

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr. Tom Cullen, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. M.Webb, J.Walker, D.Keady, 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 Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr. Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.0 APOLOGIES

0159 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that an apology for non-attendance be accepted from Cr Burnheim.

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Mr Luke Robinson, Director of the Moorambilla Festival, had an appointment to address Council at 11.00 a.m. Due to Councillor Training, Council was behind schedule and following the morning tea adjournment, the training was adjourned to receive Mr. Robinson, as he had other commitments during the day.

Notes were taken during Mr Robinson's meeting with Councillors. Briefly, Mr Robinson presented the Moorambilla Festival 2012 report and invited questions from Councillors. The Mayor asked whether a date for the 2013 event had been determined – Mr. Robinson advised that for 2013 the dates are 19 – 22 September, with the Gala Concert on 21 September. Mr Robinson said the pavilion at the showground is the only venue for the Concert and said both the Festival Committee and the Pony Club can work together. Mr Robinson said he was willing to make a definite booking for the Gala Concert at the Pavilion on 21 September and pay the necessary fees today.

During discussions the General Manager said a tentative booking had been made for both parties and that the Pony Club is willing to work with the Committee to allow both parties to utilise the venue. Mr Warren said Council facilities are there for the whole community and must be utilised as much as possible.

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Mr Robinson thanked Council for its support and said that next year's event will include more local participation. He left the Council Chamber at 11.50 a.m. Councillors then resumed their training course.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

0160 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 October 2012 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

Page 6 – The Quambone Community Resources representative is Mr. Dave O'Brien (not Mr Bill O'Brien)

Business Arising From Minutes:

(a) Nakadoo – Payment of Insurance Premium (Min No 0119)

Cr Webb requested that a notation be included in the minutes that he is a relative of Nakadoo's representatives and, although he did not take part in discussion or voting when the matter was discussed, he wished to have his interest recorded. The motion was moved and seconded from the floor and resolved before Cr Webb was able to leave the room.

(b) Future of CDEP

In response to a question, the General Manager said that the Economic Development Manager is still in touch with this matter. He said that when future information is available and, in particular, when a plan has been formulated, a report will be presented to Council.

(c) Grant to Improve Infrastructure – Local Saleyards

Council was informed that an application has been submitted for grant funding under this program to upgrade a loading ramp at the Coonamble saleyards.

(d) Pigeon Problem – Castlereagh Street

Councillors discussed this matter again and noted that attempts to fix the problem have not been successful. Other options available to Council were discussed and these will be investigated. The General Manager said that wherever awnings are not enclosed the problem will continue.

He said other business owners in the main street have also been contacted relative to this problem. Other issues were brought forward by the General Manager regarding staff having to clean the footpath of bird droppings and the costs of this additional cleaning.

(e) Main Street Pavers

Cr Karanouh referred to issues with the main street beautification work, particularly the pavers. The General Manager said that issues have been raised with the Contractor, who is on site today to address concerns.

(f) Position of Grants Officer

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services informed him that applications have been invited for the position.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

0161 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

(a) Coughran's Canyon

The Mayor referred to work being carried out in the vicinity of Coughran's Canyon – he was informed by the Director of Engineering Services that Contractors are relining sewer mains in that area. Mr Brodbeck also advised that he has resubmitted an application for REPAIR funds to carry out this work and when a Graduate Engineer appointment has been finalised, design works will commence to enable a final costing to be prepared.

(b) Oaks Bore

The Mayor asked whether any progress has been made on this matter – the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services said that the staff member assigned this investigation has left Council's employ. He said consultation has commenced, however information was provided in point form only and a report will be prepared to the December meeting.

Cr Cullen referred to the unsatisfactory time lapse that has occurred in connection with a proponent who is interested in establishing a business, but is waiting on information from Council.

(c) CCTV Cameras

Cr Schieb reported that some of the CCTV cameras are not recording properly – he was advised that the Contract has been advised of the problem and will be in Coonamble next week to carry out maintenance, liaise with the local police and fix any faulty units.

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor gave a brief account of his activities since the October meeting and included the following:

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- Visited Tamworth – inspected the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre, met with Tamworth City Council representative and representatives from the Quarter Horse and Cutting Horse Associations. Very positive input and wonderful support for our multi purpose centre.
- Attended OROC meeting in company with the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services.
- Referred to a project at Warren where tyres are melted and oil extracted – tyre companies funding the initiative.
- Attended the Remembrance Day Service.

0162 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Walker that the Mayor's Activity Report be received.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

0163 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 JUDITH FRASER, 13 DUBBO LANE R8-6-2+ST4(38628)

0164 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council advise Ms Fraser that works in Dubbo Street have been identified as a priority, however the Dubbo Lane area is not scheduled for work at this time and the issue of illegal use of motorcycles should be referred to the local police.

0165 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Walker that a letter be written to the Local Police concerning illegal use of motorcycles and other traffic in the Dubbo Lane and Tooloon Street areas including the levee.

10.2 PRINCIPAL, GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL T5(38659)

0166 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council advise the Principal of Gulargambone Central School that his concerns regarding traffic parking and movements adjacent to the School will again be referred to the Traffic Committee for determination and if breaches continue to occur, he contact the Local Police.

The Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that a Traffic Adviser from the RMS was to inspect the area and advise a solution. The Director said that some zones around school areas are not legal.

10.3 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE C2+T5-1(38630)

0167 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce be advised that a dump site is located at the

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Coonamble Caravan Park and the matter of signage on the State Highway will be referred to the next meeting of the Traffic Committee.

10.4 MR & MRS CARROLL, OWNERS - GULARGAMBONE CARAVAN PARK C2-2(38704)

0168 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council request a report be provided considering the effects the improved chemicals may have on the sewer system and the cost and location of a facility.

10.5 MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL D5-6-1+D7(38678)

0169 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council not accede to the request to flag the additional \$5,000 for future Moorambilla events and that the funds be returned to General Fund to offset the current deficit.

10.6 COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB P1-1(38714)

0170 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council again not agree to waive the hire charge for the use of the pool, but grant permission to the Club retaining the gate takings over the two days of the Carnival.

10.7 ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL D7(38724)

0171 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council agree to contribute \$100 to each of the five schools in the Shire towards prizes for their Presentation Awards.

10.8 CSC EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE S6(387839)

0172 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council contribute \$500 towards the Outdoor Employees' Break-up Party.

10.9 CSC EMPLOYEES' INDOOR CHRISTMAS PARTY S6(38743)

0173 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council contribute \$300 towards the Indoor Employees' Christmas Party.

10.10 COONAMBLE PRIMARY SCHOOL P1-1(38759)

0174 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council waive the entry fee for staff attending Swimming Lessons with students from any of the five schools within the Shire.

10.11 YONG CAO A5(38766)

0175 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council, as the landowner, consent to Mr Yong Cao lodging a development application to build a single aircraft hangar at the Coonamble Airport.

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10.12 COACH – GULARGAMBONE SWIMMING CLUB S13-2(38857)
0176 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Keady that Council accede to the request to extend Friday opening time to 7.00 p.m. to allow for point score to be conducted.

10.13 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL D7+E1(38789)
0177 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council agree to contribute an annual sponsorship of \$100 towards prizes towards the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative.

10.14 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE T5
A MOTION
PROPOSED by Cr Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that Council abandon the 2 hour parking limit in the main business area, **WAS LOST**

0178 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the 2 hour parking limit in the main business area continue and that enforcement be on a patrolled irregular basis once per week.

On being put to the vote, there were 3 votes for and 3 votes against, however the motion was passed on the Mayor's casting vote, i.e. 4 votes to 3 votes.

10.15 STEWART ROBINSON L11
Requesting to lease the park known as Smith Street Park, which is at the rear of his property. The General Manager reported that he has also had a request to lease land at the Sewerage Treatment Works.

0179 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Webb that Council investigate the ownership of the Smith Street park area, noting that it was provided when the housing commission development was taking place in the vicinity, that a report be provided to the December meeting on the outcome and include details of the treatment works area, whether or not it is practical to lease and, if so, expressions of interest will have to be called if either area is available for lease.

10.16 THE HON BRAD HAZZARD MP E5-2(38796)
0180 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that Council agree to accept the delegations and nominate the General Manager to be empowered to exercise the delegations.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:

**10.17 ZONE MANAGER, NORTH WEST ZONE RURAL FIRE SERVICE
B13(38803)**

Advising all permits to burn are cancelled effective as of and including 31 October 2012. Stating the permit restriction ban will remain in force until the end of November 2012 when the situation will be re-assessed and further advice issued.

10.18 MINISTRY FOR POLICE & EMERGENCY SERVICES E4(38586)

Advising that the Emergency Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 amended the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989.

The General Manager informed the meeting that he has exercised his powers under section 378 of the Local Government Act 1993 and delegated the position of Chairperson to the Director of Engineering Services.

10.19 MR GREG KILBY R8-6-2+D5-21(38587)

Making suggestions regarding the proposed covered arena and pointing out that the suggested 'awning' would not be as expensive as what is being planned. Asking Council to not overburden the Shire with debt and suggesting other ways to spend funds.

A copy of Mr. Kilby's correspondence was included with the business paper.

**10.20 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL L10-
2(38590)**

Advising the Panel visited 18 regional centres during its Listening Tour and spoke to over 700 community and council leaders. Pointing out that a second discussion paper is currently being prepared outlining the case for change in the local government sector – the paper is due for release in November.

Details of the Panel's Dubbo visit were included with the business papers.

10.21 THE HON BRAD HAZZARD MP D5-22(38604)

Thanking Council for its role in the operation of the Joint Regional Planning Panels (regional panels) and saying he has recently approved revised Operational Procedures, Code of Conduct and Complaints Handling Policy for those panels. Advising the revised documents are available on the following websites: www.planning.nsw.gov.au and at www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au

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**10.22 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – COMMISSIONER -
OFFICE OF WATER E5 (38554)**

Referring to Council's letter to the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson concerning coal seam gas activities and saying the Minister has requested him to respond. Advising the NSW Government is committed to ensuring there are appropriate policies in place to protect our valuable land and water resources, while ensuring the NSW economy remains vibrant and strong. Saying further information is available at www.nsw.gov.au under the Strategic Regional Land Use prompt.

10.23 PREMIER & CABINET C13-1+L10-1(38676)

Reminding councillors of their obligations under the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to the lodgement of the *'Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return'*. Asking General Managers to ensure Councillors receive a copy of this circular.

A copy of the circular was provided to each Councillor.

10.24 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES C6-13+R8-13(38717)

Referring to Council's request and quotation to carry out minor safety improvement works for the relocation of the school crossing in Bertram Street. Advising RMS has accepted the quote and setting out conditions which must be adhered to.

10.25 COONAMBLE YOUTH MENTORING M3-1(38741)

Inviting the Mayor and Councillors to the Student Film Launch on Wednesday 21 November – Coonamble High School Library – 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Pointing out the RSVP date is Friday 16 November to Tanya Hind – 6822 1522 – email tanya.hind@det.nsw.edu.au for catering purposes.

10.26 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE L3+D7(38753)

Thanking Council for its generous support of the 2012 Shop Local Promotion which has enabled the Chamber to extend the potential benefit to all businesses in the community. Stating the promotion commences on 22 October and closes at the Christmas Carnivale on Thursday 13 December.

10.27 TRADE AND INVESTMENT E5(38751)

Responding to Council's enquiry about chemicals used in coal seam gas activities and saying that in NSW CSG exploration is assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Stating that as part of the approvals process proponents are required to submit a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) that addresses all potential impacts of the proposal, including potential impacts on the environment, water resources and the community. Pointing out that a copy of the REF which accompanies an application can be viewed on the Department's website:

<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/environment/ref>

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10.28 KEVIN HUMPHRIES, MP – MEMBER FOR BARWON E5(38746)

Referring to Council's letter concerning the Regional Community Benefit Funds which has been established as part of Restart NSW. Saying a component of Restart NSW has been set aside for regional NSW – 10% of this component is specifically set aside for communities directly affected by mining. Pointing out that the fund is new money and is very much subject to the current state of the NSW budget. Further advising that in addition, prior to production mining and gas companies are obliged to enter into Voluntary Planning Agreements with affected councils and this makes up part of the planning and approval process. Saying that companies will negotiate directly with local councils to identify projects to be supported.

10.29 INFRASTRUCTURE NSW R2

Media release headed *Regional road, freight and water upgrades recommended in State Infrastructure Strategy*. Advising major road and rail projects proposed for construction or planning in the Strategy. Saying the strategy's recommendations have been provided to the Government for its consideration in developing plans for infrastructure investment – the Strategy can be found at www.insw.com

The General Manager tabled the document (which is over 200 pages) at the meeting and advised it can be accessed at www.infrastructure.nsw.gov.au The sections of particular interest to Council were included in the business paper.

10.30 LIBRARIES NSW – CENTRAL WEST ZONE – DUBBO L4(38785)

Advising the Annual Public Libraries NSW (PLNSW) Conference is scheduled to be hosted by a PLNSW Central West Zone member council and their library service in November 2014 and will be hosted by Mid Western Regional Council.

10.31 THE HON SIMON CREAM MP G5-1(38828)

Responding to Council's letter concerning Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) allocations for 2012/13. Pointing out the reason for this year's larger than expected negative adjustment is because there was a reduction in the CPI figures as well as an adjustment downwards of Australia's population estimates. Advising the Commission will undertake a range of activities, including engaging with stakeholders, to inform their findings.

10.32 JOHN & GEORGINA BURTON R8-10+R8-11+SR109(38835)

Informing Council that the minutes of the October 2012 meeting are incorrect regarding the Thara Road. Pointing out Mr Burton objected to the transfer of Crown Road in Lot 21 in DP754184 to Council's control and this has not been stated. Also saying he objected to a road being constructed in Lot 21 DP7541284 and this has not been noted in the minutes.

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The General Manager included an excerpt (*s254 – matters to be included in minutes of council meeting*) from the Local Government Regulation (General) 2005. He informed the meeting there is no requirement for Council to include anything other than the decisions made by Council.

10.33 PREMIER & CABINET S13+L10-1(38837)

Advising that the *Swimming Pools (Amendment) Act 2012* commenced on 29 October 2012 and a number of amendments have been made. Stating all pool owners are required to register their pools on a new State-wide online register which is being developed and will be available by no later than the end of April 2013. Advising Councils will need to develop, in consultation with their communities, a swimming pool inspection program and also issue compliance certificates where an inspected pool barrier complies with the Act. Asking general managers to bring this matter to the attention of councillors and relevant staff.

10.34 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEKLY E5

Concerning major reform to agricultural and NRM services and advising Catchment Management Authorities and Livestock Health & Pest Authorities and parts of the Department of Primary Industries will be amalgamated into new regional organisations. Stating that from January 2014 the new organisations (called *Local Land Services*) will deliver functions currently provided by the 13 CMAs and 14 LHPAs and agriculture advisory services of Agriculture NSW (part of the Department of Primary Industries).

Further information on this reform was included with the business paper for Councillors' information.

0181 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.17 to 10.34 inclusive be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

0182 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Keady that the following be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

10.35 REBEL AG PTY LTD A5(38884)

10.36 CROPJET AVIATION A5(38885)

Councillors noted that both companies wish to acquire the same portion of land at the Coonamble Airport.

The General Manager said he had instructed staff to meet with representatives of both companies to identify a location and resolve the matter. It was also noted that the Aero Club should be included in negotiations.

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0183 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that a meeting be held between Council staff and representatives of both companies and the Aero Club to investigate the costs to Council and the companies; the best possible site to operate from the Coonamble Airport and a report of the outcome of the meeting be presented at the December Council meeting.

**10.37 DETECTIVE SUPT BRIAN HAY – QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
D7(38900)**

0184 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that Council decline to provide sponsorship to the 2013 Fiscal the Fraud Fighting Ferret Calendar, which is clearly a Queensland Police Service initiative.

10.38 PRESIDENT, COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB D7(38896)

0185 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that:

- (a) Council will contribute \$10,430 to provide airconditioning to the Swimming Club building;
- (b) the Club be advised it may commence work on the building, however all works have to be completed to standards set by The Building Code of Australia;
- (c) Council point out that the balcony is not to be used and internal access must be used;
- (d) Council will undertake work to address safety aspects concerning the building after the current swimming season.

10.39 SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL D7

0186 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council allow the eight permanent residents of Greene Villa and their carers to purchase a Family Season Ticket at a cost of \$207 to cover admission to the Coonamble Pool for the 2012/2012 season.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0187 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED
AUTHORITY**

0188 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note Development Application Nos. 030/2012 & 032/2012, together with Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 031/2012, 036/2012, 038/2012 & 041/2012, were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

11.2 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF OFFICE – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

0189 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council close the office at 5pm on Friday 21 December 2012 and reopen at 8.30am on Wednesday 2 January 2013 and that staff use annual leave provisions for the four days not covered by public holidays.

At this juncture, 1.20 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.23 p.m.

11.3 REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

0190 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that all Councillors attend the Councillor Workshop and the General Manager and Senior Staff attend the Officers Workshop on 27 November 2012.

11.4 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME

0191 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council not seek funding under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme.

11.5 ADDITIONAL SHOWER AND TOILET FACILITIES – COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND

The General Manager referred to Council's earlier request to table a report on this matter. He said the proposal is for seven shower units in both male and female facilities and this will incorporate a disabled unit in each. Male toilets have four stalls and a urinal, female toilets have six stalls each facility incorporating a disabled accessible unit. The storage facility is approximately 54 square metres. The report estimated costs to complete the project at \$250,000.

A map was available at the meeting to more clearly show the proposal.

Council noted that investigations were being made to ascertain whether this project would be eligible for 'tourism' funding. Councillors noted that these facilities would be showground improvements in the overall Management Plan of the Showground and would give support to the application to RDA for funding for the multi purpose arena.

0192 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb & Walker that Council make application to the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund Grants to maximise potential for the Indoor Arena overall plan at the Showground.

11.6 DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS RETURN

0193 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note the tabling of the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Returns for 2012.

11.7 NOTICES OF MOTION

The General Manager informed Councillors that the two Notices of Motion submitted by Cr Karanouh need to be moved and seconded in accordance with normal meeting procedure.

(a) CR ALLAN KARANOUH C13(38734)

Giving notice of intention to move the following motion at this meeting:

"...that Council investigate the cost to place rubber stoppers along the kerb in the Coonamble CBD to prevent vehicles backing into the awning posts and, if acceptable, the funding be provided from Urban Roads Reserve"

0194 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council investigate the cost of traffic stoppers, including freight and installation, noting that 70 units would be provided and a report be submitted to Council, including the practicalities of installing these items in the CBD.

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

(b) CR ALLAN KARANOUH C13(38756)

Giving notice of intention to move the following motion at this meeting:

"...that Council purchase 10 garbage receptacles with capacity of around 240 litre, estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$1,500 each and install them in various locations throughout the CBD, and fund the cost from Urban Roads Reserve"

0195 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council purchase 10 x 240 litre garbage receptacles and install them in various locations throughout the CBD, funding of approximately \$15,000, plus installation, to come from the Urban Roads Reserve.

On being put to the vote, the motion was passed with 4 votes in favour.

11.8 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA FUND (RDAF)

0196 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council continue to maximise partnership opportunities and submit an EOI for Round 4 for the proposed arena at the Showground.

11.9 RATE CERTIFICATE AT LEVY 2012/2013

0197 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note the Rate Certificate at Levy for the Year 2012/2013 and authorise the affixing of the Seal.

11.10 FINAL RATE CERTIFICATE 2011/2012

0198 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that Council note the Final Rate Certificate for the Year 2011/2012 and authorise the affixing of the Seal.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

0199 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

0200 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 October 2012, as amended, be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

0201 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the list of investments as 31 October 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 summary of progress and activities of community services for September-October, including:

- Community Development
- Crime Prevention
- Youth anti-social behaviour
- Events - Australia Day
- Vacation Care
- Library
- External Funding - \$66,000 from NSW Crime Prevention Grants through the NSW Justice & Attorney General to be used for the facilitation of the Burglar Beware Phase II project.
- Integrated Planning and reporting.

Cr. Schieb referred to the overall drop in crime statistics and said the various programs are doing well. He referred to the number of cameras being used for bush surveillance which is also helping to control incidents of crime. Cr Schieb said a letter would be forthcoming from the Committee seeking Council's assistance in installing cameras on roads within the Shire.

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The General Manager explained Council's position and the need to comply with various regulations

0202 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information contained in the Community Services Progress report be noted.

12.4 LIBRARY SERVICES POLICY

0203 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council endorse the attached Library Services Policy and place the document on public exhibition, calling for submissions, for the prescribed period prior to formally adopting the policy taking into consideration any submissions received.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES

0204 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 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

0205 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the information contained in the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

13.2 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

0206 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Keady that the information contained in the report by the Tourism Development Manager be noted.

The following issues were discussed:

- Primitive Camp Site – Quambone – signs ordered; students will paint building; staff will clean toilets, as well as open/close.
- Tin Town project – waiting on historical information to enable signage to be ordered.
- Inland Tourism – the Director said when a date is known for the meeting Councillors will be advised.

13.3 SHOWGROUND SECURITY OPTIONS

0207 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council agree to the following:

- Lock the two main gates directly onto the highway, leaving the gate near the dog track open;
- Signage be erected at all gates with Office & Manager's numbers and requesting that anyone wishing to rest stock or ride casually contact Council.
- Camping Prohibited signs be erected, with power boxes locked to discourage casual camping

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- Review current booking system and fee structure in readiness for the future indoor facility, bringing the proposed income for the area into line with the business plan.

13.4 FINANCIAL REPORTS & AUDIT REPORT – YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2012

Copies of the audited financial reports and audit report for the year ended 30 June 2012 were available at the meeting.

0208 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the presentation and tabling of its Auditors Report and Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2012.

13.5 STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING REPORT – COONAMBLE MUSIC SHELL

A copy of this report was provided to each Councillor with the business paper.

0209 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council call for expressions of interest to demolish the Music Shell ('Opera House') and following demolition, include in future estimates the cost of a replacement amenities block in Lions Park.

13.6 CARAVAN PARK AMENITIES BLOCK - UPGRADE

0210 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that Council not apply for funding under the guidelines of the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund (TIRF) for grants to upgrade the current amenities block at the Riverside Caravan Park.

13.7 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0211 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the information contained in this report be noted.

0212 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Schieb that a report be prepared for Council's consideration of leasing the swimming pool for the next season.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

0213 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 PROPOSED TREE PLANTING – ABERFORD STREET

0214 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council not plant trees in Aberford Street, west of the bridge due to the number of underground services, overhead power lines and security cameras in the

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area, noting that the available area for trees in much of the area is non-existent.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0215 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0216 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2012

0217 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Ranger for the month of October 2012 be noted.

16.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

The presentation of the quarterly budget review document was discussed. The General Manager informed Council that the presentation of this information is mandated by the Division of Local Government. He said if Councillors wish to receive the information minus depreciation that it would be arranged, however he would also prepare the mandatory presentation and provide Councillors with a copy.

Mr Warren invited Councillors to come forward to either himself or the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services, if they would like to go through the document one-on-one.

0218 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 September 2012.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

0219 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Webb that reports from various committees, as listed below, be noted:

- *Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting – 8 May 2012*
- *Employment Circle Meeting – 23 October 2012*
- *Museum Report for October*
- *Delegates Report – Campbelltown Visit*

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18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

0220 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Saleyards Report for the month of October 2012 be noted.

19.0 RESCISSION MOTION – MAIN STREET UPGRADE

A Rescission Motion, signed by Crs. Karanouh, Schieb and Keady in connection with the Main Street Upgrade was not moved at the meeting.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that the Contractor be instructed to move the pillars across to the other side of the footpath (not against buildings), **WAS LOST.**

After considerable deliberation, Councillors agreed to make an impromptu inspection of the area.

0221 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the Contractor be instructed to place pillars alongside buildings in accordance with the plan, however the pillars on the western side go to the end of the NAB premises and on the eastern side be erected as per the original proposal.

20.0 CORRESPONDENCE TO CLOSED SESSION

0222 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) "*personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)*"

0223 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

0224 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Webb that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

0225 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Webb that Council adopt the recommendation of Closed Session, as detailed below.

20.1 MR VERN SMITH

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Mr Smith be advised Council is prepared to write off the balance of the debt pending transfer of the land to the new owner.

21.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr. Walker:

- Future of old sheep yards – Council decided to leave the sheep yards until the abattoir is operational.

Cr Karanouh:

- LEP zoning – Cr. Schieb is agent for a vendor in the area to be discussed – he left the room whilst the matter was being dealt with. The General Manager produced a map and informed the meeting that the ‘pink’ colour is zoned Residential. He said the question was asked whether Council would consider rezoning the area from Aberford Street to Searle Avenue on the eastern side of Railway Street “industrial”, noting the cost of rezoning would be in the vicinity of \$20,000. Further discussion ensued regarding residential properties located within that area.

0226 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council take no action at this point in time regarding action to have the area on the eastern side of Railway Street from Aberford Street to Searle Avenue rezoned ‘industrial’.

- Referred to pot holes in the Charles Street area – the Director of Engineering said he will be submitting a report on resealing this area in the future.

Cr Schieb:

- Cr Schieb reported that there were no tetanus shots available in Coonamble recently.
- Smoke alarm at Radio Station has been received, but not installed.
- Quarry figures – the Director reported that unofficial figure to date for quarry earnings is around \$400,000
- Spraying road shoulders on loam roads – the Director said he would carry out a trial on a section of SR12.
- Referred to side tippers being used by other Councils – said they are more economical. The Director said they are considerably dearer than conventional tippers, but he would investigate the possibility of Council obtaining a side tipper when future purchases are being considered.

Cr.Keady:

- Referred to the proposal by Local Land Services to transform service delivery to NSW Farmers and Landowners. Suggested councillors should have a look on the website to be aware of what is proposed.

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0227 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council write to the Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, objecting in the strongest possible terms to the loss of the agronomist position in Coonamble.

Director of Corporate and Community Services:

- Seeking a Council representative to attend the next meeting of the Community Working Party which will be held at the Bowling Club on Tuesday 4 December 2012 at 10 a.m. The Mayor agreed to attend.

General Manager:

- Thara Road – referred to the lengthy letter received from Mr and Mrs Burton – he said he would respond saying that Council has taken control of the road; survey is being undertaken in accordance with decision previously made.
- Training Calendar – referred to a new calendar of training for councillors and said he would email a copy to each Councillor.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.58 pm.

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MAYOR