate number on the fence if required – he said Council staff are not permitted to put the numbers on actual dwellings.

Mrs Casey said she hopes that something can be done as a priority and referred to the worst case scenario of someone dying because emergency services had difficulty in locating the premises.

Cr O'Brien suggested that Council seek cooperation of the Rotary Club and/or the Lions Club to deliver and instal the numbers, following purchase by Council.

9938 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that Council seek costings in relation to numbering and submit a report back to Council.

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Mrs Casey also referred to the fact that at a meeting of the Health Council recently it became obvious that the rural addressing is not working properly. She said the current system is extremely confusing especially to new employees of the emergency services.

The Mayor said Council was funded to implement a numbering system that would provide uniformity State-wide so that emergency services could find individual addresses without confusion.

Mrs Casey thanked Council and remained at the meeting as an observer.

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 and Mr Robinson to the meeting and advised them of their obligations. They both accepted the conditions imposed for their participation in the meeting. Mr. Adam Cohen was not due to arrive until 10.00 a.m.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Council noted that Mrs Casey had already presented her case. Mr. Terry Lees would be accompanying Council to lunch as he is leaving Council's employ on Friday 13 July after 21 years' service.

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no further deputations at the meeting.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

9939 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 June, 2012 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING

(a) Quarry Upgrade

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the Director of Engineering Services advised that when the development study is complete and a report furnished he will convene a meeting of the Quarry Management Committee.

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(b) Bird Droppings – Bag-A-Bargain Premises

Cr O'Brien again referred to the unsightly state of the main street in areas where pigeons roost and make a mess. She said that if the problem is not addressed shortly, it will impede the beautification program. The General Manager said that a Notice of Intention to Issue an Order has been served on the owner, with a time frame of 60 days to allow work to be done. Mr Warren said the solution is simple in that flashing could be installed under the awning and this would alleviate the problem, however Council cannot do anything until the 60 days has elapsed. Cr. Schieb referred to the same problem under the awning in front of the Sons of the Soil hotel.

(c) Saleyards – Advertisement for Position

Cr Cullen asked when an appointment would be made to the position at the Saleyards. The General Manager said it has been advertised internally and an appointment should be made within three weeks. Cr. Cullen said he is keen to have a meeting of the Committee and requested that it be convened following appointment to the new position.

(d) Indoor Arena

Cr Schieb said it has been requested that professional advice be sought when the chutes are being designed for the new arena. The Mayor said that when the project reaches that stage professional rodeo people will be given an opportunity to provide input.

(e) Fees and Charges – Coonamble Landfill

The General Manager referred to the charges set and adopted by Council for operation of the Coonamble Waste Landfill. Mr Warren said he has spoken with the contractor, reminding him that Council set fees for the Waste Depot to be collected by him, he was given the opportunity to make a submission prior to the adoption of the charges – and he did not.

Mr. Warren said the contract was awarded in accordance with adopted fees and those charges should be applied. The Mayor requested that this matter be followed up to ascertain that the contract is being conducted in accordance with the fees adopted.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

9940 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

(a) Urban Improvement Works – Coughran’s Canyon – Min 9409

Cr Cullen referred to this work which has been on Council’s agenda for a considerable time. The Director of Engineering Services said that Council is waiting on advice from the RMS regarding funding and that will not be available until September. The Director said that some years ago Aberford Street was taken off the list of Regional Roads – he said that King Street and Dubbo Street are now the Regional Roads and heavy vehicles should be encouraged to use those streets.

9941 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council consider this work a top priority.

(b) “Yatton” – Proposal to erect Dwelling

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services said that the process has started and it is hoped that a report will be available for the September meeting.

9.0 MAYOR’S ACTIVITY REPORT

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

- Combined Service Clubs Changeover Dinner – thanked Cr Webb for attending in his absence.
- Coal Seal Gas meeting – tendered an apology as he was in Sydney - been in contact with Mrs Kennedy who was very pleased with the result – reinforced Council’s support

9942 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mrs. Anne Kennedy for the success of the meeting and commending her on the very positive outcomes from the meeting.

- Meeting with new owners of the Abattoirs –hoping to have it operational within two months – works are in progress – will start with cattle/sheep kill – have expressed interest in leasing the block at the airport – (this would have to be checked prior to any decision being made).
- Attended meeting of Oaks Bore Trust – was disappointed that Council was attacked for allegedly telling prospective purchasers of Meglo land that there was unlimited water available. Mayor said this was not correct – Council has always advised interested parties that they would have to make own arrangements regarding water. Other options were discussed regarding the purchase of water on the open market – then source from the Oaks Bore.

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9943 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Cullen that Council investigate various options available for the supply of water and prepare a report for Council to consider.

- Eco Spa – attended meeting last week – the General Manager said that the Committee should recommend to Council what it requires in the DA, then seek expressions of interest to build the facility. He said \$100,000 has been allocated for this process.

9944 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that Council authorise the expenditure of these funds when appropriate.

The Mayor requested that the concept plans be provided to the meeting for Councillors perusal.

9945 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the Mayor's activity report be adopted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9946 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 COONAMBLE CLAY TARGET CLUB D7(37591)

9947 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council agree to contribute \$100 towards the Golden Grain Shoot to be held in October.

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

Prior to this matter being discussed, the General Manager informed the meeting that an account for \$1,600 has been received by Council from the Coonamble RTC towards the conduct of the Jobs and Skills Expo.

9948 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the Chair of the RTC (Cr Cullen) meet with Centre management to clarify this matter.

9949 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council agree to its Events and Grants Manager providing guidance to the RTC in the conduct of the Jobs & Skills Expo, where necessary, however advise that this Officer is not available to organize the event on behalf of the Rural Transaction Centre.

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10.3 MANAGER, LOCAL BRANCH NAB

B7(37603)

Raising concerns with issues of the main street beautification. Saying she would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter at length with Council.

Council noted that the Manager of Environmental Services inspected the site, in company with a Bank employee. The Development Application was subsequently approved because no problems were evident.

9950 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that this information be noted and deferred, pending a meeting with the Manager regarding the issues raised.

10.4 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

E2(37636)

9951 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh 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)

9952 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb 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.

10.6 MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL

S5-1(37656 + 37657)

Booking the Coonamble Showground Pavilion for the 2013 and 2014 Moorambilla Concerts, to be held on 20 – 23 September and 12 – 14 September respectively.

This matter was debated at length – Councillors noted that the Pony Club has been holding its annual camp at the Showground for many years and there is no other venue appropriate. Councillors also noted that in the past the Pony Club has compromised with Moorambilla. The General Manager said it is important to have the matter settled so there is no confusion regarding the showground facility.

9953 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Moorambilla be requested to move the Festival one week forward so that both events can use the facility.

9954 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Schieb that Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to discuss this matter with organisers of both events so that a suitable compromise can be reached.

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- 10.7 SHIRE PICNIC DAY COMMITTEE S6-10(37669)**
9955 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council agree to regard Friday 14 September 2012 as its employees' annual picnic day for financial union members and non-Union members be required to take a day's annual leave.
- 10.8 FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES C8-6(37334)**
9956 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien 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)**
9957 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and O'Brien that Council advise Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee it is unable to include the community survey regarding the markets with the current rates mail out due to the number of other information sheets, however it can be included in the next lot of instalment notices.
- 10.10 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE S5-1(37696)**
9958 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council advise the RTC it will be charged for use of the facilities it has requested at the Coonamble Showground for the conduct of the Jobs & Skills Expo on 19 September and Council point out that it actively encourages multiple use of the ground.
- 10.11 MARTHAGUY PICNIC RACE CLUB D7(37689)**
9959 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Webb that Council agree to contribute an amount of \$3,000 which was provided in the 2012/2013 budget towards cost of the toilets at this year's race meeting which will be held on 1 September.
- 10.12 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC) O5(37687)**
9960 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:
(a) nominate the Mayor, or his delegate, Cr Cullen 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.

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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. 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. Pointing out key features of *Local Schools, Local Decisions*. Saying that 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. Saying he is hopeful that both the Federal National and Liberal parties will adopt the group’s ideas and write them into party policy.

10.16 MARK DREYFUS QC MP –CABINET SECRETARY T1-3(37557)

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. 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.

10.17 VAL & LAWRIE SCHACHE D5-21(37565)

Advising they travelled on to Coonamble for the rodeo, 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.

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>

Saying the responses will be conveyed to relevant councils. Advising that on 12 June 2012 the issue of One Association was heard before Fair Work Australia with FWA Senior Deputy President Hamberger subsequently

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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). Encouraging Council to participate in the project which is expected to be completed within six to 12 months.

Council noted that 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). The information was provided to Council as an appendix to the business paper.

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. 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. 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. 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.

This information was provided to Councillors as an appendix to the business paper.

**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*. Stating the two key components of the package are Fleet Management and Unit Support Funding:

- *Fleet Management:*
- *Unit Support Funding*

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.

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A copy of this circular was included with each Councillor's business paper.

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.

Council formerly resolved that the General Manager be its delegate.

10.28 SKYDIVE OZ A5(37695)

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.

10.29 OUTBACK ARTS A11

Presenting, through Board Members, its Summary of Activities from March to June 2012.

A copy of this information was included with the business paper.

9961 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.13 to 10.29 inclusive be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

9962 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the following matters be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

10.30 MOORAMBILLA R8-10+D5-6-1(37734)

9963 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council accede to the request to close Castlereagh Street to all traffic from the Peace Tree to Aberford Street between 8.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 22 September for the community markets.

10.31 BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL E5-5(37745)

9964 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that that Council agree to contribute \$3,750 (excluding GST) which has been included in Council's 2012/2013 budget for the preparation of the 2011/12 Regional State of the Environment Report which is a mandatory requirement for inclusion with the annual report.

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10.32 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L9-1(37755)

Referring to the New South Wales Treasury Corporation (TCorp) which will undertake a review of the financial sustainability of each council. Asking that to maximize the value of the independent financial assessments councils are encouraged to work collaboratively with TCorp.

9965 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note the information.

**10.33 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW
A17(37718)**

Advising that Local Government Week will be held from 13 – 19 August this year and will be launched at an Awards Evening on Wednesday 15 August at 6.30 p.m. at the Civic Pavilion, Chatswood.

Councillors noted that the Director of Corporate and Community Services has submitted an entry for the RH Dougherty Awards for Communication, based on the communication strategy which was implemented to address the Community Strategic Plan under the IP&R Guidelines.

9966 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information be noted.

10.34 MANAGER, NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK B7

Acknowledging receipt of Council's response to her concerns regarding the street awnings which are part of the street improvements and saying it does not address the issues.

9967 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that this matter be deferred until a meeting is held with the Manager of the NAB

10.35 COONAMBLE HEALTH COUNCIL T4+R4-5(37786)

9968 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that Council note Mrs Casey has already addressed Council on the need for correct street numbering.

At this juncture, 10.05 a.m., Mr. Adam Cohen arrived at the meeting to participate as a "mentee". He was advised of his obligations and agreed to the conditions.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

9969 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

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11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

9970 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council Development Application Nos. 017/2017 and 020/2012 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting and no Complying Development Certificate Applications were approved.

11.2 ELECTION 2012

The General Manager provided information on the Returning Officer who is being shared with Gilgandra – he advised Mrs Helen Murray has been appointed, she will be located at Gilgandra and will visit Coonamble from time to time – her email address is :RO.GilgandraRegion@elections.nsw.gov.au

9972 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that the information regarding the local government elections be noted.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

9973 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

9974 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 June 2012 be noted.

Council also noted that debt recovery is in progress – the General Manager advised that Council has some large outstanding rural debts, however they are being addressed under the instalment process.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

9975 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the list of investments as 30 June, 2012 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

12.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

9976 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the information contained in the Community Development Progress report be noted.

The Mayor informed the meeting that the Sydney Morning Herald will be doing a story in Coonamble on Saturday. Cr Schieb asked a question about the *Street Work Program* – the Director advised that staff patrol streets during school hours at random times (not during holiday times). She said they don't have the

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capacity to police students, but they endeavour to talk with them to find out why they are not at school.

The Mayor congratulated the Director on her work with Council's Community Strategic Plan.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES

9977 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be noted.

13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

(a) National Broadband Network

The Mayor referred to a meeting in Coonabarabran to discuss the national broadband network and said it looks promising for Coonamble – he said that representatives will meet with Council to identify the best place for a fixed wireless.

(b) Rail Loading

Council noted that as part of the Government's upgrading program a loop line will be provided for a new siding and loading area at Coonamble Railway. Councillors said this will help Agrigrain and the Abattoirs and is a very good outcome.

9978 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

13.2 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

(a) Development of VIC

Councillors noted that the TDM has moved into the new building.

9979 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in the report by the Tourism Development Manager be noted.

13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

9980 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

9981 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

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14.1 COONAMBLE LEVEE UPDATE

9982 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information contained in the report and consider the Concept Report from NSW Public Works – Water Solutions – when received.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS

9983 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information in this report be noted.

At this juncture, 10.25 a.m., Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.50 a.m.

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

9984 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be noted.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT

9985 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Ranger's report for the month of June 2012 be noted.

CORRESPONDENCE (DEFERRED)

10.3 + 10.34 MANAGER, NAB

Issues in relation to the main street upgrade. Council deferred consideration on both these matters until the Manager could meet with Council.

At this juncture, Council's Manager of Environmental Services was at the meeting. He explained there are no safety concerns or, in fact, any issues with the proposal in relation to the NAB building. Mr Cock said that the first letter was received just a day before the development application was approved under delegated authority. The Manager said he inspected the site, found the matters raised to be insignificant and approved the development.

9986 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the information provided by the Manager of Environmental Services and offer to meet with the Manager of NAB.

The Director left the meeting at 11.03 a.m.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

9987 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that reports from various committees, as listed below, be noted:

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- 16.1 Notes from Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting** (Tuesday, 5 June 2012)
- 9988 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in the notes from the Employment Circle Meeting held on 5 June 2012 be noted.

- 16.2 Notes from Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting** (Tuesday 26 June 2012)
- 9989 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the information contained in the notes from the Employment Circle Meeting held on 26 June 2012 be noted.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

- 9990 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Saleyards Report for the month of June 2012 be noted.

Cr Cullen referred to the position currently being advertised for the saleyards and asked when an appointment would be made. The General Manager said he was hopeful of having it filled within two – three weeks.

It was noted that sales income is down – Council needs to actively market and promote the yards – the General Manager said that when the position is filled that will be one of the roles of the successful applicant.

Cr Cullen requested that a meeting of the Saleyards Management Committee be convened as a priority when the position is filled. Cr O'Brien suggested that we look at changing the sale day

- 9991 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council convene a meeting with the Coonamble Associated Agents, when an appointment is made to the position, with a view to increasing throughput and promoting/marketing the facility.

URGENT BUSINESS – LATE CORRESPONDENCE

- 9992 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the following item be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

MOORAMBILLA

Seeking Council support to collect and return additional staging from a supplier in Dubbo – saying tentative date for collection would be Thursday 20 September/return Monday 24 September.

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Councillors noted that it has already assisted this year's festival well above the amount allocated. It previously agreed to deliver/assemble/return its own stage at no cost to the Festival, as well as provide an additional \$5,000 contribution.

9993 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council not accede to this request.

18.0/19.0 CLOSED SESSION

9994 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A (2) (c) "*information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*"

9995 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

9996 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

9997 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1 & 19.1, as detailed below.

18.1 MR IAN RINDFLEISH – AGRIGRAIN

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council decline to provide a discount on quarry products.

19.1 TENDER – COONAMBLE WATER SUPPLY – CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PIPE LINES AND WATER TREATMENT PLANT

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (a) accept the tender of Milbant Constructions Pty Ltd for the construction of water pipelines in an amount of \$1,043,381.51 (inc.GST), being Contract No 1200242;
- (b) accept the tender of Aquatic-Maxcon Pty Ltd for the construction of the water treatment plant in an amount of \$3,832,033;
- (c) authorise the affixing of the Common Seal on documents relevant to these Contracts.

20.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

- Referred to the meeting held at the Bowling Club on Sunday regarding coal seam gas. Said everyone in attendance supported the move to stop the activity in this Shire.
- Been approached by a resident concerning excessive noise at a recent function at the Showground – referred to the PA system. The Director advised that a letter has been forwarded in response to this complaint.
- Director of Engineering Services said he would inspect the Come-by-Chance sign and replace if necessary.

Cr O'Brien:

- Referred to Museum sign – the Director said he had ordered a sign to indicate the new name.

Cr Webb:

- Referred to seats being removed from the Sydney Cricket Ground – said he has been advised that, if Council is interested, it should contact the Local Member to put a case forward. Cr Webb asked that this matter be followed up with the EDM.

Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services:

- Referred to staffing situation – saying an appointment has been made to replace one person who has left – applications invited for the other job.
- Informed the meeting that Barnsons are carrying out a structural audit of the portable grandstand.

General Manager:

- Referred to elections and reminded councillors of their responsibilities
- Referred to the election of a Returning Officer who will be stationed in Gilgandra.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 11.45 p.m.

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MAYOR