

**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 Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Corporate 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

Councillors noted that a deputation was booked to address Council and, at this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr John & Mrs Helen Rackham, Mr Ken & Mrs Amanda Colwell, Mrs Jean Colwell, Mr Dennis Fitzgerald and Mrs Dianne Fester to the meeting.

(a) Thara Road

Mrs Rackham, as spokesperson, addressed Council and advised that the Thara Road is the only legal access for the property "Binya" as well as the most practical, logical and shorter route for other landholders in the vicinity. Mrs Rackham pointed out that, presently, these landowners have to traverse land owned by the Rackhams and questioned what would happen in the future should they decide to sell and the new owner refused access. She pointed out that the road separating Lot 1/DP204868 from 73/DP1085026 has been a declared public road under Council control since the early 1960s.

To clarify the issue, Mrs Rackham handed Councillors a map of the area and explained the small portion of road separating Lot 1/DP204869 from Lot 21/DP754187, which is now owned by Council, is the small portion in question. She said if this was dedicated, as recommended by Council staff, the problem would be solved – every property would have a guaranteed legal access – there would be no cost to anyone other than Mr Fitzgerald who is happy to meet all expenses associated with forming and fencing of the road. Mrs Rackham said they are prepared to move their boundary fence to fit in with the dedicated road.

Councillors asked questions which were answered by members of the delegation.

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0577 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that permission be granted to allow Item 14.2 of the Director of Engineering Services' report to be brought forward.

At this juncture, 9.30 a.m., Mr John & Mrs Georgie Burton, accompanied by Mr Tony Wade, arrived at the meeting as observers.

14.2 THARA ROAD

The Director of Engineering Services clarified the situation as it now stands. He referred Councillors to the information contained in his report and to his recommendation which would formalise and finalise this issue.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Webb **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that Council rescind its resolution not to proceed with the dedication (Resolution No 0557 of 12 June 2013) and grant approval for the formation and fencing of the road **WAS LOST 2votes/5votes**

Cr Schieb said the access needs to be left open and said that was the way he wished to vote – which was not as recorded above. The Mayor said due to the confusion, he would again put the motion.

The General Manager explained it was a motion of rescission and the effect it would have on Council's previous resolution (0557) if carried.

The motion was put again.

A MOTION

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The General Manager reminded Council that under the Code of Meeting Practice adopted by Council, if a councillor fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting it is taken as a vote against the motion.

The General Manager informed Council that under section 39(7) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice :

"If a motion to alter or rescind a resolution has been negatived, or if a motion which has the same effect as a previously negatived motion is negatived, no similar motion may be brought forward within three (3) months".

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(b) Visit Of Argentineans

Mrs Rackham sought permission to address Council on this matter, which was granted by the Mayor. She informed Council that an organisation known as the Centre for Research, Development & Innovation is behind an initiative to bring some 70 - 100 Argentineans to Australia and include Coonamble. Mrs Rackham advised a similar program was undertaken in 1996, when participants stayed with local community members in Binalong.

At this stage it is planned they will stay two nights in Coonamble and the tour focus is on beef production. Mrs Rackham provided other details of the tour which will take place late August/early September.

Mrs Rackham said she may be seeking assistance from Council's Tourism Development Manager to assist in preparing an itinerary and invited Councillors to submit ideas. She did indicate that private billings will also be required.

At this juncture, 9.47 a.m., the deputation left the meeting and the Mayor welcomed Mrs Di Pennell and Mrs Karen Kennedy, representing the Coonamble Hack and Pony Club, to address Council.

(c) Coonamble Hack and Pony Club – Annual Camp/Jamboree

Mrs Pennell referred to the letter she wrote to Council concerning the booking of the Pavilion at the Showground for the Moorambilla event on the same weekend the Pony Club was to commence its annual camp and host the Jamboree which was cancelled in 2012. She said that the bookings for Moorambilla are for 2013 and 2014.

She said members of the Club are very disappointed that Council has taken and confirmed bookings for Moorambilla for two years, when it is well known that the Pony Club has been conducting its annual camp at the Showground at that time for over 50 years. In discussing the matter, Mrs Pennell said the Club cannot go anywhere else to hold the Jamboree and she wants permission to, at least, be able to use the ground on Saturday and Sunday, 21 & 22 September, noting that the Club will have to put its annual camp back to the Monday 23 September. She also referred to the times the Club has compromised to allow Moorambilla to use the Pavilion when, in fact, the Club held the booking.

Reference was also made to the initial Moorambilla Festival which was held two weeks earlier – but now the organisers have moved it to the same weekend of the Pony Club activities and are not prepared to reconsider the date. The General Manager said the two organisations

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would be able to use the ground at the same time, pointing out Moorambilla would require only the pavilion and surrounds.

0578 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council advise Moorambilla that the Coonamble Hack and Pony Club has been granted permission to use the Showground on Saturday and Sunday, 21 & 22 September 2013, to hold the Pony Club Jamboree and use of one kitchen has also been allocated to the Club.

Mrs Pennell and Mrs Kennedy thanked Council and left the meeting. The Mayor then welcomed Mr Greg O'Brien to the meeting to discuss the bid by Two eight two eight to conduct the library service at Gulargambone.

(d) Two eight two eight – Library Submission

Mr O'Brien referred to the operation of the Two eight two eight organisation and said the loss for the current year is approximately \$23,100. He said the organisation provides a great service and is a Visitor Information Centre which promotes the area – he also referred to the decision to employ two additional staff.

He thanked Council for its support over many years and referred to job opportunities being offered by Two eight two eight, noting that students from Gulargambone, Coonamble and Gilgandra take part in hospitality training offered by the Café. Mr O'Brien said that without the library contribution from Council the operation of the organisation would have to be curtailed.

The Mayor thanked Mr. O'Brien for his address and he left the meeting at 10.20 a.m.

4.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

The three deputations booked for the meeting have already been heard.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Bill Burnheim declared an interest in the following two items:

- i) *Item 20.0 JW Jackson & Sons Transport
Transacts business with the Company.*
- ii) *Item 11.1 Matthew Cock – Extensions to dwelling – DA
approval – Related to Applicant.*

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The General Manager again reminded Councillors that it is an individual decision to declare an interest. He pointed out the difference between pecuniary interests and conflicts of interest and said they were both dealt with in the Code of Meeting Practice which has been provided to Councillors.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING

0579 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 June 2013 be confirmed.

Business arising from Minutes:

(a) Organisational Issues

Cr Keady referred to this matter which was dealt with at the June meeting and sought clarification from the General Manager on one of the issues. He also asked how many 'senior' staff are employed by Council – the General Manager said that the role of general manager is the only position classified as 'senior staff'. He said that under the Local Government Act classified 'senior staff' are paid substantially more than Council's current Directors.

(b) Radio Station – Parking Spaces

Cr Schieb referred to his request for two parking spaces for disabled persons be provided adjacent to the Radio Station. The Director of Engineering Services said the matter is on the agenda for the Traffic Committee meeting on 17 July.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

0580 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Keady that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

Business Arising From Resolution Book:

(a) Saleyards Meeting – Cr Burnheim asked whether the future of the yards was flagged with Agents at the recent saleyards meeting. The Director of Engineering Services said it was not and suggested that a further meeting be convened when the Saleyards Manager returns from leave. Cr Keady suggested that a full agenda, financials and background be prepared.

The Director referred to the decision of the Associated Agents not to participate with Council in a joint promotion of the Saleyards in the Western Magazine – they decided to do a separate promotion. He also referred to the request by Agents to be relieved of the contribution to the Amenities building and said the day following the Saleyards Committee meeting, they requested use of the building for a private meeting.

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Mr Brodbeck said Council needs to get costings to address all safety issues at the yards, as well as other ascertain what other expenditure is required to maintain the facility and seek funding from the Coonamble Associated Agents. It was agreed that a further meeting be held prior to the August Council meeting.

(b) Clarification – Saleyards Safety Issues – Cr Keady sought clarification regarding Council's ruling that no children are allowed at the yards. He referred to instances when stock is being sold and children wish to attend with their parents. He suggested that Council look into providing an area for children – the Director said it would have to be child proof and asked who would supervise the children.

The General Manager referred to the WHS Act, which excludes Councillors from liability but holds employees and the General Manager liable, should an incident occur.

The Mayor suggested that a letter be written to the Saleyards Association seeking a ruling on children at saleyards so that the matter is clarified. Mention was made of some truck drivers bringing children with them especially during school holidays.

At this juncture, 10.50 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.10 a.m.

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor outlined briefly his activities since the last meeting, which included:

- Saleyards Committee meeting – notes in business paper.
- OROC meeting in Dubbo – said it is a positive and progressive organisation of Councils and is doing a lot of good work, including the following:
 - Discussed the IT platform – sharing resources. The General Manager said this may well be worth consideration, as it is expensive to provide equipment for one organisation – on the other hand, will we be losing skills base – possibilities need to be considered at length.
 - A Water Users Alliance which includes Warrumbungle, Coonamble, Gilgandra – share resources.
 - Solar energy – to attend workshop.
 - Independent Local Government Review Panel – made submission on behalf of participating shires
 - Code of Conduct Panel – calling for expressions of interest – report to next meeting of OROC.

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- Attended the Combined Service Clubs Changeover Dinner last Saturday evening.

0581 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that the Mayor's Activity report for the period since last meeting be adopted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

0582 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 MOORAMBILLA R8-10(40710)

0583 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council grant permission to close Castlereagh Street to vehicular traffic on Saturday 21 September 2013 for the markets to be held in conjunction with Moorambilla; noting the street will be closed from the Peace Tree to the intersection with Aberford Street from 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m, subject to prior approval for the local police.

10.2 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB D7(40786)

0584 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Keady and Burnheim that Council contribute \$500 to the Gulargambone Jockey Club towards its race meeting on Saturday 28 September 2013.

10.3 UNITED SERVICES UNION S6-2(40791)

0585 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Keady that Council decline to participate in the advertising contract for the USU NSW Branch Pocket Diary 2014 in an amount of \$505.95 (+GST).

10.4 COONAMBLE SHIRE EMPLOYEES' PICNIC DAY COMMITTEE S6-10(40808)

0586 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council agree to recognize Friday 13 September 2013 as the annual picnic day holiday for members of the United Services Union and other staff be informed they must take leave.

10.5 CROWN LANDS – CENTRAL WEST D5-21(40823)

Referring to Council's letter requesting transfer of the Coonamble Showground (Dedication D520011) Reserve to Coonamble Shire Council in fee simple. Pointing out that, as indicated in that correspondence, in principle support has been given to the proposal. Asking Council to advise whether its submission for funding has been successful.

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0587 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that Council advise the Crown Lands – Central West Branch – that its submission for funding in Round 4 of the Regional Australia Development Fund program was unsuccessful however it intends to make an application under the Murray Darling Basin Infrastructure Fund.

10.6 COONAMBLE HACK AND PONY CLUB S5

Referring to Council having taken a booking for the Showground Pavilion for 2013 and 2014 for Moorambilla. Pointing out that the Club has the opportunity to host the Jamboree this year, noting it was cancelled last year and the use of the ground is required for Saturday and Sunday. Advising the Club will have to put its annual camp back to the Monday.

This matter was dealt with when Mrs Pennell and Mrs Kennedy attended the meeting earlier in the day. The Club was given permission to use the ground on both days and it also has use of one of the kitchens housed in the pavilion.

10.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW S3-3

Forwarding draft Program for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference from 1 – 3 October 2013.

0588 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the dates of the Conference be noted and, at this stage, Crs. Keady, Karanouh, Cullen and Walker have indicated they will attend.

Section B – For Council’s Information:

10.8 THE HON KATRINA HODGKINSON MP – MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES A6+E5-3(40614)

Referring to Council’s concerns about the proposed staffing arrangements of the new Local Land Services (LLS), particularly that of an agronomist position at Coonamble. Advising the creation of this organization coincides with a restructure of agriculture services and NSW DPI will continue to conduct agronomic research and be a trusted source of technical information while LLS will provide advisory and extension services, based at Trangie, Tamworth and Narrabri.

10.9 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT A3-3+L10-1(40644)

Advising that the Minister for Local Government has publicly released the *Local Government Infrastructure Audit Report*. Advising the report can be downloaded from the Division’s website www.dlg.nsw.gov.au Asking that councils review the report and ensure that councillors are briefed on its content.

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10.10 THE HON THOMAS GEORGE MP L10(40660)

Advising on progress of the *NSW Decentralisation Taskforce Report* and the NSW Government response process. Saying that in early April the Taskforce submitted its report to the Government – the report made 19 recommendations which are intended to provide better focus and impetus for the strategy. Stating the Government is currently preparing its response. Saying for further information email decentralization.taskforce@business.nsw.gov.au

10.11 PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE S8(40655)

Referring to its review of the NSW state and local area population projections and inviting council to provide any information that may help the department develop high quality projections. Stating a preliminary set of projections for period 2011 – 2041 will be released by August 2013 and be followed by a final release in 2014 after a detailed analysis has been made.

10.12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION G5-1(40724)

Thanking Council for the cooperation, assistance and hospitality extended to the Commission on its recent visit. Saying the Commission appreciated the opportunity to be able to meet and explain its approach to the assessment of grants and trusting Council found the discussion of issues helpful.

10.13 PRINCIPAL POLICY OFFICER – INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL L10-2(40709)

Thanking Mayors, councillors and staff who attended the Orana Councils Workshop. Forwarding a copy of a document outlining the options for this grouping identified in the *Future Directions for NSW Local Government* paper which has been prepared to inform the Panel's deliberations.

A copy of this information was provided to each Councillor.

10.14 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION L9(40675)

Advising the upcoming referendum pertaining to the proposed Constitutional Alteration for Local Government 2013 has some serious implications for Federal Government funding directly to local government. Stating the history of States passing funds from a Federal level to a local level has been fraught with cost-shifting – this would include direct funding to local authorities for works and measures in relation to Murray-Darling Basin initiatives.

The Mayor advised that OROC is acting on this matter on behalf of its participating councils.

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**10.15 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND – NSW POLICE FORCE
P5+A2(40711)**

Giving notice of a Police Aboriginal Consultative Committee (PACC) meeting on 25 June 2013 at 10 a.m. Saying the meeting will be held in the Conference Room at the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service in Castlereagh Street. Providing the contact person as Inspector David Ralph – telephone 6828 6899

10.16 ESSENTIAL ENERGY S10(40723)

Referring to Council's request for additional street lighting and saying the design and installation of new street lights is contestable work on which Essential Energy does not currently quote. Providing Council with a website link for further information.

Cr Burnheim requested that staff follow up on this matter and include Pages Terrace as well as Warrena Street, as both areas require additional lighting.

10.17 NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION E2(40681)

Referring to the 2013 NSW Redistribution and advising of the formal publication of the proposed State District Alterations in the NSW Government Gazette on Monday 17 June 2013. Advising that councils are required by law to display the most relevant proposed electoral districts maps for the council area and asking that they be displayed from 17 June up to 17 July 2013.

The General Manager said the map of the Proposed State District Alterations, together with a Facts Sheet, has been placed on public exhibition in Council's Foyer. Copies of both the existing boundaries and proposed boundaries were included with the business paper for each councillor's information.

10.18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L9(40758)

Saying that legislation to allow a referendum to be held to financially recognize Local Government in the Australian Constitution recently passed through the House of Representatives 133-2 and it is expected to receive the same level of support when it goes before the Senate this week. Thanking Council for its financial support which is vital to the success of the national campaign.

10.19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW A17(40770)

Advising Local Government Week will be held from 29 July – 4 August 2013 and will be launched by the Joint Presidents of Local Government NSW on Thursday 1 August at 6.30 p.m. in Sydney. Asking that management and staff attend the dinner to support the efforts of all NSW councils, winners and entrants. Attaching an invitation to the event.

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10.20 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES

G5-1-2(40764)

Thanking Council for applying for funding to conduct a community bike ride event in Coonamble during Bike Week and advising the submission was successful. Advising that RMS agrees to fund a maximum of \$2300 (GST inclusive) and providing information on the conditions of the grant.

10.21 CROWN LANDS, WEST REGION

R8-11+SR109(40801)

In response to Council's letter regarding the access to Lot 43 in DP754187 advising there is no mechanism for the Crown to remove a road from Council control once transfer has been done as the road is no longer within Crown jurisdiction.

10.22 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA

G5-34(40807)

Advising Council's application for funding from Round Four of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) program for the indoor arena project was not successful.

10.23 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

E2(40825)

Informing councils of recent amendments to section 296 of the Local Government Act 1993 relating to the conduct of council elections. Saying the Local Government Amendment (Conduct of Elections) Act 2013 enhances the flexibility of councils to make decisions on the conduct of their elections. Requesting that this information be brought to the attention of councillors and staff involved in the coordination or management of elections.

10.24 THE HON BRAD HAZZARD MP D5-22(40820)

Advising that he has decided to re-appoint all State members and alternates of the Joint Regional Planning Panels for a period of 12 months up to 30 June 2014 as an interim measure pending the implementation of the NSW planning review. Thanking Council for its ongoing cooperation with and support for the regional panels.

10.25 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

L10-1(40834)

Advising councils of the commencement of the Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Act 2013. Saying the Act commenced on 25 June 2013 and puts in place a new approach for addressing dysfunction and poor performance in councils. Pointing out the Amending Act can be viewed online at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au and further information will be provided in the near future. Asking that this information be brought to the attention of councillors.

0589 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.8 to 10.25 be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0590 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

At this juncture, Cr Burnheim left the room after having declared an interest in the following item.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

0591 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note Development Application Nos 012/2013, 010/2013 and 013/2013 have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 TOURISM INDUSTRY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS

0592 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council:

- (a) make application to Round 2 of the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund Grant for the Macquarie Marshes Education Centre for Quambone Park;
- (b) that, if successful, the cash contribution be sourced from the indoor arena reserve subject to funds being transferred from any surplus in the 2013/2014 financial year or part of the 2014/2015 year budget.

Councillors requested that letters advising Council's actions be forwarded to the two groups at Quambone – viz: QBATS and Quambone Resources Committee.

11.3 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

0593 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that Council make application for \$30,000 grant funding under the Community Building Partnership, sourcing \$20,000 from external funds and \$10,000 from the balance of the Election Reserve, for a skate park facility at Gulargambone.

11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

0594 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Economic Development Manager be received and dealt with.

The following items relative to the report were briefly discussed:

- Funding application for the indoor arena under Round 4 of the RDA fund was not successful – successful projects should be announced around 21 July. The Mayor flagged rethinking the concept of the indoor arena – how far does Council go with the current proposal. Cr Keady said if the project is not successful under the Murray Darling funding Council should then reconsider its focus. Cr Burnheim said it was supported by OROC. The EDM was at the

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meeting and provided information on feedback regarding the submission – she said no negative comments were given, the submission met all the criteria, but obviously other projects must have delivered more benefit to their communities. The EDM left the meeting at 11.45 a.m.

- Country Regional Expo – The General Manager said this was being held at the Sydney Showground on 3 & 4 August – Crs Keady and Karanouh said they may be available. The General Manager said if a staff member is not available, he will attend.

0595 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that the information be noted.

MR. KEVIN HUMPHRIES

At this juncture, 11.55 a.m, Mr. Kevin Humphries, Member for Barwon, arrived at the meeting. The Mayor invited Mr Humphries to address the meeting and he touched on the following topics:

- State-wide trial program – Corrective Services has contract with Department of Housing to provide public housing in four communities. Three houses will be erected in Coonamble for housing local Aboriginal families.
- Santos – Government backing in Pilliga State Forest
- Government says no forced amalgamations – pointed out that the Independent Local Government Review Panel was requested by Local Government NSW.
- Requirements for over dimension vehicles routes through Council areas

The Mayor thanked Mr Humphries and invited him to lunch. He left the meeting at 12.40 p.m.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0596 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the following business be classified ‘urgent’ and dealt with.

11.5 GRAIN HARVEST MANAGEMENT SCHEME 2013/2014

0597 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council endorse the CML of up to 5% of GML on Council controlled roads for the 2013/2014 grain harvest.

11.6 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA FUND – ROUND 5 FUNDING

0598 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council apply for funding under Round 5 of the Regional Development Australia Fund to construct a dam at the sewage treatment works to provide treated effluent

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water to the Golf Club/Racecourse area, funding sought being \$195,000 with the additional money being sourced from the sewerage fund reserve.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

0599 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

0600 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the information contained in this report be noted.

12.2 COONAMBLE RODEO AND CAMPDRAFT

0601 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in the report be noted.

Councillors discussed the last rodeo/campdraft event at length and commended committee members on the job of organising and running the actual events. It was felt that the overall coordination and management could be better handled as the event has grown too big for the committee to oversee.

The idea of forming a Business Alliance Partnership with the Coonamble Rodeo Association was discussed and staff was requested to arrange a meeting with, say, three members of the Committee to progress this idea. Councillors Webb, Keady, Schieb, Karanouh and the Mayor would represent Council – the EDM would facilitate. The General Manager said Council would develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the Association if that is what Council wishes.

Council requested that a letter be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association inviting three committee members to meet with Council representatives to progress this suggestion.

At this juncture, 1.07 p.m. the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.00 p.m. The General Manager left the meeting at 2.15 p.m. and did not return.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

0602 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

0603 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 June 2013, be noted.

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13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

0604 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the list of investments as 30 June 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.

13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS UPDATE

0605 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

At this juncture the Director of Corporate Services handed Councillors a copy of correspondence received from Hydrocare Pool Services Pty Ltd regarding construction of a 'toddler splash pad' at the Coonamble Pool. The minimum budget for a project of this type is quoted at \$100,000, however the company has endeavoured to offer a project for Council with a limited budget of \$65,000.

Initially the project was for play equipment and grant application for \$30,000 was successful. Council had funds in reserve of \$30,000 to complete the project. At the May 2013 meeting Council resolved to obtain prices for "pool associated" play equipment.

The proposed wet play area will be in the vicinity of \$100,000 to complete. Council will need to fund another \$40,000 to undertake this project. The Director informed the meeting that the project must be completed by June 2014.

0606 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council agree to carry out works at the Pool as presented at the meeting, sourcing \$40,000 from any surplus from the 2012/2013 financial year result.

Cr. Schieb asked if the Quarry is still operating at a profit – the Director of Corporate Services advised that approximately a \$300,000 profit has so far been identified.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

0607 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 REMOTE ACCESS ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

0608 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council formally adopt an "*Assessment Fee for Over Dimension Vehicle Routes*", plus any specialist structure investigations cost; it be included in Council's Fees and Charges for 2013/2014 **AND FURTHER** it be noted that Council's intention to impose this fee has been on public exhibition for the required time with no submissions and/or comments being received.

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14.2 THARA ROAD

Council noted this matter was dealt with earlier in the day when the deputation was present.

14.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0609 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

The following matters were raised as a result of the above report:

- State Highway 18 – Director meeting with RMS next month – he has a concern regarding patching works on the highway next year being taken from Council. He intends to raise his concerns at the meeting and suggest that Council be given the opportunity to provide a price for the work.
- Wingadee Road works – Cr Burnheim referred to the section of work already carried out which, he said, are very good, but further works need addressing approximately 200 metres north. The Director said the RMS and Council conduct a “joint planning exercise” at which the exact location of works are identified. He said the area referred to will be included in the next stage of the works.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0610 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb Webb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER’S REPORT – JUNE 2013

0611 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the report by the Ranger for the month of June 2013 be noted.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

0612 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the reports by various committees be received and noted:

16.1 Consultative Committee – meeting on 10 July 2013.

16.2 Coonamble Shire Youth Council – meeting on 18 June 2013.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

0613 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that the report by the Manager of Saleyards & Facilities for month of June 2013 be noted.

17.2 Saleyard Activities

0614 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Webb that :

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- (a) the Saleyards Manager source quotes for promotional signage for Council trucks, along with static signage at the entrance to Railway Street;
- (b) Council write to Coonamble Associated Agents asking for a commitment to promoting the yards via local/regional media.

17.4 Notes – Meeting Saleyards Committee

- 0615 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the notes taken at meeting of the Saleyards Committee held on 26 June 2013 be received and noted.

18.0/19.0/20.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 0616 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh 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”*.

- 0617 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

- 0618 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

- 0619 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1; 18.2, 19.1 (i) to (ix), 20.1 and 20.2 as detailed below:

18.1 GULARGAMBONE LIBRARY – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council award the operation of Gulargambone Library Service to Two eight two eight for a 12 month period, with expressions of interest to be sought on an annual basis.

Carried 5votes/2votes.

The Economic Development Manager was in attendance to present the following report.

18.2 SCOPE OF OPPORTUNITY & COUNCIL ASSISTANCE – CARAVAN PARK+ECO SPA – STAGE 3 – INVESTMENT ATTRACTION

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council not proceed with this project until the land has been acquired by Council, then promote the project to prospective investors who will negotiate an agreement and potential further assistance with Council.

19.1 VEHICLE TENDERS

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (a) accept the offers to purchase Council's plant and accept trade as part of purchase;
- (b) accept the offers from vendors as detailed below to supply and deliver equipment.

i) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-02 – Sedan (Trade P508)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Dubbo City Toyota for supply and delivery of a Toyota Aurion ATX Sedan at a net changeover price of \$18,594.69 after trade-in of Plant No 508.

ii) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-03 –Sedan – (Trade P776)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Dubbo City Toyota for supply and delivery of a Toyota Aurion ATRX Sedan at a net changeover price of \$17,020.19 after trade-in of Plant No 776.

iii) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-04 –Dual Cab Diesel Manual Utility – (Trade P557)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Sainsbury Automotive Dubbo for supply and delivery of an Isuzu DMAX SX crew cab/chassis SR at a net changeover price of \$12,096.00 after trade-in of Plant No 557.

iv) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-05 –Dual Cab Diesel Manual Utility - (Trade P651)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Sainsbury Automotive Dubbo for supply and delivery of an Isuzu DMAX SX crew cab/chassis automatic at a net changeover price of \$14,086.00 after trade-in of Plant No 651.

v) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-06 – Medium Wheel Base 4.5 Tonne Diesel Tray Top Truck - (Trade P617)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Tracserv Pty Ltd Dubbo for supply and delivery of an Isuzu NNR200 diesel tray top truck at a net changeover price of \$41,626.00 after trade-in of Plant No 617, noting that it has a wider cab and better payload.

vi) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-07 - Medium Wheel Base <4.5 Tonne Diesel Tray Top Truck (Trade P603)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Tracserv Pty Ltd Dubbo for supply and delivery of an Isuzu NNR200 diesel tray top truck at a net changeover of \$38,926.00 after trade-in of Plant No 603, noting that it has a wider cab and better payload.

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**vii) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-08 –Medium Wheel Base
<4.5 Tonne Diesel Tray Top Truck –(Trade P159)**

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Tracserv Pty Ltd Dubbo for supply and delivery of an Isuzu NNR 200 diesel tray top truck at a net changeover price of \$41,126.00 after trade-in of Plant No 159, noting it has a wider cab and more suited to Council's operations.

**viii) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-09 –4x4 Dual Cab Diesel
Utility – (Trade P740)**

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Clancy Automotive Dubbo for a Ford Ranger XL dual cab diesel utility at a net changeover price of \$17,543.00 after trade-in of Plant No 740.

**ix) Plant Quotation No PQ2013-10 –4x4 Space Cab Diesel
Tray Top Utility - (Trade P710)**

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council accept the quotation from Golden West Holden Dubbo for supply and delivery of a Holden LX Colorado 4x4 space cab diesel tray top utility for a net changeover price of \$17,931.00 after trade-in of Plant No 710.

URGENT BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

0619 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the following business be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

Cr Burnheim left the meeting prior to the following matter being raised.
Council's Manager – Environmental Services was at the meeting to speak to the following report.

20.1 ILLEGAL USE OF LAND – JW JACKSON & SONS TRANSPORT

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council issue Mr Jackson with the appropriate fine for non compliance with the Order issued on 8 October 2012 **AND FURTHER** Council commence legal proceedings to ensure compliance with land usage relevant to the zone under the Coonamble LEP 2011. *Carried 4 votes/2 votes*

At this stage, 3.05 p.m, Cr Burnheim returned to the meeting. Prior to the next matter being discussed, Cr. Schieb declared an interest as the agent for the applicant and left the meeting.

20.2 OFFER TO PURCHASE INDUSTRIAL LAND

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council offer Lot 3 and/or Lot 4 at the Industrial Estate and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to negotiate a price, pending inspection by the applicant and development approval for the erection of storage sheds and that the developer must comply with development approval conditions.

Cr. Schieb returned to the meeting.

21.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Burnheim:

- Attended RDA meeting at Canberra – Advised that grant funding is based around population and explained that if it is cheaper to purchase a house than build in an area, that area has a population decline, hence less grant funding opportunities. Cr Burnheim said there is little Council can do, but push productivity.

Cr Keady:

- Referred to Thara Road and said he wished to discuss the matter again – the road should revert back to the Crown. The Mayor suggested it may be prudent to wait until affected landowners make another approach.

Cr Walker:

- Bus Shelters – the Director of Engineering Services advised the matter is listed for discussion at the Traffic Committee meeting next week. He said Council has written to the bus proprietor asking for information as to appropriate locations – no response to date.

Cr Burnheim:

- Bio fuel – requested if any information has been obtained – the Director of Engineering Services said he has spoken with the EPA however nothing was forthcoming at this stage.

Director of Community Services:

- CDEP update – State and Federal Governments have not been able to work with job agencies – have given a 12 month extension nationally and Murdi Paaki will take back – however not as many activities as previously – end result a 12 month reprieve.
- Reported that Council has again reached the finals for Most Outstanding Youth Week Program.

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Director of Corporate Services:

- Advised Councillors of a meeting with Ray Donald on Tuesday 23 July at 12 noon.
- Reported that painting work has been carried out at Macdonald Park toilets – the group responsible visits the area annually and assists with community projects.

Mayor:

- Advised NAIDOC activities at the School were very good – the primary school provided entertainment.

Cr Walker:

- Referred to the nuisance caused by pigeons – the Director of Corporate Services said there are plans for culling along the main street area, the RSL Club and around the former Railway Station

Director of Engineering Services:

- Advised funds have been approved for works in Dubbo Street – will provide a report next meeting.
- First contract for Stage 1 of levee will be let when funds are available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.

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MAYOR