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NOTICE OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL'S MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2013.

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Yours faithfully
RICK WARREN
General Manager

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7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013**

7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 9.07 A.M.

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 Engineering Services, Mr. Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

Cr Bevan O'Regan, Deputy Mayor of Narrabri Shire Council, was also present.

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

- Mrs Karen Kennedy – Sewerage Treatment Works Lease
- Mr & Mrs John Burton – Thara Road

4.0 APOLOGIES

0228 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that an apology for non-attendance be accepted from Cr Burnheim.

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Mrs Anne Kennedy will be addressing Council on recent developments on Coal Seam Gas issue and providing an update on issues of concern.

Mr. Bevan O'Regan will also be attending the meeting to speak about Public Hearings by Councils (section 734) – regarding Coal Seam Gas.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Two Declarations of Interest were received:

- Cr Webb – Sewerage Treatment Works Lease (brother of Mrs.Kennedy)
- Cr Keady – Coonamble Show Society – (President of the Society)

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

0229 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 November 2012 be confirmed, subject to the addition of the mover and seconder of Resolution No. 0181 "*Cr Schieb and Cr Keady*".

Business Arising From Minutes:

(a) CCTV Cameras – In response to a question from Cr Karanouh, the General Manager said that the cameras are not all operational as we are waiting on the contractor. He said Council is using its own IT staff to upgrade and carry out maintenance to the police station system.

0230 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council investigate alternate arrangements for the maintenance of its CCTV camera system by inviting expressions of interest and encouraging local qualified persons to apply.

(b) Position of Grants Officer – Cr Schieb asked whether Council has filled this position. The General Manager said there was very little interest in the role, however the one applicant was requested to perform an exercise by writing an application for a grant and returning it to Council. The General Manager said the position is 3 days/week.

0231 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council proceed with the current arrangement for the role of Grants Officer and, if the applicant is not suitable, Council re-advertise the position as 5 days/week in an attempt to attract more suitable applicants.

ADDRESS ON COAL SEAM GAS

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mrs. Kennedy to the meeting and invited her to address Council. Mrs. Kennedy provided a short home video on the results of coal seam gas mining in Tara Estates. Mrs. Kennedy said it was all here in the short film; unaccounted methane emissions, water contamination and health impacts, which are likely to be very expensive in the end. She said the Government has been requested to provide a Health Impact Assessment, but is not willing to do so.

Cr O'Regan thanked Council for allowing him to address its members. He said that councils have lost all rights – mining companies do not have to have development applications approved even when the activities are on ratepayers private land.

He referred to Section 734 – Public hearings by a council – and said it is a powerful tool and the only way councils have any rights against mining companies. Cr O'Regan referred to the four conditions of the section which give councils authority to arrange a public hearing and conduct the hearing. The report must then be furnished to the council and made public and, in his opinion, council is then in control.

Cr O'Regan invited questions from Councillors. It was noted that mining in a big way is happening in the Gunnedah & Narrabri areas, however Moree is anti mining and have moved to support a moratorium against coal seam gas mining and exploration. The Mayor, Cr. Cullen, said this Council has taken the same action. The case of Gloucester Council was mentioned – it went to the Land and Environment Court trying to stop mining, but lost out. Cr O'Regan said Section 734 opens a wide scope and it would be no problem to arrange a panel of – say – five persons. Mrs Kennedy said she has people who are prepared to give evidence.

The Mayor said a Section 734 public hearing would set a precedent – he said the State Government openly supports coal seam gas exploration and mining and he was not convinced that a public hearing would achieve any result. Cr Cullen said the mining companies would still be in a position to take Council to the Land and Environment Court – and on past results, Council would lose.

Further discussion ensued prior to Cr O'Regan and Mrs. Kennedy thanking Council and leaving the meeting. Cr. Webb also left the room prior to Mrs. Karen Kennedy being invited to address the meeting.

LEASE OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS

Mrs Kennedy referred to the sewerage treatment works and requested that the area be made available for horses. The General Manager said if Council decided to lease the area, expressions of interest would be invited and the successful applicant would be required to lodge a bond for fencing. Mr Warren said the fence would need to be constructed to a standard which was acceptable to Council. Mrs Kennedy said when the lease was held by them previously they complied with all Council's requirements.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Kennedy and said Council would discuss the matter later in the day. She left the meeting at 10.12 a.m. Cr Webb returned to the meeting.

THARA ROAD

Mr & Mrs John Burton were present to discuss this matter. Mr. Burton referred to the survey of the area and was advised by the Mayor that a surveyor from Geolyse has been engaged to carry out the work in January. The Mayor also said the surveyor had been provided with guidelines and conditions.

Mr Burton said he went through guidelines provided by the Lands Department and applied for the area which, he said, the Government was encouraging landholders to do and due to lack of communication from both the Department and Council has been placed in his current position.

The Mayor advised there is a process to follow, the survey will proceed and Council will make a further decision on the matter in February. He thanked Mr and Mrs. Burton for coming to the meeting.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

0232 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Keady that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

Cr. Webb left the meeting for Council to discuss lease of the sewerage treatment works – part of Resolution No 0179.

(a) Proposed Lease of STW Area

0233 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that a report be brought to the February meeting regarding this matter, outlining conditions of lease, requirements for fencing and other issues, i.e. whether the lease will have negative impact on Council's channels and lagoons.

The Director of Engineering Services said that the block on the north side of the Treatment Works is private property. He also said Council should investigate whether there will be breaches of its licence.

At this juncture, 10.29 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and the Mayor and General Manager went to the TAFE Graduation Ceremony where the Mayor was scheduled to give a short address. The meeting resumed at 11.28 a.m. Upon resumption, both the Economic Development Manager and the Tourism Development Manager were at the meeting to present their reports.

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

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

- The Clontarf Foundation – said this is working very well at the High School – said this program is making a difference to the participating students.
- Parks and Gardens staff – commented on the Zone Carnival of Little Athletics held at Coonamble last weekend. He said the officials were impressed with the standard of our oval and its preparation for the Carnival. A big thank you to the Parks and Gardens staff.

- Attended the Tourism Workshop held at the Bowling Club – said it was outstanding and congratulated the Tourism Development Manager.
- CWA Zone meeting held in Coonamble – 18 towns participated – commented that the CWA is very active in issues concerning coal seam gas, lobbying the government concerning cutbacks associated with services and funding.
- Attended Barbara O’Brien’s farewell function at 2828 – said it was well attended. The Mayor said that Barbara is excited to be moving to Dubbo where she is already involved in a number of activities.
- Moorambilla – a meeting was held to discuss the 2013 Moorambilla festival. Cr Keady said he would provide further details in General Business.

0234 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that the Mayor’s Activity Report be received.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES

0235 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

0236 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the information contained in the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

The following issues were discussed:

- Eco Spa – still awaiting receipt of the Engineering report regarding water, then will be in a position to submit the Development Application. Grant has to be acquitted shortly.
- Covered Arena – transfer of Showground is awaiting Minister’s signature, a preliminary valuation has been received. Handed out the final design for Councillors’ information.
- Caravan Park – Council has forwarded a letter concerning the purchase of the area – no response to date, however been in contact with the Dubbo Lands Office.
- Abattoirs – owners still working towards having them operational – spent considerable funds – power supply completed and other works are being undertaken.

13.2 AGRIBUSINESS LEASES – COONAMBLE AIRPORT

0237 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council:

(a) agree to lease blocks at Coonamble Airport to both Cropjet and Rebel Ag and proceed with preparing leases of five (5) years with two (2) x five (5) year options for renewal;

- (b) set a monthly rental of \$220 for each block with annual increases to correspond with CPI (Weighted average of eight capital cities);
- (c) advise Cropjet that it has first option on choice of block given its proposal is for a more substantial presence;
- (d) not proceed with investigations into the lease of the Terminal Building.

13.3 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

0238 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the information contained in the report by the Tourism Development Manager be noted.

The Manager answered questions on the following topics:

- Macquarie Marshes – potential for tourism – stated that access from Quambone at this stage is through private properties. Visitors have to book appointments with the National Parks and pay a fee.
- Riversmart is interested in developing the Marshes – we may be able to work with other Councils within the region.
- Warren Shire has applied for funding to establish a Marshes Information Centre.
- Tourist Information Booklet – handed drafts of the cover for Councillors to peruse and select one. It was agreed that a full report on the content of this booklet be presented to the February 2013 meeting.

13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0239 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the information contained in this report be noted.

Cr. Walker gave a brief summary of his visit to Quambone in company with the General Manager:

- Signs have not been erected at the Primitive Camping Area at Quambone
- The swings have been located in the park – more play equipment has been requested. Maybe liaise with the School and include provision for additional equipment in the estimates.
- Met the new owners of the Quambone Store – they are stocking the shop again and will be getting petrol and diesel in the future.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

0240 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 NSW DEPARTMENT OF FAIR TRADING

S4(38926)

0241 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council accept the delegation of certain functions under the Plumbing & Drainage Act 2011 from the NSW Fair Trading and authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to the Instrument of Delegation.

10.2 NSW DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & WATER – NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE

T3(39025)

0242 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that Council note the information supplied by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and convey the contents of the letter to the Quambone Resources Committee.

10.3 WESTERN DIVISION COUNCILS OF NSW

A2-1-1(39042)

The General Manager informed Council that it has had Native Title Claims lodged previously and have elected to be a 'party to the proceedings' and informed of progress with the Claims.

0243 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council not participate in the Collective of Councils at this stage, having received legal advice from Council's Solicitor that little would be gained in participating which may involve Council in considerable expense.

10.4 NSW DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

B11(39071)

0244 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council adopt the Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils and the Supporting Guide which has been developed by the Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities, place the document on public exhibition inviting submissions for the prescribed period before formally adopting the Policy in conjunction with any submissions received.

10.5 COONAMBLE ASSOCIATED AGENTS PTY LTD

S1(39098)

0245 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that Council agree to the request by the Coonamble Associated Agents Pty Ltd to commence Friday sales at 8.00 a.m. commencing Friday 4 January 2013.

10.6 TAFE WESTERN – COONAMBLE CAMPUS

D7(38975)

0246 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to donate \$100 towards a prize for the TAFE Graduation Awards Ceremony.

10.7 ALF WATERS TAXI SERVICE T5(39054)

0247 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council refer this matter to the Traffic Committee, with a recommendation to remove the concrete median adjacent to the Taxi Rank and provide two disabled size car parks for taxi cabs in the current location.

10.8 REGIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR – CENTRAL WEST REGION

0248 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council advise the Regional Landcare Facilitator that it is interested in the Landcare Support Project and the General Manager seek nominations from within the community to take on the role for the six month period.

Cr Keady declared an interest in the following matter and left the room.

10.9 COONAMBLE SHOW SOCIETY INC S5(39146)

0249 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council defer this matter until the outcome of its application to Round 4 of the Regional Development Australia Fund is known.

Cr Keady returned to the meeting.

10.10 MATERIAL GIRLS L4(39142)

0250 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council agree to the Material Girls conducting an opening night party at the Library on Friday evening 7 June 2013 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Patchwork and quilting exhibition, subject to appropriate staff being on site during the event.

10.11 INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL (IPART) R4(39070)

0251 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council's rates forecast for 2013/2014 be prepared on the basis of a 3.4% increase, in line with IPART determination.

Section B – For Council's Information:**10.12 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES R8-18(38925)**

Advising that a new road numbering system is being introduced to the NSW network to simplify signage and reduce confusion for road users. Stating that from early 2013 the nationally recognized system will significantly improve the way motorists navigate the state's road network. Saying it is expected that implementation of the system will be completed by the end of 2013.

**10.13 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – OFFICE OF WATER
W1-13(338928)**

Advising that approval has been given to the Section 60 Application for the Coonamble Water Treatment Plant.

10.14 PRESIDENT, SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW L9(38973)

Touching base with councils and hoping councillors have settled into the challenges of elected life, particularly newly elected persons. Updating members on a number of important issues and changes that will occur during the early part of this term.

10.15 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION INC E4(38961)

Referring to previous correspondence concerning the Association's response to the Government's Discussion Paper Funding our Emergency Services. Pointing out that, of particular relevance, is the impact of a property levy on rural and residential ratepayers and the loss of revenue in the form of levies paid by contents insurance policy holders in rental accommodation, both commercial and residential. Saying the Association is concerned that the well intentioned efforts of the Government may be misdirected by those with vested interests in cost shifting rather than equitability.

10.16 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION F5-2

Forwarding notes from Flood Insurance Workshop held on Thursday 30 August 2012. Advising the workshop was convened at the request of members to hear their issues, latest developments and to provide a forum with the insurance industry. Providing the main outcomes from the Workshop and other relevant and interesting information.

This information was included with each Councillor's business paper.

10.17 THE HON CHRIS HARTCHER MP – MINISTER FOR RESOURCES AND ENERGY E5(39055)

Responding to Council's letter of 14 August 2012 concerning the coal seam gas industry in the Coonamble LGA and apologizing for the delay. Saying the NSW Government has introduced stringent controls to address community concerns. Pointing out the Strategic Regional Land Use Policy released by the NSW Government in September 2012 establishes a comprehensive set of initiatives to balance growth in the mining and coal seam gas industries with the need to protect agricultural land and water resources.

10.18 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL L10-2(39104)

Forwarding Media Release headed *No simple answers for NSW country councils – there's no pot of gold or silver bullet to cure the ills of rural councils in NSW according to the Independent Local Government Review's latest findings.*

Advising the Panel has released its discussion paper *Better, Stronger Local Government* which proposes a broad package of measures to strengthen the “strategic capacity” of councils across NSW. Saying the Panel would continue to consult on the issues raised in the Discussion Paper with comments welcome until March 2013. Copies of the Discussion Paper are available at www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au Copies of all correspondence received by Council was included with the Business Paper.

10.19 SALINITY & WATER QUALITY ALLIANCE (CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY) E5-3(39049)

Saying that the CMAs, NSW DPI (extension services) and LHPAs are in the process of transition into Local Lands Services and an important step in the transition has been made with the release of a draft of the LLS boundaries, which are currently open for consultation. Recommending very highly that Council consider the new boundaries and how any changes may impact on Council’s current working partnerships with the CMA and other councils in the region.

A copy of the map showing the new boundaries was attached to the business paper and the General Manager said should Councillors wish to make a submission, to advise him the basis of their concerns.

10.20 NSW DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & SERVICES W1(39056)

Informing Council about an important review the NSW Government is currently undertaking regarding the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* (WIC Act) and the regulation of recycled water schemes under the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act). Pointing out a Discussion Paper is available at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/urbanwaterregreview and seeking feedback – saying submissions are due by 15 February 2013.

10.21 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L9(39053)

Providing an update on constitutional recognition and urging councils to make a submission to the Inquiry as these are critically important in convincing the committee of the level of support within local government and to counter submissions lodged which might oppose constitutional recognition.

0252 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.12 to 10.21 inclusive be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

0253 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the following be classified “urgent business” and dealt with.

10.22 YOUTH LINK AUSTRALIA D7(39156)

0254 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council not agree to donate \$40 - \$50, as requested, to Youth Link Australia, noting that local services are widely advertised and promoted.

10.23 COONAMBLE CHILDREN'S SERVICES C8-1(39164)

0255 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that Council provide a letter of support to the Coonamble Children's Services to retain the Sustainability funding, noting that child care facilities are licensed and regulated through both State and Federal Governments.

10.24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL S6(39163)

0256 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that Council note the Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2013 annual determination which is expected to be finalised around 30 April 2013.

10.25 CR BILL BURNHEIM S6

0257 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council note Cr Burnheim's thanks to Engineering staff for restricting road maintenance, where possible, to allow easy flow of harvest traffic.

10.26 COONAMBLE YOUTH INTERAGENCY GROUP S13-1(39185)

0258 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council not agree to the request to amend fees or change operating times at the Coonamble Swimming Pool.

10.27 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW G5(39196)

0259 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that Council note its application to the Age-Friendly Community Local Government Grants Scheme for toilets for the disabled at Coonamble Radio Station was not successful.

10.28 MS DORRIE ASTILL, LESSEE – COONAMBLE POOL KIOSK S13-4

0260 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that Council advise the lessee of the Pool that it will not purchase the two items for use at the kiosk and advise the lessee to make her own arrangements.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0261 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

0262 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note Development Application Nos. 031/2012 & 034/2012 together with Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 031/2012, 036/2012, 038/2012 & 041/2012, were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

The General Manager referred to a proposed development at 7 Herrmann Street and said he has received a complaint. Mr Warren said the complainant has been informed that it is an application from the Crown and Council cannot refuse it.

11.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

0263 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council formally adopt the Code of Meeting Practice submitted to the September 2012 meeting and which has been on public exhibition for the prescribed period, noting that no submissions were received.

11.3 ANNUAL REPORT – 2011/2012

0264 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note the tabling of the 2011/2012 Annual Report and that a copy of the report was furnished to the Division of Local Government on 13 November 2012.

11.4 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Reimbursement of Funds – Senior Citizens Association

0265 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council reimburse the Coonamble Senior Citizens Association the amount of \$400 for the purchase of a sound system for the Coonamble Senior Citizens hall.

(ii) Free Admission to Pools – School Holiday Periods

PROPOSED by Cr Keady **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that, following a request from the Youth Council, the swimming pools across the Shire be free admission for youth of the shire for the duration of the school holidays.

An Amendment

PROPOSED by Cr Keady **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that, following a request from the Youth Council, the swimming pools across the Shire be free admission for school children of the shire for the duration of the school holidays.

On being put to the vote, the AMENDMENT WAS LOST – the Motion was then put AND LOST.

ENTRY TO THE POOL – SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

0266 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that when school children leave the pool following activities with the school, then return after having been discharged from school, they be allowed back into the pool without paying another admission charge.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

0267 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

0268 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 November 2012, be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

0269 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the list of investments as 30 November 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 GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

0270 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the information contained in this report be noted.

COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION & MINING – SECTION 734 PUBLIC HEARING

0271 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council investigate and consider issues relating to public hearings in connection with the coal seam gas issue, also seek legal advice on the matter and present a full report to the February 2013 meeting of Council.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

0272 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 COONAMBLE LEVEE

0273 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council adopt the final Review of Environmental Factors for the Coonamble Town Levee upgrade, as presented at the meeting.

14.2 TELEMETRY SYSTEM

0274 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council:

- (a) Engage the services of Indratel to install telemetry systems at its water and sewer pump stations and that the cost be met from each of the corresponding funds;
- (b) Engage Indratel to install flood level monitors at Coonamble, Combara and Warrena if concurrence of the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) to the installations is forthcoming;
- (c) Dependent on (b), make application to the NSW Office of Water to install the flood monitors.

14.3 MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION - UPDATE

0275 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the report on this project and the planned works for January 2013 be noted.

14.4 WHEEL STOPS – CBD

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Karanouh that this matter be deferred until a more comprehensive report, including costings on different types of wheel stops, is submitted to the February meeting **WAS LOST** – 4 votes against one in favour.

0276 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council not install rubber wheel stops in the Coonamble CBD in compliance with AS2890.1 – Parking Facilities

14.5 NSW LIVESTOCK LOADING SCHEME

0277 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council request the Roads & Maritime Service to fund the investigation into the structural integrity of the bridges that Council cannot guarantee will carry the increased loading from HMLs.

14.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0278 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in this report be noted.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0279 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2012

0280 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the Ranger for the month of November 2012 be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0281 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the following matters be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with:

15.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 048/2012 – COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

0282 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council approve the Development Application submitted by Coonamble Shire Council to expand its operations at the Magometon Quarry located on land described as Lot 7003 DP1060849.

Councillors Cullen, Keady, Karanouh, Walker, Schieb and Webb all voted in favour of the above motion.

15.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 046/2012 – HAZEL JACKSON

0283 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council approve the Development Application submitted by Hazel Jackson for storage of scrap metal on land described as Lot 71, DP785279, 6-8 Buckley Drive, Coonamble, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The premises must be maintained to a proper standard.
- 2) Landscaping – The applicant must comply with Section 2.6 – Landscaping – in accordance with Council's Development Plan No 1.
- 3) Unreasonable Noise, Dust and Vibration - The development, including operation of vehicles, shall be conducted so as to avoid unreasonable noise, dust or vibration and cause no interference to adjoining or nearby occupants. Precautions must be taken to avoid nuisance in neighbouring residential areas, particularly from machinery, vehicles, warning sirens, public address systems and the like.

In the event of a noise, dust or vibration issues arising at the time, the person in charge of the premises shall, when instructed by Council, cause to be carried out an acoustic investigation by an appropriate acoustical consultant and submit the results to Council. If required by Council, the person in charge of the premises shall implement any or all of the recommendations of the consultant and any additional requirements of Council to Council's satisfaction.

4) The development shall take place in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan No 1 except where otherwise advised by Council.

5) A pest and vermin control plan suitable to Council is to be submitted.

6) All scrap metal will have to be stored/stacked in such a way so as to keep site in a tidy and clean environment. materials are not to be stacked within three (3) metres of any boundary. All metal sheeting is to be stacked and secured so as not to become windborne.

Councillors Cullen, Keady, Karanouh, Walker, Schieb and Webb all voted in favour of the above motion.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

16.1 Coonamble Heritage & Museum under the Bridge Committee

0284 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Coonamble Heritage and Museum under the Bridge Committee meeting held on 19 November, 2012 be noted.

It was also noted that the cash register mentioned in the minutes was owned by the Jiear Family (not Driers as stated).

16.2 Employment Circle Notes

0285 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the notes from the Employment Circle Meeting held on 20 November 2012 be noted.

16.3 Museum under the Bridge

0286 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the Museum under the Bridge report for the month of November be noted.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

0287 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Saleyards Report for the month of November 2012 be noted.

18.0/19.0 CLOSED SESSION

0288 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) *“personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)”*

0289 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

0290 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

0291 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1, 18.2, 19.1, 19.2 and 19.3, as follows:

18.1 LESTER AND SANDRA COHEN – GARBAGE CHARGES

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Mr and Mrs Cohen be advised that prior to the adoption of Council's Scavenging District in February 2008, the subject property was included in the 'collection zone' and charges prior to this date will stand.

18.2 COONAMBLE TIMES

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the letter be noted.

19.1 DIRECTION OF THE MEGLO – LEASE TO MR LANDERS

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

- (1) that Council offer the lease of the subject land to Mr.Landers for an annual rental of \$10,150 for a period of five years, with a CPI increase adjusted annually;
- (2) that Mr Landers be responsible for any improvements required, including fencing of the block;
- (3) that Mr Landers make his own arrangements into the supply of water to the block;
- (4) that Council is prepared to enter into negotiation for the sale of the block to Mr. Landers.

19.2 MEGLO LAND

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council not proceed with investigations to sell the balance of "The Meglo" and it be taken off the books and kept for future development opportunities.

19.3 BATCHING PLANT

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that staff investigate costings of a batching plant for Council's operations and provide a report to the February meeting

21.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

Street Numbering - Quambone

0292 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council provide street numbers for all residences in Quambone.

Cr Karanouh:

Proposal to Close Street

0293 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council investigate the possibility of closing the street running from Nebea Street to Conimbia Street at the rear of properties in Yuma Street.

Cr Keady:

- Provided a report on the Moorambilla Meeting – he says that a committee should be formed to run the whole event, taking into account the structure of the committee and memorandum of agreement for future festivals. Cr Keady said the festival should be ‘freshened up’ and more local children should be included. He said another meeting would be held in February.
- Met with representatives from Gulargambone who stated there is lack of support for tourism from Council. The General Manager said that the representatives be invited to address Council.
- Role of the Tourism Development Manager – suggested that a review of this role be undertaken.
- Suggested that a Tourism Meeting be held and that representatives from both Gulargambone and Quambone be invited to attend.

At this juncture, 1.55 p.m., Cr. Schieb left the meeting and did not return.

Cr Webb:

- Advised that, in company with the General Manager, he attended the Panel Review meeting in Dubbo.

Director of Corporate & Community Services:

- Referred to the Quambone Park and play equipment – stated that the swings recently located there are only temporary, as consultation is continuing with the community and when completed, other suitable equipment will be installed. She said a report would be available in February/March.

The Mayor conveyed best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Councillors and staff.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.56 p.m.

These Pages (1/5138 to 18/5175) were confirmed on theday of FEBRUARY 2013 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 December 2012.

MAYOR

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2013**

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 – Consultant’s Brief being prepared.

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:

DA approved by Council in December 2012 – to be forwarded to consultant.

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:

See Director of Engineering Services report to Council this meeting. In progress

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:

Letter to Crown Lands – awaiting response. Letter also written to Local Member requesting support – no response to date.

**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

**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

FIXED LIGHTS – 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:
**Following up on quotes for design and installation from Essential Energy.
In progress.**

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:
**Awaiting response to Council's two letters to Crown Lands and also
response from Mr Kevin Humphries.**

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
- 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.

Status:
Works in progress.

13.5 STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING REPORT – COONAMBLE MUSIC SHELL

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.

Status:
Demolition undertaken by private company – site to be cleared when resources permit.

15.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 046/2012 – HAZEL JACKSON

0283 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council approve the Development Application submitted by Hazel Jackson for storage of scrap metal on land described as Lot 71, DP785279, 6-8 Buckley Drive, Coonamble, subject to conditions listed.

Status:
Waiting on further information from applicant prior to DA being forwarded.

STREET NUMBERING - QUAMBONE

0292 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council provide street numbers for all residences in Quambone.

Status:
In progress

CCTV CAMERAS

0230 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council investigate alternate arrangements for the maintenance of its CCTV camera system by inviting expressions of interest and encouraging local qualified persons to apply.

Status:

Director of Development, Commercial and Environmental Services has contacted the local supplier. Waiting on prices. In progress

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE STREET

0293 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council investigate the possibility of closing the street running from Nebea Street to Conimbia Street at the rear of properties in Yuma Street.

Status:

Prior to taking any action on this resolution clarification is required as to the area to be closed.

8.1 COMPLETED SECTION – RESOLUTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM RESOLUTION BOOK

REPORT – LEASING THE COONAMBLE SWIMMING POOL

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.

Status:

See report from Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services to this meeting. COMPLETED.

POSITION OF GRANTS OFFICER

0231 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council proceed with the current arrangement for the role of Grants Officer and, if the applicant is not suitable, Council re-advertise the position as 5 days/week in an attempt to attract more suitable applicants.

Status:

Position advertised – closing date for applications is Monday 18 February 2013. COMPLETED

PROPOSED LEASE OF STW AREA

0233 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that a report be brought to the February meeting regarding this matter, outlining conditions of lease, requirements for fencing and other issues, i.e. whether the lease will have negative impact on Council’s channels and lagoons.

Status:

See report from Director of Engineering Services to this meeting. COMPLETED.

COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION & MINING – SECTION 734 PUBLIC HEARING

0271 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council investigate and consider issues relating to public hearings in connection with the coal seam gas issue, also seek legal advice on the matter and present a full report to the February 2013 meeting of Council.

Status:

See report from General Manager to this meeting. COMPLETED.

19.3 BATCHING PLANT

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that staff investigate costings of a batching plant for Council's operations and provide a report to the February meeting

Status:

**See report from Director of Engineering Services to this meeting.
COMPLETED.**

9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013

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10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

**10.1 FEDERATION OF PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF NSW-
S13-1(39216)**

Advising the P&C Federation has 2000 affiliated members who are not for profit organisations operating to improve the educational environments for the 762,000 children enrolled in public education. Stating that at both the 2011 and 2012 Conferences discussion took place regarding the importance of swimming education for children. Saying it was noted that access to pools was cost prohibitive in a lot of instances and affected a child's ability to access swimming classes. Requesting that Council consider eliminating pool entry fees associated with learn to swim programs conducted through public schools.

Recommendation:

That Council advise it already cooperates with local schools and learn to swim organisations which use the Coonamble Swimming Complex to conduct lessons for children and school students.

10.2 NSW FIRE & RESCUE B13(39254)

Advising the Minister for Police and Emergency Services recently approved the 2012/2013 estimated expenditure for Fire & Rescue (FRNSW) – the estimated expenditure subject to Councils' contributions is \$589,452,000 and the total contribution payable by all contributing councils for 2012/2013 is \$68,965,884. Advising FRNSW estimates it will spend \$140,217 for the Coonamble Fire District of which Council's contribution is \$16,405.

Recommendation:

That Council note its Fire Brigade Contribution for Coonamble Fire District for 2012/2013 is \$16,405 and authorise payment following receipt of the annual assessment notice.

10.3 COONAMBLE CLAY TARGET CLUB D7(39246)

Advising it will be conducting its annual open shoot on 13 & 14 April 2013 and seeking donations. Saying the event has been moved from the usual October date as the previous date clashed with local harvest. Stating that any contribution towards the 2013 Golden Grain Shoot would be most welcome.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council usually agrees to a \$120 contribution towards this event)

**Recommendation:
For Council's determination**

**10.4 NSW POLICE SERVICE CASTLEREAGH LAC C6-18+S2-1+S13-1
(39336)**

Advising a review of local crime statistics in the Coonamble district reveals a substantial proportion of criminal activity originates from offenders congregating and consuming alcohol at the rear of Macdonald Park. Pointing out it is a meeting place used for such activity prior to young people committing serious offences. Seeking advice on how to make application for the following crime prevention systems:

- Flood lighting to be erected at the rear of Macdonald Park
- Additional CCTV cameras to be erected in the rear of Macdonald Park.
- Barricades/fencing to seal the bush access route behind the Coonamble pool.
- Updating and/or cleaning of current CCTV cameras.

Pointing out that adequate lighting and CCTV are proven methods in crime prevention and the lack of lighting in this location offers a point of isolation and concealment to offenders prior to committing serious offences and a meeting point after they have been committed.

Saying Police have identified urban design flaws which hinder them in their investigation of criminal offences once they have been committed and pointing out that an assessment of the area at the rear of the pool by Council and Police may be useful.

**Recommendation:
That Council include this request for consideration in the 2013/2014 estimates and, in the meantime, arrange an onsite meeting with the Police.**

10.5 SHAR JONES & ASSOCIATES G5-13-1(39343)

Advising of her resignation as Museum Advisor to Council, effective immediately. Saying she has served in the position since 2009 and, in conjunction with former staff of the Economic Development, has developed strategies to expand the number of volunteer staff working at the Museum and developed programs which would ensure its future viability. Pointing out these have not come to fruition due to personnel shortages in the museum and staff changes in Council and she sees little point in any continued involvement.

Saying Council staff changes over the last couple of years have had an unfortunate effect on her work with the Museum and providing examples of this. Advising the Museum cannot be considered viable with only one volunteer worker. However while that volunteer is committed to her work the Museum can continue in its current form, however, eventually without any new volunteers it will have to close. Pointing out Council may wish to apply to Museums & Galleries NSW for funding to replace position of Museum Advisor.

Saying Council owns the building and the Heritage Advisory Committee (a sub-committee of Council) has ultimate responsibility for the collection and Council would need to seek advice on the possible disposal of the collection, or preferably, house it safely until a new generation of volunteers become involved.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The services of the Museum Advisor were currently under review, as they were deemed somewhat ineffective and my recommendation would have been that they be terminated).

Recommendation:
Council note the resignation of its Museum Advisor.

10.6 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK D7(39399)

Referring to the 2013 Bush Bursary / Country Women's Association Scholarship Scheme and inviting Council to participate in the scheme. Saying if Council decides to participate, it will be invoiced for \$3,300 which will be provided to the medical student who, in return, agrees to spend two weeks of rural placement in the council area during University holiday periods or over the Christmas break. Setting out the role of the NSW Rural Doctors Network and advising that the following is the role of the sponsoring Council:

- Payment of \$3,000 (+GST) for sponsored student
- Nomination of Placement Coordinator from within council or associated organization
- Organization of placement for sponsored Bush Bursary student, including liaising with local medical practitioners and community groups, accommodation and social aspects of the two week placement
- Liaise with NSW RDN and sponsored Bush Bursary student regarding placement arrangements.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has not participated in the Bush Bursary Scholarship Scheme for many years. Initially, when Council did participate no benefit was achieved for the community).

Recommendation:

That Council advise the NSW Rural Doctors Network that it will not be participating in the 2013 Busy Bursary / Country Women's Association Scholarship Scheme.

10.7 KRISTY PRESNELL**PR1740+L11(39484)**

Seeking to lease the area of Crown land adjacent to her residence in King Street. Advising the land has no purpose and she has been maintaining the area since purchasing the adjoining property. Pointing out she would not be using the land for any purpose other than to provide an extension to her premises on the eastern side and to stop unauthorized access by motor vehicles and motor cycles, which creates dust, noise and safety concerns. Saying that the land also provides a front access to her property, which otherwise has to be accessed from the lane at the rear.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – In the past, all requests of this nature have been advertised for expressions of interest).

Recommendation:

That Council agree to call expressions of interest for the lease of the subject Crown land.

10.8 THE HON RICHARD TORBAY, MP**D5(39488)**

Advising that the Decade of Decentralisation policy is a key commitment of the NSW Government and is being implemented to stimulate regional development, manage the State's predicted population growth and deliver greater opportunities to rural and regional communities. Saying the Government has appointed a Task Force to review the policy and associated regional policies and programs and the Taskforce is due to report to Government by the end of March 2013. Advising that he is chairing the Taskforce, which is focusing specifically on the following programs and how they advance the Government's decentralization agenda:

- The Regional Relocation Program;
- The Jobs Action Plan (regional component);
- Restart NSW (regional component);
- Resources for the Regions; and
- Government agency relocations to the regions.

As Chair of the Taskforce, inviting Council to give its views and advice on the Decade of Decentralisation Strategy, especially policies and programs identified above. Saying submissions can be lodged until 15 February 2013.

Recommendation:
That Council note the information.

**10.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW
 C13(39495)**

Advising the LGSA member training unit, Local Government Learning Solutions, has developed a new calendar of workshops scheduled for period February to June. Forwarding a list of the workshops scheduled and advising half day workshops, evening or weekend workshops can also be arranged. Pointing out that should council require a workshop for a particular course and it is not scheduled in the local area, an 'in house' workshop can also be arranged. Saying that mayors, councillors, general managers and senior staff should attend these courses.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – I have listed the workshops available in Dubbo, together with dates:

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| • Financial Issues in Local Government | 25 February |
| • Handling Difficult People for Councillors | 15 March |
| • Planning Legislation Skills and Knowledge | 5 April |
| • Managing Time and Stress | 13 May |
| • Good Governance | 14 May |
| • Conflict of Interest & Model Code of Conduct | 20 May |

Recommendation:
That Councillors note the information concerning workshops available in Dubbo and, should they wish to attend, advise the General Manager as a priority so that arrangements can be made.

10.10 COONAMBLE GOLF CLUB LTD D7+R4-1(39517)

Seeking Council's support in helping to maintain the golf course and saying it will not have a treated water allocation for the next 30 days as of January 21st. Pointing out that this is the Club's major source of watering and the only viable option for maintenance of the course. Advising that the Club's current watering regime consists of trying to maintain tees, landing zones and green surrounds. Stating that the current \$1,000 allocation has not yet been completely spent, but most of it goes towards watering of surrounds and sewerage costs. Saying if Council could see its way to granting a further allocation, watering at a reduced but adequate level could continue in the short term. Seeking a further \$1,000 allocation so the Club can try to maintain the standards of the course.

Recommendation:
For Council's determination.

10.11 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES	R8-18+SH18(39534)
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Referring to Castlereagh Highway improvements planned at Wingadee II Rehabilitation and Shoulder widening project and saying they have triggered clause 15 of the Infrastructure SEPP which requires RMS to undertake consultation. Forwarding copy of letter sent to Mr. C. Beck indicating the nature of the planned actions, the consultation with Mr Beck and the proposed outcomes of that consultation. Advising that Mr Beck's land and infrastructure are the only assets potentially impacted by the scale of the proposal and inviting Council, if it so wishes, to comment on the proposal.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information and concur with the actions planned by the Roads & Maritime Services at this location.

10.12 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION	L10(39551)
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Inviting Council to participate in the 2013 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra between 16 – 19 June. Saying this is the major event on the annual local government events calendar and provides the opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy and receive updates on the top policy issues facing local government nationally. Saying the Association Board is calling for motions for the Assembly under this year's theme "*Foundations for the Future – Twenty 13*" Saying to be eligible for inclusion in the NGA business papers motions must follow these principles:

1. fall under the NGA theme
2. be relevant to the work of local government nationally
3. complement or build on the policy objectives of state and territory associations.

Saying motions should be submitted electronically via the online form on the website and be received by ALGA no later than 26 April, 2013.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has not attended this Conference in the past).

Recommendation:

That Council note the information

10.13 OUTBACK ARTS**A11(39552)**

Forwarding a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between Outback Arts and Council, which includes the following:

- Key understandings for member Councils
- Undertakings
- Financial contribution
- Review process.

Pointing out that Outback Arts Inc is managed by a Committee of Management (known as the Regional Arts Board) and is a member of Regional arts NSW through representation on the Regional Arts New South Wales Advisory Council. Advising that Council's contributions for each of the financial years of the MoU, namely:

- 2013/2014 \$8,663.99
- 2014/2015 \$8,837.27
- 2015/2016 \$9,014.02.

Recommendation:

That Council agree to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Outback Arts for the ensuing three year term, noting that its contribution will be included in each year's budget.

Section B – For Council’s Information:**10.14 NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES G5-47-1(39223)**

Advising a grant of \$49,904 has been announced from the NSW Government’s Youth Opportunities Program for Council’s Bang the Table Project.

10.15 HON GEORGE SOURIS MP, MINISTER FOR TOURISM T3-8(39249)

Advising that funding of \$20,000 per year for three years has been provided through the 2013 Regional Flagship Events Program. Saying this support is aimed at increasing attendance at the event and its contribution to the region’s visitor economy. Pointing out the level of commitment in staging a successful event within the community is outstanding and it was this commitment, the pursuit of excellence and creativity to develop a flagship event which has led to the successful outcome.

10.16 SYDNEY AIRPORT CORPORATION LIMITED A5(39263)

Providing Council with a further update regarding access to Sydney Airport for regional airlines. Saying it supports the objective of the operational regulations, including continued access for regional communities and saying under current plans it can handle additional regional growth, however the current regulations do not reflect the evolution of the industry over the past decades. Pointing out they have become less effective and imposed greater costs than would well designed regulation that better reflects the dynamic nature of the industry and technological improvements.

Recognising the importance of aviation to regional NSW and the need for regional airlines to continue to be able to access Sydney Airport. Pointing out that over the last 20 years regional airline traffic has grown significantly at Sydney Airport, with a 237% increase in passenger numbers. Advising it is in the process of preparing a new master plan, a preliminary draft version is expected to be exhibited for public comment in 2013. Saying regional airlines are already guaranteed ongoing access to Sydney Airport under Commonwealth law and the master plan will demonstrate ongoing commitment to ensuring this access continues.

10.17 FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES – GRANTS PROGRAM 3(39299)	C8-
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Thanking Council for submitting an application for funding under the 2013 NSW Seniors Week Grants Program, however the application for the project *Young at Heart* was unsuccessful. Advising that of the 502 applications received, 229 projects were funded.

10.18 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE	B13(39294)
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Advising there have been changes to the list of the Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP) Program in NSW within this LGA. Asking Council to update any plans or documentation that refers to NSPs to reflect the following:

- Gulargambone Sportsground
- Coonamble Sportsground
- Coonamble Golf Course
- Quambone Sportsground.

Saying the NSW RFS will contact Council regarding signage to erect/remove and discuss the possibility of Council being reimbursed for the service. Advising that a complete list of NSPs within NSW can be found at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

10.19 THE HON ANDREW STONER MP 502(39333)	D5-21+S5+PR3651-
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Writing to the Hon Kevin Humphries, MP, thanking him for representations on behalf of Council concerning the request for transfer of Coonamble Showground to Council at nil cost, as an in-kind contribution to support a federal funding application for the development of the showground as the Western Education & Events Centre. Saying he understands that preference for federally funded projects is given to applications that have secured partnership funding and, if successful, additional federal funding could be attached to the grant to match this in-kind contribution.

Advising the NSW Government is supportive of the proposed project and provides in principle support to the besting of Coonamble Showground to Coonamble shire Council as the NSW Government's in-kind contribution to the funding application for the Western Education and Events Centre. Pointing out that, in providing support it is recognized there are considerable benefits for regional NSW and saying he further understands that if the submission is successful the land will be protected from commercial development as it will be classified "community land". Saying that in the event that the land is no longer required as an Education and Events Centre it will be transferred back to the Crown.

10.20 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA**D5+E1(3929)**

Advising RDA Orana recently undertook an 'expression of interest' process with the purpose of engaging a consultant to look into establishing a *Skills Mining Centre of Excellence* in the Orana region. Saying that mining operations in the Orana area are expected to triple over coming years and the need for skilled workers are in high demand. Stating that although focusing on the mining industry it is anticipated that the Centre would also provide training in areas that have synergies with mining operations, or to fill specific skills gaps that may exist in other industries such as agriculture, service industries, engineering, electronics, etc. Advising that a successful consultant has been selected to undertake the scoping exercise – *Seed Business Solutions* – a Dubbo-based business whose Director, Megan Dixon, has accepted the job. Saying that the Company will be in contact with Council seeking information in relation to this role.

10.21 "C" DIVISION SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW**L10(39417)**

Bringing Council up to date with what is happening in relation to the Association, its future and other issues pertaining to Local Government. Saying he will expand on these issues at the commencement of the OROC Board meeting in Dubbo on 15 February.

(i) One Association

Advising this year will see the amalgamation of the Shires Association and the Local Government Association, with the new association, commencing from 1 March, to be known as *Local Government New South Wales*. Stating the first conference will be held from 1 – 3 October 2013 at which a new Board will be elected. Pointing out the constitution of Local Government NSW means that Divisions of the Shires Association will cease from 1 March 2013, however this does not mean that groups of councils cannot organize area meetings. Saying that Local Government will not only be strengthened by representation from one organization, but will also earn the respect of the State and Federal Governments.

(ii) Constitutional Recognition

Referring to the letter from the LGSA Presidents received by councils in December which provided an update on the progress for achieving constitutional recognition for Local Government. Drawing attention to the letter, especially the paragraph that states "*the LGSA is in favour of a referendum which recommends financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution. We are, however, only in favour of progressing a referendum at a time when it maximizes the chance of success. We await the outcome of the Joint Select Committee to advise on the possible timing and the potential processes for such a referendum*". Saying Council will be updated in February.

(iii) Local Government Review

Stating that 2013 is most certainly going to be a critical year for all in local government. Pointing out the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Local Government Acts Task Force are due to hand down their preliminary reports mid-2013. Advising it is important that both reports be fully scrutinized by individual councils and feedback given to Local Government NSW Executives.

<p>10.22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9(39293)</p>

Updating Council on the progress for achieving Constitutional Recognition of Local Government and providing an invoice in the amount of \$3,231.22 for the first of Council's financial contributions to fund a national advertising campaign. Saying that Council's total special levy over the three year period will be \$9,693.65 plus GST. Advising that recently the Australian Parliament voted to set up a Joint Select Committee Inquiry into Constitutional Recognition of Local Government. Saying the Committee will assess the recommendations of the expert Panel and the viability of holding a referendum in the coming years, paying particular attention to the timing.

Pointing out the Committee is currently calling for submissions from all councils and encouraging this Council to make a submission. Stating that ALGA has developed background information for use by councils and a draft submission to the Committee. Saying the LGSA are in favour of a referendum which recommends financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution. Pointing out, however, they are only in favour of progressing a referendum at a time when it maximizes the chance of success.

Stating that the LGSA will be in contact with Council later with an update on the next steps required following feedback from ALGA and the Joint Select Committee and saying they will publish any updates in the *Local Government Weekly* throughout 2013.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council previously resolved to participate and its contribution has been included in the budget).

<p>10.23 OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES – DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION G5(39446)</p>
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Thanking Council for its application for a grant under the Participation and Facility Program and advising that it was not successful in Round 1. Saying that while Council's project presents as being of benefit to the community, however it will not be eligible to apply for funding for this project (Coonamble Sportsground Cricket Nets) in Round 2 of the 2012/13 program.

10.24 TRANSPORT FOR NSW R8-1+O5(39391)

Forwarding a copy of the final NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan which brings together all types of transport across all regions of the State into an integrated, modern system that puts the customer first. Saying the Master Plan sets a clear direction for transport in NSW for the next 20 years. Advising the Department has already begun to implement the Master Plan and a number of actions identified are well underway. Pointing out that the Master Plan can be accessed at www.transportmasterplan.nsw.gov.au

10.25 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL L10-2(39490)

Advising that progress towards wide-ranging local government reform in NSW is speeding up as the state-wide independent review enters its final stages. Saying the Panel chair says he's looking forward to spirited debate overcoming months on the changes needed to ensure a sustainable future for NSW councils and better governance and services for local communities. Saying the Panel was on track to complete its final report to the State Government in July, but had a long list of possible reforms to work through over the next two months. Advising that Panel members will shortly be attending regional meetings of councils across the State to provide a progress report and invite further comments on the second discussion paper "*Better, Stronger Local Government*" which was released last November. Pointing out it identifies major 'signposts' for change that councils need to consider. Advising the Panel will be holding another State-wide consultation tour before the final report is completed.

10.26 MRS KATY PICKERING A13(39528)

Advising that she attended the Australia Day festivities at the Coonamble Showground and congratulating Council on conducting a very well run event. Saying the venue, refreshments and entertainment were great and commenting on the condition of the lawns surrounding the pavilion. Advising Council that members of the community appreciate the work done by the parks and gardens staff on this occasion and asking that this positive feedback be passed on to the employees responsible.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of the letter has been provided to the Parks and Gardens staff involved in the maintenance of the Showground.)

10.27 BARBARA O'BRIEN A17(39520)

Advising the Vietnam Vets Memorial Service was awarded the Community Event of the Year at the Gulargambone Australia Day Celebrations. Saying it is gratifying that the event has been given recognition by the community and thanking Council for its support.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Mrs O'Brien has left the Award with Council and it will be available at the meeting for Councillors to view. The Award will then be hung in the Gulargambone War Memorial & Mechanics' Institute Hall).

10.28 SKYDIVE OZ A5(39483)

Requesting permission to use the Coonamble Airport for skydiving operations on 13 August 2013. Advising there is no change to aircraft or operations, it will have a maximum of three canopies per sortie and a max of 15 sorties per day. Saying the company will ensure that operations do not delay local operations. Pointing out it understands and acknowledges all security requirements on the Aerodrome and all instructors will carry ASIC cards and escort passengers on and off the airfield as well as follow all CASA regulations. The Company attached a copy of the Certificate of Currency which includes \$20 million public liability coverage and indemnifies any council.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has advised Skydive Oz that it has no objection to use of the Airport as requested and in accordance with past use).

**10.29 TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES –
SPONSORSHIP & BUSINESS INVESTMENT OFFICER G5(39350)**

Advising he is the on the Executive of the NSW Grants Network and is looking for a potential host for the May 2013 meeting. Saying at the meeting in 2012 he suggested the excellent facility at Gulargambone being twoeighttwoeight as a potential site. Stating there would be no more than 20 participants and seeking Council's support to cover costs, including provision of a simple lunch, with morning and afternoon teas. Pointing out the meetings provide the host and those in attendance with the opportunity to learn more about grant options along with networking with grant seekers and providers from across the State. Saying Gulargambone is well situated from a State-wide perspective and they would encourage visitors to the area to stay for the weekend as the meeting would be staged on one of the Fridays in May.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The Mayor responded to the request, advising that Council is happy with the choice of venue and would be happy to cover costs. However, on 1 February 2013 Council received advice that it had been decided to have the meeting in the Blue Mountains.)

10.30 NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION E2(39537)

Forwarding invoice in the amount of \$26,891.70 for the conduct of the Local Government election held on 8 September 2012 and advising that the State-wide cost of conducting the elections came in at 4.1% below budget.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The cost of this election was approximately \$9,000 less than for those held in 2008).

10.31 ELECTION FUNDING AUTHORITY OF NSW E2(39433)

Pointing out that councillors and mayors elected at the 2012 September local government election have ongoing obligations to comply with the provisions of the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosure Act 1981* (the Act). Saying each elected member is required, every 12 months, to lodge with the Election Funding Authority (EFA) a disclosure of political donations received and electoral expenditure incurred. Advising the EFA is proposing to conduct seminars for re-elected and newly elected councillors and mayors to provide information regarding their disclosure obligations under the Act as follows:

- Disclosure obligations for the period ending 30 June 2013
- Ongoing disclosure obligations
- The appointment and role of Official Agents
- Campaign accounts
- Political donations and electoral expenditure.

Saying the seminars are to be held in April and May of this year in preparation for the disclosure period ending 30 June 2013 – they are expected to be about one hour duration. Seeking advise concerning whether councillors and mayor are interested in having the EFA conduct a seminar at this Council. Saying that, if so, advise preferred date and time during April or May – weekdays are preferred although the time is flexible being either during or after working hours. Pointing out that Council would be required to provide a suitable venue as well as access to a computer and data projector.

RICK WARREN
General Manager

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013**

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent***

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
45/12	Land & Housing Corporation	David Carey	Construct 2x3 + 1x2 bedroom units	7 Herrmann Street Coonamble	20/12/2012

CDC No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
47/12	Paul Cleary	Owner	In-ground swimming pool	135-141 Wilga St Coonamble	13/12/2013

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

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

Financial Considerations: NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Development Application No 045/2012, together with Complying Development Certificate Application No 047/2012 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

11.2 NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FRAMEWORK

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:

L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent

Background:

Council has been advised by the Division of Local Government of the new Model Code of Conduct framework and implementation arrangements.

Issues:

The new Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW, Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code and Summary of the Model Code are available on the Division of Local Government website www.dlg.nsw.gov.au - a copy is attached at **ANNEXURE A**.

The Division advises that the Code and procedures are supported by new provisions in the *Local Government Act 1993* to more effectively deal with serious or repeated breaches of the Code through expanded and strengthened penalties.

The key features of the new Code framework include:

- Greater flexibility to resolve non-serious complaints, minimizing costs to councils
- Improved complaints management, with complaints about councillors and the general manager managed from start to finish by qualified and independent conduct reviewers
- Greater fairness and rigour in the investigation process through clearer procedures
- Stronger penalties for ongoing disruptive behaviour and serious misconduct to more effectively deter and address such behaviour, allowing councils to get on with the business of serving their communities.

The proposed commencement date for the new Model Code framework is 1 March 2013 and the following transitional arrangements will apply:

- Complaints made or yet to be finalized before 1 March 2013 are to be dealt with under the current Model Code of Conduct and Procedures.
- Complaints received after 1 March 2013 but where the alleged conduct occurred prior to this date are to be assessed against the standards prescribed under the current Model Code but dealt with under the new Procedures.

- Complaints relating to alleged conduct that occurred after 1 March 2013 are to be assessed against the new Code and Procedures.

In readiness for commencement of the Code, Council should make the following administrative arrangements:

- Adopt the new Model Code and Procedures by 1 March 2013
- The General Manager must appoint members of staff to act as a Complaints Coordinator and alternate Complaints Coordinator before 1 March 2013
- Ensure panel of Conduct Reviewers, appointed using the selection process prescribed under the new procedures, are in place by 30 September 2013.

Councils are also required to ensure panels of conduct reviewers, appointed using the selection process prescribed under the new procedures, are in place by 30 September 2013. Council currently has a panel of reviewers appointed on a regional basis. This subject is set down for discussion at the next OROC meeting to ascertain whether a regional panel of conduct reviewers meets the requirement.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Local Government Act 1993

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW, the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code and Summary of the Model Code as prescribed by regulation and consider, in conjunction with OROC Member Councils, a panel of conduct reviewers to be appointed.

11.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECTION 734 – PUBLIC HEARING BY A COUNCIL***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
EN2.2.1 Enforcement of environmental regulations*****Background:**

At its December 2012 meeting Council resolved to investigate and consider issues relating to a public hearing in connection with Coal Seam Gas (CSG).

Issues:

Section 734(1) applies to a public hearing that, by the Local Government Act, is REQUIRED to be arranged by a council with respect to any matter.

Any such report is to be made public and Council must consider the report before making any decisions with respect to the matter to which it relates.

Council is not required by the Act to hold any hearing into CSG or related activities. Information provided by Council's legal adviser is that any hearing held and subsequent report would have no legal impact in regard to CSG exploration or production.

While the issue surrounding CSG is of concern, particularly in proximity to the Great Artesian Basin (GAB), it is felt that lobbying relevant Ministers of Government will have greater impact.

In May 2012, the NSW Legislative Council, General Purpose Standing Committee No 5, published its own Inquiry into CSG. Broadly, the terms of reference required the Committee to examine the environmental, health, economic and social impacts of CSG activities.

Issues for consideration included the impact of CSG activities on ground and surface water systems, greenhouse gas and other emissions, air quality, food security and agricultural activity.

The final report is over 200 pages and includes 35 recommendations to the NSW Government.

It is felt any inquiry would duplicate the above and would have no impact on State Legislation in this regard.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

The extent of the full financial consideration to undertake a hearing would be expected to be in the vicinity of \$150,000.

Recommendation:

That Council note the above report and not hold a public hearing into coal seam gas activity, noting that the NSW Legislative Council released a similar report in May 2012.

11.4 SUPPLY CONTRACT – ELECTRICITY SMALL SITES

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
P3.3.2 Provide quality assistance and advice to industry and community.***

Background:

During December 2012 an opportunity was provided to OROC Member Councils to participate in a tender process to negotiate an electricity supply contract for small sites using less than 160 MWh per year. Council already has supply contracts in place for larger sites and for street lighting.

Issues:

Energy and Management Services Pty Ltd was engaged by OROC to negotiate the contracts on behalf of Member Councils. Prices were requested from six retailers active in the NSW market. Only one formal offer was received – Origin Energy – offering a discount on regulated retail price. With respect to Coonamble Shire Council the saving, based on current consumption, equates to \$36,881 per annum. The contract is offered for a two year period.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions: N/A

Financial Considerations:

It is anticipated electricity prices will increase in the future and discounts negotiated now will be applicable to future price increases.

Options: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the information pertaining to the discounted electricity supply contract entered into with Origin Energy.

11.5 2010/2011 COMPARISON OF COUNCILS

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program: L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent

Background:

Each year the Division of Local Government publishes a comparison document showing results of all councils in various areas. The report is available on the Division's website.

Issues:

Council is classified as a "Group 9" council which categorises together councils of similar size. No allowance is made within the category for differences attributable to each council area. For the purposes of this report, comparisons have been made with Bogan, Warren and Gilgandra, the surrounding councils within the same group.

<i>LGA</i>	<i>Residential Rate</i>	<i>Business Rate</i>	<i>Outstanding Rates/ Charges</i>	<i>Community Services per capita</i>
Coonamble	300.41	601.01	8.00	15.30
Gilgandra	407.72	719.05	5.14	1,524.68
Warren	425.28	1,239.67	2.24	18.98
Bogan	223.57	942.71	13.18	89.58

<i>LGA</i>	<i>Sewer Charge</i>	<i>Average Water Bill</i>	<i>Access Charge (approx)</i>	<i>Charge per kilolitre</i>
Coonamble	\$396	\$291	\$100	.60
Gilgandra	\$237	\$461	\$200	.80
Warren	\$470	\$536	\$300	1.00
Bogan	\$465	\$869	\$300	1.50

Council's water supply operations continue to remain in surplus and are in a sound financial position. Council's sewerage service continues to improve its financial performance but is severely impaired by the Gulargambone service, which is continually in deficit. It is anticipated the sewerage service will retain a positive result in the 2013/2014 financial year.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the information pertaining to the 2010/2011 comparative results issued by the Division of Local Government.

11.6 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – COONAMBLE SHIRE 2026**Background:**

During 2011 and 2012 Council undertook a extensive consultation within the community and its June 2012 meeting resolved to adopt the Community Strategic Plan.

Issues:

The provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 section 402(5) state:

“Following an ordinary election of councillors, the Council must review the community strategic plan before 30 June following the election. The Council may endorse the existing plan, endorse amendments to the existing plan or develop and endorse a new community strategic plan, as appropriate to ensure that the area has a community strategic plan covering at least the next 10 years”

Given that the current Community Strategic Plan is still in the first year of a 15 year planning cycle it is recommended that Council, under the provision of this section, endorse the existing plan.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993 – Section 402 (5).

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the existing Community Strategic Plan “Coonamble Shire 2026” as per Section 402(5) of the Local Government Act 1993.

11.7 NOTICE OF MOTION

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
EN2.1.3 Continue to review Local Environmental Plan***

(The following Notice needs to be moved and seconded in accordance with normal meeting procedure)

Cr Don Schieb has given notice that, at the meeting on 13 February 2013 he will move the following:

"That Council review the LEP with a view of :

- (1) having the RU1 Primary Production Zone dwelling entitlement lot size reduced from 1000ha to 500ha; and*
- (2) council review the current zoning fronting Railway Street, between Barton Street and Searle Avenue, with a view to rezoning the R1 General Residential and R5 Large Lot Residential to IN1 General Industrial.*

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

RICK WARREN
General Manager

12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2013

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/01/2013 compared to 31/01/2012:

	31/01/2013	31/01/2012
Arrears 30 th June previous year	763,910.00	598,833.17
Plus 2012/2013 Combined Levy	5,419,872.51	5,167,264.03
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	6,183,782.51	5,766,097.20
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(65,268.26)	(61,359.82)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(53,401.30)	(50,203.49)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,065,112.95	5,654,533.89
Less Collections	(3,232,039.80)	(2,770,712.42)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	2,833,073.15	2,883,821.47
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	2,833,073.15	2,883,821.47
Collection % of Total Receivable	53.29%	54%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	46.71%	46%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS – JANUARY 2013

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit -21/04/2013	4.40%	91 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 25/02/2013	4.29%	90 Days	2,500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/02/2013	4.35%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 04/03/2013	4.04%	30 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 25/02/2013	4.50%	90 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 - 19/03/2013	4.65%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 14/02/2013	4.50%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Orana Mutual	Unrated	Term Deposit - 21/04/2013	4.30%	91 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit -27/03/2013	4.55%	120 Days	2,000,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 29/4/2013	4.40%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Business Online Saver - at call	3.75%	N/A	450,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 15,450,000

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	26%	50%	3,950,000
National Australia Bank	A1+	26%	50%	4,000,000
St George	A1+	6%	50%	1,000,000
Bendigo Bank	A-	6%	40%	1,000,000
IMB	A2	13%	35%	2,000,000
ME Bank	A2	13%	35%	2,000,000
Orana Mutal	Unrated	6%	10%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	3%	10%	500,000
				\$ 15,450,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	58%	100%	8,950,000
A1	6%	80%	1,000,000
A2	26%	60%	4,000,000
Unrated	10%	30%	1,500,000
			\$ 15,450,000
	General Fund Investments		8,321,721
	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
			\$ 15,450,000

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 31 January 2013 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 LIBRARY SERVICES POLICY

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:

P2.2 Increase opportunity for community involvement in improved library service

Background:

The draft Library Services Policy was submitted to the November 2012 meeting when Council resolved to place it on public exhibition seeking comment.

Issues:

The draft document was on public exhibition until 12 noon on Friday 14 December, 2012. Written submissions from the public were invited, closing 12 noon 14 December, 2012. No submissions or comments were received.

The intention of the policy is to provide a framework for the delivery of high quality and equitable community services through the provision of effective access to library services.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Local Government Act 1993 – Section 8
- Library Act (1939)
- Library Amendment Act 1992
- Library Regulation 2005

Financial Considerations:

Nil.

Options:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council formally adopt the Library Services Policy, noting the draft document was on public exhibition for the prescribed period and that no submissions and/or comments were received.

12.4 2013/2014 RURAL FIRE FIGHTING FUND ESTIMATES – NORTH WEST ZONE

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:

13.2.1 Liaise with RFS to provide operational and strategic fire protection in Coonamble.

Background:

This report presents the Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates - North West Zone 2013/2014 for Council approval.

Issues:

The North West Zone Rural Fire Fighting Estimates cover the Coonamble, Walgett and Warren Shires. The NSW Rural Fire Service advises that the following have been considered in the preparation of the estimates:

1. Previous allocations from the NSW Rural Fire Service
2. The Strategic Plan 2009-2018 North West Zone and Bogan District RFS
3. Proposed vehicle replacements
4. Additional vehicles required
5. Brigade Shed developments
6. Increased costs of goods and services provided by suppliers
7. Additional charges not included, or underestimated, in the strategic plan such as insurances, defibrillator contributions, program charges.

A summary of the 2013/2014 estimates appear below.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Annual maintenance and repairs	340,800
Appliances	748,545
Second hand appliances	93,750
Other vehicles	Nil
Equipment	177,500
Brigade Stations	170,000
Reimbursable items	Nil
Hazard reduction	96,000
District staff estimate	793,256
Total	\$2,419,851

The contribution from each Shire is estimated as follows:

- Coonamble 24% \$ 68,000
- Walgett 51% \$144,400
- Warren 25% \$ 67,800

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Rural Fires Act 1997
- Local Government Act 1993

Financial Considerations.

Rural Fire Fighting Estimate contribution must be included in Council's 2013/2014 budget considerations.

Options:

- (1) Approve the RFS 2013/2014 estimates.
- (2) Do not approve the RFS 2013/2014 estimates.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates for 2013/2014 with a contribution by Coonamble Council of \$68,000.

LIANNE TASKER

Director of Corporate & Community Services.

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL
AND URBAN SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2013**

13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S SECTION

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

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program:

EC2.1.1 *Promote the Shire as a location for business development and investment.*

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

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Covered Arena (<i>Western Education & Events Centre</i>)	1. Design & Approval – 2. Funding –	1. DA submitted 20.12.12. 2. EOI submitted to Regional Development Australia Fund 6.12.12. Advice expected 11.2.13.
Eco Spa + Caravan Park	1. Design & Approval – 2. Smith Park Land Acquisition – letter requesting to relinquish Trust Management Role sent to Crown Lands.	1. DA submitted 20.12.12. 2. Awaiting response from Crown Lands.

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

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Support new and existing business	1. Support Business Start-Ups/Expansions: Leases offered to 2 companies for land at Coonamble Airport. Lease with option to purchase offered for Meglo block. 2. Chamber of Commerce: Assisted with marketing strategies for Keep Coonamble Kicking. 3. Rotary Phone Book –	1. Lease offers accepted by Cropjet and Rebel Ag. 2. Keep Coonamble Kicking campaign closed 13.12.12. Coonamble Cash distributed. 3. Phone Book distributed at Mainstreet Carnivale and now available at various outlets.
Employment Circle	1. Jobs & Skills Expo – 2. Closure of CDEP – attended meeting 13.12.12. 3. Skills Attraction Strategy – 4. Review into Agricultural Education & Training in NSW –	1. To be held 20 March 2013. 2. Information attached. 3. Skills Survey ready for launch. 4. Employment Circle submission sent 30.11.12.

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
New/Prospective Residents	Respond to website and telephone requests for Prospective Residents Information. Collecting items for inclusion in Welcome to Coonamble bags.	4 inquiries this month.
Abattoir	Information to new owners and Manager.	Continuing.

3. Community Economic Development + Physical Amenity

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Rent-a-Farmhouse	Continue to receive inquiries.	
Coonamble Aero Club	Airfield Accommodation & Training	DA submitted. Awaiting notification of outcome of application to Community Building Partnership Fund.

4. Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying

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

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*

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program:
EC1.1.3 Identify opportunities for new tourism products

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

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Tourism Signage	Erect VIC, Primitive Campsite and Macquarie Marshes signage.	- Most signage has been erected. Some has been postponed until an audit of local road signage by the engineering department has been carried out.
Macquarie River Trails Sign	Erect Macquarie River Trails Sign in Smith Park (with a small explanatory sign detailing Coonamble's involvement in the Macquarie River Trails).	- RiverSmart has given a Macquarie River Trails sign to Coonamble Shire Council to erect in a high visitor traffic area. Although Coonamble is not directly on the Macquarie River Trail it is an off-shoot and this signage will link Coonamble to the tourist trail.
Tin Town	Meet with Coonamble Common Culture and Environment Heritage Group to determine appropriate interpretative signage for the Tin Town site.	- The President is waiting on historical photographs for inclusion in the interpretive signage- until then the project has been put on hold.

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

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Inland NSW Tourism's Regional Destination Management Plan	Inland NSW Tourism to develop a regional Destination Management Plan	- Inland NSW Tourism have invited Coonamble Shire Council to host one of 5 destination management planning workshops in the Dubbo region – date to be confirmed.

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Coonamble LGA Destination Management Plan	CSC to develop a local Destination Management Plan that relates to the regional plan	- Preliminary research for the local plan will be carried out at the Inland NSW Tourism workshop in Coonamble (date TBC).

3. Marketing and promotion

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Inland NSW Tourism iPhone Visitor App	Inland NSW Tourism to develop a regional visitor app for member councils.	- Inland Tourism NSW AppnGo is live and ready to download. A promotional banner is on display in the VIC.

4. Events

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft	Council submitted a Flagship Events Funding Application on behalf of the Coonamble Rodeo Association to Destination NSW (state government) for triennial funding of \$20, 000 per year for three years.	- The application was successful. Council and the Coonamble Rodeo Association will work together to deliver the funding.
Heritage Day	Work with Heritage Committee to organise Heritage Day.	- Heritage Day has been scheduled for Saturday, the 13 th of April.
CMCA Rally	Narrabri Shire Council will host the annual CMCA rally this year at the Narrabri Showground.	- The event is expected to achieve huge economic benefits for the town. The TDM plans to visit the event and report back to council.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information contained in the report be noted.

13.3 COONAMBLE SHIRE VISITOR GUIDE 2013

Author: *Tourism Development Manager - Lauren Picone*

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
EC1.1.8 - Tourism Information on Coonamble Shire be displayed at regional and interstate visitor centres

Background:

Currently there are visitor guides for each township within Coonamble Shire (Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone). These visitor guides were printed in 2009 and the Coonamble Visitor Guide was reprinted in 2010. Current stock levels for the Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone visitor guides are very low. The brochures need to be reprinted and updated, as much of the information is out-dated. It is envisaged that all townships will be featured in the one brochure to allow ease of use for visitors. No advertising was charged to operators for business listings in 2009, instead the cost of the brochure was entirely funded by Council.

An external graphic designer has produced a cover design template for the new brochure. Council will approve the final cover design for the new brochure. It is important to note that the photos are interchangeable. At a later date Council will also approve the brochure content.

Issues:

(i) Advertising

Council should consider whether businesses be charged a fee for advertising in the brochure. The proposed advertising package below includes a 1/8 page colour advertisement in the visitor brochure as well as access to several marketing services.

Proposed Advertising Package	
Price	Includes
\$300 (biennial – valid for 2 years)	<i>1/8 page colour advertisement in the visitor brochure with a description and photo</i>
	Website listing: including photos, links and testimonials
	Promotion through Facebook
	Promotion through the tourism eNewsletter
	Stock private operator brochure at the VIC
	Listing in accommodation booklet at the VIC

Council can provide the following services free of charge for all tourism businesses:

- Basic listing in the visitor brochure business directory
- Basic web listing
- Basic listing in the accommodation booklet kept in the VIC

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions: NIL

Financial Considerations:

It should be noted that further amendments to the design templates will incur an additional fee.

Options:

1. Council agree to charge local businesses an advertising fee for business listings in the new visitor brochure
2. Council agree to not charge local businesses an advertising fee for business listings in the new visitor brochure

Recommendation:

That Council agree to charge local businesses an advertising fee for business listings in the new Visitor Brochure.

13.4 STORES AND MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR & STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JULY – 31 DECEMBER 2012

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:

11.1.2 Depot maintained and upgraded.

The stock take of stores and materials has been completed and a list of store items requiring adjustment is set out below:

Items Unaccounted For:

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
S00441	Nails	1	3.20
S00472	Petrol	16	20.93
			24.13

Items in Excess:

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
S00070	Broom Bass	1	12.35
S00143	Diesel	353	475.91
S00289	Grader Blades	6	477.56
S00302	Grease Tubes	7	35.95
S00450	Oil	44	192.20
S00487	Post Galv 10 x 2	29	667.73
S00637	Tec Screws	1	12.32
			1,874.02

Recommendation:

That Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$1,874.02 and the writing off of stores and materials in the sum of \$24.13as shown above for the period ending 31 December 2012.

13.5 UPDATE – WORKS IN PROGRESS

Parks & Gardens:

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces under its control.
- Seasonal conditions have had a negative impact on the presentation of Council's open spaces. Issues with watering systems in Smith Park and the Coonamble Sportsground have been identified and staff are working on rectifying these problems
- At the time of writing this report preparations are underway at the Showground for the Australia Day activities.

Vandalism Update:

- Highway Park in Gulargambone recently had 10 heads of watering system kicked off - estimated cost \$1,300.
- Toilets in Macdonald Park continue to be an issue - seats burnt, names burnt in the roof and damage to grills/vents being a regular occurrence.
- The spear supplying water for irrigation to Macdonald Park valves have been kicked off.
- Fence to the rear of the pool cut on numerous times, with bottles, cement, umbrella stands and other items thrown in the pool requiring additional staffing hours to clean up and repair the fence. Australia Day weekend saw a spike in vandalism with six holes cut in the fence and locks cut off the chlorine shed and the fire extinguisher discharged.
- Vandal proof lights installed in the Rotunda at Macdonald Park have been smashed.
- Macdonald Park - two sprinkler heads kicked off the watering system.
- Damage to locks at Showground Pavilion and fly screens.
- Planned repairs and alteration to CCTV system have been carried out.
- Expressions of interest have been sought from local suppliers for the provision of maintenance services to the CCTV system.

Pools:

- "Pool Floats" for both the Coonamble and Gulargambone pools have been ordered and will be utilised in the pools during the week commencing 26/01/2013
- Safety improvement works to the filter beds at Coonamble pool have been completed.
- Swimming Club members have commenced work on renovating the upstairs area at the Coonamble Pool

Buildings:

- Painting of the Quambone Tennis club house / toilets has been completed, awaiting replacement of broken window to finalise repairs.
- Several air-conditioner units in Council buildings have broken down; where possible units have been repaired, others replaced.
- Estimates for Microphone System in Council Chambers has been obtained - cost is \$15,000
- Music Shell at Lions Park has been demolished and the site is in the process of being cleaned up.
- Construction works to the new residence at “Yatton” continues to progress
- Inspections are continuing on an ongoing basis on Council Assets.

Saleyards:

- The Saleyards manager has been on leave and the position is being relieved as necessary from Urban Services Staff
- Maintenance work to the yards, as identified by the Saleyards Manager, is ongoing.

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 13 FEBRUARY 2013**

14.1 COONAMBLE LEVEE UPDATE

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:

11.2.1 Continue to invest in levee management

11.2.2 Provide flood levee for East Coonamble

Background:

Council has engaged NSW Dams & Civil Technologies (previously Public Works) to complete the final detailed design of the Coonamble Levee on the east side of the Castlereagh River. This was due for completion in 2012 but, because of an increased workload, has fallen slightly behind schedule.

A copy of the status of the final design project is attached for Council's information.

Issues:

Council has adopted the 100 year ARI (Annual Recurrence Interval or 1:100 year flood) for the design level for the new levee. This will require the raising and reconstruction of the existing levee as well as alterations to roadways to cope with floods of this magnitude. The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has confirmed with the consultants that the cost of raising the Castlereagh Highway will be in the order of \$400,000 with a similar treatment required in King Street and on the Baradine Road adjacent to Warrena Creek.

As an alternative to the raising of the roadways, it is suggested that removable flood gates be provided which will cost in the order of \$272,000. These are used in places like Tamworth, where they are erected to prevent flood waters entering the CBD and industrial areas.

Flood gates consisting of aluminium shutters are only raised when the predicted flood height is likely to overtop the roadway and also provide increased traffic and pedestrian control during major flood events.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

The provision of a levee able to withstand a 1% flood event in the accepted level of protection and has been adopted by Council.

The use of flood gates compared with raising roadways is considered to be more economical and of greater benefit from an operational perspective.

Financial Considerations:

The flood gate option is the cheaper of the two and will have less impact on roadways and property, as well as improved traffic control.

Options:

Council is required to indicate its preference to either:

- (1) raise the roads at an estimated cost of \$400,000 each;
- Or
- (2) provide removable flood gates at an estimated cost of \$272,000.

Recommendation:

That Council provide removable flood gates at an estimated cost of \$272,000.

14.2 LEASE OF SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
EN2.2.1 Enforcement of environmental regulations.***

Background:

Following representation to the December 2012 meeting Council resolved to receive a report on the feasibility of leasing out the sewage treatment plant area for the purpose of running horses.

In the past Council has leased the area on an intermittent basis. Problems have arisen with stock straying onto the old tip area which is not permissible under EPA guidelines, fences have been cut allowing stock to trespass onto private land to the north of the effluent wet weather overflow/evaporation area and the locking of gates has prevented Council staff from inspecting areas, including the primary effluent ponds.

Council's records have revealed that a previous lease (2003) was not extended because the lessee failed to control and eradicate noxious weeds, fencing was not maintained and stock were grazing on the old tip area.

Issues:

Council is required to operate sewage treatment plants in accordance with Environmental Protection Licences which impose conditions to protect the environment. Failure to comply with these conditions will result in prosecution of both council and, probably, staff.

Effluent applied to land must be allowed to dry before stock can graze the area. Stock should not be permitted to drink effluent from the tertiary ponds and channels and all ponds and channels should be fenced to ensure they do not become damaged and fail during periods of peak demand (wet weather and flooding).

Any effluent allowed to escape from the area into the Castlereagh River could result in Council being found liable and prosecuted.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Council is required to comply with licence conditions as prescribed by the Environment Protection Authority of NSW.

Council is responsible to ensure that all areas under the licence are operated in a responsible manner.

Financial Considerations:

Income from the past leasing of the Sewage Treatment Works (STW) has been in the vicinity of \$1000/annum.

Cost to repair the fence between the STW and private land may cost \$2000. Cost to fence out the lagoons and channels to comply with EPA requirements that stock not access wet areas and drink raw effluent may be up to \$10,000.

Options:

- (1) Council not lease this area
- (2) Council lease the area contrary to the requirements of the EPA.

Recommendation:**That Council:**

- (1) not advertise the lease of Coonamble Sewage Treatment Plant area because of EPA requirements that stock must not be allowed to access wet areas where the effluent has not dried; and
- (2) investigate the feasibility of improving fencing to prevent stock from accessing and damaging the effluent channels and ponds, with a view to leasing dry areas to adjacent landowners.

14.3 ABERFORD STREET AND DUBBO STREET – UPGRADES

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:

11.1 Maintain local road maintenance & construction.

Background:

Council has indicated the upgrade of Aberford Street and Dubbo Street as a high priority in its Works Program.

The upgrade or replacement of the causeway (Coughran's Canyon) has long been on the list of work considered annually, but not funded.

The causeway was constructed when a culvert was removed many years ago because of maintenance issues which probably resulted in flooding of adjacent property when the culvert became blocked.

Aberford Street was previously a classified road but maintenance reverted to Council when it was reclassified.

Issues:

The operational issues are the vertical alignment of Aberford Street, the traffickability and roughness and the poor condition of Dubbo Street, as well as the unsafe intersection of Aberford, Dubbo and Mundooren Streets.

The Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) is responsible for funding the centre portion of Dubbo Street which is a classified road (RR129B) and past submissions to upgrade this portion have been unsuccessful.

The RMS may contribute to the upgrade of the Mundooren Street/Dubbo Street intersection, but this will be subject to an application being successful under the Traffic Facilities Grants which have some rigorous guidelines.

The biggest issue is the cost of the works.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Council is the road authority and responsible for providing a safe and efficient road network.

The condition of the roadway in this area has long been a detraction from the overall appearance of the town with many negative comments and observations made by visitors and local residents.

Financial Considerations:

The cost of the works in the area are estimated as follows:

(i) Dubbo Street Reconstruction (Tooloon Street to Aberford Street)	\$335,000
(ii) Aberford Street Upgrade (Instal new box culverts and overflow causeway)	\$199,000
(iii) Mundooren Street/Dubbo Street Intersection Upgrade (Includes traffic island and pavement reconstruction)	\$112,000
TOTAL COST	\$646,000

Council has limited funds for improvement works in urban areas, with \$230,000 made available out of \$750,000 requested in the 2012/2013 Roads Program.

Pressure to improve public recreation facilities and other community services has resulted in the urban improvement program being limited to a few reseals and only localized pavement corrections over the most recent works program.

A failure to complete an annual reseal program and the application of final seals in an acceptable timeframe has also resulted in expensive repairs and high maintenance costs being incurred.

Options:

- (1) Do nothing.
- (2) Provide funds for the staged upgrade of Dubbo Street and Aberford Street as detailed above.

Recommendation:

- (1) **That Council hold a special meeting prior to the annual estimates meeting to consider a report on the 10 Year Delivery Program for Roads; and**
- (2) **that any funds unspent in the 2012/2013 program be used to purchase materials for the future urban improvement program.**

14.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS - UPDATE**(a) Plant:**

- Street sweeper purchased from Rosmech has been received and is in operation.
- Quotations being sought for low loader and semi tipper
- In the process of purchasing a water cart-side on unit.

(b) Depot:

- Clean up - ongoing
- General business - ongoing
- Training in stock & ordering on line - ongoing

(c) Airport:

- General inspections continuing.

(d) Workshop:

- General maintenance – ongoing
- WHS risk assessments re-implemented.

(e) Water & Sewer:

- Aquatec –Maxcon WTP construction: poured head wall of inlet to #1 lagoon, installed filtration cylinder and excavating /setting out slab for plant room/building
- Kembla Water Tech 99% complete Crew finishing off “tiger tees”
- General maintenance
- Water meter reading completed in Coonamble, Gulargambone, Quambone
- Commenced repairs to water meters in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
- WHS risk assessments re-implemented
- Various sewer manholes raised above ground level
- Recycled effluent pumping to golf course and racecourse ceased due to lack of effluent

(f) Highway

- Culvert pipes for upcoming widening works delivered to site – Wingadee – Stage II.
- Ongoing maintenance as required:
 - Shoulder grading complete
 - Pothole patching as required
 - Sign maintenance ongoing

(g) Regional Roads

- Heavy patching – MR129B – complete
- Signage Audit complete
- Reseals complete
- Unsealed maintenance complete

(h) Local Roads

- Shoulder widening Carinda Road – due to commence February – material stockpiled
- Line marking Box Ridge Road (SR87) – complete
- Line marking Gular/Quambone Road (SR19) – complete
- Reseals 2km Back Gular Road (SR12) – complete
- Reseals Urban Streets
 - Castlereagh Street)
 - Macquarie Street)
 - Namoi Street) Complete
 - Tooloon Street)
- Stock grids audit in progress

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, 13 FEBRUARY 2013

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2013

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
P2.2.5 Control straying animals***

STATISTICS:

<u>Compliance</u>	<u>December/January 2012/2113</u>	<u>Year to Date 2012/2013 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	2	10
Infringements (Animals)	2	9
Infringements (Other)	0	4
Microchipped dogs	4	14
Registrations	4	30
Nuisance dog declaration	2	2
Dangerous dog declaration	0	1
Restricted dog declaration	0	0
<u>Impoundments</u>		
Dogs	25	139
Cats	14	55
Stock	0	1
Other	0	0
TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED	39	194
Motor vehicle	1	5
<i>Breakdown of impoundments:</i>		
Dogs destroyed	21	105
Dogs surrendered by owner	17	73
Dogs re-housed	2	8
Dogs released	2	13
Cats destroyed	13	49
Cats re-housed	0	2
Cats released	1	2
Gulargambone dogs impounded	11	37
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

Villages:

Gulargambone:

Nil to report

Quambone:

Nil to report

Dog Attack

A large bullmastiff dog that had been attacking people through the night was impounded from Yarran Street/Simpson Avenue. Police helped subdue the animal with OC spray. The dog was taken to the pound and not claimed by its owner.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information.

MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Service

**16. DELIVERY PROGRAM & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW –
PERIOD ENDING 31/12/2012
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13/2/2013**

Background:

In accordance with Section 407 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager must report to Council within two months of the end of each quarter the extent to which the performance targets of Council, set by the Delivery Program, have been achieved and submit a review of the estimates of income and expenditure for Council's consideration – (attached A3 sheets).

Issues:

- (i) *DELIVERY PROGRAM:*
Details of progress against Council's Delivery Program for the quarter ending 31 December 2012 is attached.
- (ii) *BUDGET REVIEW:*
Refer to attached quarterly budget review report which has been presented in the new format in accordance with the Local Government Accounting Standards.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- | | | |
|------|--|-------------|
| (i) | <i>Delivery Program</i>
Local Government Act 1993 | Section 407 |
| (ii) | <i>Quarterly Review of Budget</i>
Local Government (General) Regulation | Section 203 |

Financial Considerations:

Consideration of attached Budget Review and list of budget variations.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council:

- (1) note the Delivery Program Review;**
- (2) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;**
- (3) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;**
- (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 December 2012.**

BRUCE QUARMBY

Responsible Accounting Officer.

17. REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES/DELEGATES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013

**17.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD IN
 THE COMMITTEE ROOM, COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL, ON
 WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 2.05 P.M.**

PRESENT: David Vant (RMS representative); Kel Brodbeck (Coonamble Shire Council); Sergeant Mark Hoath (Coonamble Police) & Jill Moorhouse (Minutes)

1. APOLOGIES

Brett Jameson (Highway Patrol) and Cr Michael Webb (Council)

Moved: David Vant

Seconded: Mark Hoath

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting of the Traffic Committee held on 6 June, 2012 were tabled for adoption.

Moved: David Vant

Seconded: Mark Hoath

The Committee noted that some items to be actioned from the minutes were listed on the agenda for the meeting.

Nose in Parking – Coonamble

Sgt Hoath referred to the recommendation from the Traffic Committee which was for nose in parking in the Coonamble CBD. He said the letter sent by Council did not indicate this fact.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

• **Gulargambone School:**

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the 'drop off' zone be reinstated in accordance with guidelines and that signage be erected indicating the time

• **Hospital Signage:**

The RMS representative said that signage is sufficient and reiterated previous advice that no additional signs were warranted.

• **Signage - Coonamble Township:**

Council's representative informed the meeting that he is working on plans of the intersection of Aberford Street and Dubbo Street and sought comment from the RMS representative regarding funding.

The RMS representative said that some of the work could be funded, however no money is available for causeway construction. Council's representative said when signage is being audited, he wants the route to Baradine to include Warrena Street between SH18 and Dubbo Street.

It was agreed that the RMS representative carrying out sign design address members of the Committee early in the New Year (i.e. February).

- **Level Crossings – Inspections:**

Council's representative referred to the recent development in Coonamble by Agrigrain and said he had inspected its entrance to the grain receival depot. He questioned whether it would be sufficient to cater for B-doubles and road train traffic however the representative of John Holland says it will be satisfactory.

Mr Brodbeck said he would like to inspect all the level crossings within Council's area. He referred to the Agreement provided by the Rail Authority for Council to complete and asked whether the RMS was aware of any other Councils having signed.

In response Mr Vant said Parkes Shire Council and Dubbo City Council have signed the agreements and Cabonne Council is working towards completing its agreement with the Authority.

Mr. Vant said he would arrange for Council to receive information from the RMS on this matter.

- **Audit – Road Safety – Funding:**

Council's representative said that Council make application to Statewide to provide electronic tablets to record data, however no response has been received. Mr Brodbeck said he would pursue this matter with Council's Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services to follow up.

- **Public School Crossing - Bertram Street:**

Council's representative referred to work in Bertram Street adjacent to the Coonamble Public School which has been funded by the RMS. He requested that an inspection be carried out following this meeting, as he is not satisfied with the original proposal.

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

4.1 Mrs Patricia Firth – Pedestrian Crossing

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Mrs Firth be advised that her comments have been referred to the Roads & Maritime Services for a response, however additional lights to be installed adjacent to the crossing will help with visibility and further, the only issues identified at this location previously were signage which is now satisfactory.

4.2 Mrs Denise Wall – Illegal Parking

The Committee noted Mrs. Wall's complaints concerning illegal parking which, on occasions, blocks her driveway. It was noted that the CountryLink Bus no longer parks at the site and it seems the problem no longer exists.

Sgt Hoath said Mrs Wall should be advised that if such illegal parking occurs in the future she should ring the Local Police.

4.3 Proposed Stopping Area for Caravans

Council's representative suggested two locations which may be suitable for caravanning tourists to park close to the CBD. The Committee agreed to carry out an inspection of areas and make a determination. It was agreed that when suitable sites were identified, the signage would be included in the Audit.

4.4 Coonamble Chamber of Commerce – Inadequate Signage

Council's representative referred to the request from the Chamber of Commerce for signage to be erected on the approaches to Coonamble, listing services available in Coonamble and, particularly, the location of the waste dump site.

The RMS representative said that such signs will not be permitted on the Highway road reserve. The Council representative said that the signs could be placed on private property – Mr Vant said he has no problem with such arrangement, however Council would have to submit a Development Application.

Council's representative sought guidance on the type of sign and asked whether RMS has a standard. Mr Vant said that there are 'service sign symbols' and these should be used.

4.4 Coonamble Taxi Rank

Both the Police and RMS representatives suggested that only one taxi cab parking space be provided, however Mr Brodbeck suggested that we provide for two parks and monitor their use. The Committee agreed to carry out an inspection of the area.

The Committee noted that the phone box was to be removed and Sgt Hoath suggested the seat also be removed as it is not being used for its intended purpose.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that, following a request by Coonamble Police, the seat adjacent to the Taxi Rank be removed to alleviate the incidents of anti social behaviour which occurs at the site.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Future of Traffic Committees

The RMS representative informed the meeting that there is a restructure being carried out on the function of Traffic Committees as we know them. He said the outcome is not known at this stage, however they may not exist in the future.

5.2 Parking at Coonamble Pool

Sgt Hoath referred to the congestion that occurs during busy times at the Coonamble Pool. He views the situation as a potential safety issue and sought advice from the Council representative regarding linemarking being provided to ensure a safer environment. Sgt Hoath said it is chaotic between around 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. when a lot of children are training and also when swimming carnivals are being conducted.

The RMS representative agreed to inspect the area and endeavour to provide guidance to make this area safer. He said it is difficult as the area is on the Highway and any proposals to install blisters or alter signage would have to have approval from Headquarters in Sydney.

Mr Brodbeck said he thought that the area was marked for parking previously and he would investigate the matter and report back to the next Committee meeting.

5.3 Next Meeting

The RMS representative said it would be appropriate for the officer who will be carrying out the Audit of Signage to address members of the Committee and carry out an inspection of the area. It was agreed that Council's representative would contact the RMS early in the New Year to arrange a date for this inspection to take place.

5.4 Primitive Camp Site – Quambone

The Council representative informed the meeting that a primitive camp site has been set up at Quambone and additional signage has been requested. He asked whether the RMS has concerns about signage being placed on regional and local roads. Mr. Vant said his organization does not need to get involved with such signage.

At this juncture, 3.02pm, the meeting adjourned to carry out various inspections. Following the inspections, the Committee recommends as follows:

- **Recommendation No 1 – Public School Crossing – Bertram Street:**

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the islands be widened and the through traffic lanes be reduced to 6.2 metres.

- **Recommendation No 2 – Coonamble Taxi Rank:**

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council mark out and signpost a taxi parking area taking up two (2) parking spaces for rear to kerb parking and that the island be removed.

- **Recommendation No 3 – Parking for Caravans**

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that caravan parking be restricted to the areas on either side of State Highway 18 as defined below:

- Eastern side – from the gateway into the Telstra premises and extending to the former Ambulance Station building;
- Western side – from the driveway to Coonamble Motel extending to the driveway into the Visitor Information Centre premises

and further, that the signage for Caravan Parking be included in the signposting Audit which will be carried out in the New Year.

This concluded the business and the meeting was declared closed.

17.2 NOTES FROM MEETING RE CDEP TRANSITION HELD AT THE COONAMBLE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 13.12.12, 4PM

Present: Leonard Hill (FAHCSIA), BJ Harris (CLALC), David Ryan (MPREC), Lee O'Connor (CSC).

Introduction

- FAHCSIA felt it was important to have a meeting as soon as possible to provide information to key stakeholders such as Community Working Party and Council.
- A separate meeting was held yesterday in Dubbo with providers – CDEP, DES, JSA.
- Providers are responsible for providing communicating with individual CDEP participants about the changes.
- DEEWR representatives Alison Bentick and John Alison couldn't make it today but will be available for future meetings.
- Further meetings to be held late January/early February 2013.

Outline of Changes from 1 July 2013

- Every CDEP participant will be registered with a JSA.
- Current waged CDEP participants will continue to be paid (through JSAs)
- CDEP participants may continue in the same or similar community development activities. These are to be negotiated between the JSAs and current CDEP providers.
- Not clear whether current CDEP providers will be paid to run activities.
- JSAs will have a contract with FAHCSIA to manage the HR, payroll, etc for waged CDEP participants. [proposed \$500 per participant per year.]
- JSAs will receive an Employment Pathway Payment from DEEWR for each participant to provide activities. [proposed \$3000 per year per participant]
- The quantum of those figures are not clear/finalised. JSAs are expressing concern that the proposed funding is insufficient.
- 90% of CDEP participants are already registered with a JSA. Others may choose which JSA they go with.

- No anticipated problems if a JSA is already both a JSA and a CDEP provider in the same area.

Issues/Questions

- Why Coonamble is not included in defined 'remote' RJCP region. DEEWR defined the boundaries. Unlikely to change.
- Lack of requirements to confirm Aboriginality for jobseekers is seen as a problem. Response: the Governance group under MPRA would be responsible for taking up this issue. The group involves CWP chairs and 3 chairs sit on a sub-group which works with Alison Bentick.
- Will enterprise development be part of the mix? JSAs need to consider this and how they might source other funds to achieve this (eg. IEP).
- If activities and programs are to be negotiated between JSAs and existing CDEP providers, will there be opportunity for other local input to create new partnerships, new programs, new employment pathways? Response: There will be opportunity for new partnering.
- Differing focus of key government stakeholders. Ie. DEEWR is concerned with working with providers. FAHCSIA will focus on working with Community Working Parties.
- There is a stronger focus on Walgett because of its RSD status.
- Is there a sunset clause on CDEP Transition funding? Response: There will be a review process. CDEP Transition arrangements to be reviewed late 2014/early 2015 prior to JSA contracts expiring June 2015.
- Within the RJCP Region there is a generous Community Development Fund. There is no equivalent proposed for non-RJCP communities. It was requested that Leonard take this up with the relevant authorities to request a similar fund for non-remote communities.
- Who sets the priorities for participant activities? For example, will driver licensing still be considered? Response: The processes are not yet clear. No doubt funding availability will be a determining factor.

Key messages from today's meeting

1. The transition is still being worked out but it will happen from 1 July 2013.
2. Community development activities will happen.
3. CDEP wages will continue.

**Please refer APPENDIX B – CDEP Transition
Support for providers and participants in non-RJCP regions.**

**17.3 NOTES FROM COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2012 AT
11 AM**

PRESENT: Lee O'Connor (CSC EDM), Kate Keizer (CNC), Cynthia Fitzpatrick (National Disability Co-ordinator), Shane Kilby (TAFE), Keeley Harrison (Mission Aust – Youth Connections), Jim Quinn & Heidi Russell (CRS), Kathryn Taylor (Skillset), Gary Brown & Ana Pateman (Western Student Connections), Priscilla Harvey (CHS careers).

APOLOGY: Elisha Bailey (DEEWR), Fiona Harris (TAFE), Ron Maxwell (Western College), Kristina Higham (RDA Orana), Steve Hodder (Verto), Bianca Birks (Mission Aust, Youth Connections), David Floyd (Youth Express), Chris Kelly (NCAP), Donna Swansborough (Sureway), Janelle Whitehead (MPREC), Amanda Nixon (CSC HR Manager)

Chair: Shane Kilby **Notes:** Lee O'Connor

1. Jobs & Skills Expo 2013

- Date – **Wed 20 March**. Time – 10am to 2pm.
- Showground booked and paid for.
- Database – businesses to invite. Continue to refer suggestions to Kate Keizer at CNC.
- Database – organisations and services to invite. Melody Green, Rural Skills Australia. Aboriginal organisation in Dubbo. Fiona Harris is working on Taste of TAFE. Engineers Australia Dubbo branch? UNSW ASPIRE/Engineering. Send email to Jill Kilby to forward. Priscilla contacted careers advisers.
- Claim the Date and registration form. Kate has finalised and will send around for everyone to distribute. Try to get something in Coonamble Times today (next paper not till Feb). Lee to put it on Council website. Get Phil Abrahall to claim the date on MTM-FM.
- Employer flyer – to go out early January. To be followed up by phone calls.
- Budget/marketing plan – Invoice sent to Cynthia, NDCO \$1000. No funds from CRS due to funding cuts. WSC may be able to contribute via Indigenous Youth Career Pathways program.
- Childminding/face-painting – MacKillop agreed to offer a childminding/activity at the Expo.

- JSAs re financial contribution – email sent yesterday. Sureway have agreed to provide \$150 – needs to be invoiced.

ACTIONS:

- **Tuesday 5th Feb – meeting on site at Showground for those able to attend.**
- **Catering –Kate to talk to Phil Abrahall to claim date with Lions Club.**
- **Kate to approach CWA Evening Branch or Golf Club Ladies re meal packages for stallholders.**
- **Priscilla to ask for cost estimate from Hospitality Unit (Maureen Michie) re tea/ coffee and morning tea food.**
- **Amanda G will discuss generic banner/flags for the Showground with L Picone, Tourism Manager.**
- **Lee and Cynthia to liaise re large vinyl banner/s for Showground gate and town display. Preferably with removable date.**
- **Bring ideas for prize for feedback – go in the draw to win... when evaluation form completed. Ideas: Skillset – How to be a motivated apprentice/trainee – 1 day worth \$200. Employment pack eg. Resume writing. Re-gifting accepted. Leonards voucher for work clothes. TAFE thumb drives.**

2. LLNP (Learning Literacy Numeracy Program) – retitled S.E.E. (???)

- Tenders are out. TAFE has requested a referral.
- Tenders do not specify how many providers will be accepted or how big an area each provider is to service.
- RTOs who already have a tender have been re-issued. Other RTOs can apply to go on a panel for the region. Tenders will be allocated by June.

3. Remote Jobs & Communities Program – CDEP Transition

- Meeting held at CAHS last Thursday. **Lee to distribute notes.**
- CNC interested in setting up Food Bank. Could be community engagement activity for CDEP participants. Kate visiting Lightning Ridge.
- Further meetings to be held late Jan/early Feb.
- No feedback for some tenderers (JSAs/DES) even in RJCP regions.
- Employment Circle members agreed that the new program needs to work well. Members are keen to find new opportunities for employment pathways.

4. Indigenous Careers/Employment

4.1 CRS are planning to start an IEP in second half of 2013. To get the funding, CRS have to have the jobs first. Preference to traineeships. Fletchers, Woolworths are on board in Dubbo.

4.2 Western Student Connections – Indigenous Youth Careers Program – WSC in a consortium with Access Group Training (GTO and RTO). Other groups- Centacare Wilc/Forbes & Group Training Aust who have sub-contracted to Skillset. 123 allocated positions for SBT in western region. Targeted certain schools and divided among 3 providers. WSC have 10 schools and 51 positions. WSC need to find 51 Aboriginal traineeships from the selected schools. Includes Coonamble High School. Any Aboriginal students signed up for SBT can be supported through IYCP program. Facilitate SBTs, conduct aspiration building activities for eligible students (all Yr 11 Aboriginal students), structured mentoring while at school and 3 months following completion of yr 12. Will individually case manage each trainee. One on one support and mentoring for 2 yrs. Help plan for their future and include the school, employer and parents/carers in the planning. Provide regular reports to the schools and employers. Stay in regular contact with all the stakeholders. For employers – help identify what trainee needs in the workplace, can organise cultural awareness training for the business. Yr 10s can do a traineeship, they have 3 years to complete their traineeship. Yr 10 need permission from DEEWR. Required to run 2 aspiration building activities per semester. This could support the Expo by sponsoring something within the expo. Eg. A presentation on SBTs – 1 to students, early 1 for businesses. Presentation takes 15minutes.

4.3 Western Aboriginal teacher traineeships program on WSC website. Still available if schools are interested. Had planned to provide for Elsa Dixon funding to pay student wages to work in a school one day per week as a teacher's aide so schools didn't have to fund. If a primary or preschool wanted to host a student they'd have to be able to pay \$5000 over 2 years to cover the student wages. Students would be part of IYCP program so fully supported and mentored. Newcastle Uni has been fully supported. Gary has contacted Michele Hall telling her about the opportunity. Cert 3 educ support. Coonamble TAFE co-ordinate Cert 3 Ed Support, Bec McIntyre is teacher/coordinator. CHS could apply to Elsa Dixon for 3-5 positions. WSC could assist with application.

4.4 Skillset also has IYCP program. Funding for host employer to take on someone 1 day per week. Max 104 days over 2 years. They become the legal employer (as a GTO) and manage all the paperwork, insurances etc. Kathryn to clarify if she can offer this to Coonamble schools.

4.5 WSC do any cert 2 qual and some cert 3 eg. Childrens services, primary industries, electrical, aged care, hospitality. Students doing sport and rec preparing sport program for primary schools. Starting 2013. WSC most of target by end of March.

4.6 CHS has had 4 students doing School Based Traineeships this year.

5. Australia Apprenticeships Centres

Kathryn sent through a link following last meeting. Lee to find and forward. (or info brochure from Adam at ABL). New player is DECC, Grant Fish, Dubbo – State Training – is now an apprenticeship centre as well as a regulator. Third is VERTO (formerly CW Community College). MEGT are also in this area, David Gibson. AACs do the sign-ups for any traineeships/apprenticeships. Skillset have Kerry Moore, as Apprentice Advisor. Funding for work readiness activities.

6. Promoting Employment in Agriculture

Skillset looking at a promotion of Ag traineeships in the new year. Kathryn will send info.

Melody Green, Apprenticeships Advisor in Hunter/North West with Ruralskills Aust – to come to talk about it next year. Has a pilot program operating in the Hunter and may look to trial it in a more disadvantaged area where distance is an issue. Melody to be invited to discuss a possible program.

7. Community Strategic Employment Plan

Draft to be adopted. The Plan to be a 'working document'. Action items to be used as agenda for CEC meetings.

8. General Business

- Connected Communities – Priscilla to invite Margaret to next full CEC meeting. Ana to liaise with Priscilla re Elsa Dixon funding application.
- Abattoir–due to open late January/early Feb.
- Western Education & Events Centre–
- NSW Government Review into Agricultural Education & Training – Lee to distribute copy.
- Meeting to request specific training for local JSA clients.Shane visited different TAFE faculties to put together a cert 2 course for young men unemployed JSA clients. Ag-based, full-time with exit available if jobs come up. May be able to put together 4 x 4week short courses as a progression to a qualification. Cost is high if teachers from out of town. Literacy/numeracy must be built in. Must be an outcome ie. A job placement 13-26 weeks.

- Shane trying to put together cert 2 course for young women with literacy and business. Suggested working with new girls academy.
- Mission Aust – had a caseload of appro 40 kids 11-19 y.o in 2012. Main focus is education.
- Things to tackle in 2013 – Skills Survey
 - Driver Licensing/Mentoring

9. Next meeting Tuesday 19th Feb.2012 11am, Coonamble Shire Council Committee Room

18. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
EC2.2.9 Ensure saleyard operation is sustainable

18.1 SALES

**THE SALEYARDS AND FACILITIES MANAGER IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE.
 THE FIGURES FOR THE PAST MONTH WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE
 MARCH MEETING.**

18.2 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT

Period to 31 January 2013	Income	\$ 73,704.87
	Expenditure	<u>\$124,227.75</u>
	Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$50,522.88)

AMANDA GLASSON
 Manager – Saleyards & Facilities

19. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013

NIL

20. GENERAL BUSINESS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013