

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY,  
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**PRESENT:** Cr. Tom Cullen, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. M.Webb, J.Walker, D.Keady, B.Burnheim and A.Karanouh.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services, Mr. Quarmbly 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**

Nil

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

**0467 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr. Don Schieb.

Councillors noted that its Director of Engineering Services is representing Council at the CIVINEX Field Days

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Three delegations were booked for today's meeting:

- (i) Mr Luke Ballard – representing the Clontarf Foundation
- (ii) Coonamble High School Principal
- (iii) Mr & Mrs Smith & Mrs Bucknell from Quambone

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING**

**0468 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 April 2013 be confirmed, subject to the addition of the following:

*Page 11/5220 – Minute No 0438 – Karanouh and Webb.*

**Business arising from Minutes:**

**(a) Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station**

In response to a question the General Manager advised that the matter is being followed up by Council staff.

**(b) Batching Plant**

A question was raised regarding Council's position concerning the purchase of a batching plant. In response the General Manager said there has been indication that the Boral Plant has been purchased and he suggested Council bide its time until this is confirmed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**0469 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 s10A (2)(d)(i) *commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it*".

**0470 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0471 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council resume Open Meeting, noting there was no recommendation from Closed Session.

**COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

At this juncture, the Executive Principal of the Coonamble High School, Ms Margaret Mulcahy, was welcomed to the meeting. She thanked Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and gave a brief overview of the Connected Communities Program, pointing out it is a long term project. She said she community contact has, so far, been very positive.

Ms Mulcahy said it is a well-being program, focusing principally on behaviour and welfare. She said she is looking forward to setting up a Wellbeing Centre at the school and pointed out that Year Advisers now meet with students on a regular basis and staff are attending Professional Development conferences.

The Executive Principal referred to the Girls Academy which is being launched on 30 May – and pointed out there are two full time staff involved with this program. Ms Mulcahy referred to the Castlereagh Learning Centre which will be in a new building at the School.

Ms Mulcahy referred to changes already initiated at the school and anticipates that the Connected Communities Program will benefit all students, including the Primary and Catholic Schools in Coonamble. Also, the Reference Group will be convened within the next three weeks and a position is currently being advertised for this position. She said the

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position will be involved with the Executive and the Reference Group and its charter is as an Advisory Group within the wider community.

The Mayor asked how Ms Mulcahy envisaged Council could support the program. She referred to the support the school has committed to for fencing and cattle yards at the Common and said the school is ready to go and waiting on Council to supply materials. Another project mentioned was the Bovine Appreciation Club and she requested Council to consider providing an area that would enable growth of this venture. Ms Mulcahy said another area in which support could be provided by Council was mentoring students in rural industries. She said employment opportunities offering a wide range of traineeships was another way to become involved and offer support to students.

At this juncture Ms Mulcahy again thanked Council for making time available for her to update it on the Connected Communities program with is based on high expectations in all aspects.

**CLONTARF FOUNDATION – MR LUKE BALLARD**

Mr Ballard said that, representing the Clontarf Foundation, he has been in Coonamble for 12 months. He said the Foundation is based in 55 different schools throughout the Australia and seven locations in NSW. Mr Ballard said it is funded one-third Federal Government; one-third State and one-third private enterprise and is a full time programme with an annual budget of \$21M.

He said the aim of the Foundation is to improve the education, discipline, self esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men and, by doing so, equip them to participate more meaningfully in society.

Mr Ballard said Clontarf, formed in partnership with the local school, focuses on encouraging behavioural change and developing positive attitudes. He said it aims to assist students in completing school and being able to secure employment. Mr Ballard said that when participants are provided with an opportunity to succeed and to raise their self esteem results are proven to be successful. He pointed out that to remain part of the Foundation the boys must consistently endeavour to:

- Attend school regularly
- Apply themselves to the study of appropriate courses; and
- Embrace the Foundation's requirements for behaviour and self-discipline.

Mr Ballard provided literature to Councillors which states that, despite growing dramatically, the Foundation continues to achieve consistently good results :

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- Year to year retention – not less than 90%
- School attendance rates – 80%
- 75% of school leavers are engaged in employment, training or study within one year of school completion.

In response to a question, Mr Ballard said the greatest challenge locally is engaging attendance at school. He said Council can help by being aware of and supporting local events – saying it is important that participants be recognised for the right reasons. Mr Ballard said local police involvement has been very supportive. He outlined various activities and events in which the boys have been involved and he said that the Foundation has a strong partnership with *Men of League* which provides wonderful support.

The Mayor thanked Mr Ballard for attending the meeting and providing Council with this very positive update.

**MR DARIUS SMITH – QUAMBONE STORE**

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr Darius Smith to the meeting to discuss traffic issues in Quambone. Mr Smith said that now the Quambone Store is fully operational again, he has concerns about the safety of children crossing the street from the park opposite, referring to the speed of traffic along Tucka Tucka Street. Mr Smith said, in his opinion, something should be done to slow traffic and for drivers to be more cautious. He said there is a 50kph sign on the Warren Road, but motorists are not complying with the speed limit.

The General Manager advised Mr Smith to write to Council, outlining the problem and providing further information regarding the safety issues which could then be referred to the Traffic Committee. Mr Smith agreed to provide a letter to Council.

**0471 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that when Mr Smith submits his letter, the matter be referred to the Traffic Committee for investigation and recommendation.

Mr Smith thanked Council and left at 10.30 a.m. at which time the Mayor adjourned the meeting for morning tea – resuming at 10.55 a.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – DEFERRED MEETING**

**0472 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the Deferred Minutes of Coonamble Shire Council meeting held on 16 April 2013, to consider :

- (i) Roads
- (ii) Draft Estimates

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- (iii) Lease of Land
  - (iv) Staff Matter
- be confirmed.

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

**(a) Urban Streets Rehabilitation**

Cr Keady requested clarification on Resolution No 0461 – the General Manager said that the resolution did not refer to Coughran’s Canyon, but the Urban Streets Rehabilitation works.

**(b) Coughran’s Canyon**

The General Manager said if Council was to carry out this work now it would be responsible for the full cost. He said the Director of Engineering Services is endeavouring to secure funding to do the work.

The Mayor said Council should give priority to Dubbo Street and, at this stage, not include Coughran’s Canyon.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**0473 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

**Business Arising From Resolution Book:**

**(a) Minute No 0028 – CDEP Participants**

The Director of Corporate and Community Services gave an overview of the new arrangements and indicated she will be attending meeting in the near future regarding CDEP activity.

Mr Warren referred to a meeting with Murdi Paaki on Monday 20 May 2013 at which this matter will be discussed. He said that it is hoped more information would then be available to bring back to Council.

**(b) Minute No 9837 – Meeting to discuss issues with CountryLink**

Cr Webb referred to this matter having been on Council’s books for a considerable time, with no action having been taken. The General Manager clarified the issue which was regarding the feeder bus service in Dubbo from CountryLink which was restricting use by some people. The Mayor suggested that the matter be taken off the Resolution Book Update.

**9.0 MAYOR’S REPORT**

Cr. Cullen referred to the following events which he attended during the month:

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- Naming Ceremony – Janet Cant Memorial Apex Park – he said this was a very well organised event and thanked staff for presenting the area in good condition and arranging the afternoon tea.
- Waste2Art – attended the Opening Night of the Exhibition of the Waste2Art which was held at the Outback Arts Gallery – Cr Cullen said the entries were of a high standard and a good crowd attended the event.

**0474 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the Mayor's Activity report for April 2013 be adopted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**0475 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Karanouh that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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

**10.1 COONAMBLE GARDEN CLUB T6(40164)**

Requesting that its letter be tabled at this meeting and saying the Club proposes a possible joint venture with the Shire, the Associated Agents, Saleyards Committee and the residents and businesses of Railway Street. Asking Council to agree, in principle to the proposal, subject to conditions listed.

Councillors questioned whether this area was appropriate for a beautification project, as it is mostly industrial with heavy traffic use. It was also noted that trees that were planted in the median strip fronting the Terminus Hotel were damaged due to illegal parking.

**0476 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information be noted and Council seek further information from the Garden Club on its proposed project, noting that the Club will be responsible for costs.

**10.2 UNITED SERVICES UNION S6**

Advising that a city council has recently identified an issue of an ageing workforce and youth unemployment. Strongly encouraging Council to consider a motion provided and seeking Council's support.

**0477 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that Council note the information provided by USU.

**10.3 STATE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY F9(40222)**

Advising the State & Regional Development Committee is a Specialist Standing Committee of the NSW Legislative Assembly. Saying the Committee has

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resolved to conduct an inquiry into downstream gas supply and availability in NSW. Inviting Council to make a submission by 31 May 2013.

**0478 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information be noted, also noting Cr Karanouh would be representing Council.

**10.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(40246)**

**0479 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council decline the request to provide financial assistance to Mid-Western Regional Council at this stage.

**10.5 QUAMBONE POLOCROSSE CLUB INC D7(40256)**

**0480 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council agree to provide \$100 to the Quambone Polocrosse Club Inc as sponsorship towards its annual carnival on 29 and 30 June 2013.

**10.6 GULARGAMBONE SHOWGROUND TRUST D7&G5(40303)**

Seeking a grant of \$20,000 from Council to supply cement for the shed at Gulargambone Showground (approximately 10m x 30m). Labour will be provided by members of various community groups. Pointing out the reinforcement has already been donated by a member of the community.

Cr Keady referred to the number of community groups that would benefit from this work.

**0481 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that the Gulargambone Showground Trust be advised Council does not have funds currently available, however the request will be considered at the June budget review.

**10.7 OUTBACK RADIO 2WEB A4(40302)**

**0482 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council decline the offer from 2WEB for an annual Local Government advertising package in the amount of \$5,500 due to financial constraints.

**10.8 PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES G5-48+S13(40192)**

**0483 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council obtain prices for suitably priced pool-associated play equipment and advertise its intention on Council's website inviting community input.

**Section B – For Council’s Information:**

**10.9 THE HON ROBYN PARKER MP – MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
B13+P5(40267)**

Assuring Council that the NSW Government is committed to increasing the number and area of strategic hazard reduction treatments in national parks and reserves. Noting concerns raised regarding shooting from public roads in the Coonamble Shire and saying this is a police matter. Appreciating suggestions regarding open days at the Macquarie Marshes and saying she has asked NPWS to work with Council on this matter. Stating she has been advised that Mr Rob Smith, Regional Manager, Northern Plains NPWS will contact Council in this regard.

The General Manager agreed to follow up with Mr Rob Smith issues concerning the Macquarie Marshes.

**10.10 CENTRAL WEST LIVESTOCK HEALTH & PEST AUTHORITY  
G1-1(40183)**

Advising the Board resolved that the Authority’s permission be granted for Council to acquire the TSR land identified to extend the Coonamble landfill as proposed in Council’s letter.

**10.11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(40195)**

Providing a further update on negotiations with the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Don Page, on the Early Intervention Bill. Assuring Council that Parliament does not sit again until 30 April and Local Government NSW is using that time to continue to work on changes. Saying it will continue to press for a deferral and encourage councils to support LGNSW in this demand.

**10.12 DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL & JUSTICE C8(40221)**

Referring to Council’s letter concerning sittings of the District Court at Coonamble and saying that the Court Services Division of his Department assures Council there are no plans to cease District Court Sittings at Coonamble. Pointing out that sitting locations are determined by the District Court’s Chief Judge, not the Attorney General – this is consistent with the principles of judicial independence.

**10.13 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10+L10-1(40215)**

Announcing a series of workshops to be held by the Local Government Acts Taskforce during May 2013. Advising that workshops are being held at a number of locations across NSW during May to discuss the options and proposals contained in the Discussion Paper. Encouraging Councillors and appropriate council staff to attend.

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The General Manager informed the meeting that the workshop scheduled for Dubbo is on Wednesday 15 May which is the day of the Council Meeting.

**10.14 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1+L10-2+F2(40240)**

Advising councils that the Minister for Local Government and the Treasurer have publicly released the NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) report: *Financial Sustainability of the New South Wales Local Government Sector*. Pointing out the report for each council can be downloaded from the Division's website at [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au) Asking that Councillors read the reports to ensure they are briefed on their content.

**10.15 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13(40249)**

Informing Councils of guidelines on the closure of council and committee meetings. Saying Councils should consider these guidelines which have been prepared in accordance with section 10B(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* when closing meetings to the public. The guidelines were included with the business paper.

**10.16 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT A3-3(40272)**

Thanking Council for assisting the Division in preparing the *NSW Local Government Infrastructure Audit Report* and providing feedback on the results of the audit as they relate to Council. Advising that the report is currently being finalized for the consideration of the Minister for Local Government and it is expected to be released thereafter.

**10.17 MR DAVE McLEAN F5+F5-4(40202)**

Drawing Council's attention to motor cycles and cars racing along the levee bank. Saying he has written to Council on previous occasions to no avail. Further advising that he has contacted the Police who say they cannot do anything about it. Asking why Council cannot do something to stop motorcycles and cars causing havoc to residents in the vicinity.

It was noted that the Director of Engineering Services has responded to this letter, advising that the local police have been requested to patrol the subject areas and enforce the Motor Traffic Act with regard to the use of unregistered vehicles on public streets and thoroughfares. Mr. Brodbeck said that some time ago Council placed barricades on the levee to prevent this type of inappropriate and unauthorized use, however they were removed and the unacceptable activities in the area continue.

Council noted that a letter has also been written to the local Sergeant asking for his cooperation and assistance in alleviating at least some of the problems being experienced by residents in the vicinity of the levee.

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**10.18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION G5-1(40283)**

Confirming the meeting with Councillors on 30 May 2013 at 1.00 p.m. for approximately two hours. Advising the purpose of the meeting is for the Commission to explain its operations and the basis of its calculation of financial assistance grants. Encouraging as many elected members and senior staff to attend as possible and wear name badges – saying the meeting is open to the public.

**10.19 HON DON PAGE MP – MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
L10-2(40286)**

In a Ministerial Circular advising that the *Independent Local Government Review Panel* has released its third report, *Future Directions for NSW Local Government*, setting out the options for creating stronger local government and stronger communities in NSW. Stating the Panel's report provides local government and its representative body Local Government NSW an opportunity to continue to shape the future direction of councils and communities. Encouraging all councils to read the report and contribute to the next stage of consultation to ensure the final report provides by the Panel presents real solutions to the significant challenges facing local government in NSW. Copy of Report was included with the business paper.

**10.20 THREEFOLD FILMS PTY LTD G5-9(40290)**

Thanking Council for allowing them to film in Coonamble during the recent Rodeo School. Advising their intentions are to produce a 5 min. "sizzle reel" which will be used to seek funding for a documentary which follows a bunch of young kids who will be attending the Nadadoo Rodeo School in the coming months. Stating that if the film submission is successful, they would be looking to conduct more filming within Coonamble in the near future, with Council's approval.

**10.21 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES E5-3(40311)**

Advising the independent *Local Land Services Stakeholder Reference Panel* has submitted its recommendation report to the NSW Government and the recommendations are available at the Local Land Services [Have Your Say website](#). Saying the NSW government now has a solid, considered foundation to work from to establish *Local Land Services* as a fit for purpose organization that places the customer at its core.

**10.22 ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER NSW E2(40337)**

Advising the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, NSW Parliament has commenced an inquiry into the conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections. Stating the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) will be providing its report to the Committee at the end of April 2013 and the report will cover the NSWEC's performance against the standards in the 2012 Local Government Service Charter. Saying that following public release by the Joint Standing

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Committee of the submissions received, including the NSWEC's report, a report will be forwarded to Council on the conduct of its elections.

**10.23 THE HON CHRIS HARTCHER MP – MINISTER FOR RESOURCES AND ENERGY**

Issuing an invitation to a briefing on the regulation of the coal seam gas (CSG) industry in NSW. Saying the information session will be held on Thursday 16 May 2013 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Sydney. Advising that the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer has been asked to conduct an independent review of all CSG activities across the State, including the potential impact on water catchments and the Office of Coal Seam Gas has been established to administer licences and regulate non-environmental issues, such as occupational health and safety of the industry.

**0484 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.9 to 10.23 be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**0485 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the following be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

**10.24 HON GEORGE SOURIS MP – MINISTER FOR THE ARTS L4(40396)**

**0486 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council note the Minister has approved funding of \$82,170 under the Country Libraries Fund Grant for *Library Connections*

**10.25 JOHN COMRIE – JAC COMRIE PTY LTD R4**

Copy of *NSW Local Government Rating and Charging Systems and Practices* – released in April 2013.

**0487 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note information contained in this document relates to Item 11.5 of the General Manager's report.

**10.26 THE HON ANTHONY ALBANESE MP M3-1(40408)**

**0488 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the Mayor attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Council of Local Government 2013 Dinner in Canberra on Sunday 16 June.

**10.27 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL L10-2  
(40374)**

Forwarding a press release advising the Panel has released *Strengthening NSW Remote Communities – the Options*. Pointing out this is a supplementary paper to *Future Directions for NSW Local Government – Twenty Essential Steps*.

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**0489 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the information contained in both papers, which were included with the Business Paper.

**10.30 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL**

**0490 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that all Councillors and the General Manager attend the Regional Councils' Workshop for Orana Councils which is being held at Gilgandra on Monday 3 June 2013 between 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

**10.28 CR REX WILSON OAM – MAYOR – WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL L10**

Discussing issues in relation to the Independent Local Government Review Panel's *Future Direction for NSW Local Government*.

**0491 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information be noted.

**10.29 MAYOR, PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL R2(40413)**

Advising that support and recognition of the importance of the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Railway (MBIR) has been increasing since the Inland Rail Symposium held in Parkes in June 2012.

**0492 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council continue to support the proposal relating to the Melbourne – Brisbane Inland Rail project.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**0493 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Webb that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**0494 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council note Development Application No. 005/2013 and Complying Development Application No 008/2013 have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

**11.2 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT – GENERAL MANAGER**

**0495 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Walker that Council:

- (1) note clause 7.6 of the standard conditions of employment requires the employee to give Council 21 days notice of an annual performance review date;
- (2) agree to conduct the review of the performance of the General Manager at the Council meeting of 12 June 2013.

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**11.3 COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 2016**

**0496 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council resolve to make arrangements with the Electoral Commissioner to conduct future Council Elections until the conclusion of the following ordinary election of Councillors.

**11.4 MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS – HOUSING**

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Webb **SECONDED** by Cr Karanouh that the status quo remain in relation to rent payable by medical/dental practices.

**AN AMENDMENT**

**0497 PROPOSED** by Cr Burnheim **SECONDED** by Cr Keady that rental of houses to medical and dental practices transition to increase the amount payable by quarterly increments until rental of \$230/week is reached.

On being put to the vote, the AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED and on becoming the motion, was carried.

**11.5 SPECIAL RATES & CHARGES**

**0498 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that Council note the information relating to special rate variations as a means of raising additional revenue.

The General Manager pointed out that Council should advise by December 2013 whether it wishes to increase the general rate or impose a special levy so that application can be made to IPART. Mr. Warren suggested that a general rate increase would be the most appropriate action to take.

**11.6 LIBRARY OPERATIONS - GULARGAMBONE**

**0490 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council call expressions of interest for the conduct of Library Services at Gulargambone

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**0500 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the following business be classified 'urgent' and dealt with:

**11.7 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**0501 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council:  
(1) agree to enter into the proposed Partnership Agreement with the SES for the operation of SES within Coonamble Shire;

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(2) advise the SES that it will agree to transfer the Holden Rodeo currently used for SES purposes to the SES at the market value amount.

**19.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**0502 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 s10A (2)(a) "*personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and (2)(d)(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it*".

**0503 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

At this juncture, 1.05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for lunch – the Mayor reminding Councillors the meeting remains in Closed Session. Following the luncheon adjournment the meeting resumed at 2.00 p.m. Cr. Karanouh did not return to the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0504 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**0505 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1 to 19.6, as detailed below:

**19.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council acknowledge the service of former Cr Canham with a Certificate of Service and acknowledge the services of former Cr Horan with a Certificate of Service and the Emeritus Mayor Certificate and, when obtained, the Certificates be presented at a future Council meeting.

**19.2 CEO OF COONAMBLE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that the request from the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service be noted and the Service be advised that Council will keep it in mind should it decide to dispose of the subject premises.

*Carried 4 votes / 3 votes – noting the Mayor used his casting vote.*

**19.3 RAY WHITE REAL ESTATE – INDUSTRIAL LAND**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council advise the proponent it will accept \$55,000 (inclusive of GST) for Block No 20 at the Industrial Estate and that authority be given to affix the Seal to the transfer documents if the offer is accepted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS – CLOSED SESSION**

**0506 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the following matters be classified 'urgent' and dealt with:

**19.4 ASPECT PROPERTY CONSULTANTS**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council note the valuation of \$30,000 for the block of land in Castlereagh Street and advise the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service it will transfer the land to the organisation for the construction of a medical facility for the amount of \$30,000 with both parties responsible for their own legal costs and authorise the affixing of the Seal to the relevant documents.

**19.5 COUNCIL PROPERTY – 9 NAMOI STREET**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the offer submitted on behalf of GK Rohr Holdings Pty Ltd for the block of land described as Lot 1 in DP188788 – known as 9 Namoi Street, Coonamble – and instruct Council's solicitor to carry out conveyancing, noting that all legal costs will be the responsibility of the purchaser and further, that authority be given to affix the Seal to the transfer document.

**19.6 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – BLOCK AT “THE MEGLO”**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the offer of \$66/ha/pa from Halcroft & Bennett Pty Ltd for lease of 45ha of land at “The Meglo”, being the block furthest from Coonamble towards Quambone which adjoins Block 5, noting that the offer is accepted without the conditions proposed by the Company.

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

**0507 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**

**0508 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 April 2013, be noted.

**12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**0509 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the list of investments as 30 April 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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

**0510 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that the information contained in this report be noted.

Cr Burnheim referred to the success of the Burglar Beware Program and congratulated the staff involved.

**12.4 MODEL PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**0511 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council formally adopt the Model Privacy Management Plan for Local Government, noting the document has been on public exhibition for the prescribed period and no submissions and/or comments were received.

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

**0512 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**0513 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:

- Eco Spa – councillors noted that this project is 'investment ready' – Council is waiting on transfer of the land.
- Rent-a-farmhouse is on hold – being a lower priority project.
- Indoor arena – it is expected that grant funding will be announced shortly.

Cr Keady asked what are the priorities of the Economic Development Manager now the two major projects have been addressed to this point. The General Manager said he has spoken with the EDM and was developing a work plan. He said councillors should think about the direction of the position and bring ideas to a future meeting.

**13.2 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**0514 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that the information contained in the Tourism Development Manager's report be noted.

The following issues were discussed:

- Final workshop – Destination Management Plan – the Director advised it is a summary of the regional plan.
- Councillors suggested that another meeting of the local tourism group should be convened – with one of the items being the need to identify one or two projects for inclusion in the Strategic Plan
- Macquarie Marshes – Tourism officers from Warren, Coonamble and Nyngan to work jointly regarding what activities are permitted within the Macquarie Marshes. – noting we need to be part of the group to apply for regional funding.

**13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS UPDATE**

**0515 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in this report be noted.

**COONAMBLE POOL**

**0516 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that a report be prepared on the pool, including long term maintenance concerns.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**0517 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 COONAMBLE LEVEE**

**0518 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that the report on the reconstruction and extension of the levee to provide protection to the eastern side of Coonamble be noted, along with the financial information contained therein.

Cr Burnheim asked whether the Quarry who produce sufficient material to use on this project – the General Manager said it would and referred to the borrow pits which have been identified with material for the work. Council noted the various stages of the project which would comply with funding requirements.

**14.2 REMOTE ACCESS ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES**

**0519 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note this report and resolve to include a fee of \$3,200 per application in its Fees and Charges for the assessment of routes for over-dimension vehicles and

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that the fee be advertised for the prescribed period prior to formal adoption by Council.

Councillors noted the need for exhaustive assessment required when application is received for routes for over-dimension vehicles.

**14.3 FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT**

**0520 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Councillors Webb, Walker and Keady be nominated as delegates to the Floodplain Risk Management Committee.

**14.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0521 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Walker that the information contained in this report be noted.

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**0522 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – APRIL 2013**

**0523 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that the report by the Ranger for the month of April 2013 be noted.

**16.0 QUARTERLY REVIEW – OPERATIONAL PLAN – TO 31 MARCH 2013**

**0524 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council:

- (1) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
- (2) note that, in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
- (3) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 March 2013.

Cr Burnheim congratulated the General Manager and the Director on the budget review report.

**17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES** Nil

**18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**0525 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the report by the Manager of Saleyards & Facilities for month of April 2013 be noted.

Cr Burnheim referred to the need to discuss with agents the use of Coonamble Saleyards, noting that a lot of cattle from this area is marketed at other centres. He said if the agents owned the facility they would

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surely use it and attain a bigger throughput. Cr Cullen said Council has tried to encourage the agents to be more proactive in the use of yards.

Cr Cullen requested that a meeting of the Saleyards Management Committee be called to float the idea of selling/leasing the Coonamble Saleyards to the Associated Agents Pty Ltd.

**20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil**

**21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Burnheim:**

- Referred to Warrena Street being an area where crime is committed on a regular basis. Requested that additional lighting be erected in the vicinity and perhaps consider installation of a camera. The General Manager said a letter would be forwarded to Essential Energy requesting installation of additional lighting, plus costings.

**Cr Keady:**

- Thanked staff for their efforts in preparing the showground for the recent Show and congratulated the staff who were involved.

**Cr Walker:**

- Requested additional lighting over the War Memorial for the Dawn Service and an upgrade of the PA system which is most unsatisfactory on ANZAC Day. He said a very large crowd attended the service and many could not hear proceedings. Cr Walker said we may be able to secure a permanent public address system. The General Manager said he will investigate the matter and report back to Council.

**Cr Webb:**

- Referred to the old pump at the rear of the depot which was purchased to be used at the weir and is not now used. Requested that it be given to the RFS. The General Manager said he would ascertain whether Council requires the pump and advise Cr Webb.

**0526 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that should the old pump in the depot no longer be required by Council it be given to the RFS for historical restoration.

- Attendance at functions arranged by the NSW Rural Fire Service to officially open the various fire sheds constructed within the Shire.

**General Manager:**

- Reminded Councillors that the delegation from Campbelltown City Council, including the Mayor, would be in Coonamble to attend the annual

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rodeo. He said they usually arrive Friday afternoon and depart before lunch on Sunday. The General Manager said because the Mayor will be part of their delegation Councillors should attend the functions. Mr Warren said the Sister City Relationship between Campbelltown and Coonamble has benefits to this Council and we should support the representatives when they visit.

**Cr Keady:**

- On behalf of Cr Karanouh he requested that Council consider thanking Mr Kent Morley for his huge volunteer contribution as part of the NSW Fire Brigade and Rescue Service. The Mayor agreed that a letter be forwarded from Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.00 p.m.

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**MAYOR**