

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

**1.0 OPENING PRAYER**

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

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

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no people present for Public Question time.

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

No deputations or delegations applied to present to the meeting.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Michael Webb declared an interest in Item 14.2 – Lease of Sewerage Treatment Works – relative of an interested party.

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**0294 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 December 2012 be confirmed.

**Business arising from Minutes:**

(a) **CCTV Cameras** – In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services advised that the broken cameras have been repaired. He said an upgrade of the system is being arranged as the life of this system is five years – these cameras have been used for seven years. Mr Quarmby said footage would be available for a longer timeframe – currently it's available for only 18 days. Cr Walker asked whether Police use footage from the cameras, referring to the considerable incidents of law and order offences taking place.

(b) **Thara Road** – The Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that the survey is complete. Cr Keady said he and Cr Burnheim inspected the area recently. The Director said this issue would be included on the agenda for the Roads Meeting.

#### **8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**0295 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

#### **Business Arising From Resolution Book:**

(a) **Street Numbering – Quambone** – The General Manager said he would follow this matter up.

#### **9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor gave a brief report of activities during January, including the following:

- Australia Day Celebrations – Cr Keady attended to represent Council and reported it was a well organised and well attended event – he said the Australia Day Coordinator did a very good job. Cr Keady also referred to the successful function held at Gulargambone, mentioning there was also a fundraising afternoon to assist bush fire victims. Cr Keady reported that positive comments were received concerning the presentation of the Showground for the celebrations.
- Bush Fire Appeal – the Mayor said that Council sent plant to assist with fire fighting efforts in the Coonabarabran Shire. He referred to the Mayor's Appeal to assist victims of the devastating fire and suggested that this Council contribute

**0296 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council contribute \$4,000 to the Coonabarabran Mayor's Appeal to assist victims of the recent bush fire.

**0297 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that the Mayor's Activity Report be received.

#### **10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**0298 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh & Keady that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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**Section A – For Council’s Consideration:**

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

**0299 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady 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)**

**0300 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb 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)**

**0301 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that Council contribute \$120 from the Donations vote towards Coonamble Clay Target Club’s Annual Shoot being held in April 2013.

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

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Burnheim that the floodlighting of the area at the rear of Macdonald Park be carried out immediately using the \$5,000 available in the Street Lighting vote, **WAS WITHDRAWN.**

**0302 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council:

- (1) investigate establishing a pedestrian access along the river bank adjacent to the pool and carry out works as a priority;
- (2) investigate lighting of the area at the rear of Macdonald Park and include the Limerick Street area and the cost be included for consideration in conjunction with the 2013/2014 estimates;
- (3) inform the local police of its intentions and seek further advice regarding their suggestions for these problem areas.

Cr. Walker informed the meeting that GrainCorp has grant funds available for improvements to town areas and suggested that enquiries be made to ascertain if Council’s proposal would be eligible.

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**10.5 SHAR JONES & ASSOCIATES**

**G5-13-1(39343)**

The General Manager reported that the services of the Museum Advisor were currently under review, as they were deemed somewhat ineffective. Mr. Warren said his recommendation would have been that they be terminated.

**0303 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council note the resignation of its Museum Advisor, Shar Jones & Associates.

**10.6 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK**

**D7(39399)**

**0304 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady 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)**

**0305 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council advise the writer that, in accordance with usual practice, it has agreed to invite expressions of interest for the lease of the subject Crown land.

**10.8 THE HON RICHARD TORBAY, MP**

**D5(39488)**

Saying the Government has appointed a Task Force to review the Decade of Decentralisation Policy, together with associated regional policies and programs and the Taskforce is due to report to Government by the end of March 2013.

**0306 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council note the information contained in this correspondence and make a submission including Council's views on 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 and include Council's disappointment at the impending closure of the local Department of Agriculture Office in Coonamble.

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

**0307 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that the information concerning workshops available in Dubbo be noted.

Cr Keady indicated his desire to attend a workshop and said he would advise the General Manager in due course for arrangements to be made.

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

**0308 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council agree to contribute \$1,000 to the Coonamble Golf Club to assist in the maintenance of the golf course and funds be sourced from the Donations vote.

At this juncture, the Director of Engineering Services said he would investigate costs and options for providing a lagoon at the sewerage treatment works to store waste water through the winter so it could be piped to the golf course and racecourse in the summer months for irrigation of the grounds.

Mr Brodbeck said an average of 40mgs of water goes to waste during winter – even more in wet seasons and he said it would benefit the two clubs if it could be stored and used as required during the hotter months. He said Council would have to obtain a recycling licence from the EPA, have tests carried out monthly on the water and build a ‘holding lagoon’. Mr Brodbeck estimated that \$250,000 would be required to build an area sufficient to hold 40 mgs.

**0309 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the Director of Engineering Services further investigate this proposal and seek sources of funding for the project.

**10.11 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES R8-18+SH18(39534)**

**0310 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council note the information and concur with actions planned by the Roads & Maritime Services to improve the Castlereagh Highway at Wingadee in the vicinity of property owned by Mr C Beck.

**10.12 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10(39551)**

**0311 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council note the information concerning the 2013 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra between 16 & 19 June 2012.

**10.13 OUTBACK ARTS A11(39552)**

**0312 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady 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.

In response to a question from Cr Burnheim, Council’s Director of Corporate and Community Services said the Bang the Table Project was being implemented by the local Youth Council and is in three parts:

- Employment
- Events
- Forum

Ms Tasker said in regard to ‘employment’, a recent school leaver has commenced a traineeship in Administration.

**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 to support the Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Event.

**10.16 SYDNEY AIRPORT CORPORATION LIMITED A5(39263)**

Providing Council with a further update regarding access to Sydney Airport for regional airlines Recognising the importance of aviation to regional NSW and the need for regional airlines to continue to be able to access Sydney Airport. 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**

**C8-3(39299)**

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)**

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.

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**10.19 THE HON ANDREW STONER MP D5-21+S5+PR3651-502(39333)**

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. Advising the NSW Government is supportive of the proposed project and provides in principle support to the vesting 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.

**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. 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.

Cr Burnheim said this project could provide wonderful training opportunities to local youth. He said it's a skills based program for young people from Year 7 onwards. He said it is currently at the feasibility stage and is hopeful that it will become a reality.

**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.

**10.22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW  
L9(39293)**

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. 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.

Councillors noted that Council previously resolved to participate with the LGSA in achieving Constitutional Recognition of Local Government and its contribution has been included in the budget.

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**10.23 OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES – DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION G5(39446)**

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.

**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. 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.

In response to a question from Cr Burnheim, the General Manager said Council would provide a submission when the next discussion paper is released. He referred to Council's participation with OROC and said submissions from that body include this LGA.

**10.26 MRS KATHY PICKERING A13(39528)**

Saying she attended the Australia Day festivities at the Coonamble Showground and congratulating Council on conducting a very well run event. 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.

The General Manager informed Council that a copy of this letter has been provided to the staff involved in 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.



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Councillors noted the Award was on display at the meeting and arrangements will now be made for it to hang 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. The Company attached a copy of the Certificate of Currency which includes \$20 million public liability coverage and indemnifies any council.

The General Manager advised that Council has acceded to the request by Skydive Oz to use the Airport in accordance with past arrangements.

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

Saying at a meeting of Executive in 2012 it was suggested that consideration be given to holding the next meeting be held at Gulargambone. Seeking Council's support to cover costs, including provision of a simple lunch, with morning and afternoon teas.

This request was forwarded directly to the Mayor, who responded advising Council was happy with the possible selection of Gulargambone as a venue for the meeting and it would cover costs. However, it was noted that 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.

**0313 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information contained in Item Nos.10.14 to 10.30 be noted.

**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). 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. Saying that if Council wishes to conduct a seminar it would be required to provide a suitable venue as well as access to a computer and data projector.

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**0314 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council apply to the Election Funding Authority of NSW to have a seminar conducted in Coonamble.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**0315 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the following be classified “urgent business” and dealt with.

**10.32 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5**

**0316 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that Council decline to contribute towards the cost of protective equipment (uniforms) for police officers to patrol areas on trail bikes, pointing out that Council previously contributed 50% of the cost of a surveillance kit and conditions outlined by Council have not been met.

**0317 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that Council include with the rates to be mailed in May a flyer detailing Rural Watch, with a contact phone number and name and that details also appear in Council’s column from time to time.

**10.33 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT A3-3(39616)**

**0318 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the summary of the review of its Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation.

The General Manager said this was a good result and congratulated staff, especially Lianne Tasker and Bruce Quarmby, for their efforts in preparing the documentation.

**10.34 DARYL COLWELL E240(39626)**

**0319 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council accept Mr. Colwell’s resignation from his position of Executive Engineer – Roads, Bridges & Operations with regret and forward a letter of appreciation thanking him for his work with Council.

At this juncture, 10.36 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.55 a.m.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**0320 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the General Manager’s report be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**0321 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb 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 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FRAMEWORK**

**0322 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW, the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code and the 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**

**0323 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker 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.

The General Manager informed the meeting that representatives from Santos have sought permission to address Council's April meeting and issued an invitation for Councillors to attend mining sites. Councillors also agreed that arrangements should be made for them to inspect other areas where mining activities are being conducted.

**11.4 SUPPLY CONTRACT – ELECTRICITY SMALL SITES**

**0324 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that Council note the information pertaining to the discounted electricity supply contract entered into with Origin Energy.

**11.5 2010/2011 COMPARISON OF COUNCILS**

**0325 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh 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**

In response to a question from Cr Burnheim the General Manager said that Councillors would have the opportunity to review the Operational Plan for the next financial year in approximately two months when a workshop would be held to consider items for the yearly budget.

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The General Manager explained that the Community Strategic Plan was put together after exhaustive consultation with the community and was for a 15 year term; the Delivery Program for 4 year term and the Operational Plan is reviewed annually.

**0326 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh 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**

**(i) Coonamble Local Environmental Plan**

**0327 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council seek to have its Local Environmental Plan reviewed 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.

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

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

**0328 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**0329 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 January 2013, be noted.

**12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**0330 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the list of investments as 31 January 2013 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 LIBRARY SERVICES POLICY**

**0331 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that Council formally adopt the Library Services Policy, noting the draft document was on public exhibition for the prescribed period and no submissions and/or comments were received.

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

**0332 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council approve the Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates for 2013/2014, with a contribution by Coonamble Council of \$68,000.

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

**0333 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**0334 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the information contained in the Economic Development Manager's report be noted.

The following items from the report were discussed:

- *Funding for covered arena* – final submissions are being considered – council will be advised whether this project has reached the next round.
- *Abattoir* – works are progressing – it is reported that \$50,000 have been spent on improvements to date and a house in town has been purchased on behalf of the owners.

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

**0335 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady 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 \$24.13 as shown below for period ending 31 December 2013:

***Items Unaccounted For:***

<b><i>Stores No</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>	<b><i>Qty</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
S00441	Nails	1	3.20
S00472	Petrol	16	20.93
			<b>24.13</b>

***Items in Excess:***

<b><i>Stores No</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>	<b><i>Qty</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
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
			<b>1,874.02</b>

### **13.5 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0336 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in this report be noted.

The Director advised that an estimate in the amount of \$15,000 has been received for provision of microphones in the Council Chamber and will be included in the 2013/2014 budget estimates.

Cr Karanouh reported that the fence between Macdonald Park and the Bowling Club has been damaged and the off-leash area for dogs off Macdonald Park needs repairs to fence.

At this juncture, Ms Lauren Picone, Council's Tourism Development Manager was at the meeting to present her report.

### **13.2 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**0337 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the information contained in the Tourism Development Manager's report be noted.

Councillors discussed various projects outlined in the report, including:

- Inland Tourism – meeting at this stage scheduled for May.
- CMCA Rally at Narrabri – TDM intends to attend the event and will report back to Council.
- Tin Town – waiting on historical photos to be supplied.
- Destination Management Plan – workshop will be held in Coonamble.

### **13.3 COONAMBLE SHIRE VISITOR GUIDE 2013**

**0338 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to charge local businesses an advertising fee for business listings in the new Visitor Brochure.

At this juncture, 12.13 p.m, the Tourism Development Manager left the meeting.

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

**0339 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

### **14.1 COONAMBLE LEVEE UPDATE**

**0340 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council advise NSW Dams & Civil Technologies that it would prefer shutters incorporated into the design of the Coonamble Levee – estimated to cost \$272,000..

At this point Cr Webb left the room after having declared an interest in the following matter.

**14.2 LEASE OF SEWER TREATMENT PLANT**

**0341 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim that Council not advertise the lease of the Coonamble sewage treatment plant due to EPA requirements and the need to carry out additional works, including fencing.

Cr Webb returned to the meeting.

**14.3 ABERFORD STREET AND DUBBO STREET – UPGRADES**

**0342 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh :

- (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.

Cr Karanouh suggested that a survey of residents of Mundooren Street from Aberford Street to Tooloon Street be undertaken to ascertain whether they would have any objections to a cul-de-sac being formed at the Aberford Street/Dubbo Street intersection.

**14.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS - UPDATE**

**0343 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the information contained in this report be noted.

The Director of Engineering Services informed Council that lack of available water is hampering road works at the present time.

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**0344 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2012**

**0345 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the report by the Ranger for the month of January 2013 be noted.

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**16.0 DELIVERY PRORAM & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 31/12/2012**

- 0346 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council:
- (1) note the Management Plan Review;
  - (2) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
  - (3) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
  - (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 December 2012.

The Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services informed Council that the cost of demolishing the former 'music shell' in Lions Park was approximately \$20,000. He said he has included the construction of toilet facilities in the park in the estimates.

**17.0 REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

- 0347 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Walker and Burnheim that the report by various committees be received and dealt with.

**17.1 Minutes of Traffic Committee Meeting**

- 0348 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 December 2012 be adopted, with the following amendment.

**4.4 Coonamble Taxi Rank**

- 0349 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council not remove the seat from the Taxi Rank, but turn it around to face Castlereagh Street.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that *Caravan Parking* signs are already erected.

- 0350 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that the Director of Engineering Services investigate options for safer vehicle parking adjacent to the pool and report to Council on his findings.

**17.2 Notes from Meeting re CDEP Transition**

- 0351 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the notes from the meeting regarding CDEP transition held on 13 December 2012 be noted.



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**17.3 Notes from Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting**

**0352 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Burnheim that the notes from the Employment Circle meeting held on 18 December 2012 be noted.

**18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**0353 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the Saleyards Account figures for period to 31 January 2013 be noted.

At this juncture, 12.55 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.57 p.m.

**19.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**0354 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) *“commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it”*

**0355 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0356 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION**

**0357 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1 - 19.3, as follows:

**19.1 CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council investigate the lease of a volumetric mixer for a period not exceeding 12 months and the Director of Engineering Services report to Council details and costs associated with the purchase of a static mixer to be located at Council's depot.

**19.2 LEASE OF COONAMBLE SWIMMING COMPLEX**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council not advertise for expressions of interest to lease the Coonamble Swimming Complex and the status quo remain.

**19.3 REHABILITATION CENTRE**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that a report on this matter be submitted to a future meeting of Council.

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**20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Schieb:**

- Car bodies in urban area – suggested that Council officer contact Jacksons to collect these items and store them at their industrial estate depot.
- Debriefing meeting – Warrumbungle bush fire – hazard reduction in Pilliga State Forest.
- Fuel prices in Coonamble more expensive than surrounding centres.

**Cr Karanouh:**

- Janet Cant Memorial Apex Park – Frank Cant has requested that the Mayor organise a “*Naming Ceremony*” event – e.g. barbeque. Cr. Cullen agreed to the request.
- Footpath crossings in the area of Warrena/Dubbo Streets and adjacent to the TAFE. The Director of Engineering Services agreed to inspect these areas.

**Cr Burnheim:**

- North Western Library AGM – purchase of 5 year software package for cost efficient extended scope for the participating libraries – advised the cost was \$8,600 – if other Councils contribute the cost to Council will be \$2,150. He said the software will improve the general efficiency of operations.

**0358 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that Council agree to contribute \$2,150 towards the purchase of a 5 year software package on the condition that other Councils involved also contribute.

- Grant of \$16,000 has been received – Council’s Director of Corporate and Community Services said it is under the Revitalisation of Regional Libraries program and may be used for anything connected to ‘customer service’.
- Quambone Community Resources Committee – thanks Council for the playground equipment which has been erected at Quambone Park.

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**Cr Keady:**

- Primitive Campsite at Quambone – repairs and painting have been carried out to the toilets – Council's employee has been instructed to check toilets daily.
- Feasibility of car park for pool patrons at the rear of Macdonald Park – options and costings to be brought to Council for consideration.

**Cr Burnheim:**

- Informed Council of NBN Workshop in Coonamble on 22 – 23 April and suggested Council's IT staff attend.

**Cr Walker:**

- Film crew coming to Coonamble 5 – 6 April to film junior rodeo run by Nakadoo – would promote town – would Council contribute. The General Manager suggested that Mr Kennedy book the rodeo arena and pay the fees, then make his request to Council. The matter would then be determined at the March meeting.
- Requested that Superintendent Noble be invited to address a future meeting to discuss serious issues of law and order in Coonamble.

**General Manager:**

- Referred to Cabinet meeting in Dubbo.
- Santos will be attending April meeting.
- Truck parking issues – referred the complainant to police.

**Cr Karanouh:**

- Referred to truck parking near pedestrian crossing adjacent to the Shire Administration Centre – suggested the police be requested to monitor as it is a safety issue.

**Mayor:**

- OROC meeting in Dubbo – Friday 15 February 2013 – referred to changes expected to local government – said the meeting would be an update .

**Director of Engineering Services:**

- Referred to the Regional and Local Roads Plan and said he would table it at the meeting he intends to call to discuss Council's road network.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.25 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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