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Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend an **ORDINARY MEETING** of **COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL** to be held in the **MEMORIAL HALL, QUAMBONE** on **WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 2012** commencing at 9 am.

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Yours faithfully
RICK WARREN
General Manager

5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS
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Time TBA

JOHN & GEORGIE BURTON
Address Council regarding Thara Road
& Council's decision to gazette the small
section at the end.

6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
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**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2012**

**7.1 MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 19
SEPTEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 9.02 A.M.**

PRESENT: Cr. Tim Horan, Outgoing Mayor, in the Chair, with Cr. Bill Burnheim, Cr Tom Cullen, Cr Al Karanouh, Cr Danny Keady, Cr Don Schieb, Cr John Walker & Cr Michael Webb.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck, the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services, Mr Quarmby and Mrs Moorhouse.

The Outgoing Mayor opened the meeting and congratulated Councillors on their success in the recent election, before wishing them well in addressing the challenges that will arise during their term in office. Cr. Horan also thanked the four Councillors who served in the previous Council, before inviting the General Manager to act in the role of Returning Officer and vacating the Chair.

1. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR

At this juncture the General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for further nominations for the role of Mayor, advising that he one nomination, being for Cr Tom Cullen, has already been handed to him. No further nominations were forthcoming.

The Returning Officer therefore declared Cr. Tom Cullen elected unopposed for the ensuing 12 months in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

2. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The General Manager/Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

There were two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor, being Cr. Michael Webb and Cr. Danny Keady. Cr. Webb informed the Returning Officer that he wished to withdraw his nomination and gave his support to the nomination of Cr Danny Keady.

The Returning Officer then declared Cr Danny Keady duly elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 12 months in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

At this juncture, Outgoing Mayor Horan congratulated Cr Cullen and handed him the Chain of Office. Cr. Cullen thanked Mr Horan and assumed the Chair.

In his address, Cr Cullen thanked Councillors for their vote of confidence and demanded teamwork – saying a united Council is of paramount importance to build and maintain trust between Council, the Community and Staff. He explained various policies and procedures and said he looked forward to heading Council during this election term.

The General Manager handed out a document outlining various Acts and Legislations under which Council has responsibility and according to which Council must operate.

He touched briefly on various policies of Council, as well as roles and responsibilities of Councillors, Mayor, General Manager and Council staff. The General Manager reminded Councillors of their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

Prior to handing back to the Mayor, the General Manager introduced Council's Management Team and briefly outlined the areas of responsibility of each member:

- Kel Brodbeck, Director of Engineering Services
- Lianne Tasker, Director of Corporate & Community Services
- Bruce Quarmby, Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services
- Matthew Cock (who was not present at this stage) – Manager of Environmental Services.

Mr. Warren thanked Council and handed back to the Mayor.

3. ELECTION OF VARIOUS COUNCIL COMMITTEES (1 Year Term)

The meeting noted that the Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of every Council Committee (cl. 260(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005).

The General Manager provided the meeting with information on the roles of each Committee and the Mayor invited Councillors who have an interest in that activity to nominate as Council's delegate.

0048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that delegates, as shown, be appointed to the following Council Committees for the ensuing one year term:

(a) Saleyards Management Committee:

- Mayor Cullen
- Cr Danny Keady

(b) Conduct Committee:

The meeting noted that Mr. Kevin Keady is the Coonamble representative on this Committee. Cr Keady informed the meeting that Mr Kevin Keady wishes to resign his position.

It was agreed that enquiry be made prior to the October meeting as to a suitable replacement for Mr. Keady on the Conduct Committee and further consideration be given the matter at that time.

(c) Council's Internal Audit Committee:

- Cr Webb (alternate delegate Cr Karanouh)

(d) Quarry Management Committee:

0047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that the Quarry Management Committee not be made redundant and that the delegates be:

- Cr Schieb
- Cr Webb

(e) Roads Committee:

Lengthy debate ensued as to whether or not a Roads Committee should be re-elected. Cr Keady suggested that to have community input it may be prudent to have a community member. The Director of Engineering Services explained how issues are current dealt with and that complaints are always investigated.

The General Manager informed Councillors that the Roads Management Plan was one of the documents that would be provided to all members today. The Mayor suggested that the Plan be perused and Councillors make a decision about this Committee at the October meeting.

4. ELECTION OF DELEGATES - VARIOUS OUTSIDE COMMITTEES**(One Year Term)**

0048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that delegates be appointed to the various Outside Committees for the ensuing one year term:

(a) Traffic Facilities Committee:

- Cr Karanouh
- Cr Webb

(b) Bush Fire Management Committee:

- Cr Webb

(c) Great Inland Way Tourist Promotions:

- Cr Karanouh
- Cr Keady

(This Committee combines the former Tourism Committee)

(d) Outback Arts:

- Cr Burnheim
- Cr Walker

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(e) Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre Committee:

- Cr Cullen
- Cr Burnheim

(f) Local Emergency Management Committee:

- Cr Keady)
- Cr Webb)also the Director of Engineering Services
- Cr Burnheim)

(g) Closed Circuit Television Committee:

- Cr Karanouh)
- Cr Schieb)also the Director of Engineering Services

(h) Moorambilla Steering Committee:

- Cr Keady
- Cr Walker

(i) Employment Circle:

- Cr Karanouh
- Cr Walker

(j) Eco Spa Project Management Committee:

- Cr Karanouh
- Cr Cullen
- Cr Keady

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL – SECTION 355

The meeting noted that the Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of every Committee (cl. 260(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005).

0050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that delegates, as shown, be appointed to the following Council Committees (Section 355) for the ensuing one year term:

(a) Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee:

- Cr Karanouh
- Cr Schieb

(b) Quambone Resources Committee:

- Cr Burnheim

(c) Coonamble Senior Citizens Association:

- Cr Burnheim
- Cr Walker

(d) Gulargambone Memorial Hall Committee :

- Cr Cullen (Alternate Cr Keady)

(e) Coonamble Shire Youth Council:

This Committee replaced the Coonamble Vacation Care which has become a Section 355 Committee of Council. The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised the meeting that the role of the Youth Council is to voice concern regarding issues affecting young people, to encourage discussion about those issues and to play a major role in the organisation and conduct of events during Youth Week. The delegates are:

- Cr Burnheim) also the Director of Corporate and Community
- Cr Schieb) Services

(f) Coonamble Heritage & Museum under the Bridge Committee:

- Cr Webb
- Cr Walker

(g) Conn Family Trust:

- Mayor
- General Manager (Secretary).

The Committee also consists of Mr David Ryan, Mr Geoff Secombe, Mrs Anne Wiatkowski; Mrs Kylie Parry; Mrs Elizabeth Head.

(h) Combara Hall Committee:

- Cr Keady
- Mrs Lee O'Connor

6. REGULAR MEETING DAY

The General Manager informed the meeting that Section 365 states that Council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.

0050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to hold its Ordinary Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 9.00 a.m. **AND FURTHER** that the March meeting be held at Gulargambone and the October meeting at Quambone.

7. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

0051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in Section 367 concerning notice of meetings be noted.

8. MEETING QUORUM

The meeting noted a 'meeting quorum' is the majority of the Councillors of the Council who hold Office for the time being and are not suspended from Office.

9. PECUNIARY INTEREST FORMS

The General Manager handed out the Pecuniary Interest Forms advising they must be completed and returned prior to the October meeting so they can be tabled. Mr.Warren informed the meeting that these are classified 'public documents' and upon request can be viewed by members of the public.

0052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that the Pecuniary Interest forms for all Councillors plus Designated Persons be completed and returned so they can be tabled at the October meeting.

**10. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES
(FOUR YEAR TERM)**

0053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that delegates be appointed to represent Council for the four year term (expiring September 2016) on the following Committees :

(a) Castlereagh Macquarie (Weeds) County Council:

- Cr Webb
- Cr Schieb

(b) North Western Co-operative Library Service:

- Cr Burnheim
- Council's Librarian

(c) Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)

- Mayor
- General Manager

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.50 a.m. These minutes (Pages 1/5095 to 7/5101) were confirmed on the day of 2012 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the special meeting of Council held on 19 September 2012 .

MAYOR

**7.2 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 19
SEPTEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 9.58 A.M.**

PRESENT: Cr. Tom Cullen, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. M.Webb, J.Walker, D.Keady, B.Burnheim, A.Karanouh and D.Schieb.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services, Mr Quarmbly, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land, both past and present.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Coal Seam Gas – Update

Mrs. Anne Kennedy was present to address Council on the recent changes by the government to the Coal Seam Gas situation. She advised that the government has allowed exploration and fracking to continue and has even renewed 22 PEL licences. She said that approximately 5 million hectares of land is now affected by mining activity. Mrs Kennedy advised that farmland has now lost its “buffer” zone and this is a real blow as no farmland is protected in any way.

Mrs Kennedy requested Council to recommit to its moratorium and include all Council owned land, write to the NSW Government requesting it to reconsider its decision. She asked if this Council was part of a group – the General Manager said it is part of the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) and he agreed to bring this issue forward at the meeting on 21 September, 2012.

Mrs Kennedy said that Council can call a Public Hearing under section 734 of the Local Government Act and asked that this also be considered.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Kennedy for the update and she left the meeting at 10.20 a.m.

4.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

John & Kim Jackson – Illegal Use of Land

Cr Burnheim declared an interest in this matter and left the room. Cr. Schieb also declared an interest. Council's Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Matthew Cock, was also present at this time.

Council noted that a letter had been received this morning from Jacksons' solicitor regarding this matter – a copy was provided to each Councillor.

Mr & Mrs Jackson were welcomed to the meeting to discuss Council's decision to issue an Order giving them six months to relocate their business from its current location in Barton Street. The Order also included restricted times of operation, with no work during weekend/public holiday periods.

Mrs Jackson said it would cost at least \$200,000 to relocate to their block at "The Meglo" and they required more time. Mr. Jackson referred to the same situation in Gulargambone and was advised that the Gulargambone business was approved as "existing use" under the former LEP. Council noted that Jacksons were also given that opportunity, but did not respond.

Mr. Cock informed Council that under the new LEP which was gazetted on 23 September 2011, truck depot is a prohibited use and Council cannot allow it to remain in the current location, which is zoned 'residential'.

The Mayor thanked Mr & Mrs Jackson for putting their case forward and they left the meeting at 10.37 a.m.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Two declarations of interest:

- Cr Burnheim & Cr Schieb regarding JW Jackson & Sons – Illegal Use of Land – both have business relationships with the company.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

0054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 8 August, 2012 be confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

Present - *Remove Cr. Webb – Replace with Cr Canham.*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

15.1 Illegal Use Of Land – JW Jackson & Sons

Councillors noted that at the August meeting Council moved Resolution No. 0015 (page 15/5087) which gave a time of six months to move the business to another location and, in the interim, restricted hours that business could be conducted at the present residential location.

The General Manager said that if Council wished to not proceed with this resolution, a Notice of Rescission would have to be actioned.

Council noted the length of time staff had been dealing with the matter and allowed the resolution passed at the August meeting to proceed.

Cr Burnheim returned to the meeting.

Moorambilla Festival

Councillors were advised that due to cancellation of the Pony Club Zone Jamboree, the local Pony Club has agreed to Moorambilla using the Pavilion from Thursday to Saturday evening, on the condition that the building is ready for Pony Club occupation on Sunday morning.

Cr Karanouh noted that Council had provided additional funding to Moorambilla when it proposed to hold the Gala Concert at the Primary School and suggested that these funds may now be recoverable. The Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services said he would investigate this matter.

At this juncture, 10.55 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.13 a.m.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA (ORANA)

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Mayor welcomed Robin McPherson to address Council on issues of concern throughout the whole region. She referred to cost shifting in particular and spoke of the opportunities available to Councils for funding through RDA. Ms McPherson said that meetings of RDA are now held in Dubbo, not at various Councils as in the past as it was too expensive and time consuming to continue.

Ms McPherson thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on the role of the RDA and its role in the future of the region. She left the meeting at 11.20 a.m.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

0055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

(a) Pigeon Problem – Main Street

Cr Karanouh referred to this matter and said Bag-a-Bargain is not the only premises with this problem and said other business owners should be approached to remedy the situation. The General Manager said that some work has been done and the Manager of Environmental Services has been liaising with property owners. He said if remedial work is not carried out Council can do the work and put a charge on the land.

Cr Karanouh requested that the footpath be cleaned in readiness for the Moorambilla Festival. The Director agreed to instruct staff to carry out cleaning.

(b) Government Access Centre

Cr Burnheim referred to this resolution and requested that enquiries be made to ascertain whether this initiative can be changed so that other organisations (excluding NSW Government) can undertake these activities under the Government initiative. The General Manager agreed to make enquiries.

(c) Street Numbering

This matter was raised by Cr Karanouh – he requested if Council would advise Mrs Casey that it cannot implement street numbering, pointing out that even if it supplies numbers, it cannot make individual property owners display them. The Director of Engineering Services said that it is entirely a responsibility for the landowner – referring to the situation in Gulargambone where numbers have been supplied and only about 10% of the residents have displayed them on their premises.

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillors noted that there was no Mayoral Activity report for this meeting.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

0056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 GULARGAMBONE COMMUNITY GARDEN PR2608-1(38015)

0057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council advise the Gulargambone Community Garden representatives to liaise with the Engineering Department to clarify this issue, should the need arise to access the roadway.

10.2 GREAT INLAND WAY PROMOTIONS GROUP T3-5(38017)

0058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Councillor Karanouh be nominated to the Board of the Great Inland Way and the General Manager provide staff administrative assistance, where required.

10.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW L9(38094)

0059 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council congratulate its Director of Corporate and Community Services, Ms Lianne Tasker, on her submission being awarded Highly Commended in the

category of Excellence in Communication and for the effort expended in the Youth Awards Presentation.

10.4 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB D7(38096)

0060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council contribute \$200 towards the 2012 Gulargambone Gold Cup Races and that the amount be sourced from Donations Vote.

10.5 COONAMBLE BRANCH COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION R4(38124)

0061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that Council agree to reimburse the general rate portion of the CWA Rates, being an amount of \$442.

10.6 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW G5-1(38140)

0062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council agree to write to the Australian Minister for Local Government – the Hon Simon Crean MP – about the withdrawal of this money and the impact it will have on Council's programs for the 2012/2013 financial year.

10.7 STEVEN & CHRISTINE BAKER R8-6-1+R8-6-2(38133)

0063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council defer consideration of this request until the report by the director of Engineering Services on the matter is dealt with later in the day.

10.8 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND SERVICES H5(38229)

This letter refers to the public holiday usually gazetted for the second day of the Coonamble Show. The General Manager informed the meeting that a notice has been placed in the Coonamble Times seeking public comment. He said a letter has also been forwarded to the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce seeking comment.

Cr Keady declared an interest in this matter, being the President of the Coonamble Show Society, however he did not leave the room.

0064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Karanouh that Council make application for gazettal as a public holiday for the Shire of Coonamble on Wednesday, 8 May, 2013, being the second day of the Coonamble Show.

10.9 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC) C13

0065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that, in accordance with their preference, Crs. Karanouh and Walker attend the training course in Dubbo on 13 October, 2012.

**10.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW
S6(38224)**

0066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information be noted and that Council will available itself of the training offered by OROC

10.11 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13+L10-1(38289)

0067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Councillors advise the General Manager if they wish to attend this Workshop.

10.12 THE AUSTRALIAN LUNG FOUNDATION P1-1(38238)

0068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council note that Macdonald Park will be the venue for a Shine a Light on Lung Cancer Vigil on 17 November 2012, between 3.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m., to raise awareness about the inequities that exist for lung cancer patients and their carers.

10.13 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION INC E4(38243)

0069 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council support a property based levy to fund emergency services, to be collected by the Office of State Revenue.

10.14 COONAMBLE LITTLE ATHLETICS D7(38294)

0070 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council agree to refund the \$560.80 development application fee for construction of the new long jump runway at Coonamble Sportsground.

Section B – Matters for Council’s Information:

10.15 THE HON MELINDA PAVEY MLC – PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR REGIONAL HEALTH L3-1(37962)

Acknowledging Council’s correspondence to the Minister for Health regarding the establishment of a new medical school at the Charles Sturt University. Saying CSU has been encouraged to commence formal negotiations with the Ministry of Health regarding student numbers, undergraduate clinical placement and training infrastructure requirements to support increased student numbers.

10.16 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE INC S5-1(37972)

Advising the Jobs & Skills Expo to have been held at the Coonamble Showground on 19 September, 2012 has been postponed to a date to be fixed in March 2013. Stating the RTC has decided to withdraw from the role of Coordinator.

10.17 PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES F9(38350)

Acknowledging Council’s letter concerning coal seam gas. Advising it has been forwarded to the Hon Christopher Hartcher MP, Minister for Resources and

Energy. Saying the matter will receive the Minister's full attention and a reply will be forthcoming.

**10.18 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – ORANA
D5(38016)**

Thanking the Economic Development Manager for attending and presenting at the Workforce Collaboration Forum held in Warren on 19 July. Also thanking the EDM for being part of the Steering Committee that made a valuable contribution beforehand.

10.19 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW R8-2-1(38036)

Advising that the official results of the One Association ballots have been received, with the result of the Shires ballot being 59 for; 13 against and the result of the LGA ballot was 161 for, 53 against – 82% and 75% respectively for One Association.

**10.20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW
L9(38073)**

Media Release advising that Study confirms Container Deposit Systems (CDS) has revealed that CDS will financially, socially and environmentally benefit councils and their local communities. Advising a full copy of the Study can be found at <http://www.lgsa.org.au/key-initiatives/container-deposits>

10.21 DESTINATION 2036 L10-2(38069)

Advising that the destination 2036 Action Plan has now been finalized by the Implementation Steering Committee (ISC) and approved by the Minister for Local Government. Saying the Plan sets out the actions that will be delivered over the coming years to achieve the vision of creating strong communities through partnerships. Pointing out that details on the consultation feedback and a copy of the final action plan can be downloaded from the Destination 2036 webpage (via www.dlg.nsw.gov.au)

10.22 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP W1-13(38107)

Referring to Council's letter concerning its application for funding under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage (CTWSS) Program. Pointing out that Council's application for funding was not nominated for inclusion in the CTWSS program before it was closed to new projects in 2004 and retrospective funding will not be available to Council should it choose to proceed with this project, without Ministerial approval to do so.

**10.23 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
L10-1(38100)**

Advising councils to defer the consideration of code of conduct matters until after the September 2012 local government elections. Advising the Division intends to address this under the new procedures for the Model Code of Conduct which

will preclude conduct reviewers' reports being submitted to council for consideration in the four weeks preceding an election.

10.24 BARBARA O'BRIEN A17+B2(38160)

Conveying sincere appreciation for support from Council management and staff in the erection of a permanent memorial recording the names of the men who enlisted at Gulargambone and served in the Vietnam War.

10.25 BARBARA O'BRIEN L3-2(38161)

Conveying congratulations to Council's Director of Corporate and Community Services and the team who worked with her to be included in the top four finalists in two categories in the recent LG Awards. Saying the Highly Commended for Excellence in Communication awarded to Council is a wonderful achievement.

**10.26 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION I2+S6
(38159)**

Thanking Council for its correspondence of 30 July 2012 enclosing its 12 month progress report in relation to the recommendations for corruption prevention arising from the investigation into Attempted Corrupt Payment and Submission of False Resumes to Public Authorities (Operation Avoca). Advising the information has been uploaded onto the Commission's website for public viewing (www.icac.nsw.gov.au) Saying the Commission will write to Council in March of 2013 requesting a final report.

**10.27 EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES – PUBLIC SCHOOLS NSW
E1(38164)**

Advising since she wrote in June about *Local Schools Local Decisions*, Western NSW schools have welcomed removals to restrictions on tied grants, the ability to make local discretionary purchases up to \$5,000 and the opportunity to have a greater say in school maintenance and repairs. Advising that a new Resource Allocation Model has also been announced to allocate funding for public schools in a more equitable way. Saying the Department's strategic approach to leadership development is helping ensure it continues to work towards its vision of providing quality schools, quality systems and quality outcomes for all.

**10.28 MARK COULTON MP – FEDERAL MEMBER FOR PARKES
E5(38185)**

Referring to Council's correspondence concerning its determinations regarding coal seam gas mining. Stating it is imperative that enough information is available to ensure that water is protected. Pointing out this is the reason he supported changes to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act in May 2012 which established an independent scientific community to examine coal seam gas and large scale coal mining. Advising he has made representations on behalf of Council to the Minister for Resources and Energy.

10.29 KEVIN HUMPHRIES, MP E5(28307)

Referring to Council's opposition to Coal Seam Gas exploration and mining. Saying the NSW Government has introduced stringent controls to address community concerns about the environmental impacts of coal seam gas activities. Pointing out the coal seam gas industry in NSW is now subject to the toughest controls in Australia to ensure the protection of our water, our environment and our valuable agricultural land – saying the aim is to protect prime agricultural land and aquifers.

10.30 OFFICE OF THE HON ROBYN PARKER MP – MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT E5(38195)

Acknowledging receipt of Council's letter to the Minister regarding opposition to coal seam gas exploration and mining in its LGA. Saying this matter is under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Resources and Energy, The Hon Chris Hartcher and Council's letter has been forwarded to him.

Councillors noted that the Government has just announced a Regional Community Fund to assist rural communities affected by mining activities. They requested that information be sought and details provided to the October meeting.

0071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that Council lobby the Government for funds from this Regional Community Program to come direct to Council in lieu of being allocated to the mining companies for determination of projects to be provided in local areas.

10.31 JON ROBERTSON MP – NSW OPPOSITION LEADER E5(38208)

Acknowledging Council's correspondence regarding coal seam gas mining and advising in November 2011 he called on the O'Farrell Government to suspend all current CSG exploration licenses to protect the State's water resources. Stating this decision is a departure from previous NSW Labor policy and was not taken lightly – it was taken after hearing concerns of people right across NSW. Finally, advising he is calling on the Government to act immediately before the threat to our water resources gets any greater.

10.32 NSW STATE RECORDS C13+R5(38179)

Pointing out good recordkeeping is an essential support for any organisation's service delivery, administration and accountability. Saying the public has high expectations of local government bodies, including Councillors, in relation to official recordkeeping. Saying more information is available from:

www.records.nsw.gov.au/recordkeeping/resources-for/local-government/local-government

10.33 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1(38210)

Announcing the commencement of the Local Government Acts (LGA) Taskforce which was appointed to review the *Local Government Act 1993 and the City of Sydney Act 1988*. Advising this appointment follows the release of the Destination 2036 Action Plan earlier this year. A copy of this correspondence was provided to each Councillor.

10.34 THE HON ADRIAN PICCOLI MP – MINISTER FOR EDUCATION E1(38215)

Thanking Council for its letter bringing to his attention the views of Council about the Connected Communities strategy. Assuring Council there will be an extensive and considered consultation process to determine the nature of the strategy in Coonamble. Saying the announcement of the strategy marked the beginning of the process, which will include the community as well as school staff, government and non-government agencies and the business, TAFE and University sectors.

A copy of this letter was provided to Councillors with the business paper.

10.35 GULARGAMBONE LIONS CLUB INC E960+E10436+E10516 (38030)

Extending praise to Nicko, Budsy and Col for having Gulargambone looking fantastic. Saying it is obvious the employees take pride in their work and that is having a roll-on effect within the community. Thanking the staff for taking the extra step and giving the little bit extra time – it all adds up to a fantastic looking town.

Councillors noted this information has been conveyed to the staff concerned.

10.36 UNITED SERVICES UNION (USU) R8-2-1(38177)

Referring to changes to Single Invitation Maintenance Contracts (SIMC) – Road Maintenance Council Contracts (RMCC) - proposed by the Liberal State Government and Roads and Maritime Services. Pointing out that in 2003 it campaigned strongly against proposed changes to the Single Invitation Maintenance Contracts that, if successful, could have introduced packaged contracting arrangements in excess of \$10 million. Saying it would appear again that the State Government has decided to attack the RMS funding that is provided to local government. Advising USU intends to campaign to preserve or enhance the funding arrangements and asking that council assist by the provision of information regarding potential job losses and funding issues.

The General Manager pointed out that Council will be endeavouring to ensure the Contracts remain with Council and indications, at this stage, are this will be the case).

0071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.15 – 10.36 inclusive be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

0072 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the following matters be classified ‘urgent business’ and dealt with.

10.37 THE HON MARTIN FERGUSON AM MP – MINISTER FOR RESOURCES AND ENERGY E5(38407)

Referring to Council’s letter to Mr Mark Coulton MP regarding the proposed moratorium on coal seam gas (CSG) extraction by Council. Advising that community concerns regarding CSG extraction in NSW have led to a moratorium being introduced on any new hydraulic fracturing activities.

Saying in Council’s letter it refers to concerns regarding water quality being affected by CSG extraction in Coonamble and the Great Artesian Basin. Advising an expert panel has been established to provide independent scientific advice to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Hon Tony Burke MP, on mitigation, monitoring and response measures for CSG projects to ensure they appropriately minimize risks. Advising the chemicals used are regulated by state government agencies. Saying that should Council wish to make further inquiries into chemicals used in CSG extraction in NSW, it should contact the Department of Primary Industries on 1300 736 122 or write to Post Office Box 344, Hunter Regional Mail Centre NSW 2310

0073 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the information be noted, but Council write to the Department of Primary Industries requesting a comprehensive report on the types of chemicals used in CSG extraction in NSW, as well as details on what the chemicals actually contain.

10.38 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D7+D5-28(38286)

0074 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to contribute \$4,000 towards the Chamber of Commerce “Coonamble Dollars” shop local campaign.

10.39 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS O5

Providing a copy of the OROC comment on the Independent Local Government Review Panel.

The General Manager provided a copy of this document to each Councillor.

0075 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information be noted.

10.40 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE F5-4(38416)

Advising that \$77,143 has been granted to Council under the 2012/2013 Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme Program for the Investigation and Design stage of the Levee Upgrade.

0076 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that this information be noted.

10.41 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE F5-3(38415)

Advising that \$100,000 has been granted to Council under the 2012/2013 Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme Program for the Preparation of Flood Studies for the three main townships in Coonamble Shire.

0077 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information be noted.

10.42 REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT & COMMUNITY AWARD A17(38422)

Advising that the 2012 finalists have been announced – pointing out the awards recognize the achievements of many community organisations and businesses contributing to the social, economic or environmental prosperity of their region within regional and rural NSW and the ACT.

Councillors noted that former Cr Barbara O'Brien was a finalist in the Essential Energy Regional Service Award Category.

0078 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the information be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0079 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

0080 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council note Development Application Nos. 022/2012 and 025/2012, together with Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 024/2012 and 027/2012, were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

11.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

0081 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council give public notice of the Code of Meeting Practice and place it on public exhibition for twenty eight days and allow forty two days from the date it is

first advertised during which submissions may be made and formally adopt the Code at the December 2012 meeting, after consideration of any submissions received.

11.3 CODE OF CONDUCT

0082 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council adopt The Model Code of Conduct, a copy of which has been provided to each Councillor.

11.4 NSW LONG TERM TRANSPORT MASTER PLAN

Cr Burnheim spoke of the urgent need for the Western Sydney multipurpose line to proceed, otherwise rail freight will be held up because of congested lines delivering into ports. He said it is important for passing loops to be provided so that trains can pass, pointing out that presently passenger rail has priority over other forms of rail.

0083 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that the Mayor and General Manager attend the meeting with NSW Transport in Dubbo on 24 October 2012 in regard to the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan and the OROC forum be used to pursue this project.

11.5 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP 2012 – GRANTS

0084 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that Council nominate Play Equipment at Coonamble Pool as a project for Community Building Partnership Grant Program for 2012; noting that a project in the order of \$60,000 (\$30,000 grant/\$30,000) can be matched with surplus funds.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

0085 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

The Director informed Council that an error had occurred in calculation of the rate collections and incorrect information was contained in the report. He provided Councillors with an updated copy.

0086 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 August 2012, as amended, be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

0087 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the list of investments as 31 August 2012 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

12.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

The Director provided a lengthy report on various issues, including:

- Community Development
- Crime Prevention
- Youth Programs
- Home Power Saver Project
- Community Development Events
- Community Services – Successful Grants
- Vacation Care
- Integrated Planning & Reporting
- Events/Grants
- Library activities

0088 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council note the information contained in this report.

12.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS

0089 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note its success in being awarded Highly Commended in the category *Award for Excellence in Communication*.

12.5 PUBLIC LIBRARIES NSW – IMAGINE THE WORLD CONFERENCE – SHOAL BAY – 24TH – 26TH JULY 2012

0090 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that this report be noted.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES

0091 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be noted.

13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

- Eco Spa Project – Updated information handed to Councillors. It was noted that Council has awarded a tender for design of the project to development application stage.
- Availability of water – Oaks Bore Trust – Councillors noted that there is a 40 megs allowance for industry, with the abattoirs being allocated a supply additional to this. One of the proponents has not yet confirmed his intention to purchase/lease land – if he proceeds water will be needed. Council agreed that the proponent be advised he has 14 days in which to confirm that he will proceed with his option to purchase/lease land at “The Meglo: The EDM advised that the investigation is still in progress. The GM said he understands that water can be purchased and transferred to the Bore.

0092 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that the information contained in the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

13.2 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

0093 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information contained in the report by the Tourism Development Manager be noted.

- Visitor Information Centre - In response to a question concerning the Visitor Information Centre, the Director advised rostered work has been completed and further work may be carried out later.
- Caravan Parking – Cr Burnheim said that there is no parking for caravans close to the CBD and this was something the Tourism Promotion Group should investigate.

0094 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that the Tourism Promotion Group investigate a suitable area for caravans to park which is close to the main CBD and suggestions were made regarding a site in Namoi Street.

13.3 SHOWGROUND SECURITY

Councillors Keady and Burnheim spoke in favour of having access to the showground. Cr Keady said that in other areas, large rigs and vans which are not accommodated on caravan parks, make their way to showground areas. Cr Burnheim referred to use of the facilities by people travelling with horses and said, in his opinion, the area should be accessible at all times.

0095 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that a report be prepared for the October meeting, outlining other options available to Council for security and monitoring use of the Coonamble Showground.

13.4 MAINTENANCE OF GULARGAMBONE CEMETERY

0096 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note that the staff based at Gulargambone are being utilised to carry out maintenance of the cemetery which was previously performed by the CDEP.

13.5 RETURNS – DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST

0097 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council note the completed returns must be returned as a priority so they can be tabled at the October meeting.

13.6 FINANCIAL REPORTS – YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

0098 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb:

(a) that the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for year ended 30 June 2012

(b) that Council's Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2012 be referred for Audit.

13.7 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0099 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

0100 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 ACCESS TO PROPERTY "LYNWOOD"

0101 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council advise the owners of "Lynwood" that it has lodged an objection to the closure of the Crown road and Council will apply to have the road gazetted as a public road and they will be responsible for all costs.

14.2 MODULAR B-TRIPLE OPERATIONS NETWORK

0102 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that Council note the report and also note that at the meeting on 13 August, 2012 it was agreed that no action be taken and the Roads and Maritime Services take the matter back to the Minister for Roads & Ports, The Hon Duncan Gay, with a request for a more appropriate consultation process after the Local Government Elections on September 8th.

14.3 COONAMBLE LEVEE

0103 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the report be noted, in particular, that if Council is successful in having 'exceptional circumstances' granted, it will be required to contribute \$1.7 million, however if an application for exceptional circumstances is not successful, this will rise to at least \$3.4 million.

In response to a question, the Director of Engineering Services said that the final design of the levee is imminent and Council will be in a position to invite tenders in approximately 12 months. He said that specialist services will be required, however it was hoped that local contractors, along with Council, will be employed to carry out appropriate works.

14.4 COONAMBLE WATER SUPPLY – CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PIPELINES & WATER TREATMENT PLANT

0104 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that the information contained in the report be noted, together with the outcomes of

the meeting the Director had with representatives of the Department of Public Works and Aquatac Maxon in Sydney on 31 August 2012.

14.5 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0105 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council note the information contained in the Works in Progress report.

At this juncture, 1.05 p.m., Council adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.05 p.m.

Council's Manager of Environmental Services was present at the meeting at this time.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0106 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2012

0107 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the report by the Ranger for the month of August 2012 be noted.

The Manager gave a brief overview on the situation regarding 'dangerous dogs' and informed the meeting of the heavy fines and stringent laws governing the keeping of animals declared 'dangerous'.

Mr Cock also informed Council of the process to be followed prior to carrying out any building, whether in urban or rural areas. He said that Council has provided information regarding procedures in its weekly newspaper column and said this would continue.

16.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 30 JUNE 2012

0108 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council:

- (1) note the Management Plan Review;
- (2) approve the variations to votes, as listed in the budget review documents;
- (3) note that, in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
- (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 30 June 2012.

0109 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that a report be presented to Council on the possibility of providing additional toilet/shower facilities at the Showground Pavilion.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

0110 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that reports from various committees, as listed below, be noted:

17.1 *Coonamble Museum Report For August 2012*

17.2 *Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting – 28 August 2012*

17.3 *Meeting Of Health & Safety Committee – 17 July 2012*

17.4 *Meeting Of Health & Safety Committee – 11 September 2012*

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

0111 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the Saleyards Report for the month of August 2012 be noted.

19.0 CLOSED SESSION

0112 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Keady 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”*

0113 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Keady that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

0114 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

0115 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council adopt the recommendation of Closed Session, being Recommendation No. 19.1 as detailed below.

19.1 TENDER – CONSTRUCTION OF STAFF HOUSING

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the tender of Malmanda Pty Ltd for the construction of a new residential dwelling in an amount of \$280,243.85 (inc GST) and authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to relevant documents.

20.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Webb:

2 HR PARKING LIMIT - CBD

0116 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the 2 hr parking time limit in the main street be policed and that Council contact the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce seeking its views on the parking limit.

- Coonamble Tip Fees – adopted fee is \$4 – sign still reflects the incorrect amount (viz: \$5).

Cr Karanouh:

- Referred to gardens in main street – asked whether the grey pavers are set in concrete. The GM replied that they are set in concrete.
- Water overflowed near NAB building – staff to check.
- Requested another supply of business cards.
- Toilet at Quambone – Director of DC&US advised work on roster

NEWSLETTER TO RATEPAYERS

- 0117 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that a newsletter/ brochure be prepared and sent to ratepayers/residents four times/year providing a snapshot of Council’s achievements and goals so that the community is kept up to date with activities in progress.

FIXED CAMERAS – PERGOLAS

- 0118 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council place fixed lights on the pole so that the recently erected pergolas are well lit for cameras to get clear pictures, noting that \$20,000 is available for expenditure on street lighting upgrades.

Cr Schieb:

- Community Safety Committee – update.
- Outreach Centre – High School – update.
- Castlereagh Macquarie County Council – eradication \$1.4m – GM to follow up with Mr Reg Kidd.

PAYMENT OF INSURANCE – NAKADOO

- 0119 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Burnheim that Council agree to pay the \$500 Insurance premium on behalf of Nakadoo Rodeo for the rodeo school for youth, noting it is not an eligible criteria for Crime Prevention, but will be sourced from Council’s donation vote.

COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND

- 0120 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council make application to the Department of Lands for ownership of Coonamble Showground to be transferred to Council.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.

These Pages (1/5101– 20/5120) were confirmed on theday of OCTOBER 2012 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire held on 19 September 2012.

MAYOR

8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2012

DRAFT LEP 2011

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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 in November, 2012 to receive report on Land Acquisition.

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:

“REPAIR” funding application unsuccessful. Regional Roads budget to be reviewed to determine availability of funds.

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:

Ongoing.

**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:
EDM to schedule**

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.

**Status:
Meeting will be convened in November, 2012**

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:
Order issued and other property owners advised of their requirements.**

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 offered when new Committees are appointed.**

OAKS BORE - SUPPLY OF WATER – OPTIONS AVAILABLE

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.

Status:
Ongoing

10.6 MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL S5-1(37656 + 37657)

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.

Status:
Awaiting response from Moorambilla for the 2013 event.

13.2 REPORT ON IMPACT OF REMOTE JOBS & COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ON COONAMBLE SHIRE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES & COMMUNITIES

0028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that a report be brought back to Council providing detail as to a model that can be offered as a viable alternative to the proposed service delivery model of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations post 1 July 2013.

Status:
No action to date

ROADS COMMITTEE

Councillors were advised to peruse the Roads Management Plan prior to making a decision regarding appointment of a Roads Committee.

Status:
Due to the importance of this function, the previous Council dealt with roads as a full Council committee, however if a different arrangement is required, Councillors should decide on the composition and function of the Committee.

FIXED CAMERAS – PERGOLAS

0118 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council place fixed lights on the pole so that the recently erected pergolas are well lit for cameras to get clear pictures, noting that \$20,000 is available for expenditure on street lighting upgrades.

Status:
Being investigated.

PAYMENT OF INSURANCE – NAKADOO

0119 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Burnheim that Council agree to pay the \$500 Insurance premium on behalf of Nakadoo Rodeo for the rodeo school for youth, noting it is not an eligible criteria for Crime Prevention, but will be sourced from Council's donation vote.

Status:
Awaiting tax invoice from Nakadoo specifying that the public liability insurance cover Council has agreed to pay will apply to casual use of Coonamble Showground for rodeo schools.

13.3 SHOWGROUND SECURITY

0095 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that a report be prepared for the October meeting, outlining other options available to Council for security and monitoring use of the Coonamble Showground.

Status:
Report will be submitted to November Meeting.

0109 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that a report be presented to Council on the possibility of providing additional toilet/shower facilities at the Showground Pavilion.

Status:
Investigations being carried out – report will be tabled at the November meeting.

COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND

0120 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council make application to the Department of Lands for ownership of Coonamble Showground to be transferred to Council.

Status:
No action to date

13.3 SHOWGROUND SECURITY

Councillors Keady and Burnheim spoke in favour of having access to the showground. Cr Keady said that in other areas, large rigs and vans which are not accommodated on caravan parks, make their way to showground areas. Cr Burnheim referred to use of the facilities by people travelling with horses and said, in his opinion, the area should be accessible at all times.

Status:**Awaiting signage advice from Insurance Company**

8.1 COMPLETED SECTION – RESOLUTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM RESOLUTION BOOK

REGIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

0071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that Council lobby the Government for funds from this Regional Community Program to come direct to Council in lieu of being allocated to the mining companies for determination of projects to be provided in local areas.

Status:
Letter forwarded to the Local Member for Barwon, Mr Kevin Humphries in response to this resolution. COMPLETED

10.6 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW G5-1(38140)

0062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council agree to write to the Australian Minister for Local Government – the Hon Simon Crean MP

Status:
Letter written to the Hon Simon Crean MP COMPLETED

NEWSLETTER TO RATEPAYERS

0117 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that a newsletter/ brochure be prepared and sent to ratepayers/residents four times/year providing a snapshot of Council’s achievements and goals so that the community is kept up to date with activities in progress.

Status:
Will be actioned at the appropriate times. COMPLETED.

GOVERNMENT ACCESS CENTRE .

0045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O’Brien that the General Manager prepare a report on the possibility of making a ‘one stop shop’ at the Rural Transaction Centre to be used as a Government Access Centre.

Status:
Information requested as to rollout of “one stop shops”. There is expectation that more than 100 Service NSW shops will open. To date 18 have been identified, mainly in the regional centres – they are scheduled to commence in mid-2013. COMPLETED.

REGIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Status:

Funding will be provided to assist rural communities affected by mining activities and will be used to support major initiatives and infrastructure which will directly benefit those communities. COMPLETED.

9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2012

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10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2012

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 CHAIRMAN ALMA S1(38463)

Advising news has been received of \$10 million funding for the saleyard sector. Advising the new Work Health & Safety Harmonisation national legislation came into play on 1 January 2012 and, as the peak national body representing the saleyard sector, ALMA has had high level discussions with all levels of government and stakeholders in an effort to significantly improve workplace safety in that sector. Pointing out that the funding could well make the difference to the smaller yards struggling with decisions on their future. Saying they are vital to the industry and any assistance, especially to local government operators, will be a welcome stimulus investment. Congratulating Tony Windsor and the Federal Government on this initiative.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The Saleyards Manager has been instructed to prepare a funding application for works that will assist in the safe operation of the saleyards).

Recommendation:

That a meeting of Council's Saleyards Committee be convened as a priority to identify and prioritise works for inclusion in the grant application, noting that the closing date for submissions is 31 October 2012.

10.2 PRESIDENT, COONAMBLE COMMUNITY RADIO INC A8+C8-8(38453)

Advising toilet facilities at the Coonamble radio station are inadequate for volunteer staff and there are no facilities for physically handicapped persons. Pointing out that two volunteer members are in this category and the nearest facility is about 100 metres away, across the street, at the Coonamble RSL Club. Pointing out these volunteers play an important role in the community and asking Council to consider addressing the inadequate toilet facilities at the radio station.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has always considered this building surplus to requirements and, as such, identified as a potential redevelopment site. Therefore very little maintenance has been carried out and no capital improvements have been made.

The building is currently shared between the Radio Station and Vacation Care and Council has submitted an application for grant funding that may address the issue. This application will not require matching funds from Council.

Council currently has no capacity to undertake these works of its own volition).

Recommendation:

That Council submit an application for this funding to the Department of Family and Community Services, noting it is under the Aged-Friendly Community Local Government Grant.

Section B – Matters for Council's Information.**10.3 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13(38469)**

Advising the joint Local Government & Shires Associations and Division of Local Government *Councillor Handbook* has been updated and provides essential information for Councillors. Pointing out that the following topics are covered in the Handbook:

- An overview of local government
- Roles, responsibilities and relationships
- Ethical decision making
- Making the most of meetings
- Planning and reporting
- Financial management
- Support for councillors.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Copies of the Handbook have been made and have been included with the Business Paper).

10.4 TONY WINDSOR BEc MP S1(38442)

Forwarding a copy of the Press Release issued on 17 September 2012 advising of extra funds to improve safety at saleyards. Pointing out the government had already allocated \$40 million to Round 3 of the Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity Program which is dedicated to upgrading the safety of Australia's road network for trucking industry workers. Saying agreement to boost the grants program by an extra \$10 million and extend it to saleyard infrastructure was reached after concerns of the Australian Livestock & Rural Transporters Association were represented to Mr Windsor. Pointing out it is crucial that ageing and unsafe infrastructure at saleyards is upgraded – saying that older ramps and gates put workers and truck drivers at serious risk and this is an opportunity to apply for funding to repair the old infrastructure. Saying submissions for funding should be made to both the relevant State Government and the Commonwealth by October 31.

10.5 COONAMBLE GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC D7(38443)

Thanking Council, on behalf of its President and Committee, for Council's sponsorship of the greyhound racing carnival to be held over the September/October long weekend.

10.6 HILL ROGERS SPENCER STEER**A12(38493)**

Advising they have audited the special purpose financial report comprising the reconciliation of Council's total permissible general income and the calculation of domestic waste management reasonable cost and charges of Coonamble Shire Council for 2012/2013. Forwarding a copy of Independent Auditors' Report – (copy attached **APPENDIX A**)

RICK WARREN
General Manager

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 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
28/12	Coonamble Shire Council	CSC (L.Picone)	Erection of signage	Various locations within the Shire	10/09/12

CDC No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
29/12	S & K Perry	Scott Perry	Erection of Shed	31 Scotts Road Coonamble	19/09/12
33/12	Coonamble Shire Council	Coonamble Little Athletics	Construct long jump pit	Coonamble Sportsground	18/09/12

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 No 028/2012, together with Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 029/2012 & 033/2012 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

11.2 WATER RATES FOR SPORTING BODIES**Background:**

At its meeting on 8 November 2006 (Minute No. 5802) Council resolved that up to \$1,000 per annum be contributed towards the cost of water for the Coonamble Jockey Club, Coonamble Golf Club and Gulargambone Golf Club to assist with each Club's water charges and this arrangement be reviewed annually.

Issues:

Both the Coonamble Jockey Club and the Coonamble Golf Club have used their total allocations of \$1,000 each for the year, however the Gulargambone Golf Club consumption amounts to \$55.44.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Assistance to the Clubs is allowable under the Local Government Act.

Financial Considerations;

The maximum commitment is \$3,000/annum funded from donation vote.

Options:

1. Grant the assistance for a further one year period with a review annually.
2. Not grant any assistance to the three Clubs.

Recommendation:

That Council decline to provide assistance towards the cost of water for the Coonamble Jockey Club and the Coonamble Golf Club in future and note that the Gulargambone Golf Club has ceased to operate.

RICK WARREN

General Manager

12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2012

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 30/09/2012 compared to 30/09/2011:

	30/09/2012	30/09/2011
Arrears 30 th June previous year	763,910.00	598,833.17
Plus 2012/2013 Combined Levy	5,394,722.98	5,166,247.69
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	6,158,632.98	5,765,080.86
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(65,519.53)	(60,729.02)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(53,606.89)	(49,687.38)
Transfer to Postponed	-	(-)
Abandoned	-	(-)
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,039,506.56	5,654,664.46
Less Collections	(1,625,960.93)	(1,692,265.16)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	4,413,545.63	3,962,399.30
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	4,413,545.63	3,962,399.30
Collection % of Total Receivable	26.92%	29.92%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	73.10%	70.08%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS – SEPTEMBER 2012

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 21/10/2012	5.08%	91 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 27/11/2012	4.64%	90 Days	2,500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/11/2012	4.80%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 29/10/2012	4.50%	91 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 26/11/2012	4.70%	61 Days	1,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 04/03/2013	4.50%	182 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 19/12/2012	4.90%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 16/11/2012	5.10%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Orana Mutual	Unrated	Term Deposit - 21/10/2012	4.88%	91 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 28/11/12	5.06%	120 Days	2,000,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 29/10/2012	5.10%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Business Online Saver - at call	3.75%	N/A	2,250,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 17,250,000

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	33%	50%	5,750,000
National Australia Bank	A1+	23%	50%	4,000,000
St George	A1+	6%	50%	1,000,000
Bendigo Bank	A-	6%	40%	1,000,000
IMB	A2	12%	35%	2,000,000
ME Bank	A2	12%	35%	2,000,000
Orana Mutal	Unrated	6%	10%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	3%	10%	500,000
				\$ 17,250,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	62%	100%	10,750,000
A1	6%	80%	1,000,000
A2	23%	60%	4,000,000
Unrated	9%	30%	1,500,000
			\$ 17,250,000
General Fund Investments			10,121,721
Coonamble Sewerage Investment Fund			2,799,438
Gulargambone Sewerage Investment Fund			(25,320)
Coonamble Water Investment Fund			3,216,509
Gulargambone Water Investment Fund			942,803
Trust Investment Fund			194,849
			\$ 17,250,000

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 September 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 PUBLIC ACCESS INFORMATION – DRAFT POLICY**Background:**

At the August 2012 meeting Council noted that the Government Information Public Access (GIPA) Act 2009 commenced in 2010 replacing the Freedom of Information (FOI) system which was in operation from 1989. The new system is designed to meet community expectations for more open and transparent government.

Council resolved to place the draft policy document on public exhibition inviting written submissions.

Issues:

The period for receipt of submissions closed at 12 noon on Friday, 14 September, 2012. No submissions were received.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Local Government Act 1993
- The Government Information Public Access (GIPA) Act 2009

Financial Considerations:

Nil.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council formally adopt the Public Access Information Policy, noting that no submissions were received during the public exhibition period.

12.4 COONAMBLE VACATION CARE – DRAFT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**Background:**

Council has resolved to operate Coonamble Vacation Care service as a function of Council. In order to comply with the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010* and *Educational and Care Services National Regulations 2011* draft policies and procedures were submitted to the August 2012 meeting.

Council resolved to place the draft document on public exhibition for the prescribed period.

Issues:

Included in the Vacation Care policies and procedures was Council's proposal to charge \$25.00 fee per day per child. Submissions closed at 12 noon on Friday 14 September, 2012 and none were received.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 and Educational and Care Services National Regulations 2011

Financial Considerations:

Nil.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council formally adopt the Coonamble Vacation Care Policies & Procedures, including the proposal to charge a fee of \$25 per child per day, noting that no submissions were received and Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges have been amended to include the Vacation Care daily fee.

LIANNE TASKER

Director of Corporate & Community Services

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL
AND URBAN SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2012**

13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S SECTION

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

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

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Covered Arena	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design & Approval 2. Funding 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mick Wilson and Design Sub-Committee to reduce scope and size of building in conjunction with NBRS architects to minimise any unnecessary costs. 2. Continue efforts in sourcing additional grant funds for project. Review previous applications submitted
Eco Spa + Caravan Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design & Approval 2. Funding 3. Smith Park Land Acquisition 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft design plans and supporting document placed on display, open for public comment till 17th October. Architectural documentation being prepared for submission of Development Application. Documentation due for review by 5 Oct. 2. 2nd TQUAL Progress Report submitted. 3. Ongoing
Water for New enterprises.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Source additional supplies of water 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigations ongoing.

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

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Support new and existing business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Business Start-Ups/Expansions 2. Chamber of Commerce: Keep Coonamble Kicking Campaign 3. Business Directory: 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information provided on an ongoing basis. 2. Provide ongoing support. 3. Information provided to Coonamble High School. Directory is due for printing end October.

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Employment Circle	1. Jobs & Skills Expo 2. LLNP (Language Literacy Numeracy Program) 3. Remote Jobs & Communities Program 4. Skills Attraction Strategy	1. Progressing. 2. New boundaries for delivery of contracts to be considered as part of program review. 3. Council is yet to receive any further update on proposed changes. 4. Survey to be launched within 2 months.
New/Prospective Residents	1. Respond to website and telephone requests for Prospective Residents Information. 2. Respond to inquiries from new residents seeking rental accommodation and/or employment.	1. No inquiries this month. 2. No inquiries this month.
Abattoir	Referred inquiry to new owners.	Continuing.

3. Community Economic Development + Physical Amenity

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Rent-a-Farmhouse	Responded to applicants.	Ongoing.

4. Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Remote Jobs & Communities Program (RJCP)	See Employment Circle re LLNP and CDEP.	

APPENDICES TO EDM REPORT:

1. Employment Circle meeting notes – See Reports from Various Committees

Recommendation:

That the report by the Economic Development Manager be received and noted.

13.2 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S SECTION

Author: *Tourism Development Manager – Lauren Picone*

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Visitor Information Centre Development	Provide ongoing service to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily operations ongoing. Centre was manned for Moorambilla Festival
Primitive Campsite Quambone	Establish Campsite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing
Macquarie Marshes	Continue to promote as tourist attraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing

2. Strategic Planning – to inform the new Destination Management Plan

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Develop new Destination Management Plan	Re-evaluation of tourism signage needs in the shire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and evaluation completed. Works progressing.
	Seek advice on effective Destination Management Planning from industry leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing with Tourism Network and Association Providing information and support.

3. Marketing and promotion

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Website – 'What's On' Box	Continue to promote local events on the CSC website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming events for October & November have been listed on the homepage under the 'What's On' section.
Monthly newsletter	Continue to distribute monthly tourism newsletter to stakeholder database.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive Feedback received.

4. Events

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft	Liaise with Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Assistance provided to committee to further develop event.

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Moorambilla Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assist Events Manager with the promotion of the event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The event was promoted on the CSC website, the CSC Facebook page and the tourism eNewsletter.• The event was also listed on the Regional Events Live website, and included on the Spring Events flier.- Event fliers were available for visitors in the VIC and distributed to regional VICs.

Recommendation:

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

13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

Parks & Gardens:

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces under its control.
- The position of Ganger, Parks & Gardens and Urban Services has been filled - with Raymond Canham the successful applicant.
- Applications for the Labourer of Ganger, Parks & Gardens and Urban Services have closed with interviews to be held within the next month.
- The second of the new portable grandstands has been completed and will be delivered to the Coonamble Sports Ground.

Pools:

- Pools opened to the general public on Tuesday the 2nd October, 2012, with the Coonamble Swimming Club accessing the pool prior as per prior arrangements.
- Safety improvements to filtration beds to be commence.

Buildings:

- The “Museum under the Bridge” signage has been received and will be installed as soon as possible
- Awaiting written report from structural engineer on concerns raised verbally with Opera House. Engineer has given undertaking to have report to Council by 09/10/2012.
- Inspections are continuing on an ongoing basis on Council Assets.

Saleyards:

- Operations are ongoing.
- Saleyards and Facilities Manager is currently reviewing operations at the saleyards.

Tourism:

- Refer Tourism Officers report

Economic Development:

- Refer Economic Development Officer report..

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 10 OCTOBER 2012**

14.1 PROPOSED STOPPING AREA FOR CARAVANS

Background:

For some time and, again at the August meeting, the lack of parking for caravans is an issue of concern for Council. It was suggested that a suitable area, close to the main CBD, be investigated.

Issues:

At the August meeting a suggestion was made that a site in Namoi Street be inspected as a possible parking area for tourists.

On several occasions I have observed that caravan tourists are pulling over in front of the former Ambulance Station, however when they noticed a sign “*Ambulance Vehicles Only*” which had been left when the Ambulance Station moved to its new site, the vehicles tended to drive off. The sign has now been removed.

Occasionally several cars park adjacent to the Telstra frontage, but I would assume they could park ‘on site’ or in front of the Telstra building in Namoi Street, in the event that this area is converted to ‘Caravan Parking Only’ area.

I suggest Council consider this area – from the Telstra entrance to the bus stop for caravan parking. It is a short walk to the business precinct and does not interfere with the movement of traffic or pose any safety issues. The Visitor Information Centre is located across the road.

If Council is agreeable to this site, it should refer the proposal to the Local Traffic Committee for determination.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Ni

Financial Considerations:

Provision of suitable signage and erection of same would be the only financial cost to Council.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council refer to the Traffic Committee the proposal to allow caravan parking in Castlereagh Street from the Telstra business entrance to the bus stop and, if approved, purchase and erect relevant signage.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**(a) Plant:**

- General Maintenance
- Another utility has arrived from Taylor Automotive Coonabarabran – still awaiting five vehicles from Clancy Ford Dubbo
- Quotations for supply only of Twelve (12) utilities awarded as follows:
 - Six (6) Utes to Dubbo City Toyota
 - One (1) Ute to Golden West Holden Dubbo
 - Three (3) Utes to Robert Handsaker Ford Narromine
 - Two (2) Utes to Western Plains Automotive Dubbo
- Sale of Thirteen (13) vehicles as under:
 - Two (2) Gamers Motor Auctions Newcastle
 - Eleven (11) Valley Motor Auctions Newcastle
- Quotations sought for low loader and semi tipper
- Water cart slide-on – investigations continuing.
- Common Expiry Date (CED) Registration in progress

(b) Depot:

- Clean up as usual
- Trailers to be registered checked and tethered in rear compound for sign out
- General business
- Ongoing training in stock and ordering online

(c) Airport:

- Routine maintenance as required.

(d) Workshop:

- General maintenance
- Repairs and servicing of all plant completed as required.

(e) Water & Sewer:

- Milbant WTP water mains contractors commenced laying of pipes and the rising main pipework is in progress.
- Directional drillers have finished one (1) pipeline under river one still to be completed
- Aquatec –Maxcon started securing site for commencement of WTP construction
- General Maintenance

- Water meter reading to commence 3/10/12 in Coonamble, Gulargambone, Quambone
- “Toora” radio repeater station Installed but has a few technical issues, hopefully rectified this week

(f) State Highway 18:

- Shoulder grading continuing north of town to eliminate drop offs
- Pulvi due to arrive 19th October for heavy patches south of town
- Reseals scheduled 9th & 10th October approx.. 8km south of town and 40km north of town respectively

(g) Regional Roads:

- Heavy Patches and shoulder work continuing MR7515
- Maintenance grading MR202
- Heavy patching MR129B
- Culvert extension complete MR129B

(h) Local Roads:

- Maintenance grading dirt section SR86 ongoing
- Culvert headwall replacement commenced SR2
- Culvert headwall installation scheduled SR86 (following SR2)
- Reseals scheduled SR87 (approx.. 2km)
- Reseal scheduled SR19 (400m)

The rail crossing located between Railway Street and the Back Gular Road will be upgraded by John Holland Rail Pty Ltd during the week of 8 – 12 October 2012. During this time, whilst the works are in progress, there will be no through access. Council has advised the public through the local press.

(i) Urban Streets:

- Routine pothole patching as necessary.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information contained in the Works in Progress report.

K N BRODBECK

Director of Engineering Services

15. REPORT FROM MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2012**

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2012

STATISTICS:

<u>Compliance</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>2012/2013 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	6	7
Infringements (Animals)	0	3
Infringements (Other)		
Microchipped dogs	1	8
Registrations	1	8
Nuisance dog declaration	0	0
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0
Restricted dog declaration	0	0
<u>Impoundments</u>		
Dogs	27	68
Cats	5	26
Stock	0	1
Other	0	0
TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED	32	94
Motor vehicle	0	0
<i>Breakdown of impoundments:</i>		
Dogs destroyed	22	43
Dogs surrendered by owner	18	24
Dogs re-housed	0	6
Dogs released	1	10
Cats destroyed	5	24
Cats re-housed	0	2
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	1	3
Quambone dogs impounded		

Villages:

Gulargambone: Nil to report

Quambone: Nil to report

Dog Attack

There has been one report of a dog attack this month. Situation has been dealt with.

Recommendation:
That Council note the information.

MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Service

16. REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2012

**16.1 COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE NOTES – MEETING HELD AT
 GLOBAL VILLAGE CAFÉ ON TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 2012 – 11.00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Steve Hodder (Verto) Shane Kilby (TAFE Coonamble), Teagan Smith (BEC), Lee O'Connor (CSC EDM), Kristina Higham (RDA Orana), Kate Keizer (CNC), Priscilla Harvey (CHS Careers), Donna Swansborough (Sureway/CCOC), Cr Alan Karanouh, Cynthia Fitzpatrick (NDOC)

APOLOGY: Elisha Bailey (DEEWR), Robyn McPherson (RDA Orana), Rene Wykes (MPREC), David Floyd (Youth Express), Lynette Grosser (Child & Family Support, Mission Aust) Jim Quinn & Heidi (CRS), Fiona Harris (TAFE Outreach), Anna Lane (OEC), Lyndal Robb (Birrang)
 Chair: Priscilla Harvey Notes: Lee O'Connor

1. Jobs & Skills Expo 2013

- Date – potential dates are Fri 22nd March, **Wed 20 March**, or week beginning 25 March 2013.

It was agreed that mid-week would be best, preferably Week 9 of school term. i.e. 20 March.

Time – 10am to 2pm.

ACTION: CEC participants to advise by Friday 7th Sept if Wed 20 March 2013 is suitable.

When date confirmed, Kate to prepare letter claiming date for everyone to distribute to their networks.

Kate/Lee to book Showground.

- Budget – to include venue and equipment hire, newspaper advertising, some printing, co-ordination and auspice costs,
- Funding – Coonamble RTC has withdrawn their offer to co-ordinate the Expo. Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) have agreed to take up the role. Kate subsequently submitted the grant applications to Clubs NSW. This was not approved. FRRR have Seeds of Renewal grants available (closing this Friday) with priority to projects that result in employment in regional areas.

ACTIONS: Lee to arrange for DEEWR and CSC grants to be transferred from RTC to CNC.

JSAs to consider contribution to advertising etc.

Cynthia Fitzpatrick to advise if funding contribution possible.

[from July meeting]

Kate to prepare application to FRRR Seeds of Renewal.

- AAC – **ACTION: Steve to send copy of info on changes to incentives**
- Catering – to be discussed at end of 2012 or early 2013.
- Risk management plan – CRS to do this (Heidi or Jodi) and/or Amanda Glasson in her new role as Council's Facilities Manager.
- Invitation List for Employers and other Organisations – Kate has prepared an initial draft list.

ACTION: Lee to circulate draft exhibitor list for input.

- Promotion to Jobseekers – utilise existing email networks; community radio; TV community connect; poster + flyer including logos of DEEWR, Council, and other funding partners; paid advertising in Coonamble Times; Streets Ahead and Keep Coonamble Kicking facebook pages; Coonamble Buy Swap Sell facebook;

ACTIONS: Priscilla to arrange for students to prepare a new Employment Circle logo.

CHS Students to prepare a draft poster for TAFE students to finalise early in 2013.

Priscilla to send date/info to other school careers contacts.

JSAs to consider bringing clients from nearby towns.

- **Workshops/demonstrations** – CEC members to nominate if they wish to run a workshop. Eg. work readiness skills, self-employment,

2. RDA Workforce Collaboration Forum

Kristina Higham, RDA outlined the Actions from the Forum held in Warren. Actions arising include the formation of Working Groups on various issues. So far only the Driver Licensing working group has been formed. Kristina is working on an Employment & Mentoring Services Directory covering all the local government areas in Orana Region to be put on RDA website. To facilitate involvement in working groups it was suggested that the majority of meetings be by telephone or video conference. Otherwise, it is time and cost of staff of local agencies to attend regional meetings.

ACTIONS: Lee to circulate Forum report.

Robyn McPherson to clarify roles and priorities of the Committee that came out of the earlier meeting held at Dubbo Zoo and the committee for the Warren Forum.

Employment Circle contact list to be given to Kristina for inclusion on RDA website.

3. Driver Training/Mentoring

- MPREC Driver Mentoring - Kate reported that she has tried several times to contact Kerry in Lightning Ridge (MPREC Driver Mentor). No luck.
- Birrang Enterprise Development Company – equivalent to MPREC but operates mostly in different communities. In Gular yesterday and Coonamble today running Learner Driver Safety sessions at High School with students and parents/carers. Met with Lee this morning and supplied info on their Learn to Drive Safely Program and their new Learner Driver Pilot Program. Lee tabled project outlines.
- TAFE licensing program – Shane reported that Lyndy Regan has been delivering this program in Gular on a weekly basis. Seems to be working well. Awaiting outcomes to see if it will run in Coonamble as well.
- It was felt that every student needed to leave school holding a driver's licence. This needs to be embedded as a permanent program across regional areas like ours.

ACTION: Fiona to report on trial in Gular.

Advise MPREC of trouble contacting driver mentor.

Ask Lyndal Robb to attend next meeting to discuss possible driver training program for Coonamble.

Kristina to pass on relevant information and Employment Circle goal for driver training to the new RDA Driver Licensing Working Group.

4. LLNP (Literacy Numeracy Program)

- Letter was sent to Mark Coulton asking his assistance in ensuring that future contracts be given to training organisations with a permanent local presence. He has responded by requesting a meeting with Employment Circle representatives next **Thursday 6th September at 11.30am at Council.**
- Elisha Bailey has advised that the LLNP “is no longer a DEEWR program but was moved across to the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE).”
- Shane advised that the LLNP Program is currently under review by the federal government.

ACTIONS: Shane, Priscilla, Lee, Teagan to attend meeting with M Coulton.

Other CEC members to advise Lee if they wish to attend.

5. Remote Jobs & Communities Program – Impact on CDEP

- Coonamble Shire is not included in the designated remote area under the new Remote Jobs & Communities Program. The CDEP program will end in June 2013. There are approximately 90 participants currently on CDEP in Coonamble Shire and 7 paid staff. The participants will remain clients of Jobs Services Agencies.
- Meeting was held on 24 July to discuss the implications of CDEP closure and what could be done to ensure that current participants and future jobseekers remain engaged in the community, are able to access work experience/placement on an ongoing basis, and are adequately supported to transition to the workforce. A report was prepared for Council asking that they, as independent and locally accountable body, take a leadership or host role in establishing an alternative model of workforce participation. Council has agreed to investigate and to consult with the appropriate government agencies.

ACTION: Meeting to be set up re CDEP with M Coulton next week to follow discussions re LLNP. CEC participants welcome to attend. Lee to seek a meeting ASAP with FAHCSIA representatives to discuss impacts of CDEP closure on Coonamble and Gulargambone. Local agencies, current CDEP participants and community members to be invited to attend.

6. Skills Attraction Strategy (including skills audit)

Economic Development Managers to meet in Narromine next Friday 7th September to progress this project.

7. AGCAPS

Steve to follow up with Karen Neyle.

8. Coonamble Community Strategic Employment Plan

To be first item of business at next meeting.

ACTION: CEC participants to add their suggestions onto a draft document and submit prior to meeting.

**Next meeting Tues 18th September 2012
(11am, Coonamble Shire Council Committee Room)**

16.2 MUSEUM REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

16 tourists visited the Museum during the month of September. This number did not include the Moorambilla Group.

September was a busy month – due mainly to the Moorambilla Festival. Members used the grounds to cater for a morning tea for over 500 young people and their supervisors and the area was used for lunch and afternoon tea on the three days.

I am pleased to have received positive feedback from all the Supervisors on how well the grounds were maintained. We have only had one toilet facility over the past 20 years and it was wonderful to have two facilities operating over the busy weekend.

The Singing groups comprised the following:

- Maxed out Company
- The Girls Regional Choir
- The Boys Regional Choir
- MLC Burwood
- St Ursula's College, Toowoomba
- Abbotsleigh Sydney.

Up to 3 October I have 410 Facebook Fans – 14 more than last month.

ANGIE LITTLE

Curator

**17. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER
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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
14.09.12	Fat	1449	\$8476.65	31	\$137.95	1480	\$8614.60	-
29.09.12	Fat	1118	\$6540.30	25	\$111.25	1143	\$6651.55	-

TOTALS:	Scale	2567 head	\$15,016.95	
	VA	56 head	\$ 249.20	
	Store	NIL	\$ NIL	
	Yards	NIL Each	\$ NIL	\$15,266.15

17.2 CASUAL WEIGHING & CASUAL USE

Nil

17.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT

Period to 30 September 2012	Income	\$53,558.85
	Expenditure	<u>\$53,430.45</u>
	Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 128.40</u>

AMANDA GLASSON
Saleyards Manager

18. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
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NIL

19. GENERAL BUSINESS
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20. APPENDIX A – AUDITOR’S REPORT
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